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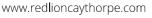


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October 2023 News Views Editorial

HellIlllloooooooo (that's a spooky Hello incase you wondered if the cat had got onto the keyboard) to you all, and welcome to our Halloween Edition, bit of a darker theme than we usually do, but that's reflected in the slightly cooler weather and shorter days we are getting now.

This months edition has a full photographic montage of Caythorpe Gala to which all credit goes to Debbie Knowles of DP Spectrum, Scott Armsworth of 324 Motorsport and Caythorpe's very own Neil Pinfold, I'm sure everyone will agree you all did a fantastic job! Along with the Gala is all of your favourite articles and, dare we say it, details of Christmas events!! The Village breakfast is back on Sunday 1st October and the Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall are also hosting their first film night in November so do check out the advert, and all the others for the Village Hall and pop some dates in the diary! There are also a couple of comedy nights listed for Carlton Scroop and Leadenham along with Quiz Night and Bingo at Fulbeck and again, Carlton Scroop...woe betide anyone who says we don't have a full and varied calendar of events within our family of villages. Don't forget the Pumpkins either at Caythorpe & Frieston Allotments Coffee and Pumpkin Morning, always a yummy event!

I quite like this time of year as the nights start to drawn in and I can get my comfy slippers on and my big jumpers as soon as I get home from work, there is something nicely satisfying about getting home, closing the curtains and shutting the world away until the morning. I also find time to watch some TV, something I don't do during the summer months. However, these months also draw those 8 legged beasts in too and this month we've had so so many daddy long legs and, to be fair, I'm not a fan of either. One runs at you with their hairy legs and the other flies over you and dangles their legs on you... I'm not buying this 'they eat the flies' argument either, I've let those spindly leggy ones live in the house (quite an achievement for me) but I still have far too many flies...how long does it take the spiders to get them? I'd say I was just as handy with a fly swat and less scary but I guess that depends on if you are the fly or not!

Anyway, if you've got anything to tell us, if you'd like a charity event advertising, if you've got something to say or something to share, drop us a line at our email address. We don't have to put your name to anything as long as we know who you are that's fine. We'd love to hear from you!

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News & Views News Hound & his Mentor



It's the Mentor here this month. I thought as the Matriarch of this rabble, I should have some input into the Pup's column, since I raised him from a small wee boy to the strapping lad he is today!

Now, of course I love them all (News Hound, Sausage and Mr Hissy), they are my family but boy are they annoying, not so much Mr Hissy, he's a calm soul and surprisingly friendly for a feline! From when I wake up to my first snooze of the day they, Sausage and Hound, are running around and biting one another, when they've finished that they play 'Find Mr Hissy' just so that they can whimper and bark at him (he's learnt

not to sleep at floor level unless it's night time now), he just glances at them and carries on snoozing, very sensible move if you can make it.

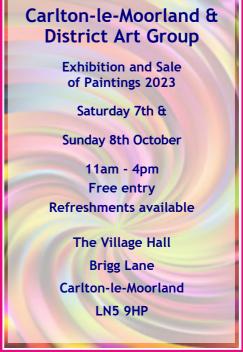
Talking of sensible moves, I, myself, as a lady of great wisdom, have come up with an excellent ploy to keep Sausage from biting my arthritic paws or barking at me when I am snoozing. Sausage is getting to the point now where she can manage to get onto the settee and low level beds of which Humum and Dad's is, however, she's not so good at getting off them without her ramp, infact, she doesn't, *snarf*. Sausage gets stuck. After a while she starts doing her sausage yap. So, I've developed this cunning plan... if she's interrupting my snooze time in the kitchen, I take a casual meander down to the bedroom and lay on the bed...if she's in one of her minxy moods she follows me and gets onto the bed to aggravate me. This being the case, I just simply get down with my long legs and meander back to the kitchen for a peaceful snooze until she kicks up a fuss about being stuck and has to be rescued. There are benefits to having raised a pup or two, you learn a few tricks along the way!

News Hound here, honestly, give them a chair and they steal your column! I've had words with my Mentor and they were just the one and it was 'No!'... stealing my column, as if I've got nothing to say this month. Well since I last reported, the Gala thing has been and gone, my Humum said it was a raving success and that the Gala Team had made a record breaking amount for the Playing Field this year! I wonder when I will get to go on this Playing Field, it sounds like fun, I love playing, although it's been very hot lately, I'm not a great fan of the rain and neither is Sausage (as you know) but I'm not keen on warm either, in the middle is just right for hounds like me! My mentor knows just what to do whatever the weather, she says it's because she has the wisdom and because she has the wisdom she knows that running about like a 'fruit loop' in the sunshine isn't good and I ought to 'buck my ideas up'. I wonder when I can get some of this wisdom stuff that she has, she's always using it, she's so clever but I don't tell her this, I just tend to show her my bottom and walk off (to be fair I run...guess I'm not so smart after all, I never learn!).

So, the smallest Hubrother is collecting all things round and orange, he calls them 'Pumpkins', pumpkin bowls, cups, plates and even one of those sippy cups that Humum puts the tiny bags in with the steamy water, I never get why she decants into a mug when it has a perfectly good spout to drink from, but each to their own...and with that I'll take more care to guard my keyboard next month!

OCTOBER OCTOBER OCTOBER EVENTS







Fulbeck Sports Club - Saturday 14th & 21st October 7:00pm for eyes down at 7:30pm

Carlton Scroop Social Club- Saturday 7th October Eyes down at 8:00pm



Fulbeck Sports & Social Club
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We can supply crates, and collect apples, strip trees etc from September 25th.

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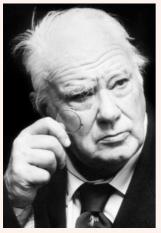
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Recounted by Brian Lucas, The Last Rector of Caythorpe & Fulbeck MOORE, KBE. Sir Patrick



Sir Patrick Moore, an amateur astronomer, became president of the British Astronomical Association; co-founder and president of the Society for Popular Astronomy; author of over seventy books on astronomy; and presenter of the world's longest-running television series with the same original presenter, BBC's "The Sky at Night" (1957 - 2012). He became known as a specialist in Moon observation. Idiosyncrasies such as his monocle, made him a popular and instantly recognisable figure on British television. Moore was awarded the OBE in 1968; the CBE. in 1988; and the KBE in 2001 for his services to astronomy and broadcasting.

He enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in December 1941 aged 18, and was called up for service in July 1942 as an Aircraftman, 2nd Class. After basic training he was posted to Canada and completed training as a navigator and pilot. Returning to England in June 1944, he was commissioned as a pilot officer and

was posted to RAF Millom in Cumberland, as a navigator of a Vickers Wellington bomber, engaged in maritime patrol, and bombing missions to mainland Europe when he was posted to Bomber Command. After the end of hostilities, Moore became an adjutant and then an Area Meteorological Officer. He was demobilised in October 1945 with the rank of flying officer. World War II had a significant influence on Moore's life – he said his only romance ended when his fiancée, Lorna, a nurse, was killed in London in 1943 by a bomb which struck her ambulance. "I would have liked a wife and family, but it was not to be." Moore said he was very close to his mother Gertrude, a talented artist who shared his home at Selsey, West Sussex.

I had first met Sir Patrick in Cyprus in 1984, but it was on the 22nd November 1995 that I was fortunate to spend some time with him. It was just after his mother's death. I was staying overnight at the Gateway Hotel in RAF Brize Norton prior to a flight to RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus, the following morning. I saw him looking lost as he stood among a throng of noisy soldiers waiting for their evening meal, so I approached him and renewed our acquaintance, and having ascertained that he was also staying overnight, I steered him to the Officers' Lounge, which was empty apart from the bar steward. He joined me in a G+T before we dined with some officers' wives and children who were joining their husbands in Cyprus on the morrow. Patrick and I retired to the bar and settled down for the evening. When he discovered that I was a chaplain, he shared his grief about the loss of his mother frankly and honestly. We moved on to discuss his huge regard for the Royal Air Force and, of course, his expertise in Astronomy, and his infectious enthusiasm for exploration in space.

It was quite late in the evening when Sir Patrick revealed the reason for his visit to Cyprus. Apart from visiting the British Forces schools on the island, and talks on Astronomy, he was to perform on the xylophone at the stunning 3,500-seater Graeco-Roman Theatre of Kourion (Curium). Constructed in the 2nd century BCE, it is a semi-circular structure, built into the hillside above the cliff coastline at Episkopi, to the west of RAF Akrotiri. He was an accomplished xylophone player,

having first played the instrument at the age of 13. He was self-taught, yet he composed a substantial corpus of works, including two operettas. He performed at a Royal Command Performance and has performed a duet with the famous deaf percussionist Evelyn Glennie. It was after midnight when I navigated the way for him to his VIP suite in the Gateway Hotel and bade him 'Goodnight'!

Sir Patrick Moore was also an amateur cricketer, a spin-bowler who played for the Lord's Taverners; but above all, he was a gentleman whose company I greatly enjoyed. © **B H Lucas.**



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reliably informed some have even been hired as assistant Elves for Santa in the run up to You Know What!

It's been a good year and for once, it did not rain, although we did have some rather extreme temperatures from very chilly and damp in April to hot and humid later in the year. Whatever the weather, the smiles and social club grill were always out! A fabulous variety of tables turned up every month, with loft and garage clear outs, bric à brac, antiques, plants, bread and garden equipment, books, and charity tables to name a few. It was great to see plenty of regulars indicating the sales work well. Money!!!Thanks to residents and visitors thronging the aisles each month: you make it worthwhile for everyone.

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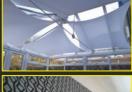
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CAYTHORPE GALA

2nd September 2023 by Laura Leeds

There are always so many things to think about ahead of Gala Day and this year was no different but at least we didn't need to worry about the sunshine any more. After a week of clouds and blue splodges being forecast, my iPhone weather app changed to a sunshine symbol and didn't it just sunshine down on us all?! This year the Gala Team had secured a lot of extra attractions and the Playing Field was about filled to capacity with stalls and games, food, drink, animals and live music! Word must be spreading about Caythorpe Gala as we had so many people attending this year that we managed a record breaking amount of profit, some £5748.85 which will go toward the upkeep of our fantastic playing field facility here in the village.

I am always so humbled by how kind people are and this year has been no different. Our band of volunteers who form part of the Gala Team on the day and in advance, are just the best, they turn up with smiles on their faces and work so hard, to every one of you, you are fantastic, we couldn't do it without you, thank you!

Thanks also go to both Debbie Knowles of DP Spectrum and Scott Armsworth of 324 Motorsport (see photo's on middle pages) for their photographic coverage of the event and to Neil Pinfold who took aerial shots of the site for us (see below). We are very lucky to have you all documenting the event to such a high standard, thank you.

With Gala 2023 in the bag, the Gala Team has already started work on planning Gala 2024, this will be the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem and the 55th Caythorpe Gala so we need to make it a special one! For all of our latest updates please follow our Facebook Page 'Caythorpe Gala'.

The Gala is all about community, bringing people together and remembering our links with the 216 (Parachute) Signal Regiment. As we come to a close of Gala 2023, we'd like to remember Val Martin who loved the Gala and the community spirit that it encapsulated, she was a well loved member of the village and in her son Daz (our brilliant new team member in 2023) her love of all things community will live on.









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Caythorpe Primary School

At the end of the Summer term we were treated to performances of "The Island that Rocks!" performed by pupils in Hogwarts. The production told the tale of two estranged teens (Remany and Charlie W) becoming shipwrecked on a secret island, and beginning a fun new existence with its

trailblazing surfing inhabitants. We were told their story from their diaries by Maya, George, Hayden and Charlize.

The script was full of witty one liners which the surfing team delivered making the audience laugh. Dazzling dancers and super singing made everyone want to join in the moves and the songs.

Well done to the whole of Hogwarts. Your performance truly entertained, we will be singing the songs for weeks. Thank you to Enchanted Forest for your scenery addition of sea creatures and parents for arranging children's costumes! Another successful Caythorpe Team effort.

We now provide after-school care for our pupils in addition to breakfast club. Breakfast club continues from 7:50am to the start of school. After-school care is from the end of school until 5:50pm. Short sessions and full sessions are available.





Local School Board News

The school would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr Simon Linforth and Mrs Sue Harris, who have supported the school for 9 1/2 and 10 years respectively in their roles as members of the Local School Board. Their advice and knowledge has been invaluable in ensuring the continual development of the school to ensure we provide the best learning opportunities and experiences for our children.

Narnia Residential at Sherwood Forest

Narnia came home after their residential exhausted after all their fun activities at Sherwood Forest Youth Hostel, Edwinstowe. The children visited the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and learnt all about the history of the ancient forest home to the enduring legend of Robin Hood.

Albert and Colette's favourite activity was den building which encouraged teamwork, resilience and cooperation skills. The food was a highlight for many of the children, Jack loved the chocolate fudge cake and Abby enjoyed toasting marshmallows! A talent show was the evening entertainment.

Shannon and Ruby thought the Major Oak was magnificent. The children used their experiences when they returned to the classroom to create a shape poem about the Major Oak. Thank you to Mrs Harness who accompanied the children.

Friends of the School – We Need You!

Thank you to all the FSA team who organised events and raised money throughout the year. In particular we say goodbye to Mrs Harness, who has been a key member while all her children have been at the school. Good luck to you and your family in your new adventures Down Under!

We are looking to extend out Friends of the School Association. Any members of the community who would like to be involved with the school for fund-raising or to work within the school as a volunteer are invited to come and have a chat.

So long and farewell Year 6

The week began with a second lunch of pizza picnic! Then off to the bowling alley for a game! Mr Murphy proved fiercely competitive but could not shake of the powerful arm and aim of Miss Binns, champion of the staff team. The children's target was then to beat Mr Murphy's score. George was top scorer for Year 6!

Thank you to Mrs Woodward who volunteered at the last hour to help transport the children to the bowling alley. Thursday was the ever-emotional leaver's assembly. Attended by family and friends of our Year 6 2023 leavers. Our traditional "When I grow up..." and funny memories of the children's time at Caythorpe Primary School. The children chose to perform the songs "Mr Blue Sky" and "Count on Me." Reception pupils presented their Year 6 reading buddies with a bear and good luck tag to thank them for being their special friends in their first year of Caythorpe.

At the end of the assembly they were presented with their Yearbook 2023. Each child produced a page of memories. The children will also receive Wrates Photography memory stickers to write messages of good luck to each other. Children of Fulbeck were also presented with a bible donated by the Fulbeck Parish Church. All the school community had the chance to say a final good-bye in our awards ceremony. Good luck Year 6 of 2023! We wish you well.

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A very lively and fun afternoon awaited us all as we arrived for the September meeting. We'd had gloriously warm weather all week, but drizzle and low cloud could not dampen our spirits today.

Angela, our president, welcomed us all and went over some of the exciting things we can look forward to, all the information is in our newsletter, so please read it to remind you. She informed us that all our baking efforts paid off as the WI cake stall at Caythorpe Gala made £296 for the playing field funds. She thanked all those who baked and manned the stall on the day, and what a day it was!





We have seven members who will be participating in the Lincolnshire South Federation Make, Bake and Show competition being held in Ropsley Village Hall on Saturday 28th October 2023. It is open to the public to view the entries from 1:15-4pm and refreshments will be available. We hope to show you photos of our winning entries next month!

The WI have joined forces with the village hall committee and will be holding a 'Chill and Chat' coffee morning in October (see advert in the magazine). It is open to everyone, please come along and join us for a coffee and enjoy some more of the homemade cakes and biscuits on offer as well as games and activities.

The Craft club is still ticking along nicely, a group of members are still making the poppies for display in the church next month and at the September meeting were able to try their hand a card making. The Craft Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Hammond Pavilion on Old Lincoln Road, 2-4pm.

The business aspect of the meeting done; Angela then introduced us to Tim Stubbs and his talk Reflections of Life. He had been a last-minute substitute for the original speaker we had booked but was by no means a last resort, we had him booked for next year and happily, he was able to help us out.

The title of the talk gave the impression it was possibly going to be uninteresting but it was

far from that! He obviously enjoys acting and performing and in his own comedic style, he recounted his days as the son of the local baker in a village near Bourne, it was hilarious. He went totally into character as he told us about the individual people in the village, he spoke in local Lincolnshire dialect with an occasional, mild swear word which would have been exactly as the villagers would had spoken and he mimicked their mannerisms. He reminded me of Billy Connolly in that, he could be telling you one thing, go completely off track about something else and immediately get back on to what he'd originally begun to tell you. He had no notes, and his only prop was a chair and his pocket handkerchief which doubled as a duster! We all laughed so much as I believe it reminded us both of ourselves and our own relations from many years ago when we lived in small villages without internet, tv, telephones and suchlike. A very enjoyable afternoon.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Caythorpe Village Hall 2-4pm and in October we will be having a "Swishing" event. Members can bring along up to five items, in good condition to recycle and 'swish'. Please return your Christmas Lunch Menu at this meeting with your choices clearly marked, payment will be requested later. Guests are always welcome. Sue Case







In and Around the Garden







Although it is now officially autumn there is plenty to see in the garden. The summer rainfall loaded the soil with water, so despite the unusual heat, I have only had to water the pots and one or two new plantings so far. Stars of the show at present are the Michaelmas daisies (top left). They used to be Aster but the taxonomists have divided them in several new and unpronounceable genera. They are still asters to me. I have bought quite a lot over the years, some taller than me and others only 15 inches, ranging in colour from pure white to deep purple. Perennial sunflowers are also in bloom, adding a contrasting yellow to the colour mix. The succulent sedums, are starting to flower in shades of pink and white, some with contrasting dark purple leaves. A new one, named 'Red Cauli' (middle left), has green leaves with dark stems and flowers that really are red and guite eye-catching. Many of the summer flowers, including heleniums, penstemons and dahlias are still going strong. On sunny days the borders shimmer with a host of insects - bees, butterflies, hoverflies, and a lot more dragonflies that usual. The latter are probably feasting on the former, which they catch on the wing.

The shady areas are less colourful, and I rely more on foliage for interest. The potted hostas have suffered worse slug damage this year than last, probably because the pests enjoyed the wetter conditions in midsummer. There are, however, some foliage plants for shade that seem quite slug resistant. Brunnera get few holes in their heart-shaped leaves. The species is a plain green, but 'Jack Frost' is heavily marked with silver, and 'Diane's Gold' shows up well in shade. There is also a cream variegated one, but I found it was a poor doer that scorched in the slightest bit of sun. Darmera peltata flowers early on bare stems, and has large round leaves that are very architectural and colour well in autumn. One surprise was a hardy ginger, Cauletya spicata, which I thought I had lost. It was late re-appearing in spring, but eventually the pale green pointed oval leaves, rather like a small canna, emerged. It has filled the space left where

I cut back early flowering geraniums, and now has spikes of curios yellow hooded flowers emerging from red buds. Stems of red berries from *Arum italicum* (bottom left)also brighten the shade, and will be followed by arrow-shaped, white veined leaves in the winter.

My attempt at a meadow has produced long grass but very little else. The main point of interest was a birch sawfly, resting in the patch. The largest of the sawflies, it feeds on silver birch and is usually high in the canopy. I thought at first it was a rare butterfly or moth, with transparent wings marked in black, but a quick search on the internet put me right. JA

Taythorpe & District Garden Society

The September meeting took place at Norwell Nursery, where Dr Andrew Ward gave us a guided tour of the nursery and gardens. The nursery is noted for its wide selection of herbaceous perennials, many of which are rarely offered for sale. All are grown on the nursery and are therefore hardy in the East Midlands. Dr Ward also holds a National Collection of hardy chrysanthemums and another of *Astrantia*.

The gardens are attached to the nursery, and include a large wildlife pond, a wooded area, beds of perennials and also a tea room. At this time of year the sunny areas are bright with a great variety of Michaelmas daisies, some just a foot or so tall, and others towering to more than 6 feet. Interspersed are other late flowering species, such as perennial sunflowers. There are several unusual features: tall grasses are grown as specimen plants in the lawns, and there are raised beds filled with sharp sand where plants that need excellent drainage can thrive. These include rock roses, salvias, angels fishing rod and other plants that might normally be grown on a rockery. And the cakes were good too. Many thanks for a lovely visit.

Our next meeting will be on October 10th at Carlton Scroop village hall, 7:30 for 7:45pm. Visitors will be most welcome (£5, including light refreshments). Just come along.

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Fulbeck Parish Council News

The following is a summary of some items of interest from the meeting held on Monday 4th September. It is not a formal record and space limits the content. The official minutes can be found on the notice board outside Fulbeck Village Hall and online at https://fulbeck.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business (or type in Fulbeck Parish Council into your search engine.)

The Chair gave an introduction as to how the public part of the meeting operates and as to her role as Chair. She reminded Councillors of the Code of Conduct.

Many residents will know Gary Greenhalgh, until recently a Parish Councillor of many years' service, who fell and badly injured his femur. Cllr Hodcroft requested a card be sent. (Update: Gary cracked his hip and femur but is back in his nursing home, cheerful and looking forward to a full recovery).

Planning Matters: Before the start of the formal meeting, Cllr Alix Fane requested, and was given time, as a member of the public, in order to ask for the Council's support in her potential appeal against the refusal of her planning application reference \$23/1124. She was then asked to leave the room whilst discussion took place. She was advised to make her own decision as to whether she goes forward with a meeting with members of SKDC Planning Team or seeks an appeal. If an appeal is lodged then the PC will reiterate its original response. Further information is available on all planning applications on the SKDC website.

Highways Issues: As highlighted in July, fly-tipping on Pottergate Road is a major public nuisance. SKDC is now dealing with this, and public consultation will take place regarding gating the road. There are serious safety issues along Brant Road, a single track road with a deep ditch on one side. There is insufficient room for vehicles to pass without being pushed into potholed edges and deep dips in the roadside, and it is particularly hard to avoid larger vans and lorries. A busy road, too, for cyclists and pedestrians/dog walkers, who are vulnerable to accidents from traffic and from trips in rain filled potholes. The Parish Council will seek a meeting with Cllr Maughan (LCC) and Rowan Smith to look at this area and have a village walkabout. Clerk will chase potholes already reported, namely on the High Street near the middle of the green and the sinkhole at the junction of Scotts Hill with High Street.

Environmental Matters: Cllr Siddans gave an update on plans to encourage biodiversity in the village and highlighted the slow progress with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust due to its workload. She is planning a site visit to each village green and so will be suggesting a Saturday for this month. She would also like to hear views from residents as, whilst the main aim is to encourage bio-diversity, practical considerations must be taken into account, and people should be able to enjoy the areas, perhaps by putting in seats. It may be necessary to seek funding.

Emergency Response Plan: Simon Nash, a LIVES responder, has agreed to give a presentation to residents. Date to be confirmed.

Parish Council Webpage: Brief details of each Councillor will be placed on the webpage, but contact with individual Councillors by email should be through the Parish Clerk.

If you are interested in any of these, or other local matters, you would be very much welcome to come along to meetings, or buttonhole a member of the Parish Council when you see one!

Date of next meeting: Would normally be Monday 6th November but the Village Hall may not be available – Details to be confirmed. Meeting closed at 8:34pm.

Abbreviation/Acronyms: FPC = Fulbeck Parish Council; LCC = Lincolnshire County Council; LIVES = Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service; LWT = Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust: PC = Parish Council: SKDC = South Kesteven District Council:

Hough On The Hill Parish Council News

Precis of Hough on the Hill Parish Council Minutes from the meeting held on 6th September: A consultant has now been appointed to assist with taking the Neighbourhood Plan forward. This will bring it up to date with SKDC policies but the matters of a new Design Code and Local Green Spaces have been deferred until 2026 or the inception of the new SKDC Local Plan Review.

Sites for the new Speed Indicator Device (SID) have been agreed with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and the SID will first be deployed at Brandon.

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to go on the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System for the defibrillators. Anyone interested in putting their landline number forward should please contact Cllr Sue Allen by email at hough.pccllrr.allen@gmail.com. She can also give you more details.

We are hoping to have a Parish litter pick on 15th October (date to be confirmed). If anyone would like to join us please contact Cllr Jeremy Pope by email at jabpope@gmail.com.

We are looking at future projects for the Parish Council and at some time in the not too distant future you should receive a questionnaire from the Parish Council asking for any ideas you may have – we will also suggest some for your comments.

Finally, just to let you know that your Councillors are: Stewart Sharman (Chair); Rob Harris (Vice Chair); Sue Allen, Victoria McLean, Jeremy Pope, Lesley Rann and Annabel Seage.

Please note that anyone wishing to contact the Parish Council should contact the Clerk on 07916 628673 or by email at houghpcclerk@gmail.com.

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Our church buildings are another matter. They are loved by so many of us, their walls have absorbed the prayers of those who visit over hundreds of years, they have stood over families bringing their babies to be baptised, couples expressing their love for one another in marriage and groups joining to mourn the loss of a family member or friend at the end of their lives, for generation after generation. Village communities have traditionally supported their local church both financially and also with practical help such as helping with cleaning, providing refreshments, flowers and fund raising. Our churches have stood dependably as the world has changed around them, from times of war to times of celebration and commemoration, but now we are entering a time of uncertainty. Like everyone else our bills have risen dramatically, and we too are finding it very difficult to maintain these historic buildings. This is why I am asking you to think about what your village church means to you. As Christians we believe that 'church' is more than a building, which is why we try to be an active part of community life. We value our buildings as somewhere that we can come together to worship God, share in Holy Communion, and mark those important moments in our journey through life, and our faith goes beyond church walls.

If your village church is important to you and you want to continue that community tradition of support, meet us at our services, come along to the events that we organise and ask about our parish giving scheme (PGS). Our church buildings have



offered us comfort and protection throughout our lives and now we need to do the same for them. Do feel free to contact me to discuss this.

Every blessing, Revd. Sara Davies 07768706952 sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org

Left: Airborne Forces Bikers visit Caythorpe Church remembering Arnhem.



Edward Robert Jones (Bob)

Sadly Bob passed away on the 16th August in Lincoln Hospital after a short illness. He was born in Builth Wells Mid Wales in 1940 to Florence and Edward having two younger brothers Peter, and Philip. He attended Builth Wells Primary School and Builth Grammar School where he joined the Army Cadets. His first job was at Edie's Shoe Shop in the town and later the local Railway Station doing various jobs including bookkeeping. He then moved further afield to Cardiff where he worked in a laundry however, he decided he wanted something more challenging and joined the RAF.

He did his initial training near Bridgenorth then Weeton near Blackpool before being posted to RAF Cottesmore in Rutland. It was here he met Rosemary, who was a mobile canteen driver at the NAAFI, at a New Year dance at Oakham. They were married on September 2nd 1961 at Fulbeck church. Bob was then posted to RAF Scampton. After living in Welton for a short time they moved to Fulbeck High Street where David was born in October the following year. In 1965 their second son, Stephen was born.

Later that year Bob and family were posted to Wildenrath in Germany for three years.

The family moved back to their home in Fulbeck in 1968 when Bob decided to leave the RAF. The family then moved to Brant Road later that year. Bob found it difficult to settle back into civilian life and had several jobs before finally settling with Anglian Water for 24 years. He was a main layer and maintenance worker in pumping stations and water towers but whilst working for them he sustained a back injury and was forced to take early retirement in 2001. Due to mobility problems Bob and Rosemary moved to a bungalow in Sleaford in 2015 where they joined Camaraderie (a veteran's club where Bob loved the banter with fellow members). Bob and Rosemary had five grandchildren (Nicholas, Benjamin, Jamie, Alexander, and Katie), also one great grandchild (Ava Mae). A keen supporter of village life, he cut grass in the churchyard, joined the protest against NIREX and supported the villagers when in need. Bob loved nothing more than going to Cornwall sea fishing with his mate Trevor, a local fisherman in Padstow. He also volunteered with the National Coastwatch Institution at Stepper Point. During his life he was a member of The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB), St. John Ambulance, British Legion and was keen on country pursuits and birdwatching.

Bob was a kind-hearted, helpful, and cheerful man who will be greatly missed by family and friends.

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Pete's Puzzles Answers on Page 45

- 1. What herb is traditionally found on a margherita pizza?
- 2. What does the H in H2O stand for?
- 3. What is the name of the Flintstones' pet dinosaur?
- 4. What was Charles Dickens' first published novel?
- 5. What is the name of the world's highest waterfall and which country is it in?
- 6. If you were at Wembley for the Challenge Cup final, what sport would you be watching?
- 7. Which of these talent shows aired in the UK first? X Factor, Pop Idol or Britain's Got Talent?
- 8. England beat Scotland at Hampden Park recently, this marked which anniversary of this iconic fixture? 50th? 100th? Or 150th?
- 9. Which country is Baku the capital of?
- 10. "I came, I saw, I Conquered" is a quote attributed to who?



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The longer stalks of grass around were dry and smelt like hay

And rustled when you wandered thro the cricket field that day.

The team to meet the villagers were the neighbouring stalwarts grim

For victory, to the home eleven the supporters would bring

Into the local meeting place the merits of the team

To drink their health and gossip of the matches that they've seen.

Beneath the shady trees and on the pump yard fence

In threes and fours the spectators collect, to sense

The game, and give the tips to batsmen old and young

To cheer the hits to find the faults and total up the runs.

The coin is tossed the captain calls, its heads, the home side bats

And out they go, the visitors, to field, big peaks on caps,

A special clap for the opening pair to follow, the game all tense

To those old true and faithful few upon the pump yard fence

Well hit, run, just another there's time you'll hear the call

And then an "OH" for a quick return, the batsman's beat the ball,

The field is changing over the bowler has been changed

To try and break the partnership of Bill and Fred their names.

The score now in the fifties and cuts and drives are made,

But then the umpire shouted "OUT", its Fred his legs to blame,

The others follow quickly nine down for ninety three

The tail it wags ten runs are add, the score means victory.

The last man out his score is eight altho his style is dense

And "HURRAHS" came from the faithful few upon the pump yard fence.

The interval is taken with cups of tea and cake

The ladies all are busy as time is short for break

The visitors now preparing the score book for the names

In order of the batsmen to prove their conquering fame

With pads and bats the pair with teeth and lips so clenched

And silence reigns amongst the few on the pump yard fence.

The field is set with waving hands, the umpires take their stand

And beckon to the bowler to begin his over hand

The star of the visitors play in true and perfect style,

And for a time is slow to score, he waiting for a while.

Over, now his partner takes the bowling a hitter of repute,

"MIDDLE LEG "the field is set long field is out

Upon the boundary line sure hands are there upon the spot

Where Charles the bowler, slow, intends to force his victim's shot.

"WELL HIT" it's a boundary comes from the opposing team

But George is there with hands so safe and eyes so keen

To take the catch inside the line, all full intense

With great excitement of the few upon the pump yard fence.

The visitors have been beaten their score is fifty four

A good game played, but as of yore, the change of faces young for old

With memories the game will now commence

To join the faithful warriors upon the pump yard fence.

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	1 st October	8 th October	15 th October	22 nd October	29 th October	
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday	
	Trinity 17	Trinity 18	Trinity 19	Trinity 20	Trinity 21	
Welbourn	MS 9:45	HC 10:30	F'rest 15:00	HC 10:30		
Caythorpe	H'vest 10:30		HC 10:30			
Marston	HC 9:00		H'vest 17:00			
Brant Broughton			HC 9:00	MS 9:30		
Fulbeck				H'vest 9:00	HC 10:30	
Hough		HC 9:00	MP 9:45	MS 9:45		
Hougham		EP 17:00		HC 17:00		
Beckingham		H'vest 11:00				
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Brandon	HC 9:45					
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What's On In October

Time & Date	Event	Place
1 st Oct	Village	Caythorpe
09:00	Breakfast	Village Hall
1 st Oct	Harvest	St. Vincents
10:30	Festival	Caythorpe
1 st Oct	Ikebana	Fulbeck
11:00	Exhibition	Village Hall
6 th Oct	Coffee	St Vincent's
10:30	Morning	Caythorpe
7 th Oct	Bingo	C.Scroop
20:00		Social Club
10 th Oct	Over 60's	Fulbeck
14:00	Club	Sports Club
14 th Oct	Pumpkins &	Caythorpe
10:00	Coffee	Village Hall
14 th Oct	Fulbeck Utd V	Fulbeck
14:30	Fishtoft	Sports Field
14 th Oct	Quiz Night	C.Scroop
19:30		Social Club
20 th Oct	Chill & Chat	Caythorpe
10:00		Village Hall
21st Oct	Bingo	Fulbeck
19:00		Social Club
24 th Oct	Over 60's	Fulbeck
14:00	Club	Sports Club
28 th Oct	Quiz Night	Fulbeck
19:00		Sports Club
28 th Oct	Comedy Night	C.Scroop
20:00		Social Club



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