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December 2023/January 2024 News Views Editorial

To our lovely readers, we've come to the end of another year already, they seem to fly by nowadays, they go so fast that I now have to calculate how old I am, I know it's 40-something but it just doesn't seem to matter any more, I know I'm still 18 at heart! Something that I've learnt this year, and need to practice more of, is to live in the present, not predict the future, to be positive and build the positivity within myself so that when the inevitable bad times happen coping with the stuff that's not so easy becomes more manageable.

We learn these lessons in life and when we put the things we learn into practice that's when we grow as human beings, or to be down with the kids (see not 18 really!) that's when we 'level up'. The world moves and changes, things change and move on and to succeed we have to move with the times, we need to be current. So next year rather than making a resolution that doesn't last, empower yourself to be more current, view the world with a fresh set of eyes, I know it's not easy, but by appreciating the small things you'll see that they are the big things.

There has been a massively positive change around mental health and making sure people are ok. This is a change that is close to my heart, there is only so much any person can take and having support is so important to recovery. So this holiday time, make sure to check on your neighbours and your friends and family, if you are thinking about them, drop them a text, pick up the phone or send a voice message, you might make the biggest difference to their day just by being you. Tell that random person in a shop that you love their outfit, do that good deed, smile and most of all just be nice, you never know what anyone is going through and just the smallest thing could make a the difference. Be the difference.

Finally to round of this years magazines, we'd like to thank you all, our Readers, for being part of the News & Views Family, our fantastic Distribution Team who deliver N&V throughout the year, our Advertisers who make the magazine financially viable, our Contributors who make this an interesting, brilliant and useful publication, our News Hound without whom we'd never hear the thoughts in his head and of course, Westgate Print, for all their help and advice. Thank you, thank you everyone, without you, we couldn't do what we do, you are all appreciated and valued as each and everyone of you play a part in completing the News & Views jigsaw.

We hope that whatever 2023 has brought you in both gains and losses, 2024 is a positive year. Remember to notice those small things, write them down, fill a jar with mindful thoughts and read them once in a while when you feel you need to.

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you in 2024! P&L

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News & Views News Hound

Hello, this month I am quite a different boy than I was last month. Do you recall I told you that I was having a special visit to the blue suits, well when I came home there was big lots of water everywhere on the roads, Humum said she'd not seen anything like it, she said a wall had fallen down on the road to Fulbeck...I don't remember, I was too sleepy. Anyway, over the last month

I have found that I don't have as much 'personal space' to wash, I have no idea why but it saves me time when I'm having a tongue bath. I'm also feeling the need to be a bit more 'snuggly' as Humum calls it and I've been giving out more kisses apparently! Again, I have no idea really what this special visit was all about but it did mean I had



to wear a stupid blow up ring round my neck for a few sleeps but as I was a good boy (was it really ever in doubt? I think not Humum!!) it came off quite quickly. I was glad it came off quickly as the Sausage liked to try chew it and Mr Hissy was sniggering at me, I knew there was a reason I liked to chase him.

In the last week or so, I've heard speak of that 'Christmas' thing again, I remember this from last year, it's when we get the ball tree in the kitchen, brilliant! I can't wait for the Sausage to see the ball tree, she is going to LOVE it. I also recall great smells and lots of people. I'm going to have to show the Sausage what this Christmas thing is all about, I'm a seasoned pro now and, as I'm also a Mentor, it's my job. So much responsibility for a News Hound but I'm a proper big lad now and I'm up to the challenge. I'll have to catch her in one of her less energetic moments to tell her all about it and how I expect her to be a good girl because as Hounds we all aspire to being crowned either a good girl or boy and if I teach her really well, we can both be crowned. Of course my crown will be better as I have to teach and set an example, Sausage just has to follow my lead so she can have the smaller crown, also because if she had my crown she could use it as a hula hoop, now that would be the best day ever, did you ever imagine a sausage hula hooping??

Since it's got colder and the Sausage has gotten a bit older and isn't so reliant on going to the toilet whenever and wherever she feels like it, the back door has been closed more. It also keeps the rain out, Humum doesn't like it when the carpet gets wet. I used to like to sit and assess my grounds with the warm air on my face during the summer, safely from inside the house, now I just sit and look longingly through the window, hopeful of winter sunshine. The great thing about it being colder outside is that Hudad feeds the birds in the garden. In my short experience birds are quite messy eaters and they drop parts of fat balls and seeds everywhere. We have a great variety patch of snacks under the feeding stations, it's snack city for us Hounds, even the grass tastes different to all the other parts of the garden!

Hudad made Mr Hissy a cuddly fleecy bed on the table in the kitchen last month...did I tell you about that? Well anyway, he's literally not moved for the last month, he loves his table bed so much, when anyone comes in they go rub him and he purrs, he sits and meows when he needs feeding, he sits on the edge of the table and antagonises the Sausage, that's his absolute favourite thing to do, I think he's onto a good thing here. Maybe I ought to get a table bed...I might ask that Santa chap, he's on his way soon, best go get my letter in...

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Carols Round the Christmas Tree



Following the success of the carols round the tree for the last couple of years, we will be holding this again this year on Tuesday 19th December starting at 7pm at the war memorial outside St Vincent's Church.

Sheets of the words will be freely available and there will be a musical accompaniment by local musicians from Sleaford Training and Concert Band. Refreshments will be available in the church afterwards.

It has been thoroughly enjoyed in previous years, so no matter what your standard of singing, come along, bring a torch, and join in this fun event to get in the Christmas spirit!

Hope to see (and hear!) you there.

CAYTHORPE & FRIESTON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Winter Opening Times: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 7:00pm to 11:00pm Saturday 5:00pm to 11:00pm & Sunday 2:00pm to 9:00pm



Fulbeck Sports Club - Saturday 16th December 7:00pm for eyes down at 7:30pm

Carlton Scroop Social Club- Saturday 2ⁿd December & 6th January - Eyes down at 8:00pm

FULBECK SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Opening Times: Friday 5:30pm to 8:00pm & Sunday 12:00pm to 4:00pm Open for Pool Team Fixtures on Tuesday from 7:00pm

Check Our Facebook Page for Christmas Opening Times



Carlton Scroop Social Club
Saturday 23rd December & Saturday 20th January
7:30pm for 8:00pm Start



Friday 6th January 10:30am to 12:00pm 50/50 Split. St Vincent's & MND

Over 60's Club at
Fulbeck Sports Club
5th & 19th December
between 2 - 4pm
Check Fulbeck Village FB Group
for January details!

St Vincent's Church Prayer Group

Prayer is at the centre of all that we do at St Vincent's. We believe that all we accomplish comes about not because of us but because of God.

Prayer transforms us; it enables us to become more the people God created us to be, and so draws us to share in God's creative and compassionate work in the world.

We believe that we are called to be persistent in prayer, both for ourselves, those in need, our community and the world.

The church is open every day if you would like to find a quiet space and a time to pray or you are most welcome to join us in Church on Monday 8th & 22nd January at 2pm. The Prayer Group will not be meeting in December but any Prayer requests in the box will be included in the services

Specific prayer requests can be left in the box by the votive candle stand - you may like to light a candle as a focus for the prayer you offer. You can also send your prayers to loveden.deanery@lincoln.anglian.org marking them as St Vincent's Prayer Group.

FOOTBALL NEWS FULBECK UNITED



9th & 23rd December

Fulbeck Utd Home Games

Kick Off 2pm

The WI Craft Club

Wednesday 6th December

Wednesday 3rd January

2:00pm - 4:00pm

@The Hammond Pavilion, Caythorpe

£2 per person to include refreshments

All Welcome, not just WI
Members



TREASURE ISLAND

AT CAYTHORPE & FRIESTON VILLAGE HALL

ON SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER at 3PM

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Jim lives in the Admiral Benbow Inn with Grandma, but she's desperate for a real adventure. One night, Billy Bones comes to stay, leading a gang of very silly pirates, with a big secret, to Jim's door. Before she knows it Jim is sailing to Treasure Island, befriending one legged cooks, dodging mutinies and searching for buried treasure. This is Treasure Island as you've never seen it before, in celebration of Lamphouse Theatre's 10th anniversary. With a slew of silly-singalong-sea-shanties, plenty of preposterous pirates, and dozens of doubloons, you won't want to miss Treasure Island this Christmas. Suitable for ages 6-106















The Village Hall Breakfast Sunday's 3rd December, 7th January & 4th February 9am - 11am

£7.50 Full English / £4 Sausage or Bacon Bap Both include Tea or Coffee



Chill & Chat Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall



10:00am - 12:00pm

Friday December 15th / January 19th / February 16th

Timetables for Caythorpe Children's Centre are now available via the link below: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/62593/caythorpe-children-s-centre

Please check regularly for dates and times of sessions as these change due to holiday times.

Keep a look out for our Christmas Timetable and come and join in the fun! We would love to see you!

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Fulbeck's Thursday Club



The Thursday Club had its first meeting in Fulbeck Village Hall on 26th October and numbers had already swelled to thirty one by 9th November as the word spread. Our lovely new café/bar has been in full swing dispensing tea, coffee and cake for just a small donation to cover cost of running it and buying refreshments. There's a definite buzz as everyone is enjoying the opportunity to catch up with friends and make some new ones, and

we've attracted back some escapees who have left the village for a good old chinwag and to get the latest gossip! If you want something a little more active, we do have the possibility of strictly exercise and jigsaws, and the book swap/library (around 2000 books) is open for you to browse. Please bring along any other ideas/suggestions

Don't just sit there on your own, come along, leave the winter weather outside, and join us for a welcome to warm the cockles of your heart. The Thursday Club runs every week from 10:00am till noon, free entry in Fulbeck Village Hall.



Fulbeck Table Top Sale

The season of goodwill 2023 started on Saturday, 28th October in Fulbeck Village Hall. The Table Top Sale raised £233.35, a cheque for which was given by Carol Aram to Lauren from Marie Curie at the Hemswell Christmas Fayre. Incidentally, a little bird tells me that Carol has raised over £10,000.00 during the past decade or so for them. Well done Carol, you are an absolute star!!!



Many thanks for the donations for the Foodbank. If you would like to donate there are collection boxes inside Caythorpe Church.

Donations of food, pet food, laundry products, cleaning products and personal hygiene items are always welcome. Please ensure that items are within their sell by/use by dates. All donations are

welcome no matter how small e.g. small tin of beans or soup.

Current shortages reported at the Foodbank as of 16th November 2023 are; Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Custard, Biscuits, Dog Food.

Monetary donations are accepted on the Grantham Foodbank website; https://grantham.foodbank.org.uk

Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Practice

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SURGERIES

Recently there have been major changes to both surgeries to help improve the pharmacy and reception services. Our practice now has 10k patients and the main pharmacy at Ancaster has found it an increasing challenge to provide the service we have all enjoyed. The main problem has been the aging dispensing robot which was first put in 15 years ago when we had less patients and the medication supply chain was more reliable. This would be hugely expensive to replace, so after much thought and input from the staff it was decided to revamp the two sites to have their own dispensing teams and stock. To facilitate that the reception and pharmacy locations have been moved round at Caythorpe (all looks very smart!) and are now starting at Ancaster.

The improvements are already being seen, as there will now be more room for the two teams to work with a marked reduction in wait times for prescriptions. Please still wait for your text message to collect your supplies, but if you can get them ASAP after being notified staff would be grateful, as it enables them to keep the shelves clear for new orders. We are delighted to be able to report this improvement in prescription services, as we know this has been an ongoing concern at our feedback sessions, not least for the hardworking staff. Thank you for your understanding while the surgeries have been a little chaotic, and well done to the staff for keeping up business as usual! If your community group would an informal chat with some of our members at your coffee morning or any other occasion, please let us know.

Gill Thornton. Patient Participation Group Chair. (07532 339327)



The Christmas Community Hub @ Carlton Scroop Social Club Thursday 14th December, 11am 'til 2pm

To celebrate Christmas and our successful first year, we will be offering a FREE lunch of homemade seasonal soups, warm home-roasted turkey & trimmings in a fresh bap (as well as other options, including a non-meat choice), along with a glass of fizz or a mug of warm mulled wine.

Everyone is welcome and we hope that volunteers will be available to offer transport to and from the Hub for those in need.

This FREE event does not need booking, but if you know you'll be coming, it would help us reduce food waste and ensure everyone can be served if you could drop us an e-mail, text or Whatsapp message please.

For any questions, to request help with transport, to volunteer, to donate or otherwise offer support, please e-mail CarltonScroopHub@gmail.com or call Alan Thomas on 07966 451956 or Daniel Sheard on 07484 616045.

Caythorpe Fireworks Saturday 4th November 2023

The Village Fireworks have not been held in Caythorpe since 2019 when Covid effectively halted this as an event on the village calendar. The Parish Council decided that this was an event that should be kept going as a good social event for the village. They agreed to underwrite the cost which amounted to over £3000.

A small group of past and current Parish Councillors formed a sub-committee and have been busy planning for this year's event since it was first discussed many months ago. Sponsorship has been sought from many local businesses and organisations and these are listed below. A Go Fund Me webpage was set up to allow members of the public to donate in advance of the event. Due to the generosity of these, and the fantastic donations that were received on the night, the event was self financing, and in fact made a profit, that will be used to invest in better lighting and as a contingency against bad weather for future events. Many volunteers from the village came together to assist in putting on the display and the accompanying food and drink that was available from the Hammond Pavilion on the night. Despite rain during the morning of Saturday and a forecast of more rain to come, it was decided that we could press on and hope for a break in the weather, and that people would turn out anyway. By 6:00pm, it had stopped raining but many people were still arriving and contributing generously to the buckets on the entrance points. Eventually the fireworks display (provided by Galaxy Fireworks) got under way. It was certainly spectacular and filled the sky over the playing field with sound and light. After a short break to allow people to refill glasses, purchase more food and hot drinks, the second half of the display kicked off and drew to a grand finale to applause from the assembled crowd.







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It was a memorable night and testimony to all of the planning and hard work that had gone in to the event. The Parish Council have agreed to underwrite next year's display and the fireworks committee will be meeting to plan this event with Galaxy. There are a number of ideas to be discussed to make the next event bigger and better and especially a marquee incorporating a Christmas Fair. A huge vote of thanks goes to all of those who have volunteered in some way to assist in making this event possible.

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We hope you enjoyed this display and the atmosphere that was created, and thank you most sincerely for your support. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

Please try and support your local businesses and organisations, who have assisted in some way in supporting the display:- The Red Lion, Mid UK, B&Q, Ancaster Butchers, News & Views, Caythorpe & Frieston Sports & Social Club, Caythorpe Spar Shop, Urban Fox Hairdressers, The Playing Field Committee, Pilgrims Foods, GR Ward, Streeter Fish Supplies & PGL. Andy Crawley, Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council

Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall Film Night 10th November 2023



Outside the air was crisp and dank, darkness had fallen and there was a definite wintry feel on the evening of Friday the 10th November. Inside Caythorpe and Frieston village hall, the lights and warmth drew people in for what promised to be a good night's entertainment. It was our first film night with the showing of 'What I did on my holiday' starring David Tennent, Billy Connolly and Rosemary Pike. A light hearted comedy which, despite the

theme of death and dysfunction, produced some great one-liners and lots of laughter from the audience. Wine flowed, ice cream devoured and popcorn popped as the evening cheered us all up. What a heart-warming evening on such a wintry day. Thanks to all those who attended and helped to make this a roaring success.

So, what about the next showing? Keep a lookout for the details on the notice boards, on Facebook and on our village hall website www.cfvillagehall.org

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British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

Again Caythorpe and Frieston Villages have shown their incredible generosity for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Monies raised include; Collection Boxes £952.15

Sale of Wreaths £150

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Church Service Remembrance Collection £235

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Carlton Scroop Comedy Night 28th October 2023



Thank you to everyone who came to our Comedy Night at the village hall in October and if you didn't, you missed a fabulous evening! Over 80 people enjoyed a great night out. There was tasty food on offer to those who wanted to eat beforehand and the Social Club provided the bar all of which helped to provide a wonderful atmosphere for the night ahead. And we weren't disappointed! The entertainment was provided by the Compère and three comedians, all of whom were funny, relevant and entertaining! All in all a successful night! We certainly considering repeating its success next year, so watch this space! A big thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of a successful evening.

Feedback: "A great evening at the Carlton Scroop Comedy Night. Four very funny comedians had the audience rocking in their seats. The food offering was good value for money, as was the alcohol and hot drinks. The Venue was easy to find and had excellent parking. A good night was had by all!"

"Superb evening, many thanks to all for bringing the community together for the largest community event I have attended in 31 years!"

"It was a fun night out"

"Great entertainment and food, we would delighted to come to future events of this quality"

"It was a great fun evening. So nice to see so many people together for an event"

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WAITE, KCMG CBE, Sir Terry

Even as the three wise Kings of the Orient were laying their gifts at the feet of the infant Jesus, King Herod was issuing an order to slaughter all boys below the age of two in an attempt to eradicate any potential rival for his Kingdom. The Christian church remembers this outrage on the third day after Christmas Day every year. As you read this, such terror is continuing in the so-called Holy Land, and the subject of this article was no stranger to it.

The son of a village policeman in Styal, Cheshire, Terry Waite's parents were only nominally religious, but he showed a commitment to Christianity from an early age and later became a Quaker and an Anglican. He considered a monastic life, but instead joined the Church Army, undergoing training and studies in London. In 1969, he moved to Uganda where he worked as Provincial Training Adviser to Erica Sabiti. the first African Anglican Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi and, in that capacity, travelled extensively throughout East Africa. Together with his wife and their four children, Waite witnessed the Idi Amin coup in Uganda and he and his wife narrowly escaped death on several occasions. From his office in Kampala, Waite founded the Southern Sudan Project and was responsible for developing aid.



Waite returned to the UK in 1978, where he took a job with the British Council of Churches. In 1980, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, appointed him the Archbishop of Canterbury's Assistant for Anglican Communion Affairs. Based at Lambeth Palace, Waite again travelled extensively throughout the world and had a responsibility for the Archbishop's diplomatic and ecclesiastical exchanges. He arranged and travelled with the Archbishop on the first ever visit of an Archbishop of Canterbury to China and had responsibility for travels to Australia, New Zealand, Burma, the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and South Africa. In 1980, Waite successfully negotiated the release of several hostages in Iran and on 10 November 1984, he negotiated with Colonel Gaddafi for the release of the four remaining British hostages held in Libya. From 1985, Waite became involved in hostage negotiation in Lebanon. On 12 January 1987 Waite arrived in Beirut with the intention of negotiating with the Islamic Jihad Organization. On 20 January 1987, he agreed to meet the captors of the hostages as he was promised safe conduct to visit them who, he was told, were ill. The group broke trust and took him hostage. Waite remained in captivity for 1,763 days, the first four years of which were spent in solitary confinement. He was finally released on 18 November 1991.



I paid a visit to RAF Lyneham, in Wiltshire. on Monday November 1991, because the station used the village church as its chapel, and I wanted to see for myself how the arrangement was working. The week before my longarranged visit the station had received Mr Terry Waite back from captivity in Beirut, so I asked to call on him in his secure quarters in the Officers' Mess after lunch with the Station Commander, I was escorted to the private corridor, which was

closely guarded, and as I went on to his rooms a gale of laughter echoed up the corridor from his dining room. I put my head around the door and saw Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, and a brilliant raconteur, who had regaled the Waite family with an amusing story. As I appeared at the door he said, 'Brian, join us, have you met Terry?'

Terry Waite is a very big man in every way. We shook hands and he suggested we adjourn to his bedroom next door for a chat. I told him that in St Clement Danes, the RAF church in London, a candle had burned for him throughout his captivity. He replied that we must never spurn little acts like that, for news of them might well get through and engender hope. We talked for a while about solitude, silence and prayer, and I was astounded at the fluency and energy of a man who, until last week, had been cut off from the rest of humanity I was aware that I was keeping him from his family, and stood to say goodbye, when I heard the bells of the village church and remembered that they were ringing for Terry. I told him so as we listened to them ringing out across Wiltshire. When I returned from a brief Hercules flight, I popped into the church and noticed that he had written his thanks to the bell ringers in the visitors' book.

In 2004, Waite returned to Beirut for the first time since his release from captivity. He told the BBC, "If you are bitter, it will eat you up and do more damage to you than to the people who have hurt you." The longer the war between Israel and Gaza continues the more difficult it will become to eradicate bitterness. Yet, this man is living proof that reconciliation is possible. May that become a fervent hope and prayer this Christmastide.

Terry Waite was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) in the 2023 Birthday Honours for services to charity and humanitarian work.

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Dear All,

What a busy few weeks we've had since the last issue!

Halloween: The children were so excited about going Trick or Treating and told us all about their costumes when they came back to Pre-School.

Kirsty from the Rhubarb Theatre Co visited again and we shared one of our favourite stories, "Room on the Broom" Later we made our own magic potions, it was really messy but we did enjoy it!

Bonfire Night: Many of our children went to see Fireworks at the playing field. A good opportunity to talk to them about staying safe. A big thank you to all involved, the fireworks were fabulous and the children made some beautiful pictures of them, using paint, glue and glitter.

Remembrance Day: We explained to the children in an age appropriate way about the significance of the day and why we all wear our poppies.

Diwali: We celebrated the Hindu Festival of lights and told the simplified story of Lord Ram and Sita.

December sees us inviting parents into the setting to "Stay and Play" and help us to make our Christmas Crafts and decorations, a nice get together before we finish for Christmas and New Year. We are also hoping for a visit from Santa at our end of year party! Let's hope he's not too busy to call in!

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Caythorpe Primary School

Wellbeing Day

Last Friday we held a Wellbeing Day. Wellbeing days are a good opportunity to bring awareness of the importance of mental wellbeing for pupils and also give them strategies for improving

their well-being and ways they can look after themselves.

In Neverland, the children from across school used Lego and other building equipment to make different models. Some of them were from their own imagination and some were from challenge cards. Milania said, 'I really loved colouring in Narnia's classroom!'



In Enchanted Forest the children had the opportunity to talk about personal strategies when dealing with stress, anxiety or worries. The children wrote them on strips of card and added them to the jellyfish which are displayed in the sensory room.

Some of the strategies were: "I go into my safe space and count to 10, but 20 if I need to." "I like

to jump on the trampoline when I feel anxious." "I like to listen to calming music with my headphones on."

In Mr Murphy's classroom the children were taking part in a range of different board games to develop their teamwork skills, communication and resilience; all whilst having lots of fun! Jack liked being in Enchanted Forest where he wrote words on a piece of paper for a jellyfish, which gave him ideas of how to relax. The jellyfish are displayed in the Sensory Room.

Internet Safety Workshops

On Tuesday we welcomed Emma from the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. Emma led age appropriate and inclusive workshops across the school. Narnia found out what information about yourself you should never share and what is safe to share with friends. Neverland identified issues online that they may experience which require them to ask for support. They created "hands of safety" of people they could go to if they need help. The Year 6 workshop enabled children to gain a greater awareness of how social media content can negatively impact on our identity and self-esteem.

Year 5 and 6 Visit Newark Civil War Museum

All the children in Hogwarts Class had a brilliant day at the Civil War Museum to begin their learning "Would you rather be a Roundhead or a Cavelier?". They completed 3 interactive



workshops (including a walking tour of the town). As well as exploring the costumes, exhibitions and artefacts on display. Amazingly, they had the opportunity to wear armour and handle weaponry used during the Civil War. They re-created the siege of Newark learning about individuals who lived in the town at the time.

It was an engaging and informative trip which has brought our learning to life. The children will be able to draw on their experiences to enhance their learning for the rest of the topic.

Reading Rewards

The first winners of the term for the Reading Tree! These children were picked from the raffle where their names were entered every time they had read ten times this term. Well done to George W, Artorius, Hugo, Ruby and Poppy. There will be six new books from next term!

No Pens Day Wednesday encourages schools to put down their pens and pick up their language by running a day where learning is focused around speaking and listening activities. Throughout the curriculum there is a strong emphasis on enabling children to use language to work together effectively. Through using language and hearing how others use it, children become able to describe the world, make sense of life's experiences and learn.

In Neverland, the children used tens frames and counters to improve their efficiency of making number bonds to 10. They also used the cubes to subtract numbers and worked in pairs to be the quickest team! Some children also made the phrase 'No Pens Day 2023' out of Lego and other construction objects.

In Narnia, children engaged in practical maths games which showed arrays for times tables. In reading they used freeze frames to represent the Sound Collector poem. The class were set a challenge to make a paper tower working as a team after looking at what makes a good attribute for teamwork.

Hogwarts began the day playing a range of games to encourage confidence in public speaking, justifying their opinions and articulating their expertise about their learning this term. They then planned their writing through the use of audio recordings instead of taking notes.

Harvest Festival 2023

On Friday we held our Harvest Celebration Assembly with the Reverend Sara Davies as a special guest. Enchanted Forest and Neverland delighted in their performance of "A Busy Harvest!" Hogwarts's choice linked with their Brazilian topic theme performing "Harvest Samba!". Members of the school council Evie M, Jack M, Henry, Alex and Harriet read a harvest poem. Narnia sang "A Harvest Song". Thank you for your harvest donations. These will be donated to the Grantham Food Bank to ensure families in need receive vital basic food and toiletries.



Angela Turner was pleased to welcome back our member, Deanna Hammond who has been absent due to illness these past few months and Jackie, one of the Federation Trustees from Navenby WI who was here just as a visitor. She'd come along, as we all had, to listen to our speaker Horace Liberty a descendant of Arthur Lasenby Liberty, the founder of the famous London store on Regent Street.

Arthur L. liberty was a London based Merchant born in 1843. He was employed in the 1860's by Messrs Farmers and Rogers in their Regent Street store. He offered to become a partner and they refused, so he

borrowed £2000 from his future father-in-law and took on the lease of half a shop opposite theirs. In 1875 he opened his first shop and within 18 months had repaid his loan and acquired the other half of the now, world famous, Liberty store. Meanwhile, Farmers and Rogers had gone out of business!

Arthur sold imported fabrics from China, Japan and Italy which became the biggest part of his stock. He provided costumes and drapes for the first ever performance of Gilbert and Sullivans, The Mikado. The fabrics were block printed by very skilled artists adept at creating repeated patterns. William Morris fabrics were sold alongside Liberty's and by 1885 Liberty's had become a household name. He was progressive and took on board all the latest art and fashion movements. The Aesthetic movement Oscar Wilde favoured, the Arts and Crafts for its simplicity, good craftsmanship and design, the Moorish Craze and Art Nouveau. Liberty's became synonymous with the stylised peacock feather used on fabrics, wallpapers and pottery. By tapping into these different art movements, he was able to buy up leases on neighbouring shops in Regent Street, but he wouldn't let individual designers put their name to their creations, hence the "Liberty print". Archibald Knox designer of metalware and William Moorcroft whose pottery was sold there, were two such designers who had little ways of making their mark on the Liberty products. In 1913, Arthur Liberty was knighted for his service to the decorative arts, but he was never really accepted in society as he was only a "shopkeeper". He discovered there had been a Frenchman by the name of Peter de Liberté who was the liberator of Marseilles but no relation to Arthur, but it sounded plausible and having then written a book about his ancestors, he published 250 and gave them to those who finally accepted him as a pillar of society. He and his wife Emma never had children and so the business was left to his nephew who was made to change his name to Ivor Stuart-





Liberty. Today the Tudor style shop isn't on Regent street at all and was sold in 2000 by the Liberty family and is now owned by a public equity company.

Horace's talk concluded with him telling us he is a third cousin three times removed from Arthur, so a very long way down the line. He brought lots of examples of Liberty fabrics, the famous peacock feather design, and wore a tie with that print. It was a most interesting talk with visuals.

Angela told us of our successes at the Make, Bake and Show competition in October, Caythorpe WI gained a 1st, 2nd and 2 x 3rds and 4 Highly Commended. The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Toby Dennis presented a silver rose bowl to one of our members for the best arrangement in the Floral Art section and our WI came 3rd overall. We were very pleased with our efforts and gave ourselves a round of applause.

We must thank the members who so kindly, knitted, crocheted and made the lovely poppies which they then displayed in St Vincent's church for the Remembrance weekend. Many hours were spent in their creation, I don't have all the members names and don't want to miss anyone out, so thank you all.

Our next meeting is on **THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER** when we will be at **THE RED LION**, Caythorpe for Christmas lunch. Please arrive at 12:00pm for 12:30pm start. **YOU ARE ALL WISHED A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** from everyone at Caythorpe & District Womens Institute. **Sue Case**

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In & Around the Garden

What a wet October we had! I recorded 195mm, the highest monthly total in 18 years of records. So I did not spend nearly as much time in the garden as I would have liked. Most plants did well with the unaccustomed moisture, but my attempts at a meadow area suffered. Cutting it down was postponed by the rain, and a lot of the dying leaves got beaten to the ground, where they made a slimy mess beyond the reach of mower or strimmer. Instead I put a scarifyer over the area to clear away the dead stuff, and planted crocuses, miniature daffodils and tulips, snakes head fritillaries and a few *Anemone blanda* in the remains of the grass. Next year I'll do a cut once the bulb foliage dies down (assuming any of them come up) and leave it to grow long after that.

The year's other big disappointment was my minarette "greengage" tree. After several years of doing nothing, it flowered well in spring and finally produced – purple plums. And most of them had maggots. To be fair, the plums that were edible were quite nice, but they looked remarkably similar to those from a tree I cut down 2 years ago because it fruited poorly and all the plums had maggots. That tree, incidentally, was supposed to be a Victoria plum. Has a nursery somewhere got a surfeit of purple plum trees and come up with mislabelling them as a way to shift the stock? I'd complain, but I cannot now remember where I bought either of them.

Outside the conservatory we have a pair of upright yew trees (*Taxus baccata* 'Standishii')in tubs. This year they had lots of red berries, which attracted the attention of a blackbird. It started by perching on the edge of the pots to reach the fruit, and then started jumping from the ground as high as it could to snatch more. It couldn't perch in the trees because of the upright branches. The only berries left now are right at the top, but although we have lost most of them, it was entertaining to watch the bird while we drank our afternoon tea.

There are still spots of colour in the garden, where a few plants are still flowering from summer. New flowers have appeared on Mahonia 'Soft Caress', which doesn't have the spines of other varieties, and the first *Cyclamen coum* have appeared much earlier than usual. Winter heathers are starting too, and will continue into the New Year. Most of the colour now comes from evergreen shrubs, especially those with yellow variegated leaves. The deciduous grasses are dying back, but I will postpone cutting them down until they start to break up and make a mess. *Panicum virgatum* has gone a nice shade of red, and some of the others have gone yellow or buff. They add a bit of height to the borders where other perennials have died down. JA







Caythorpe & District Garden Society

Our speaker for November was Don Witton, who has had a lifetime in horticulture as lecturer, nurseryman and author and holds a National Collection of Euphorbia. His beautifully illustrated talk, entitled A Hardy Planter's Winter Survival Kit, showed us on how to find interest and beauty in gardens in the dark days of winter.

Firstly, make the most of late autumn flowers. Dahlias, shrubby salvias, and some other hardy perennials will flower until the first hard frost, and hardy chrysanthemums may still have flowers into December. Many grasses maintain their form and sometimes colour up as their top growth dies and they add structure to the winter scene. In addition winter flowering shrubs, often highly scented, come into their own.

Leaf, berry and bark can give colour right through the winter. Variegated evergreens, and those with dark or silver leaves are a good choice, and many shrubs carry bright berries. White stemmed birches and coloured stemmed dogwoods really stand out in low winter sun. If you need more colour, Don suggests visiting gardens open to the public, especially those with dedicated winter walks, or going plant shopping at a garden centre. Heading south to warmer climes can be a good idea too.

By January the earliest flowers are starting to appear, including snowdrops, winter aconites and hellebores, and spring is on the way. Hardy gardeners look forward to another year. Thanks to Don for an enjoyable and encouraging talk.

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Her family moved to Leeds and she eventually met Simon at a barbecue. They have been a close, loving family, with children Daniel, Martin and Harriet. Lorraine always loved having a dog as part of the family, like their bulldog Billy for whom she was definitely top dog, and Barney, again she was pack leader – there's a definite pattern here! Lorraine loved her holidays, to Australia, or simply caravanning on the Continent, especially enjoying good food and a glass of wine.

A very sociable and easily-liked person, Lorraine fully entered into the role of being an army wife, then a policeman's wife as Simon's career changed and, on moving to Fulbeck, Lorraine was determined to play a full part in the community. She was always involved in charity work such as Help the Heroes and Wounded Soldiers, raising money and organising huge shipments of goodies for troops to help raise morale. She won an award from Marks and Sparks for her charity work. As a fit and active woman from school onwards, her highest achievement was to run the 1998 London Marathon in memory of her mother who died from cancer, raising a large sum for charity in the process.

Not content with being just some officer's wife, Lorraine carved out a working role for herself. She had been in the Royal Navy for several years after leaving school, and spent a while as an auxiliary nurse after they moved to Rochester. However, her main career was built at Marks and Spencer, first as a seasonal worker, then full time permanent staff member as her skills were recognised. She was promoted to Team Manager at the Bluewater store, and placed in charge of closing down the Gravesend branch, a very sad time for some of the older local residents. During her 30+ years with them, she moved around a number of other branches in the South East, often as a kind of troubleshooter, and during which time she met and became pally with a number of celebrities such as Tom Baker and Len Goodman. Lorraine was well-known in and around the village, walking almost joined at the hip to Barney. She was co-responsible for introducing planters with colourful flowers around the village, helping to maintain and water them, even in periods of extreme heat and drought and when she was having ongoing problems walking. The planters helped Fulbeck win 3rd Prize of £200.00 for Best Kept Village in 2021. She was an active member of the Fulbeck Village Hall Committee, a key to the installation of the Queen's Jubilee seat on the Village Hall Green, and helping out at most village events. People quickly missed her lovely, sunny presence around the village.

Too soon, we have lost a wonderful asset to this village; warm-hearted, caring, hardworking, funny, friendly. Our deepest sympathies go to her family and close friends, who have already been shocked by her illness, and are now truly grief-stricken. Her funeral will take place at 11:30am, Wednesday 6th December at Grantham Crematorium.

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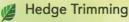
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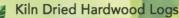


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This year is flying by which I expect many of you are finding, and 2023 will soon be coming to its end. In the three months that I have been here I have been fortunate to meet so many people, through services, coffee mornings, schools and visits and hope that I am getting a feel of the uniqueness of each of the villages. If I haven't met you yet, we have a variety of Christmas services throughout December.

We have just been busy with All Souls' and Remembrance Services, and I was thinking that we are moving away from remembrance as we head towards Christmas, but of course we are not. In the hustle and bustle of December, simply the run-up to Christmas for many whilst in the Church it is the season of Advent, it is important that we pause to think of the significance of this annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, who came that we might have life eternal.

Like everyone else. I will be remembering past Christmases, time spent with family, arguments over the turkey (expensive and from Norfolk when with my in-laws, frozen and from a convenient supermarket when at our house), occasional snow, electricity cuts in the middle of cooking, precious first memories with newborn children. I will also be remembering three family members who will not be with us this year, no names to put in cards or presents to buy, but happy memories of time spent together, Christmas cracker hats worn out on walks and dare I say, lost false teeth! I am so glad I had them in my life.

We have a new baby in our planned family gathering this year and for this we give God thanks. He is the centre of our lives, too small for presents but he'll get them anyway as he is loved and cherished by those who know him. This of course leads me straight back to that tiny child who should be at the centre of all our Christmas celebrations; the child born in a stable two thousand years ago, nestled in straw and visited by shepherds, angels and later Kings bearing unique gifts more suited for when he was older. As we are daily loved and cherished by God, may we all remember to give thanks this Christmas for the most special gift that he has given to all of us,' a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.'

May your Christmas be peaceful and blessed. - Revd. Sara Davies

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Pete's Puzzles Answers on Page 39

- 1. Social Media site 'Twitter' has recently had its name changed to what?
- 2. Which land animal has the largest eyes?
- 3. In Cricket, how many wickets does a side have to take in order to bowl out the opposition?
- 4. What are the two most expensive Properties on the Monopoly Board?
- 5. What do the initials BMW stand for?
- 6. How many strings does a Cello have?
- 7. In Karate, what is the colour of the 2nd highest belt you can be awarded?
- 8. How would the year 2024 be expressed in Roman Numerals?
- 9. What Animal has 2023 been represented by in the Chinese Zodiac?
- 10. And finally, a Christmas one... in the 1960's which pop group had 3 successive Christmas Number 1 Singles?



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2023 - The Year In Review

Sport - Man City captured the Premier League once more, and followed this up with the FA Cup and Champions League too. England Ladies did us proud in the summer reaching the World Cup Final before being pipped at the post by Spain. In Cricket, Surrey retained their County Championship and Saracens won the Rugby Union Premiership.

Royalty - 2023 saw the Coronation of Charles & Camilla, which had the highest TV viewing figures of 2023. We also saw the publication of Prince Harry's memoir 'Spare' which became the fastest selling non fiction book of all time.

Films - 'Barbie' was the highest grossing film at \$1.4b worldwide, and became the highest grossing movie of all time for a solo female director too. 'The

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Super Mario Bros Movie' came in 2nd with \$1.3b and the World War II movie 'Oppenheimer' came in 3rd.

Politics - Nadhim Zahawi, Chairman of the Conservative Party, was fired after being fined by HMRC over his tax affairs. Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab resigned just before being found guilty of bullying Civil Servants and Home Secretary Suella Braverman was fired after her rhetoric led to far right wing groups attacking Police Officers on Remembrance Day. Jacinda Ardern resigned as New Zealand Prime Minister, as did Nicola Sturgeon as Scotland's First Minister.

Obituaries - Fay Weldon - Author, Jeff Beck - Musician, Dickie Davies - Presenter, John Motson - Commentator, Betty Boothroyd - Speaker HOC, Bill Tidy - Cartoonist, Paul O'Grady - Presenter, Nigel Lawson - Former MP, Mary Quant - Fashion Designer, Len Goodman - Dancer, Barry Humphries - Comedian, Jerry Springer - Talk Show Host, Glenda Jackson - Actress, Gordon McQueen - Footballer, George Alagiah - News Presenter, Trevor Francis - Footballer, Mohamed Al-Fayed - Businessman, Mike Yarwood - Comedian, Jean Boht - Actress, Michael Gambon - Actor, David McCallum - Actor, Francis Lee - Footballer, Haydn Gwynne - Actress, Bobby Charlton - Footballer, Bill Kenwright - Theatre Producer.

A. Datrich / 3. Ten / 4. Park Lane & Mayfair / 5. Bavarian Motor Works
 6. Four / 7. Brown / 8. MMXXIV / 9. The Rabbit / 10. The Beatles



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December/January Flower Rota

December: Advent/Christmas
Flower Guild

January: Mrs D Sanders

Church Floodlighting

January 22nd – In loving memory of VAL MARTIN, from her family

May They Rest In Peace

3rd November- Mr Peter Strutt Fulbeck Church

9th November - Mr Robin Dickinson (Caythorpe)
Grantham Crematorium

17th November- Mr Ernest Crawford 'Ernie' Carlton Scroop Church

Baptism

19th November - Emily Elizabeth Freeman Fulbeck Church into the Christian faith

Sidespersons - St Vincent's

3 Dec 10:30am Holy Communion Mr & Mrs Dorey
17 Dec 10:30am Holy Communion Mr & Mrs Brown
22 Dec 7:00pm Carol Service Mr & Mrs Dix
24 Dec 2:00pm Crib Service John Scott
25 Dec 10:30am Holy Communion PCC members
7 Jan 10:30am Holy Communion Mr R Prabucki
21 Jan 10:30am Holy Communion Mrs J Avison

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The same	3 rd Dec	10 th Dec	17 th Dec	CAROL	Xmas Eve	31st Dec	7 th Jan	14 th Jan	21st Jan	28 th Jan
	Advent 1	Advent 2	Advent 3	SERVICES	Xmas Day	Xmas 1	Epiphany 1	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4
Welbourn	9:45 EB/MS	10:30 SD/HC 15:00 F'rest			10:30 VR/HC 16:00 EB Crib		9:45 EB/MS	10:30 VR/HC	15:00 F'rest	10:30 SD/HC
Caythorpe	10:30 SD/нС		10:30 SD/HC	22 nd Dec 19:00 VR	14:00 Crib 10:30 SD/HC		10:30 SD/HC		10:30 SD/HC	
Marston	9:00 BCP/SD HC	15:00 SD Bede		1th Dec 17:00 CS	16:00 CS Crib		9:00 BCP/SD HC		10:30 SD/HC	
Brant Broughton			9:00 SD/HC	22 nd Dec 17:00 VicR	09:45 JH/MS				Эн/аѕ оо:6	9:30 JH/MS
Fulbeck				24 th Dec 19:30 TK	09:00 SD/HC 19:30 TK			09:45 TK/MS		9:00 SD/нс
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Stragglethorpe				17th Dec 15:30 SD						
Brandon	9:45 BCP/CB			15th Dec 18:00 CB			9:45 BCP/CB			
Leadenham			9:45 BCP/HR		10:00 HR	10:30 SD/HC			9:45 BCP/HR	
C'Scroop & Normanton				10 th Dec 17:00 SD						
	NOTE*	re* Beckingham -	ı <mark>m - Janua</mark>	ry 14th 11	January 14th 11:00 - Plough Sunday Service at Rectory Farm	h Sunday S	ervice at F	Rectory Fa	rm	



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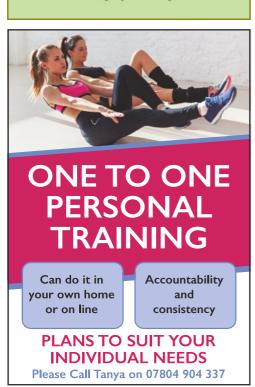
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Time & Date	Event	Place
2 nd Dec	Coffee	St. Vincents
10:30	Morning	Caythorpe
2 nd Dec	Bingo	Caythorpe
18:00		Social Club
2 nd Dec	Bingo	Carlton Scroop
20:00		Social Club
3 rd Dec	Village Hall	Caythorpe
09:00	Breakfast	Village Hall
5 th Dec	Over 60's Club	Fulbeck Sports
14:00		Club
15 th Dec	Chill & Chat	Caythorpe
10:00		Village Hall
16 th Dec	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports
19:00		Club
17 th Dec	Panto -	Caythorpe
15:00	Treasure Island	Village Hall
19 th Dec	Carols Round	St. Vincents
19:00	Xmas Tree	Caythorpe
23 rd Dec	Quiz Night	Carlton Scroop
19:30		Social Club
6 th Jan	Coffee	St Vincents
10:30	Morning	Caythorpe
6 th Jan	Bingo	Carlton Scroop
20:00		Social Club
7 th Jan	Village Hall	Caythorpe
09:00	Breakfast	Village Hall
19 th Jan	Chill & Chat	Caythorpe
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