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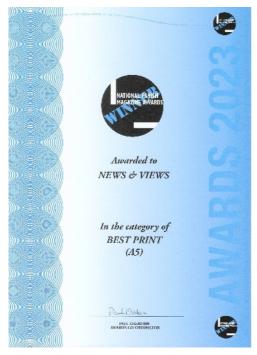




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News Views Editorial

Well hello there and welcome back to the best local magazine around, and that's not just our opinion, as you can see below! As reported in last month's editorial, we won Gold in 'Best Print Quality' (those guys at Westgate Print really do a fantastic job for us) and Bronze overall out of 450 entrants. Go News & Views!



That's enough blowing of our own trumpet for now, we have plenty of other items to discuss in our March Edition. We have our usual jam packed Local Events starting on page 8 with so much to do in our group of Villages there's a whopping seven pages worth! On page 15 we have the long awaited return of The Film Review, this month its the turn of 'Bob Marley: One Love', the biography of Bob Marley detailing his life in music and popular culture.

Remember - The Clocks spring forward at the end of March, to find out more about this, see our article on page 25 and learn how the band 'Coldplay' are remotely attached to this phenomenon...No, really!

There is some sad news regarding the Caythorpe & District WI group on page 26, and an appeal for younger members of our area to step forward and take up the mantle to keep this wonderful group going which hit its 70th Anniversary last year, read on, give it some

thought and step up if you can, remember, It's not the bricks and mortar that make village life so fantastic, but the villagers themselves coming together to support the greater good, can you be the spark that lights the communal lantern? Go on, I bet you can even surprise yourself with what you can achieve if you try! Remember the old Mahatma Gandhi quote "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Maybe it is your time to step up and shine bright like a diamond, show 'em what you can do!

Until next month, stay safe, Pete & Laura

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News & Views News Hound

Well, since I last reported back, I have had much upheaval in my life not least losing my primary Humans for a number of days and yet more burst pipes. It's all going on in my home and sometimes, I don't think I'm quite well enough equipped to cope with it all!

Since I wrote to you at the end of January a terrible thing happened to me. Humum and Dad left me all on my own and went away without me for 3 whole days (N&V EDIT: Ed was left at home with his Hubrothers and Sister who looked after him). They left me on the Saturday morning, I waited for them by the window for a long time, then I waited at the door, then I did some playing with the



Sausage to pass some time and they still didn't come home to me. It started to get dark and finally I managed to get sight of them on Husisters tiny tv box thingy which she called head hour or something like that, Humum and Hudad were in the tiny box, smiling at me and telling me I was a good boy, I told them I was a good boy but they weren't good parent's leaving me all on my own and I'd now called myself Macaulay (N&V EDIT: Ed was not home alone, he was in constant care by his Hubrothers and Sister). They said I had 2 more sleeps and they would be home...now I share my bed with the Humans, they like to think it's theirs but we all know better and that super king bed was mighty big with only me on it. I had to go sleep with the eldest Hubrother, periodically returning to my own bed to see if by any chance my Humans had returned home...they hadn't: (The Sausage did her best to make me happy and to be fair she did keep me amused and she even let me play with her pink bedtime unicorn toy (she never lets me play with that as it's her most specialist toy). She didn't let me sleep on her bed though, she told me her bed was her bed and although she sleeps on my bed, it didn't work the other way round and to 'suck it up big lad' which I thought was a bit rude but apparently they are the Sausage rules and the giving of a pink unicorn toy was suffice to my suffering. I'll store that one away for use at a later date.

On the second day the eldest hubrother fitted all of the new flooring in the younger hubrothers bedroom after the burst pipe...remember I told you about that last month? So it was all finished everyone helped move all the furniture back in and little hubrother was mighty happy to be back on his own bed! The room was back together for not more than an hour or so when the Sausage did a wet patch near the doorway to the bedroom, Husister sorted it out but she did it again in the same place, I was not amused, neither was the sister...she looked a bit harder and saw that it wasn't the Sausage making anything wet at all, it was another burst pipe...everything had to be taken out of the room again and the flooring taken back up, I helped very well and supervised the whole job! By the time I got to bed I was too tired to miss my Humans, they came home the next day, I was most excited, they even bought me a special little toy they called a haggis! The pipes have now been repaired and the floor will be re-laid in a few days and little hubrother can come home from Granny and Grandpa's house, they've been spoiling him well for a few weeks! I think that's it from me, I'll see you really soon, lots of woofs, NH



MARCH 2024





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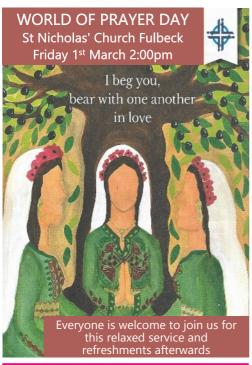
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(We would be grateful if you could let us know if you are joining us for numbers)



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Public Meeting – Mid UK

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Tuesday 16th April 2024 commencing at 7:00pm

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Saturday 9th March at 12:30pm

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It's wonderful to be part of such a welcoming and friendly group. We now even have a kind volunteer willing to offer simple computer and iPhone advice such as connecting new devices to your WiFi.

We simply ask for a donation to cover the cost of refreshments and hire of the hall. Any 'profit' made will be used for the benefit of the community.

So come on in these chilly, miserable days. There's a warm welcome here in Fulbeck Village Hall every Thursday morning from 10:00am to 12 noon.

Leadenham Village Hall



Friday 22 March 2024



A perennial favourite at Ronnie Scott's and festivals throughout the country we are delighted to welcome the Chris Ingham Trio with *Hoagy!* to Leadenham Village Hall on Friday 22 March. The evening will be packed with the songs and stories of one of America's most enduring and endearing songwriters. Wry, wise, sentimental but sophisticated, Hoagy Carmichael's songs are beloved for their warmth, wit and melodic beauty. This joyful, edifying and heartfelt salute to the Old Music Master features many engaging anecdotes and insights along with well-loved hits including Stardust, Lazy River, Georgia on My Mind, Skylark, Ole Buttermilk Sky, Lazy Bones, alongside obscure nuggets and delightful curiosities from this unique songwriter's rich and varied songbook.

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Synopsis: Bob Marley: One Love - The story of how reggae icon Bob Marley overcame adversity, and the journey behind his revolutionary music.

'Bob Marley: One Love' is one for the Fans for sure, the cinema was packed full of people who were no doubt of a certain age demographic who were there to enjoy a film about an idol. While I am familiar with the music (which more than ticked all the boxes on the nostalgia front in this movie) I wasn't fully aware of the full story of Bob Marley and hoped this film would fill in the blanks. Unfortunately, other than the use of frequent flashbacks, it did not fulfil this wish.

This film focused primarily on the 1976 period onwards, with the civil unrest in Jamaica post independence as its prominent backdrop, but this film barely scratches the surface of this conflict which lead to such an impact on Marley's life. The lead roles of Bob and Rita Marley are played by Kingsley Ben-Adir and Lashana Lynch (previously seen as 007's replacement in 'No Time To Die') brilliantly, giving great fully believable performances that immerse you in their complicated love story. While I loved their story together, I felt somewhat shortchanged with other aspects of this cinematography.

The frequency of the flashbacks become somewhat of an interruption to, rather than an embellishment of, the story arc. The flow of the movie feels disjointed and a little too slow paced, while at the same time never really totally submerging the viewer into the world of Bob Marley and The Wailers, only giving glimpses here and there. It feels as if a significant portion of this film was left on the cutting room floor, leaving gaps for the viewer to fill in rather than tempting you deeper into the story.

The musical aspects are fantastic, the path of his conversion and adherence to the Rastafarian faith are touchingly done and the ending of this story was properly emotional without being overplayed or blatant. I just feel that the director missed a trick here by not providing more of a back story of both Bob Marley and of the political strife of the time that formed him into the legend he became. Definitely a fan pleasing movie with great acting and music, but not enough depth for the casual film goer. 2/5 Stars for me.



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ENCOUNTERS

Recounted by Brian Lucas, The Last Rector of Caythorpe & Fulbeck

Williams, Frank

The death some weeks ago of the actor Ian Lavender (pictured below, Right), who played "Private Pike" in Dad's Army, has prompted me to offer as the next Encounter the actor who played the Vicar: Frank Williams. (Pictured below, Left)



Some readers will remember the St Vincent Day Dinners we had in the Village Hall during my time as Rector. I used to invite friends from the world of music and drama as guest speakers at the annual event. One year I invited the actor David Howe (aka Gerard Hayling), who began by telling us that on the way from Grantham he had passed the village of "Barkston, twinned with Pommes de Terre" (a sack of potatoes used to hang outside the farm on the A607). David usually played the part of the 'Vicar' in the comedy series, "Last of the Summer Wine", but he was not the only TV Actor-Vicar among my acquaintances.

In 1975 I returned from a tour of duty at RAF Luqa, in Malta, to RAF Honington near Bury St. Edmunds, in Suffolk. After the Sung Eucharist in the Station Church one Sunday morning, the word went around that filming of "Dad's Army" was under way in Honington village. This was not unusual for the village was not far from the Army's 'Stanford Training Area' (STANTA) where many episodes of the comedy series were filmed. Also, the Director, David Croft, lived in Honington Hall, and the village school hall, where Joy played the piano for School Assembly, became the setting for the Church Hall in Warmington-on-Sea. We popped the children in the car and drove down to join the small crowd of onlookers. The episode required the platoon to parade in Nazi uniforms, and it was most odd to see them marching across the

school playground in jackboots. During a short break while Cpl Jones' van was driven into position, Frank, dressed as The Revd Timothy Farthing, spotted me in my cassock watching from the road, and came across to ask me if I was the Vicar of the parish. I explained my presence, and we chatted until David Croft called for another 'take', demanding absolute silence from the crowd. Ten years later, during my tour at the RAF College, Cranwell, I spent many days with the officer cadets on training exercises at STANTA; the locations of many Dad's Army episodes are very familiar.



Frank was a devout Anglican, and we met again some years later when I was a member of the Church of England General Synod, he was a member of the House of Laity and I was of the House of Clergy, but we were both active members of the Catholic Group in Synod. Frank Williams was excellent company, with a good wit and a fine sense of the incongruous. He came as my guest to a few House Dinners at the Savage Club, where he was always welcomed by the members, especially those who remembered Savage Arnold Ridley ("Mr Godfrey").

Frank Williams was born in Edgware, Middlesex, on 2 July 1931, the only child of William Williams, a Welsh nonconformist, and his wife Alice. He started his acting career in repertory theatre and worked with the Watford Palace Theatre, which was being run by Jimmy Perry, the creator of Dad's Army. His first

appearance on the show was in the episode "The Armoured Might of Lance Corporal Jones", which was the first episode of series three. He thought he had come to make a one-off appearance and did not realise that he would become a regular fixture of the show. He would go on to appear in half of the 80 episodes and both feature films. In 2021, Williams said of his time working on Dad's Army that "it was the happiest period of my professional life.", Frank John Williams died on 26 June 2022, aged 90.





Dear All,

I'm hoping that by the time this article is published, we may be seeing a little more of Spring! And a little less rain!

The New Year saw us having our OFSTED Inspection. Always an extremely stressful time for all of us, but thankfully all our hard work has paid off and we received a "Good" judgement. Not an easy achievement these days!

The Inspector recognised that the children in our setting are kept safe, make good progress in their learning and

development and the staff have developed a warm and caring relationship with the children. We are very pleased with the outcome of our Inspection and the full report can be found at parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.



During the last few months the children have been learning about winter weather. We are now experts in our knowledge of rainfall!! We have been talking about hibernation and the animals waking up from their winter sleep. Also the names of the new animals being born at this time of year. The children completed a survey of the birds they spotted at home and following a chat about how we might look after them, we made bird feeders to hang in their gardens.

On our return to Pre-School, following the half term, we celebrate the Chinese New Year. The Year of the Dragon, providing plenty of opportunities to use our creative ideas and skills and try to use chopsticks! During this half term we also celebrate Easter. We will have Easter Egg Hunts, make Easter Bunnies and hopefully start planting some vegetables and flowers. Fingers crossed for some pleasant weather!

A quick reminder, we are now accepting children from the age of 18 months. Please get in touch if you think you may be interested in a place for your child from September 2024. It's never too early to have a look around our lovely Pre-School.

Our AGM is due to be held on Thursday 29th February at 7:00pm in Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and if you feel you may be able to support us by becoming a Committee Member, your contribution would be very much appreciated, as without a Committee, the Pre-School cannot operate. It would be great to see you there!

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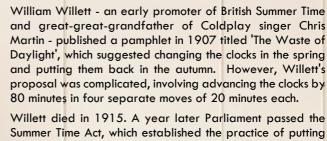
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Clocks Go Forward - March 31st

In 2024 the clocks go forward on Easter Day, 31st March at 01:00am in the UK. Unfortunately, the spring forward means that we lose an hour in bed, which prompts the question "Why do the clocks change?" The clocks go forward for the summer because of a campaign at the beginning of the 20th century to change the clocks during the summer months, in a practice known as British Summer Time. The original campaign attempted to argue that by changing the clocks during the summer people in the northern hemisphere could make more use of the earlier daylight hours.



the clocks an hour forward during the summer.

Today people argue that changing the clocks will be good for:

- reducing energy consumption for environmental reasons
- having longer evenings to support leisure and tourism
- encouraging people to exercise more outdoors
- reducing road accidents

However, opponents of British Summer Time have presented different arguments against daylight saving time, from safety concerns about darker mornings to farmers expressing concern about the effect of changing routines for livestock.

Others argue that changing the clocks is now redundant given that many of us spend most of our time in well-lit homes, shops and offices, where the amount of daylight makes little difference to our lives.

About 70 countries have some form of daylight saving time, but it varies from region to region. Much of Europe and North America, as well as parts of South America and Australasia, change their clocks. However, many countries in Africa and Asia situated around the equator do not change, as Equatorial Countries do not see much difference in daylight

hours throughout the year, therefore do not require or benefit from a daylight saving hour change.

At least we gain that hour back in bed when Autumn comes around, roll on 27th October!



Our February meeting of Caythorpe and District W.I. was the Annual Meeting. Angela Turner, our President, welcomed us all and also Jackie Jukes, a Trustee from our South Lincs Federation as well as Moira Hunt and Pepi Blankley. They are both from local WI's and came to act as tellers. Pepi has also recently been appointed a Federation Trustee.

It was the strangest of meetings as the first half was business as usual and the second half was the Annual Meeting where the new committee is formed and President elected. We heard from Carol Tointon, the current secretary who reminded us of all the fun and

exciting meetings we have had, not just this year but last year too, as she read the Minutes to us.

Pauline Dorey, our Treasurer informed us of our "healthy" bank balance which was to take us forward into the coming year even before we all pay our annual subscriptions.

Angela gave her President's Address and picked out some of her favourite things from last year; in May we celebrated our 70th Birthday and combined it with a celebration of King Charles III Coronation, the "Kimono lady" enthralled us, Tim Stubbs a comedic storyteller had us laughing out loud, we tried "Swishing" in October and enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the Red Lion in December. These were just a few of the highlights. We had made felt hearts for the hospital, knitted, crotched or made felt poppies for St Vincent's Remembrance display, raised money for the Air ambulance and Food bank and so much more.

We went through the motions of holding an election which was pointless when we all knew that none of the committee wished to stand for President or secretary, but protocol decreed we do it. Inevitably, Jackie Jukes told us that she would have to report back that our WI will go into suspension. Suspension lasts for 3 years, the money held in our account will be kept in a Federation Reserve account and if, during that time the WI is re-formed, the funds will be given back to help it start up again. If not, the Federation keep it!

Most of us, myself included have been members for 10, 15, 20, 30 and more years and have been on the committee in various roles. We have at least five of the current membership who have already held the post of President and we feel like it is now someone else's turn.

The new WI can be whatever the new committee want it to be, it can be called whatever you want to call it (within reason!) it can be held in the morning, afternoon or evening. For years it WAS in the evening, but as members got older we preferred day time meetings, but, if there are some younger, working ladies who would love an evening off with their friends for a couple of hours, why not think about clubbing together with your ideas and forming a brand new WI? As Jackie Jukes said "a ship can't sail without a Captain, but equally it can't sail without a crew". This is where the Federation office in Sleaford will be there every step of the way, "you will not be standing alone". You would be starting with a bank balance and a lot of ladies all ready to become members again as well as all the new, younger members you will bring with you.

Having sat and sadly taken in the news, we continued with the meeting and awards were given to the monthly competition winners. Angela reminded us of the sad loss this year of two of our members, Sadie Marshall and Joy Waspe. Long time member, Daphne Page had had a fall and was recovering in hospital but Pauline would be taking her some flowers and a card once she was back home. Pauline presented Angela with Flowers and a card from us all to thank her for her time as President this last few years.

We can spend our funds up until the end of March and so were advised to "have a good March meeting and go out on a high". I hope that we do and that as many members, past, present and future will come and join us for this final meeting. It would have been our 71st birthday in May and so sad that we won't be able to celebrate it.

Our final meeting is on THURSDAY 14th MARCH AT 2:00pm and our speaker will be SHARON HALL FROM LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE who will be talking to us about SCAMS AND FRAUDS. We hope to make the afternoon a celebration of our WI and look forward to seeing you all for a group photo of ALL our members, a copy of which will be available for you to keep to remind you of friendships formed.

Sue Case (Caythorpe & District WI Press and Publicity Officer)

The deadline for the April 2024 Edition of News & Views is midday 17th March 2024.

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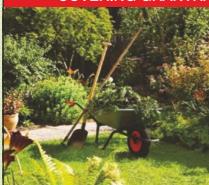
Our first speaker of 2024 was Chris Davey from Seagate Nurseries, near Long Sutton. He and his family took over the nursery in 2018, and specialise in growing bearded irises, of which they have around 1100 varieties. In addition they grow around 150 varieties of Siberian irises and a good selection of other hardy perennials. Entitled 'Irises through the season – March to June', Chris's talk concentrated on bearded irises. The genus Iris includes bulbs as well as rhizomatous perennials, but all have flowers of a similar structure, with 3 upright petals called standards and 3 that curve downwards, known as falls.

The bearded irises have a fuzzy strip along the centre of the falls, which gives them their name. They grow from a fleshy, horizontal rhizome that needs to be half exposed to sun for good flower production, and will flower for years given a sunny spot and good drainage. They are grouped by height, with the dwarf types, about 15cm high, flowering in mid spring followed by the intermediate varieties at around 55cm, and finally the tallest in June at up to 1m in height. The colour range is astonishing and probably the widest of any flower in cultivation. There are a deep dark black, purples and maroons, cream and white, and every colour of the rainbow. Some are bicoloured, with the standards and falls of contrasting colours, and all are spectacular. Chris's enthusiasm was clear from his lively and interesting talk, for which many thanks.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday 12th at Carlton Scroop Village Hall, 7:30pm for 7:45pm. Tim Fuller from The Plantsman's Preference will give a talk entitled 'Unexpectedly Hardy'. Visitors will be most welcome (£5), just come along. For information on the society, please see our website.

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More thoughts from Augustus Peach who lived in Fulbeck at the turn of the $19^{th}/20^{th}$ century. His family were poor, so he provides a vivid picture from that perspective. This valuable and informative historical document will be reproduced pretty much in full without any attempt to correct errors or grammar.

The ordinary farm labourer of the village was an honest and industrious man. Up early in the morning you would see him plodding his way Winter and Summer at six a.m. to some distant farm probably one mile to three or four miles away, with his straw plaided lunch bag slung over his back, probably containing a thick home cured bacon sandwich together with some bread and cheese and a bottle of cold tea, to return at night, each day in the week, with the exception of Sundays. These men were skilled in all farm work; stacking, threshing, hedge plashing, stock breeding and crop cultivating. At harvesttime the labourer would be working until late evening, the good farmer supplying him with a liberal quantity of beer and tea until the Harvest Home. To help on the land from April to the harvest home the Irishmen came over in small gangs, worked liked galley slaves on piece work living in the out buildings on the farm. Friday nights the local shops were busy supplying these Irishmen with their provisions for the week and the settlement of their accounts for the enormous amount of bread consumed the previous week. Many of the village farm labourers on reaching home would find a truly typical Lincolnshire meal awaiting them of boiled home cured bacon with potatoes and greens steaming and covered with the boiling fat from the bacon. After this meal a duty on the small holding with the pigs, poultry and cows, the lighter work having been performed during the day by the industrious wife and family.

The farmers could be divided into two classes, the gentleman farmer, and the working farmer. The former would probably reside in the village, with a farm foreman living at the farmhouse some distance away from the village. The farmer would usually visit his farm early in the morning on horseback, give instructions to his foreman, then on market days visit the markets in the towns nearby. The working farmer with the small farm would work and manage his own land with the help of his family and a labourer or two. The size of a farm was judged according to the number of horses used, two horse, four horse or six horse farm. The farm employee had little chance of joining in the games of the villagers or taking part in the social life of the village.

I well remember an old farm labourer returning from his work one Saturday afternoon after the First World War saying to a neighbour, "Look what the boys have done for me" (meaning of course the returned soldiers) "This is the first Saturday halfday I have had in my life."

On my return from the forces I suggested to the Rector that a Cliff Village football league be organized, so as to give a chance to all farm workers to enjoy a game of competitive football in the Cliff area, now these young men had for the first time leisure on a Saturday afternoon.

This was duly formed and was a success for several years. The first village football league confined to each village footballer as a playing member of his own village team in the country.

The larger farmers took an active part in the sport and social events of the village financially and by their own cleverness and ability as sportsmen with bat and ball.

News & Views Shout-Out



Dear News & Views.

Please can I thank all the kind people who came to my rescue on Tuesday 13th February, when I carelessly tripped on the pavement when I was on my way to the surgery. Thanks to everyone who stopped, and in particular, thanks to the two lovely ladies who were cleaning in the Red Lion and came out, picked me up, and walked me to the surgery, where the professionals took over. I'm pleased to say that I broke nothing but my glasses!

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Liz Moses

Thanks for your letter Liz, glad to hear you are OK and yes, we are lucky indeed - N&V

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As the clock represents a significant landmark to the village, following discussions between representatives of the Church and the Parish Council, it was agreed that a project would be instigated to electrify the clock to negate the need to manually wind (and alter) the clock.

A faculty was obtained from the Diocese (granting permission to carry out the work), and

quotes obtained from a number of specialists qualified to work on the clock. Although the Parish Council was willing to subsidise this work, it was agreed to seek grant funding towards the cost. The Parish Clerk was able to apply for and obtain funding towards the cost of the electrification project, Initially for

£1500 from the Benefact Trust, and later to the tune of £ 12,977 from South Kesteven District Council through their UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This means that this project will be achieved without any cost to the Church or Parish Council.

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The initial electrical work was completed by Carlton Electrical in September of last year and Time Assured began work to the clock in early December. After completely dismantling the mechanism a minor crack was discovered on the strike train and the gears were found to be well worn. If left, these faults would cause the clock to fail. Thankfully the Benefact Trust have agreed that their grant of £1500 could be used for this purpose. The Parish Council met recently at an Extra-Ordinary meeting to discuss this project moving forward. It was agreed that it was more than sensible to replace the gears at this stage.

If you are invisible and you close your eyes....can you see through your eyelids?!

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Pete's Puzzles Answers on Page 37

- 1. What is the main ingredient in hummus?
- 2. Where does the Northern Ireland Assembly sit?
- 3. Which team is Lewis Hamilton joining for the 2025 F1 season?
- 4. What is the square root of 64?
- 5. What is the chemical symbol for iron?
- 6. What is a baby fox called?
- 7. Who's the first child to leave Willy Wonka's tour in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?
- 8. Recently the Kansas City Chiefs won the Superbowl, but on average, how much does a 30 second advert at Halftime cost? \$7m, \$10m or \$12m?
- 9. Climate activists recently threw soup at which famous artwork?
- 10. My favourite number is 752 (don't ask why!), How would this be expressed in Roman Numerals?

Not from the Rectory with Revd. Sara Davies

Revd. Sara Davies 07768706952 / sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org

I am writing to you the day after Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We now turn our attention in the Church from the cradle to the grave, as in from Christmas with the birth of Jesus to his death on the cross on Good Friday. We had a service with ashing yesterday in Caythorpe (and also Leadenham) which is when I put ashes from last year's burnt palm crosses onto people's foreheads in the sign of the Cross. These ashes are a reminder of who we are. The Bible tells us that we came from the dust and to the dust we shall return. The first human was formed out of the dust of the earth by God and then God breathed life into that dust. That is a powerful image.

The ashes are also a sign of repentance since Lent is a time of mourning for all that we have done wrong in our lives. It is a time when we are called to repent and change our ways. The mark of the cross is a mark of ownership. These ashes remind us that we are Christ's - that he died so that we might live.

Not many people come to ashing services anymore, even though we have services in the morning and the evening. They are however a good opportunity to take a short time out of our busy lives and think about how we have lived our lives, how we have behaved and how we have treated others. Ultimately we have time to think how we might change our ways. In our current world of conflict, uncertainty, inequality and prejudice I think we all need to stop sometimes and think what we are contributing to it both good and bad.

Easter is the ultimate time of a new way of being. Over the Easter weekend we will go through the despair of Jesus' death on the Cross, the grief of him being laid to rest in a tomb and the absolute joy on Easter Day when we embrace his resurrection. We get to understand that death is not the end for us, Christ through his bearing of our sins offers us life eternal. Perhaps this all sounds a bit heavy for a magazine article, but sometimes we need to stand up and be counted for what we believe in. Our walking around our villages with a badly drawn cross of ashes on our heads does exactly that, it shows who we are and who we belong to, much like the membership badge of any organisation or group.

And so to Easter Day and how we will celebrate it in our village churches. For those who like an early start, we have a dawn service at 6:00am at Marston Church where we will light the Easter Candle from a fire which we have lit and have bacon butties afterwards. Hough on the Hill has a 10:30am service of Holy Communion (modern) with special musical input, and Brant Broughton has an Easter Service at 10:30am followed by an egg hunt. You are very welcome to join us. We have other special services over the Easter weekend which are advertised.

It's never too late to stop and take stock of our lives, consider where we are heading and if we need to address a new way of being. As always I am here for you all, whether or not you have a faith. Happy Easter!

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



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Sunday 10 th March - Lent 4 Mothering Sunday		Tue	sday 27 th March	
Hough OTH	9.00/ TL/SD Holy Communion	N'ton & C Scroop	7.00pm/SD Compline	
Fulbeck	9.45/ TK Mothering Sunday	Wedr	nesday 28 th March	
Sunday 17 th N	larch - Lent 5 Passion Sunday	Hough OTH	7.00pm/SD Compline	
Caythorpe	10.30/ VR Holy Communion	Thursday 29 th March		
Sunday 2	4 th March - Palm Sunday	Caythorpe	7:00pm Compline / ALMs	
Fulbeck	9.00/SD Holy Communion	Friday 30 th March		
Hough OTH	9.45/ JK Morning Service	Caythorpe	2-3pm Last Hour ALMs	
Sunday	31st March - Easter Day	Fulbeck	7.00pm/ TK Dressing of the Cross	
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Time & Date	Event	Place	
1 st March 10:30	Coffee Morning	St Vincent's Caythorpe	
2 nd March 13:30	Fulbeck Utd Home Game	Fulbeck Sports Field	
2 nd March 19:00	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club	
2 nd March 19:30	Bingo	Carlton Scroop Social Club	
3 rd March 09:00	Village Hall Breakfast	Caythorpe Village Hall	
6 th March 14:00	Craft Club	Hammond Pavilion	
6 th March 12:30	Mid-Lent Soup Lunch	St Vincent's Caythorpe	
9 th March 10:00	Scouts / VH Fundraiser	Caythorpe Village Hall	
9 th March 13:30	Fulbeck Utd Home Game	Fulbeck Sports Field	
12 th March 14:00	Over 60's Club	Fulbeck Sports Club	
15 th March 10:00	Chill & Chat	Caythorpe Village Hall	
16 th March 08:30	Table Top Sale	Fulbeck Village Hall	
16 th March 19:00	Mid UK Public Meeting	Caythorpe Village Hall	
16 th March 19:00	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club	
22 nd March 18:15	Film Night	Caythorpe Village Hall	
26 th March 14:00	Over 60's Club	Fulbeck Sports Club	
26 th March 19:30	Quiz Night	Carlton Scroop Social Club	
30 th March 19:00	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club	



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