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News Views Editorial

Well Hello There... It's been a while since I've been let loose with an editorial, so I best make it a good one!

As I'm sitting writing this it's raining outside, not proper rain just that drizzly rain that's a bit of nuisance but as gardeners would say, any rain is good rain but I'm not a gardener so it's just a bit annoying for me. I love to look at gardens and appreciate how much effort goes into a pretty garden, my parents vast garden is stunning and a real testament for how much time and effort they put into it. I'm happy just cutting my grass and maybe watering a few tomato plants (but I can even manage to palm those jobs off onto Pete or the children).

Anyway, onto this months magazine, we recently received a comment on Facebook that we didn't have enough content and had too many adverts, what do you think? We'd love to hear from you too. If you have anything to say or a story to tell, a life event to share, a lesson learnt please email us, we are happy to anonymise articles as long as we know where they come from and, please don't forget, people love to read articles, happy, sad, heartfelt, you name it and it will be read! Something you have to say might be the one thing that helps someone that day, never underestimate the power of your words and with that in mind let me summarise what's within our 44 pages this month...

The News Hound is being itchy, we've got lots of upcoming events including the last Gala Fundraising Quiz ahead of September, a write up about the last one held in February, a double page pull out of Caythorpe & District WI whose last meeting was held in March with some beautiful photo's taken during their 70 years, Brian Lucas' Encounters features Richard Burton this month, In and Around the Garden is back and we have news from both Hough and Fulbeck Parish Councils. You'll also find an advert for a Litter Picker in Caythorpe within the pages too!

Talking of rain, sorry, it got me thinking, I need to have a shout out to our Distribution Team, we now have a team of over 40 volunteers who head out, whatever the weather, to bring N&V to your door, thank you, you are all fantastic and we appreciate each and everyone of you!

Finally, we'd like to send a big thank you to Daniel and Sarajane Sheard, Organisers of the Loveden Cider Co-operative in Carlton Scroop who invited us to their Cider Tasting and Roast Pork Supper on the 8th March. The food and cider was amazing, the atmosphere was relaxed, the bar staff were, as ever, full of smiles and we met some lovely new people, what more could we ask for?! We are already looking forward to next years event!

We'll see you next month, Pete & Laura

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News & Views News Hound

Well, would you look at that, I've been popped infront of the flat black box and told that 'it's that time again', who knew this would happen again so quickly, I am convinced that the time goes more quickly when the days get more light in them!

So what have I got to tell you this month, let me think as it seems to have been a long time since the smallest Hubrother came home after the flood. Oh yes, I know, I've had a few issues of my own, it's a bit embarrassing really and mostly of my own making (apparently) but I know you are my friends and understand the way of the dog so I'm happy to share!

Back in the day when I was a small pup, I didn't have a happy tummy and it took a bit of playing around with my food

until my tummy felt good and I didn't evacuate a room when my bottom went pop. I have these powders in my food and special sweets to help me otherwise I get really itchy too, apparently I have these things called allergies, I think that makes me extra special:) Anyway, this month, I have been really really itchy and the Humans just couldn't work out why, I've had to chew my paws a lot. I've been leaving wet spots when I have been biting myself over the beds and it's causing questions over damp patches... honestly, they've been trying lots of things to make me better. Mr Hissy was very smug about me being uncomfortable, he's still hanging out in his box bed on the table in the kitchen, he even has a hanging bird which he bats and it tweets at him, I roll my eyes at him to hide my jealously.

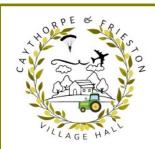
I need to report that we've had a cat in our garden, it even stole a cloth from our garden and took it into next doors garden, I wonder what it's got to be cleaning up with our cloth wherever it took it. I think it's a power thing, stealing from a Pups garden, it also parades in the garden whilst the Sausage and I are behind a closed door, it wouldn't be so brave if it was open. Of course when the door is opened we get some good kitty sniffs, but the kitty in question has always gone off to hide elsewhere, they are too cunning these felines...speaking of cunning, I need to finish telling you about my itching...

So it was one night that Mr Hissy was getting fed his kibble, he has special kibble for indoor cats because he won't go out, Hudad looked at the ingredients and would you know it's chicken based, now, as much as I try to eat the kitty food, I get caught before I can manage to snaffle any...Sausage has no hope as her legs are too short and she can't reach up high *snarf* Now Humum says I'm allergic to chicken and bird proteins, they make me really itchy and make my bottom pop too but sometimes if Humum or Hudad aren't fast enough first thing in the morning, I take my chances and unashamedly sneak some of Mr Hissy's litter snacks. I am not allowed to get back onto Humum and Hudad's bed if I've managed to snaffle, however, it occurred to Hudad that the litter snacks that I'd snaffled were causing me to be itchy as they had chicken in...see I told you, my bad habits are getting me into trouble...it's a dog thing, we'll eat or roll in anything if it smells dirty enough. So since the Humans have managed to be more cunning than me or Mr Hissy, my itching seems to be improving!

So on that note, I think I'd best get some sleep, it's hard work all of this 'coming clean' ttfn, News Hound 📽



APRIL 2024





The Village Hall Breakfast Sunday 7th April

9am - 11am

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

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Carlton Scroop Social Club Saturday 20th April 7:30pm for 8:00pm Start



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Carlton Scroop & Normanton On Cliffe Village Hall

Comedy Night

details of times etc to follow but will be very similar to last year's successful show!

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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 April at 2pm.

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.

Over 60's Club
at
Fulbeck Sports Club
9th & 23rd April
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The Craft Club

Wednesday 3rd April
2:00pm - 4:00pm

@The Hammond Pavilion,
Caythorpe

£2 per person to include

refreshments

All Welcome

Public Meeting – Mid UK

A follow up meeting with representatives of Mid UK regarding issues with the Caythorpe operation will be held at Caythorpe Village Hall on Tuesday 16th April 2024 commencing at 7:00pm

If you would like to hear about what is happening at their site and have the opportunity to put any issues or comments to the company, then please come along.

Andy Crawley, Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council

Sudbrook – Carlton Scroop – Normanton on Cliffe Community Hub 2024

The next session of the first quarter will be on **Good Friday, March 29th**, with a teatime slot of **4pm-7pm**. Food format to be decided.

New guests, volunteers and donors are always welcome, as are any suggestions for how we can improve the Hub.

Contact Daniel Sheard 07484616045 or e-mail CarltonScroopHub@gmail.com





Fulbeck's Fantastic Car Boot Season Kicks off Saturday 13th April

8:00am - 1:00pm (set up 7:00am onwards)

Loads of pitches selling all sorts of de-clutter items from homes, lofts, garages, gardens, including charity tables and traders selling plants, food, bric à brac, garden tools and antiques.

Meet up with friends, family and neighbours.

Baps filled with luscious, best quality bangers or bacon, hand-cooked on the barbie, steaming tea or coffee served by volunteers from the Social Club.

Bargain prices.

Plenty of parking, pitches only £5.00, just turn up with your table.

Dates for this year's car boots: 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September at Fulbeck Sports Field. Plenty of parking and refreshments.

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Hosted by The Gala Team with Quiz Master Pete, it's always good!

Saturday 27th April 2024 at Caythorpe VH 7:00pm for 7:30pm start £5 entry to include Quiz & Nibbles

Bar provided with all the usual suspects: Beer, Lager, Cider, Wine, Soft Drinks! Booking Essential, call Laura on 07375 701575 to save a table



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 8th March 2024 are; Jars of pasta sauce, Tinned fruit, Bottles of squash, Pot noodles, Breakfast cereal, Biscuits & Dog food.

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

CAYTHORPE AND DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

Tues 9th
7:30 for 7:45
Carlton Scroop
Village Hall

Speaker: Martin Fish 'Getting Started with Fruit and Vegetables'

Visitors welcome: £5 including light refreshments. Just come along. For information on the society, see our web page or call 01400 279100 Timetables for Caythorpe Children's Centre are now available via the link below:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directoryrecord/62593/caythorpe-children-scentre

We have a new session every Wednesday morning 'Stay and Play under 1's' (not yet walking) See timetable online for all the details.



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

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Fulbeck's Marie Curie Table-top Sale

Residents and visitors alike were eager to search for bargains when the doors opened on the table-top sale in Fulbeck's Village Hall on 16th March. Or was it the lure of the aroma of scrumptious bacon rolls and cheese toasties, teas and coffees!? And it was the brightest of Saturday mornings. The sun surpassed itself.

There were bargains aplenty. Cuddly toys, books, jigsaws galore, glassware, crockery, pretty little make-up bags complete with a selection of make-up in them, lovely brightly beaded pens, and an assortment of clothes for all ages and tastes, and so much more, including beautiful spring plants. And all this topped off by the delicious pastries and other treats, savoury and sweet, from Choppers. Nothing like a chocolate brownie after a bacon roll with brown sauce! Mustn't forget the Tombola!

A huge thank you to the vendors who came out early on the morning to fill the tables with their many wares. It was lovely to see young children helping with the stalls. And an equally huge thank you to the kitchen volunteers; among them, Carol whose cooking was appreciated by all, including me; and to Jenni and Kate, and Rose, our nonagenarian tea lady. Yes, she is 90 years old and sprightly as ever! It was a pleasure to work with you all.

Thank you to all who donated in some way to this worthy cause and made the day such a success. The total amount collected was £281.50.







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On Saturday 24th February, eleven teams met up to challenge each other in mental battle, and to see if the current Champions, Bananarama, could be toppled, and oh boy was it a close run thing! Going into the final round we had 4 teams within 3 points of each other, with just the music round to go...The atmosphere could be cut with a knife....well not really, it's way more relaxed and fun than that! As you can see from the scorecard below, Banarama defeated previous champs The Superovers by just a single point!

We had two newcomers 'The Lager Tops' finishing a respectable 3rd and The Bowling Club who had a great time and will return to improve on the Wooden Spoon spot!

The Walking Group brought along three teams, with the Striders living up to their name by finishing above The Strollers & The Stragglers!

We had rounds on TV, Films and a new one for us, 'Cheese or Service Station'! Would you know the difference between a Service Station just outside

Grimsby and a Goats Cheese?! If So, why not come along on April 27th and give it a go!

Pictured above left, The Gala Team keeping an eye on proceedings & pictured above right, The winning team, Bananarama with Quiz Master Pete.

APRIL EVENTS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT...

2nd AprilWorld Autism Awareness Day: Autism-friendly events and educational activities take place all through the month of April to increase understanding and acceptance and foster worldwide support.

Unicorn Day: A day to celebrate the most popular mythical creature ever, which is also the symbol of Scotland.

Siblings Day: Based on traditional Indian festival of Rakshabandhan, which is hundreds of years old, honouring the relationships of siblings.

National Pet Day: National Pet Day was created to celebrate the joy pets bring to our lives and to create public awareness about the plight of many different kinds of animals awaiting a forever home in shelters and rescues all around the globe.

13th AprilNational Scrabble Day: National Scrabble Day is observed annually on April 13th. April 13th specifically was chosen in honour of Scrabble's inventor, Alfred Mosher Butts.

22nd April Earth Day: Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth. The Earth Day organisation campaigns on environmental issues worldwide and promotes sustainability and reducing pollution.

National Shakespear Day: 23rd April was both Shakespeare's birthday and date of his death. Celebrations are held in his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon and around the UK.

St George's Day: The annual celebration of England's patron saint is not a national holiday in England, however it is celebrated by flying the English flag and by taking part in traditional English activities such as morris dancing.

Penguin Day: Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.

International Dance Day: A celebration day for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance", and acts as a wake-up-call for governments, politicians and institutions which have not yet recognised its value.

International Jazz Day: International Jazz Day brings together communities, schools, artists, historians, academics, and jazz enthusiasts all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots, future and impact.

30th April

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Caythorpe & District Women's Institute Final Meeting of 14 March 2024

Where to start? Today is to be the final meeting being held by Caythorpe & District WI before we go into "suspension" as explained in last month's News & Views.

I have spent the last few days looking through our archives and old photo albums and cannot begin to list all the wonderful, fun and interesting things we have done over the years, there are so many, but what struck me more, was the dedication and devotion given by so many of the current members

whose faces repeatedly appear in so many of the photographs I looked at. I must name them because they deserve the recognition; Janet Hoddell, Deanna Hammond, Pauline Dorey, Ann Ashcroft, Sue Dix, Kath Metheringham, Angela Turner, Barbara Phelps and Carol Tointon - the stalwarts. Their faces appear at our 40th birthday party, 50th, 60th and of course, last year's 70th. Janet told me she has been a member over 40 years and has always been a committee member as well as our President on more than one occasion. Likewise, Deanna has been a member since the early 70's and received an award for being the longest serving committee member at our 60th celebration. Many of the others have also been President more than once and I, myself had the honour of being elected for a four-year term as President around 2010. I had moved to the village in 2005 and was warmly welcomed by the WI and quickly became a committee member (new blood and all that), but it was the best thing I could have done. I have made life-long friendships and am sure the other members feel the same way, our age differences dissipate when we are all having fun.

The first ever meeting of Caythorpe WI (when other WI's closed later on they joined us and we became '& District') was on 20th April 1953 and was held in Caythorpe Hall where its founder and first president, Mrs Louise Gray lived with her husband Arnold. Once word got around, from that 1st meeting with nine members it grew to forty at the next and eighty by the following year. Kath's sister, Margaret Metheringham was the last surviving founder member of those original nine.

1953 was a remarkable and memorable year anyway with the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey, the conquering of Everest by Hillary and Tensing, the dreadful East Coast floods in England and Elvis Presley's record "All Shook Up" became his first No. 1 record on the UK charts and remained there for 7 weeks, to name but a few.

I have picked out a few photographs from our archive highlighting some of the events and people, it was very difficult to choose as there were so many I would have loved to have shared, but in particular the two showing the beautiful hand stitched tablecloth which was made to commemorate our 60th birthday in 2013 was a must. I discovered a book in which the stitchers had recorded their initial ideas, samplers and supplier of the cloth. The finished product is wonderful and deserves to be on display for all to see. Another, records the WI

tent at Caythorpe Gala which raised over £500 for the new Play area selling cakes, jams, crafts and more, all made or grown by members, the photo shows past members Robina Heald, Linda Stevens and Robbie Squire as well as myself. Two of the others show members at a Christmas party and the 50th birthday celebrations, the 60th birthday celebration cake















and the one made when the WI in the UK was 100 years old. The final photo is of when Pauline Dorey, Janet Hoddell, Ros Hollingworth and Deanna Hammond (along with Rachel from Rippingale WI) embarked on a once in a lifetime trip to Canada to the birthplace of the very first ever meeting of the Women's Institute. These just touch on the wonderful stories and memories we all have of the many members, some of whom are no longer with us, and the fabulous events attended, famous people we've met and above all the fun we have had. It is truly a sad day.

This afternoon at 2pm, around thirty of us gathered to be officially suspended. Lincolnshire South Federation (LSFWI) Chair, Tina Orange and Trustees Liz McIntosh and Jackie Jukes were in attendance to do the formalities. We were quite subdued as Angela Turner welcomed us all and the two people booked to speak (long before we knew we would be closing) Richard and Sharon from the Fraud Protection service based at Nettleham Police Station.

Once business was over, we heard how each one of us is a fraud victim every day, but not aware of it. How many of us get calls 'from BT', emails telling us we have a parcel to pick up, WhatsApp messages saying, 'Hello Mum' and so on and so forth? We watched 2 videos of how these scams are carried out and it is quite frightening how even the most scam aware can get sucked in. Richard handed out a booklet with all the contact details etc. for us to share with families and friends before we were all invited to enjoy the Watkins buffet and Prosecco organised by the committee.

It is not quite the end as ten of us are going to the LSFWI Annual meeting on 20th March at Spalding. There, we will be hearing one of the speakers, Professor Jonathan Van Tam and enjoying shopping at the Retail Park. The following evening there will be a group of us visiting the Palace Theatre to see Newark Amateur Society's production of Evita. I am sure there will be many more occasions where we can all get together again too.

Don't forget that The Craft Club is continuing in the Hammond Pavilion on the 1st Wednesday of each month, it is open to everyone, crafter or not. Just come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with friends and maybe, learn something new. Admission £2 to include refreshments. That's it! Sue Case



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





When I was in my teens, Richard Burton's younger brother, Graham Jenkins, was the Markets Manager for Port Talbot Borough Council. Although always busy he was a friendly man who did the right thing and gave me a job selling deck chairs on the beach when I applied to him for holiday work. It wasn't his fault that a fortnight of gales that August kept tourists away and eventually ripped the roof off the Deck Chair shed. Of his generosity he assigned me to the Council Road mending gang instead. Two years earlier I had encountered his famous older brother.

Burton was born Richard Walter Jenkins on 10th November 1925 in a terraced house at 2 Dan-y-bont in Pontrhydyfen, in the Afan Valley in South Wales. He was the twelfth of thirteen children born into the Welsh-speaking family of

Richard Walter Jenkins who was a coal miner, while his mother, Edith, worked as a barmaid at a pub called the Miner's Arms in the village of Pontrhydyfen, where she met and married her husband. Richard was barely two years old when his mother died six days after the birth of Graham, the family's thirteenth child. Following Edith's death, Richard's elder sister Cecilia, whom he affectionately addressed as "Cis", and her husband Elfed James, also a miner, took him under their care. Richard lived with Cis, Elfed and their two daughters in their three-bedroom terraced cottage, 73 Caradoc Street, Taibach, a smoky district of Port Talbot.

From the age of five to twelve, Burton was educated at the Eastern Primary School in Taibach. In March 1937 he passed the scholarship exam for entrance to Port Talbot Secondary School, one of the two co-educational grammar schools in the town and known affectionately as "The Sec." Burton was the first member of his family to go to secondary school. At a young age he had an excellent speaking voice and showed an interest in reading poetry as well as English and Welsh literature.

His schoolmaster, Philip H Burton, known as 'PH', was the English master, and an enthusiastic producer of the annual school play. That was a tradition which began soon after the foundation of the school, and was still in existence in the 1950s, when my wife and I were pupils at "The Sec". Years later, I followed in Burton's footsteps by making my first appearance on the stage in a minor role in the school's production of T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral"; for Burton it was George Bernard Shaw's "The Apple Cart." PH saw the potential in his young pupil, and began to train his voice, But Richard decided to leave school by the end of 1941. When he joined No.499 (Port Talbot) Squadron of the Air Training Corps as a cadet, he re-encountered PH, who was the squadron OC. He also joined the Taibach Youth Centre, a youth drama group led by Leo Lloyd, a steel worker and avid amateur thespian, who taught

him the fundamentals of acting. PH gave him a part in a radio documentary/adaptation of his play for BBC Radio, Youth at the Helm (1942). Seeing the talent Richard possessed, Philip re-admitted him to school on 5 October 1942. PH Burton now tutored his charge intensely in school subjects, and also worked at developing the youth's acting voice, including outdoor voice drills which improved his projection, and which almost eradicated his local Welsh accent.

In the autumn of 1943 Richard became Philip's legal ward and changed his surname to "Richard Burton" by means of deed poll, which Richard's father accepted. It was also in 1943 that Richard qualified for admission into a university after excelling in the School Certificate Examination. Philip requested Richard to study at Exeter College, Oxford as a part of a six-month scholarship programme offered by the RAF to academically qualified cadets prior to active service.

In 1944, Burton successfully completed his six-month scholarship at Exeter College, and went to the RAF Medical Board prior to training as a pilot. His eyesight disqualified him from pilot training, and he was posted as a trainee navigator. He served in the RAF for three years, initially as aircraftsman 1st Class before a posting to an RAF base in Canada to work as an instructor. His habits of drinking and smoking increased during this period; he was discharged from the RAF on 16 December 1947. Following a successful Hollywood period including "The Robe" and "Alexander the Great", Burton returned to The Old Vic to perform "Henry V" for a second time. The production opened in December 1955 to glowing reviews and was a much-needed triumph for him. He was married to Sybil Williams, his first wife who was a lovely Welsh lass adored by all who knew her. They had a bungalow facing west across Swansea Bay in the Baglan area of Port Talbot where they escaped the high life of the theatrical world. It was here that I encountered the world-famous actor.

Every year in December, the GPO employed older school pupils to sort the Christmas mail in a temporary sorting office in the Drill Hall. In December 1955 I was considered old enough for employment as a Telegram Boy. I was allocated a heavy GPO bicycle, a heavy GPO weatherproof cape which spread over the handlebars and a hat, and with two other lads formed the telegram delivery team. We went out all over town in turn; when a telegram arrived in the office it was given to the lad whose turn it was irrespective of the distance. The pay was meagre, but the tips were good and averaged two bob a delivery! I recall a day when it was warm in the office but outside the rain was pouring down, and I was next to go out. The Dispatcher came in with a telegram, I stood up as he handed it over to me and said, "You'll be alright with this one! It's for Richard Burton in Baglan and it's good news about his new play in London." The rain poured off my cape as I pedaled up the steep hill which led to Baglan. The bike weighed a ton, and the rain became heavier, but my mind was on a decent tip at journey's end. At last I leaned my bike against the front garden wall, and all hat and cape, I walked down the garden path and rang the bell at the front door. It was answered by the great man; "Telegram, Mr Burton" I said. He opened the envelope and smiled as he read the telegram. "Any reply, sir?". "No." he replied and closed the door. The rain hadn't eased, but at least it was downhill back to the Post Office, where the Telegram Delivery Team wanted to know the enormous size of my tip. It took ages to convince them that there was no tip! Despite his many faults and huge acting stardom, he never forgot his roots. He returned to

visit his family whenever he could and enjoyed the banter and the beer in the Aberavon Rugby Club. He died suddenly from intracerebral haemorrhage on 5th August 1984 at his home in Céligny, Switzerland, at the age of 58 and was buried at the Old Cemetery ("Vieux Cimetière") of Céligny with a copy of Dylan Thomas's poems. I visited his grave in 1988; it was very peaceful on the north bank of Lake Geneva. I took a small phial of Welsh Whisky from my pocket, took a sip and poured the rest on his grave space in thanks for the pleasure his work had given me in his film career.
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Hogwarts Touch the Stars

Last week Hogwarts had an out of this world experience as they took part in the Starlincs workshop. The morning began with the inflatable dome in the hall. In the dome the children got to see all the planets and constellations. Lucy amazed the children with her

Caythorpe Primary School



knowledge. The Planetarium visit was very interactive. The children also got to experience a variety of other activities including eating space food, making their own spacecraft and even smelling space!

Jack M's favourite part was the stars in the inflatable dome but making the clay models was great fun. Poppy and Jess B thought the activities were interactive and intriguing.

Radio Stars!

This week, Caythorpe provided the voices for Joseph Begley's daily feature on his morning show, "Hide and Seek!" Listeners have a different clue each day to reveal the identity of a mystery location around the world. Jessica was super cool with her clue on Monday morning. Perhaps Jack can add radio presenter to his list of possible future careers too! Matilda and Florence's truly charmed Joseph and the listeners.

Can you guess where in the world the children from Caythorpe are describing? <u>Listen again on our news page.</u>

CGS Basketball Event

Mrs Hunt took some year 3's and 4's to the CGS basketball event this Friday. The aim of the event was to introduce basketball skills to some of our year 3/4's and hopefully engage them in wanting to play the sport again.

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In & Around the Garden

There have been few days recently when I have not been in or around the garden at all. Getting older has made me rather a fair weather gardener, and we haven't had much fair weather. Nevertheless, I have started the new season by sowing seeds. I usually use all purpose compost diluted with sharp sand and vermiculite (seeds need fewer nutrients), but this year I bought some peat free seed compost. It is surprisingly coarse and I am not convinced that the tiniest seeds will like it when I sow them later in March. Tomatoes and salad crops are easy and emerged very quickly, but I was surprised when seedlings appeared from an ancient packet of basil seeds that I sowed on the off chance that there might be some life left in them.

The dahlia tubers have spent the winter packed in leaf mould in an unheated conservatory, but when the first shoot appeared I watered all the pots to get them going. I have tried leaving them in the ground in previous years, but the first leaves got chewed off which set the plants back and they didn't flower until August. By letting them get quite large indoors, then hardening them off, they shrug off a bit of damage when they are planted out and flower much earlier.

The long border beside the drive, which I planned for shrubs and trees, is bright with primroses, *Cyclamen coum*, sweet violets and dark leaved dog violets. All these appeared once the thicket of snowberry and brambles was cleared away. They now look very cheerful beside the miniature daffodils given to me as potted bulbs several years ago. I planted them out when the flowers were finished and each bulb is now a small clump. Foxgloves have appeared too, and will flower later.

Most of the colour in the back garden is below knee height at the moment, with hellebores, winter heathers, *Anemone blanda* in white and shades of blue, a few oxlips and lots more primroses. In the shade of trees our native daffodils are at their best, set off by sky blue scillas. A few shrubs are in flower, including a bright red Japanese quince, a beautiful cream camellia and a golden current, which has a lovely scent.

I cleaned out the bird boxes last month, just in time as the birds are now staking out their territories and singing loudly. It is amazing just how much noise a wren can make. I love to watch them picking through the border by the house, eating things too small for me to see. Lately we have seen quite a lot of the red kites. A pair were circling around a few days ago, possibly the pair I saw last year on the edge of Caythorpe village. They are said to be monogamous, returning to the same nesting site in broadleaved woodland each year. Spring is definitely in the air. JA Pictures L-R Oxlips, Camelia, Anenome Blanda, Violets & Primroses



Caythorpe & District Garden Society

Our speaker for March was Tim Fuller, who runs The Plantsman's Preference nursery on the Norfolk-Suffolk border. Tim's preference is for hardy perennials, and the title of his talk was 'Unexpectedly Hardy'.

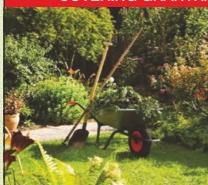
Tim concentrated on a few plant families not generally thought to be hardy. In many cases the species he chose are native to the cold mountains in warmer countries, but with good drainage and a dry mulch in winter they can be grown successfully here. He listed nine varieties of Begonia from three species that originate from the Far East. They need partial shade and tend to be slow to start into growth but the largest of them can reach 3ft high in a season. His second group were Impatiens: not the familiar Busy Lizzies, but tall perennials with hooded flowers.

The list also included four species of Oxalis, best grown on a rockery, four Persicaria, grown mainly for their foliage and two Commelina that resemble Tradescantia (Spiderwort) house plants. Eucomis (Pineapple Lily) need sharp drainage and full sun but the tallest reaches 10ft. He also recommended the hardy gingers, exotic looking plants, that are not just hardy, but enthusiastic spreaders in some cases. His final selection was three unusual Fuchsias, including one that will produce trailing stems up to 10ft long. Many thanks to Tim for a most interesting and well illustrated talk.

Our April meeting will be on Tuesday 9th, 7:30 for 7:45 in Carlton Scroop Village Hall. Martin Fish will talk on 'Getting Started with Fruit and Vegetables'. Visitors (£5) and new members (£25) will be most welcome.

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The Village Parson

The Reverend Vere Francis Willson M.A. was the Rector throughout my young days in the village. An abnormal man big and tall, his half tall hat together with long clerical coat made him an outstanding figure in the village. He was more than a parson, he was interested and took part in all the activities of the village even to helping the farmers in their work and much to our displeasure in meting out punishment with the cane to the boys at school, whenever the schoolmaster was unable to attend school. He seems to us boys always to be somewhere in the neighbourhood and often visited the school in the early mornings.

He could be very stern and also very amiable, good natured and kind. He undoubtedly loved to be a benefactor and the Sunday School children's annual Summer treat was enjoyed as much by him as the children. On that day we should have our instructions to bring to school a mug each, then to be marched to the Rectory in fours. There we should find the trestled tables laid out on the lawn covered with beautiful white tablecloths, highly polished tea urns at each end, and soon after our arrival covered with all the good things for a special treat to children in those days. During the tea the Rector together with the Rector's servants looked after our requirements. He would go round, lift up each child and say "You must have more, can you hold it?" After tea, time would be spent in games, racing supervised by him and even if you were unlucky, the loser could be sure of a prize. Before going home, each child received a bun and an orange.

He was sometimes included in the cricket team, but he was no player. Annually he would entertain all the policemen from the district at the Rectory to tea followed by a game of bowls on his lawn and a cricket match on the village cricket field. I remember at one such party (I was employed as boy at the Rectory at the time) during his speech he said "You know policemen like a parson are never popular, if I go down my drive and the lads of the village standing at the corner see me coming they say, 'Here's the b----- parson coming'? I know because they would gesticulate and begin moving away. "During the Summer Messrs Boots Chemists staff at Lincoln would pay an annual trip to the Rectory, given tea and entertained. Choir supper at the Rectory after the Harvest Festival with another choir party every Christmas Eve with carols were annual events. A meat supper for the choir, parents of the Sunday School children, bellringers followed by a first class entertainment on New Year's Eve then a midnight service at the Church. He encouraged savings for he was always in attendance in the Parish Room at eight thirty Monday and Tuesday mornings to receive the

coal and clothing clubs' cards. Probably threepence, sixpence and one shilling handed to him by children according to the parents' circumstances, entered on their cards and in his book. About October the amount collected would be augmented by money from the Rector according to the amount shown on each individual card, the cards having been collected by him and made up. Then the cards returned would be handed to the coal merchant or if a clothing card taken to the local tradesman or to a specified Lincoln clothing firm and purchases made previous to the Winter. The Rector paying the business houses direct with instructions that a further bonus by the firm be added to the card at the time of purchase. This made sure of the villagers having a supply of coal and the children having warm clothing and good boots for the Winter months.

When the hamlet of Bayards Leap with its mission hall was included within the parish of Fulbeck the Rector invariably employed a curate to assist him. This Bayards Leap is famous for its legend of the Witch and the horse shoes are still to be seen embedded in the surface of the ground, denoting the terrific leap the horse Bayard took when the witch made her attack with her talons. The story of Byards Leap and the witch is still obtainable.

Many thanks to his grandson, Alistair Mutch, for giving permission on behalf of the family to publish these memories in News and Views. Anne Watler

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Fulbeck Parish Council

This is a summary of items of interest and information including some actions, from the FPC Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024.

The minutes of the meeting will be published in due course.

District Councillor Report

- A Public Space Protection Order now approved for Pottergate Lane to help protect against fly tipping.
- The Brandon Shoot enforcement action has gone to appeal.
- The new Local Plan, which defines what development happens where, is out for consultation until 25th April and the District Council is after your views. A link is available on the SKDC website giving residents the opportunity to provide feedback.
- There is now a new Council Leader to South Kesteven District Council (Ashley Baxter).
- Your Council Tax has increased, rising by 3.2% for the District Council element (meaning a typical Band D property would pay £2098).
- A new depot for bin lorries is to be constructed with an £8M capital loan.
- A mixed response to the new purple-lidded bins; the checking, on collection, of the
 waste placed in the new bins has caused some issues, and the process on collection is
 under review.
- There is now a digital version of SK Today, so download now!

County Councillor Report

- Significant support of residents throughout the major storms over the winter. LCC
 Highways crews are working through a huge backlog of requests for gulley jetting and
 cleansing, and CCTV drainage surveys.
- Councillors have agreed additional spend on a package of measures to bolster flood response in Lincolnshire.
- A devolution deal will move important funding and choices about local investment, infrastructure and training from Government to local decision makers through the creation of a Combined Mayoral Authority, covering the region of Greater Lincolnshire from the south bank of the Humber down to the Wash, with decision-making powers.

Planning

- An appeal is to be heard on application S23/1124 Land North Of South Heath Lane, Fulbeck, for erection of nine dwellings, comprising seven affordable dwellings and two open market dwellings; formation of new private drives and associated hard landscaping to provide access from South Heath Lane. Responses and views should be made on the SKDC online Planning Portal by 28/03/2024.
- Application: S24/0350; Notice to remove the lower branches up to a height of 5 metres above ground level on a Sycamore tree; Location: Troston House, Lincoln Road, Fulbeck, NG32 3JN.

Application: S24/0376; Notice to reduce Conifer trees; Location: The Bungalow, Rectory Lane, Fulbeck, NG32 3JS.

Parish Council

- Welcomed Dermot Daly our new Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.
- In light of tough times the Parish Council has tightened its belt and has reduced the precept by 3% - this is the element of your Council Tax allocated to the Parish Council.
- We are putting forward a suggestion that LCC provide two Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points.
- The Parish Council may be inviting communications companies, looking to deliver local fibre connectivity to the home, to present their intention in a public session of a future meeting.
- Ordinarily a Parish Council can only do something that it has the power to do or the duty to do as defined under regulation. As FPC has five or more Councillors elected into position and a qualified Clerk, it has declared a General Power of Competence which under the Localism Act of 2011 allows the Parish Council to do anything an individual can do, so long as it is legal!
- Future dates have been agreed for FPC Meetings, which will be held in the Village Hall from 7pm; 2024: 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 14th November 2025: 9th January, 13th March, 8th May, 10th July

Other News

- CallConnect will not be operating and our booking offices will be closed on Good Friday 29 March and Easter Monday 1 April.
- Coordination of Biodiversity & Wilding on Fulbeck village greens and other sites has begun with an initial meeting on 10th February at which key aims, aspirations, and actions were discussed. Work is to start on the village church green, consisting mainly of monitoring for the first year, and then, subsequently, to plan work needed to create diversity and attract further wildlife species. Further reports will be displayed on our noticeboard.

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Formal expressions of interest should be made to Councillor Andy Crawley no later than Monday 15th April by email to *andy.crawley-caythorpepc@outlook.com* or for an informal discussion ring 07986 548474

Community Prosperity Fund - Hough on the Hill, Gelston & Brandon

As may have been seen on Nextdoor back at the end of 2023, our Parish Council are looking into our options for potential projects within our Parish in which we could utilise the SKDC Prosperity Fund. The South Kesteven Prosperity Fund is part of the wider UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). In December 2022 the Government allocated UKSPF funding to District Councils across the country, with South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) receiving £3.9 million to be spent between 2022 and 2025. Within UKSPF SKDC has allocated £1,000,000 to the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund. The South Kesteven Prosperity Fund can be utilised by local decision-making bodies and community groups within South Kesteven to finance projects which deliver community improvements and build pride in place. We do not need match funding for this, and can have more than one application in at a time.

As a Parish we are eligible to apply, and there is no upper limit for projects. Within this there are four categories for eligible projects:

- 1.) Building Improvements Internal or external for any public or community building
- 2.) Green space and outdoor improvements for any public area
- 3.) Culture, arts and heritage initiatives for public benefit
- 4.) Heritage initiatives such as restoration of heritage assets

We as a Council have a short list of our own ideas that have been discussed at previous meetings, but we would like to open up the discussion to all residents to see if there are any ideas that residents would like to put forward. Please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council Donna Lang at the following e-mail address for any suggestions: houghpcclerk@gmail.com



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DAD JOKES.

I just brought a 25 foot tall horse...
I'll let you know how I get on...

Not to brag, but I made 6 figures last year....My boss said I was the worst employee at the toy factory but whatever...

Pete's Puzzles Answers on Page 41

- 1. When did Roger Federer win his first Wimbledon title? 2001, 2002 or 2003?
- 2. Which modern-day nation is credited with being the birthplace of the Renaissance?
- 3. Which county is the town of Cheltenham in?
- 4. Starry Night is a painting by which artist?
- 5. What is the currency of India?
- 6. Which Asian nation used to be known as Siam?
- 7. Which of these balls is the biggest? Basketball, Football or Volleyball?
- 8. Which car manufacturer produces the Prius?
- 9. In the long running cartoon 'The Simpsons', who is the eldest child?
- 10. Welsh politician Aneurin Bevan is famous for being the founder of which British institution?

Not from the Rectory with Revd. Sara Davies

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Have you ever visited Jerusalem? I was very fortunate to go on a trip with Lincoln Diocese in 2018 and many of the places which we visited are still relatively fresh in my mind. Many relate to the Bible events surrounding Easter which we have just celebrated. From the site where St. Paul denied knowing Jesus three times, to the place within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was laid in a tomb. The tomb is understandably very important and the crowds are such that you can't get very close. It's highly decorated so quite hard to imagine what it would have been like 2000 years ago.

I really enjoyed visiting the Sea of Galilee which is probably similar to how it was in Jesus's time. This was one of the places where Jesus was seen after his Resurrection. The disciples saw him barbequing fish on the side of the lake which has always seen a bit surreal to me! I found it very moving when I went to that very place and I collected some tiny shells to bring home.

One of the many mysteries of the Resurrection is how the people who saw Jesus, his disciples and friends, didn't appear to recognise him at first. When I've lost a loved one, I often mistakenly think I have seen them when out and about, of course it turns out to be someone else. Here, the disciples knew that Jesus had said that he would die on the Cross and be resurrected on the third day, but they don't seem to have taken this information on board. Why didn't they see that the person in front of them was the same man that they knew so well and had spent so much time with? Should anyone know the answer do let me know for a future sermon!

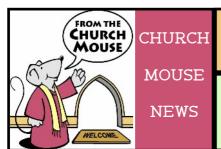
It makes me think of all those times when we have lost something and it has been right in front of us all along; when we have struggled to work something out and the answer has been there all the time. What similar experiences have you had? Our world is going through some turbulent times at present for a number of different reasons. I wonder if in the future we'll wish that we had seen some of the answers to our problems much earlier; if we will recognise that we have sometimes chosen to look away from what was obvious.

Jerusalem is relatively quiet at the moment due to the war with Gaza; tourists are no longer encouraged to visit and travel is difficult. It's easy to wonder if any sense of 'normality' will return but it has always been a complex place as shown by all the books written about it; I've got one propping up my bed!

May our thoughts and prayers at this time be with all those around the world who just want to be recognised, respected and treated with love.

As always I am here for you all, whether or not you have a faith. Every blessing, - **Revd. Sara Davies**

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Sidespersons - St Vincent's

7th April - 11am - Mrs J Russell & S Wills 21st April - 11am - Mrs J Avison & Mr J Scott

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April 14 th Easter 3					
Hough OTH	09:30 SD / TL HC	Fulbeck	10:00 TK MS		
April 21 st Easter 4					
Brandon	10:30 BCP / CB MP	Caythorpe	11:00 SD / HC		
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Answers - Pete's Puzzles

1. 2003 / 2. Italy / 3. Gloucestershire / 4. Vincent van Gogh / 5. Rupees
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5 th April 10:30	Coffee Morning	St. Vincents Caythorpe
6 th April 20:00	Bingo	C. Scroop Social Club
7 th April 09:00	Village Hall Breakfast	Caythorpe Village Hall
9 th April 14:00	Over 60's Club	Fulbeck Sports Club
13 th April 08:00	Car Boot Sale	Fulbeck Playing Field
13 th April 19:00	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club
16 th April 19:00	Public M'tg Mid UK	Caythorpe Village Hall
19 th April 10:00	Chill & Chat	Caythorpe Village Hall
20 th April 19:30	Quiz Night	C. Scroop Social Club
23 rd April 14:00	Over 60's Club	Fulbeck Sports Club
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