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October 2024

News Views Editorial

Welcome back Readers, go on, pull up a chair, have a cup of something hot to hand, maybe a biscuit or two (or four...) and settle down to read the best local magazine around.

Here we are, Autumn upon us and the nights are drawing in once more, although as I write this, the summer is having one last hurrah and its a beautiful warm sunny day with clear skies, which is in stark contrast to the weather a couple of weeks ago when it was perma-drizzle at the Caythorpe Gala! Still, you can read and see more about that in our centre pages this month.

Unfortunately, the September Quiz had to be cancelled due to a low turnout, lesson learned, too many people are away in September. However, the next one is booked in for 23rd November and will be packed to the rafters, so get your table booked early!

Now that Autumn is here, we are getting into all the usual Autumn TV shows that start up around this time of year, Saturday nights are all things Strictly (we have a tradition that Strictly means Burger Night which makes Craig Revel-Horwood slightly more palatable...) and soon The Great British Bake Off will be on and we here at News & Views Towers all pick a favourite Baker who we want to win at the start and see who's choice lasts the longest (or even wins) and we all start getting competitive over meringues, macaroons and madeira cake. Personally, I'm more happy that Match of the Day is back on too, I find that there is something comforting about that traditional old theme tune that despite minor changes has lasted the test of time, not to mention the now old fashioned highlights show format which seems almost unique in this modern era of almost nonstop live coverage, long may it continue.

Do you have any family traditions that you use for TV Shows? Write in and let us know, you know the usual email address by now!

We have a jam packed 'Local Events' section this month (well most months really) so why not have a look through and try something new this month, there is so much on offer and it all goes towards a good cause, such as the upkeep of your local Village Hall, or Sports Field etc. Give Bingo a blast, query a Quiz or maybe arrive at an Art Class, you will have a great time and these community events will continue to thrive and grow as long as there are enough people to attend them, like the old saying goes, use it or lose it!

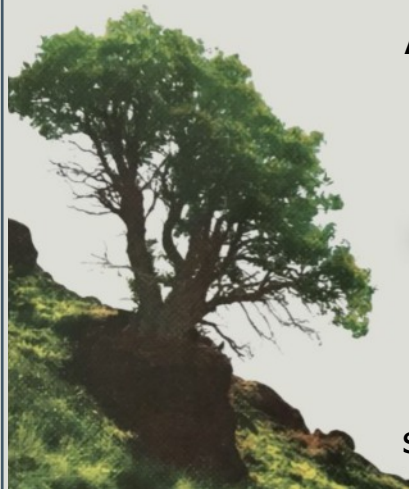
That's enough from me this month, until we meet again (some sunny day) take care of yourselves, and each other. - Pete



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News & Views News Hound

Hello there! It's The News Hound here, I've fought off stiff competition once again from the potential keyboard warriors (the Sausages) but once I gave them a good and proper care-bear stare (the ones like my Humum gives me when I'm being naughty) they retreated to their new sofa in the kitchen to continue their normal game of bitey face!

So this last month has been a busy old month, as I suspected we did have lots of visitors to the house with Gala bits and bobs (I'm such a clever boy!). Humum has almost got the house back into some form of normality too, we are all ready for Autumn with twinkly fairy lights and yummy smelling candles and pumpkin spice anything. I like Autumn it's got ALL the good sniffs, it also means I can sneak under the bed covers in the night and the Humans don't notice as I pretend I'm a hot water bottle...hehe!!



The Sausages don't deal with the cold well, they burrow under blankets and hide anywhere that is warm, they so amuse me. I think they get cold as they are so close to the floor, anyway, they have been bought some new keep-em-warm seasonal jumpers, they look SO funny and I try to take them off them as soon as they are put on to save their dignity, however, I'm getting told off for it so I think I'd best see if they can get me one. If you can't beat them, join them I say. I wonder if they make them in News Hound size, best check with Humum.

So this month we are going to be getting into those pumpkin things, Humum likes to stuff them with mince, veggies and rice but I try my best to eat them as they look far too much like footballs. Pumpkins don't roll like a ball thought or even taste like a ball and they certainly don't taste like a pumpkin spice latte (if I'm sneaky I can lick out the cup dregs before the Humans clock on...BEST fun!). These pumpkins certainly know how to act like a chameleon, they have so many different coats on, Husister even has them in light form...there is no end to their versatility.

Now, I have something to share with you and I'm not sure what to think about it, you know I went to the blue suits about a year ago and when I came back it was a bit sore to sit down, well I notice the other day that where was sore, it's completely flat and when I look at the Cocktail sausage, he's got 'stuff' there now and he was flat when he first arrived and now I'm confused as I think maybe he stole mine and has been hiding them about his person and is confident enough now to get them out and show them off and I'm not sure I like that...probably need to have a word with my Hudad about this as something seems a bit off.

Right, now I've got my worries off my chest, I think it's about time for my dinner and a rest as all of this precision typing is enough to tire a hound out. So have a good October and I'll be back next month when we can talk all about keeping animals (me) safe over Bonfire Night! TTFN, News Hound signing off!



Upcoming

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

OCTOBER 2024

Caythorpe Village Hall Breakfast Returns on Sunday 6th October



09:00- 11:00

Full English £7.50

Bacon Bap £4.00

Sausage Bap £4.00

all including

Tea/Coffee



The Caythorpe Village Hall Breakfast



Carlton Scroop & Normanton Social Club

Saturday 26th October

8:00pm Start



Fulbeck Sports Club

Saturday 12th & 26th October

7:00pm for eyes down at 7:30pm

Carlton Scroop & Normanton Social Club

Saturday 5th October

7:30pm for eyes down at 8:00pm

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 & SOCIAL CLUB

Opening Times: Friday 5:30pm to 8:00pm & Sunday 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Open for Pool Team Fixtures on Tuesday 7:00pm - 11:00pm

St Vincent's Coffee Morning

Friday 4th October
10:30am to 12:00pm
50/50 Split between

The Medical Equipment Trust
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Chill & Chat

Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall



Cake & Drink £2.00



Friday 18th October



10:00am - 12:00pm



Volunteers needed for Caythorpe Fireworks

Saturday 2nd November 2024



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 14th & 28th October 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.

A professional company will be providing the firework display but volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of the event that will be held on Saturday 2nd November 2024 at the Playing Field.

Roles may include setting up the field beforehand, collecting donations at the entrance gates by cash or card reader, car parking supervision, security, serving hot drinks to volunteers, manning stalls selling foodstuffs, helping to clear up afterwards etc.

The volunteers will get free entry to the fireworks display, refreshments and the satisfaction of helping our community enjoy this annual event.

If you are able to help then please contact Andy Crawley by email to andy.crawley-caythorpepc@outlook.com or text message to 07986 548474

Carlton-le-Moorland & District Art Group Annual Exhibition 2024

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th October
11am - 4pm

Admission Free &
Refreshments

At: The Village Hall
Carlton-le-Moorland, LN5 9HP

We also currently have a small
exhibition in the cafe at

Fulbeck Craft Centre, Manor Stables
Lincoln Road, Fulbeck NG32 3JN

If anyone is interested in joining our
friendly Thursday morning group, please
call 01522 811510

Caythorpe and Freston Village Hall

FILM NIGHT

Friday 18th October 7pm
Doors Open 6.15pm



Tickets £6 (sorry no under 15's) **Limited Spaces!**
Wine, Beer and Ice Cream on sale plus a Raffle
To book tickets please scan the QR code
or call **07824 874959**

St Vincents Caythorpe

Christmas Tree Festival



December 13th - 15th

Sponsor a real tree, decorate it,
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Book your tree now via John Scott (01400-272974) or Jo Russell (01400-273551)

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Fulbeck bonfire and fireworks 2024

Will be held on the
Sports Field
Tuesday, 5th November
Free Entry - donations welcomed
to Karen's Kitty!

Sports and Social Club open 6.00pm
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Bonfire lit 6.15pm
Fireworks commence 6.30pm



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

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Fulbeck's Fantastic Car Boot

We have now come to the end of the 2024 season. Despite the mixed weather, the year has been very successful; in terms of enjoyment and all round bonhomie, plus a good deal of selling and spending. We always really enjoy it and hope that visitors do too!

We have raised a total of £2,245.01 from hire of pitches and very generous donations to Karen's Kitty (our bucket bearers are very persuasive!), which will be used for general maintenance of the village hall and playing field equipment.

Car Boot season resumes 12th April 2025, and continues on the 2nd Saturday of every month (10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September). We Hope to see you all in the spring and, in the meanwhile, have a wonderful Autumn, Christmas, New Year and Winter.

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CAYTHORPE AND DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

OCTOBER MEETING

Tuesday 8th

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Carlton Scroop Village Hall

Speaker: Don Witton

'Euphorbias and other Vibrant
Perennials.'

Visitors welcome : £5 including
light refreshments. Just come
along.

For information on the society,
see our web page or call
01400 272630

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ART GROUP

Looking for new members.

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If you would like to be the first to know more about our events you can sign up to our newsletter by emailing LVH2000events@gmail.com

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Saturday 26th October - Doors and Bar open at 7pm



Have a wicked time at our Halloween party. Enjoy no tricks only treats from well-known local band North End playing popular covers and floor fillers.

Fancy dress optional. £10 per person

For both events: Book by telephone 01400 272413 or email LVH2000events@gmail.com or pay at the door.

All Souls' Commemoration Service

A Special Candlelit Service for those who would like to remember and give thanks for a departed Loved One

**at Caythorpe Church
at 7.00pm on Friday 1st November
and at Brant Broughton Church
at 4.00pm on Sunday 3rd November**



In this quiet prayerful service we will remember and give thanks for our departed loved ones. Names will be read out, and a candle lit for each of them. If you are unable to attend, your loved one's name can still be read out and a candle lit.

Please send names to Canon Valerie **by Thursday 31st October** at valerie.rampton64@gmail.com or text or call to 07785 791436

Please state at which church you would like the names to be read out
Light refreshments afterwards



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

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 12th September 2024 are: Tinned Fruit, vegetables or Meat (stew, meatballs etc), Breakfast Cereal, Cat Food, Bas of Soap, Disposable Razors, Bags for Life (in good clean condition).

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

Can You Help Us With The Caythorpe & Frieston Poppy Appeal?



The village has a proud history of supporting the Royal British Legion through the Poppy Appeal each year. The donations made are used to make a difference by raising vital funds to help support the armed forces community and their families.

We are looking for volunteers (Poppy Appeal Collectors) who will collect donations for poppies in the villages. The appeal takes place during the two weeks before November 11th.

No previous experience is necessary. However, we do need anyone under the age of 18 to be supervised by an adult. If you are interested or would like more information please call **Brian on 07986354565**

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Newark Lane NG32 2AR

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12th & 19th
October

3:00pm Kick Off

Fulbeck Sports Club RACE NIGHT

19th October

7:00pm

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Nigel Hill 07957424453

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CARLTON SCROOP SOCIAL CLUB

Community Hub lunch at the Carlton Scroop Social Club

Tuesday 15th October, 11am to 2pm, an opportunity to enjoy free refreshments and lunch with your friends and neighbours, or make new ones. All welcome.

To help with planning and avoid food waste, an email to carltonscroophub@gmail.com or a call or text to 07484616045 nearer the date if you're planning on coming would be helpful.



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Friday 11th OCTOBER 2024

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Caythorpe Gala - The 80th Anniversary of Arnhem

The weekend was a phenomenal success, people still came from far and wide and the Gala Team are so pleased that the weather didn't put a damper on the celebrations with it being the important 80th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden and the Battle of Arnhem

The Gala took place on Saturday 7th September with a range of vintage games in our rainbow of gazebo's, marquees filled with local artisan crafts, refreshments in the form of tea, coffee and cake, our famous Gala BBQ, The Red Lion's Pimms Bar, the Social Club's Cider Bar, Franco's traditional ice cream van and new for this year Cakes by Faye-Lou, Barsby's Bakery, Choppers Artisan Cakes & Bakes, Anna's Organic Bread and Lee Airstone's Event Box – A mobile Fizz Bar. We also saw the return of Pegasus Pizza's who served up breakfasts pre-event and pizzas all day and into the evening too.

The fun kicked off at 12pm with the Gala being officially opened by Captain Cripps of the 216 Squadron. The Army provided a range of activities from speed reaction hand eye co-ordination activity and their own merchandising proved to be a popular stall too. Joining us again this year was Leigh Dixon with his Stock Cars, a huge Red Case Tractor came to visit us courtesy of Councillor Neil Macer and we also had Walkabout Goats from Fulbeck who lived up to their name by walking among the crowds for petting. We had three local singers on our stage, Darcey Brown and Mia Dodds who have appeared previously and new for this year we had Daryl Smith serenading the crown with several crowd pleasing songs from the likes of Sinatra and Buble! Our headline act, The D-Day Darlings (Britains Got Talent) took to the stage for two sets of wartime songs thanks to an SKDC Community Event Grant. The Tug o' War drew a huge crowd with two matches, firstly a friendly one between PGL and a Village Team which was won 2-0 by PGL. In the main event the defending champions, The Paras, took on The Veterans for the championship and after a fiercely fought battle the Veterans regained their previous title coming back from 1-0 down to win 2-1!

Thanks also goes to all of the people who volunteered to help, in advance of the Gala selling raffle tickets and at the Gala manning stalls, providing refreshments, helping set up at the crack of dawn and again at the end of the day without you we'd not be able to do what we do, Thank You.

Our thanks go to The Petwood Hotel, PGL, B&Q, Belton Xmas Lights, The Red Lion, The Waggon & Horses, Savoy Cinema, Vicky Wilkinson Glass, Trent Valley Kart Club, Elegance by Jo Waldron, Lewelows Beauty, Cliff Edge Cycles, Rick Streeter Fish & Seafood and Woodward's Car Care Centre for their generous raffle prizes.

The Gala was generously sponsored by Caythorpe & Frieston Sports & Social Club, Sarah Dalton Dog Training, Freshdrop, DP Spectrum, Tim Ransome, News & Views, Trent Valley Karting, GR Ward and The New Window Company, Elms Farm Riding Academy, Gary Bond Handyman and Property Maintenance Services and SKDC Community Fund.





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That's all Folks! See you in 2025!

Arnhem Service at St Vincents - Sunday 8th September 2024

The 216 (Parachute) Signal Regiment marched from The Waggon & Horses up the High Street towards St Vincent's, followed by the Veterans who attend the weekend too. St Vincents was filled to capacity with the 216 Squadron, Veterans, family and friends and local people, with wreathes being laid by the War Memorial commemorating the fallen.



The following extract comes from Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council Website and explains the close ties between the village and the 216 Regiment:

Caythorpe, 216 Signals Regiment and the Battle for Arnhem 1944

During 1944 the 1st Airborne Signals Regiment was formed with approximately 450 men all ranks. The first major battle they became engaged in was, Operation Market Garden, the battle for the bridges of Arnhem. The regiment was based in and around Caythorpe for training prior to the operation.

After the war a few survivors of the operation started visiting Caythorpe on the anniversary of Arnhem, to visit the Church and remember lost Comrades. As time passed by the event became officially recognised and the 1st Airborne Signals Regiment modern day equivalent, 216 Signals Regiment, now visit annually and hold a memorial service for all comrades lost in Arnhem and other conflicts since.

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***Encounters** first appeared in February 2023, and apart from June 2023, when it went astray on the Internet, the series has appeared every month until now. It will appear again next year, but I felt it was time for a change in the next few months.*

***The list of those encountered:** Martin Benson, John Betjeman, Darcey Bussell, Percy Hunt, Moyra Mintoff, Alfonsas Svarinskas, Donald Sinden, Patrick Moore, Vera Lynn, Bernard Kaukas, Richard Burton, Stanley Unwin, Terry Waite, Frank Whittle, Frank Williams, Stephen Bishop, Daniel Jones, Lord Yehudi Menuhin, Lord Tonypandy (George Thomas) & Anthony Deane-Drummond.*

*The new series will be called “**Traveller’s Joy**”, and begins with some account of my travels in France when researching material for my books on French cathedrals.*

“TRAVELLER’S JOY - Coping with Hope!” No. 1

I was reminded of Robert Louis Stevenson’s aphorism that, “it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive”, as I set off, full of hope, on my travels in May some years ago. Not that I’ve had the experience of consistent bad luck in earlier journeys, yet my travelling that May was not without fault. The planning was absolutely faultless, but events and technology let me down badly. I was heading southeast into Belgium before turning southwest across France to a seaside village near Perpignan, where I planned to spend a week in a Mercure hotel on the sea front.

The first day began rather well in that I ‘slipped moorings’ from the Rectory at precisely 06:30. The absence of loved ones waving tear-stained handkerchiefs on the quayside – or at the front door in this case – was a poor show, but they had more sense and were still abed. I made Le Shuttle in record time and as I arrived ninety minutes early I asked for a place on the next train, “*They are all full. We are very busy. You will have to travel as booked*”, was the reply. Ah well!

At length, as I was about to board my booked train, an employee of the company lowered the barrier before my very eyes, “*Sorry, sir, we’re a few coaches missing, you will have priority on the next train.*” I rang the Customer Services number on my mobile phone: “*If you are so busy, what are you doing losing carriages?*” The girl said we could discuss the matter when we both knew how it had affected my journey. I didn’t see what that had to do with it, but she was gone. However, I had clearly impressed her with my authority and she had reacted accordingly, because we started boarding again a few minutes later. I felt a note of congratulation from my fellow passengers for making the Company jump to it would not have gone amiss, but then, we sat in our cars in the dark interior of the train for twenty minutes! The Company was playing with us. I was marvellously magnanimous about it. After all, I was on holiday. It didn’t really matter if I was an hour later than planned arriving in Tournai. I even smiled and merely shook my head when the Tannoy announced we had arrived in France and advised us to put our watches BACK an hour. I decided it was a cheap way of settling any argument over compensation for late arrival. The Company will claim we’d arrived before we even left. That thought kept me occupied until I turned off the autoroute into Tournai, when my thoughts turned to the *Hotel Cathedrale*, my first port of

call. I have stayed there many times. There is ample parking in *Place de St Pierre* outside the hotel. Easy! I swung confidently around the north side of the ancient cathedral and turned left. Horror! What my aged aunt used to call KGBs were digging up the *Place de St Pierre*. I managed to dodge into an alley alongside the hotel so that I could unload my bags, but then had to park by the canal, or somewhere. All the streets around the hotel were being dug up. As it had started raining heavily just before I arrived, the place was a quagmire. *"It will be lovely when it's finished"*, said the girl at reception. I looked at her. Did she work for Le Shuttle?

My next destination was Strasbourg via Metz, before heading south to the Mediterranean coast near Perpignan, the location of a little drama the previous year. Tournai is not actually on the direct route from Calais to Metz, but I wanted to study the Gothic choir in its cathedral (Pictured), the architecture and the glass are superb. I hastened through the mud, my



camera, binoculars, and tape recorder hanging about my shoulders, my tripod slung across my back. Entering the cathedral I knew that all was not well. There was a smell of earth and it was not all coming from my shoes. Across the church, from south to north, was a seven-foot high steel mesh

fence. The choir and transepts were festooned with scaffolding. The glass and vaulting was obscured by it. The north aisle was boarded up due to a deep excavation in progress. I had driven across northern Europe at right angles to my direct route to visit a building site.

I must have exuded pagan thoughts, for the custodian came hurrying over. If he was about to tell me that entry was forbidden then one swing with my tripod and he would be an 'own goal' in the mesh of the fence and don't imagine that the thought didn't cross my mind! But he apologised. Bless him; he shouldn't have done that, but he did. It seems a hurricane hit the cathedral in 1999 with such direct force that the north-east tower has started to lean outwards and the vaulting of the choir fractured. It has now received UNESCO funding and repairs should be completed in about six years time. The custodian was kind and explained the excavations in the north aisle in detail. When I confessed to him that I was, as it were, 'in the trade', he took me behind the fence and gave me a tour of the transepts and then, ducking under scaffolding poles, he let me into the choir to see the glass. I unpacked my camera, checked I had loaded 800 ASA film, fired up my autofocus on full zoom to capture the glory of the clerestory windows, and the batteries in my Nikon packed up. It was that sort of day.

So began, faithful reader, my sortie into the Eurozone that year. As I sat in the main square of Tournai in the late evening sun, I reflected that things could only get better. Had I not been so engrossed in ordering, *"encore Jupiler"* from the bar, I might have heard chuckling in Heaven.

To be continued next month. © B H Lucas 2024.

In & Around the Garden



As September carries us into autumn, the garden is full of colour. Michaelmas daisies are starting to flower along with Japanese anemones, and the red, orange and yellow berries of Pyracantha are particularly good this year. With regular deadheading Heleniums, Penstemons and Dahlias will flower until the first frosts.

It is decision time for managing a some of the hardy perennials – to cut back or leave. Some advocate leaving dead seed heads as food for birds, as shelter for overwintering insects and for their architectural value, while others advise cutting back to discourage self seeding and keep the borders tidy. In my garden the 6 ft tall Rudbeckia with its branching stems topped in little drumsticks, the bold heads of Echinacea and the whirl of seed pods on the Agapanthus can stay until they fall over. Verbascums, on the other hand get, chopped as soon as the flowers are over. They seed around madly and the seedlings concentrate on putting down a deep root, which makes them hard to pull up. Teasels are difficult: their winter silhouettes are dramatic and the seeds are liked by goldcrests, but if the goldcrests don't eat them the seedlings spread far and wide. However, they look so good alongside tall grasses that I usually leave them. Fuchsias and penstemons never get cut back, as the top growth help protect the roots from frost and gives them a better chance of coming through winter.



The other big decision is when to bring in the tender succulents that have spent the summer outside. There isn't really enough light indoors, even in the conservatory, but they will die if frosted. I check the weather forecast every evening, and put off moving them for as long as possible. I dread moving the agave, with its saw-edged, spine-tipped leaves. Blood is usually shed. Sedums and houseleeks are fully hardy, so they stay outside in the ground or with the pots raised on little feet to help drainage.

A few of the trees and shrubs are starting to change into their autumn colours, a sight I look forward to. It is time to empty out the leaf mould bins, ready for the falling leaves, not my favourite job, but it is such a useful soil improver and potting medium, and a good alternative to peat, and best of all, it is free. It is also time to buy bulbs for the spring – all you need is a catalogue and a card!

There are still butterflies about on sunny days, mostly red admirals, commas, and peacocks, which over winter as adults. Bees and other pollinators appreciate the late flowers, and don't mind that they are not native. It has been a good year for dragonflies, especially the smaller darters. They breed in the pond, and a dip with a net always brings up some nymphs. I take care to give them and the other creatures a chance to crawl back when I tidy up the pond plants. - JA

Caythorpe & District Garden Society

Our speaker this month is Steven Lovell from Green Spaces, with a talk entitled "Every Garden should have Some – Water as a Garden Feature". Steve has 30 years' experience of wildlife garden design, soft landscaping and, more recently, as a nature guide.

Steven explained that water can serve different purposes in the garden. It can be a home for fish or wildlife (but not both as the former tend to eat the latter), and is a vital addition to any wildlife garden. Moving water, as a waterfall or fountain creates a background of sound that can mitigate unwanted noise. A still pond with minimal planting can reflect the sky and its surroundings, used to great effect in some of the great gardens, for example the Pin Mill pond at Bodnant.

Water may not seem a good idea where there are children, but Steven had a couple of solutions. One idea was to have a reservoir of water for a fountain covered with a mesh topped by pebbles, and powered with a safe electrical connection. A raised pond with a surrounding wall could be a solution to having a pond in shallow, rocky soil and avoid anyone falling in by accident. Steven also went through the options for constructing a pond and planting it with mainly native plants. He illustrated his talk with some excellent slides to complement his informative and enjoyable talk.

Our October meeting will be on Tues 8th, 7:00 for 7:30 at Carlton Scroop Village. Don Witton will give a talk on 'Euphorbias and other vibrant perennials'. Visitors will be most welcome (£5). For information on the society, please see our website or call 01400 279100.

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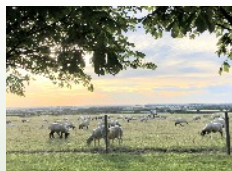
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I tried all morning to think of an egg related pun.... but I couldnt crack it...



I made sure my wife woke up with a big smile on her face this morning...I'm not allowed to have marker pens in the house anymore

I ate at the Mary Poppins restaurant last night...

Super Cauliflower Cheese but Lobster was atrocious...

Pete's Puzzles

Answers on Page 35

1. Which of these British islands hosts an annual 'TT' motorcycle race? Isle of Wight, Isle of Mann or Isle of Skye?
2. What is the name of the teacher in iconic CBeebies show 'Balamory'?
3. In the Bible, which Sea did Moses part?
4. Belgrade is the capital of which country?
5. How many innings are there in a game of professional baseball? 5, 7, or 9?
6. What county is ITV show 'Emmerdale' set in?
7. In Einstein's famous 'E = mc²' equation, what does 'c' represent?
8. How many James Bond films did Daniel Craig appear in as 007?
9. Where would you find Hallam University?
10. Anna Wintour is the editor of which of these high-end fashion magazines - Vogue, Cosmopolitan or Elle?

Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Practice

Patient Participation Group

As a Practice we receive the majority of our funding from the Government via NHS England. They in turn receive this money from you (and us) the taxpayer. We recognise how important it is that we use these funds wisely to provide the very best care that we can with the resources we have available. For context our core funding is paid under a General Medical Services (GMS) contract. This is a nationally negotiated contract used by the vast majority of GP Practices in England. This GMS contract pays us in the region of 30p per day for caring for each of you.

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Unfortunately that funding just hasn't increased with our costs. The same pressures we are all under for household bills apply to the Practice too. Our utility costs have increased dramatically, insurance and other costs that we cannot avoid have gone up and our staffing bill has increased (although not by as much as we feel they deserve). All of these things come from that 30p a day.

There are some additional services we supply outside of our core contract to Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). These are known as locally enhanced services and are designed to recognise the needs of the local population. One of these is a wound care service (wound dressings, stitch, and clip removal). We have provided this service very well to thousands of patients for many years but the funding has not covered the actual costs we incur delivering that service. We have accepted this loss as part of the overall package of care and we have tried our very best over the years to improve efficiencies in an attempt to continue offering this service to our patients.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts it has become unsustainable for us to do so, as we are now losing money on every appointment we provide. We have received no funding for the more complicated wounds we have been managing over the years, which more often involve lengthy appointments being needed over a long period of time. These include things like cavity wounds or infected wounds.

As a result, along with other local surgeries across Southwest Lincolnshire, we have made the incredibly difficult decision to stop providing appointments for dressing services. We understand that this news will be of concern to the patients who may need to use this service in the future but due to increasing demands on our nursing team and the significant financial pressures on NHS General Practice overall, we can no longer continue to provide services that are simply not cost effective, without compromising our ability to deliver core General Practice services.

Lincolnshire ICB who commission this 'Treatment Room' service, are working hard to identify who will be providing it and we expect to have more information from them over the next few weeks. We will keep you informed as soon as we have further details.

What will this mean for you? From Wednesday 2nd October 2024:

- if you come out of hospital with stitches or clips in a wound, or if you have a dressing on a wound that needs replacing, or if you develop a wound, you will be signposted for treatment or an assessment with another service
- Any wound that is from a minor injury that occurred in the last 48 hours should be treated at a Minor injury service/Urgent Treatment Centre, or Accident and Emergency department
- If you have a more complex wound, including a cavity wound after surgery or an infected wound, you will be signposted to another provider

Decisions of this type are not taken lightly and we are genuinely sorry that we are unable to continue to offer this service. We have a duty to provide you with the very best care that we can and we feel that we are the right place to provide this service to patients, we are good at it and patients receive excellent care. Unfortunately we are unable to continue to provide a service that makes such a significant loss. We hope in the future with adequate resources that this service can return to our Practice. If you have any concerns please contact the Practice in the usual way and ask to speak with the Practice Manager.

Thank you for taking the time to read this long message.

The Patient Participation Group will be hosting an Open Meeting for any patients who wish to raise any queries, about this or any other practice subject on Thursday 3rd of October 2024 at 6pm at Ancaster Surgery.



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Answers - Pete's Puzzles

1. Isle of Mann / 2. Miss Hoolie / 3. The Red Sea / 4. Serbia / 5. Nine
6. Yorkshire / 7. The speed of light / 8. Five / 9. Sheffield / 10. Vogue



The Memories of Augustus Peach (part XIII)

This month we hear more about the various tradespeople of the village from Augustus Peach, who lived in Fulbeck at the turn of the 19th/20th century. This valuable and informative historical document is reproduced pretty much in full without any attempt correct errors or grammar.

The Village Blacksmith

To watch the burning sparks that fly like chaff from the threshing floor. Our blacksmith was not the big and brawny man as depicted by Longfellow. He was a small man but strong, black and grimy and, as in most villages, a person that would tackle any job in iron from household repairs to the farmer's machinery. His blacksmith's shop appeared to be the centre of daytime social activities, farmers awaiting repairs, waggoners attending the horses whilst they were being shod, inquisitive youths hanging around in their spare time interested in the various actions of the smith, in his leather apron, shoeing horses or hammering his red hot iron on the anvil.

His tat, tat, tat on the anvil before striking the hot metal was like music in rhythm to the ears passing by his large open doors. His white washed smithy walls were decorated with rows of horse shoes in pairs hanging on hooks, the floor of his shoeing shop made from wooden sleepers was littered with pieces of horses' hoofs. The various tools of his trade, home made, were hanging on the wall near his forge.

You would see him chatting to his company, with his left hand pumping the bellows, with his right hand probing the red hot small coal fire on his forge with the metal he is heating. All of a sudden with a quick turn gripping the metal with his iron tongs lay it on the anvil, shape it or weld it together with the aid of his assistant wielding the big hammer, hammering in rhythm with the small beats of his own small hammer. The red hot sparks flying in all directions during this process gradually diminishing as the metal becomes less hot. If for a horse shoe he would hammer a piece of metal into one of nail holes of the shoe to hold the hot iron shoe and apply it to the horse's hoof which immediately set up a cloud of thick smoke and a strong smell of burning hoof. The quickness of his craft in fastening the shoe with a special nail and twisting the end of the nail with the opposite end of his hammer was an art, full of interest, together with the filing of the hoof on completion, making it so clean and fresh with a black liquid.

In the yard at the back of the shop stood his home made grindstone where we boys would slyly use to sharpen our pocket knives. Many tricks were played on the boys by the men congregating in the blacksmith shop. Boys were sent on errands for the loan of various unknown commodities such as wool riddles and a piece of leatherme quick.

The Village Carrier

The main direct means of connection with the towns for shopping for some important article or repair was the village carrier. You would look out for his passing on market days to Grantham, Newark or Sleaford and give him an order with the cash to purchase a commodity or hand him a job for repair. A charge for this service would be levied when the business had been transacted on return. Our carrier in my younger days would, on a busy day or Saturdays take his four wheeled covered vehicle drawn by a pair of grey horses, pick up passengers en route, mostly farmers' wives with their butter and eggs to sell whilst they sat in the town's butter cross or the covered market halls. Immediately on arrival in the town the carrier would stable his horses at some well known inn and make this his centre of business for the day. The trades people of the town delivering goods which he had ordered to his van in the inn yard. The local town's almanack gave his public house headquarters with his name and days visits to each town attended during the week.

The carrier was also in demand for transporting the local football and cricket teams to away matches. His van had crude seating accommodation, with probably a strip of stair carpet covering the boarded seats, no windows in the sides of the covered wagon, perhaps one small window in the door at the rear and a small opening in the centre front by the driver's seat. Your return from football matches made in total darkness, unless you borrowed the carrier's hurricane lantern or possessed a piece of candle. The crunching of new loose stones laid on the roads for repair during the Autumn would drown all conversation and add to your discomfiture by the jarring of the badly sprung wagon. Our carrier when not visiting markets would be employed by the local Council authorities carting granite for road repairs. The granite collected from the railway station would be placed on heaps about every twenty yards on the grass verges.

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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I hope that you have enjoyed a lovely summer. I have recently had two weeks in Australia which was lovely visiting Townsville and Sydney. We spent some nights on Magnetic Island and saw wild koalas and beautiful deserted beaches, and also went walking in the Blue Mountains outside Sydney. The weather was very warm as they were moving from winter into spring, and so it was hard coming back to somewhat cooler weather.

It was straight into the Caythorpe Gala weekend when I got back which was great (even with jetlag) and my husband and I enjoyed the Gala, Gala Meal at PGL and then the Church Service on Sunday. What struck me was how young many of the 216 soldiers were, a poignant reminder of the young men who gave up their lives at the Battle of Arnhem, barely out of childhood. I had an opportunity to talk to relatives of those who served during the war and also those involved in conflicts in later years. The Squadron and the annual events held in Caythorpe are a very important part of their lives; the squadron certainly cares for its veterans.



A few days after this I undertook my own first parachute jump, admittedly a tandem jump, but still scary and thrilling at the same time. I jumped from 15000 feet with a minute of free fall before the parachute opened and I had time to take in the land below me. The airfield was in north Lincolnshire and so it was predominately countryside for as far as I could see (we were able to check on the instructor's horses as we were up in the air!). The worst part was the land as you have to raise your legs up to avoid breaking them which I only just managed.

My jump reminded me yet again of the beauty of our rural county and all that we have to be grateful for. At this time of year we focus on Harvest, with our services giving thanks to God for all that he has provided for us, and us showing gratitude to all those involved in the manufacture of our food. We think especially of farmers, the majority of whom will have been involved in harvesting their crops after a very challenging year. As soon as one crop is out, they have to worry about new seeds going in and what effect the weather will have on them. I very much enjoy talking to those who farm during my ministry, although it is frequently concerning bereavement. In recent years, the number of people celebrating at our Harvest Services has decreased, perhaps with people being more connected with supermarkets than local producers. I think that there is less understanding of how our food gets to our plates and the seasonality of fruit and vegetables.

We would love to see you in any of our Harvest Services around our large group of churches, they are generally slightly shorter services with traditional Harvest hymns. It is wonderful

to see communities join together at this important time of year. Alternatively, I would encourage you to take time out to pause, give thanks for the food provided for you and say a prayer for those who are involved in all stages of its manufacture, starting with God.

Do look out also for the advert for our All Souls' services taking part in two of our churches in November; a chance to remember those who have died who we continue to love and miss. Every blessing, **Rev. Sara Davies.**

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Flower Rota
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Sidespersons - St Vincent's
6th October - 10:30 - Mrs J Russell & Susanne Wills
20th October - 10:30 Mr & Mrs J Scott

Baptism
22nd September - Ginny Hall-Roberts - St. Vincent's
29th September - Lexi Leigh Williams - St. Vincent's

Floodlighting
15th September 2024 - To celebrate the birth of Luna Fritzsche on 22nd August 2024
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In Memorium
30th September - Barry Dixon - St. Vincent's
4th October Kenneth Rodgeron - All Saints' HOTH

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	6 th October	13 th October	20 th October	27 th October
	Trinity 19 Proper 22 Green	Trinity 20 Proper 23 Green	Trinity 21 Proper 24 Green	Trinity Last Proper 25 Green
Welbourn		11.00/SD Holy Communion	15.00/ Team Forest Church	11.00/SD Holy Communion
Caythorpe	11.00/SD Holy Communion		11.00/GP Holy Communion	
Marston	09.30/BCP/SD Holy Communion		17.00/CS Harvest Service	
B'Broughton			9.30/VR Holy Communion	10.00/JH Morning Service
Fulbeck		10.00/Team Morning Service		9.30/SD Holy Communion
Hough				9.45/JK Morning Service
Hougham	17.00/BCP/CB Evening Prayer	15.00/SD Family Harvest		
Beckingham		9.30/TBA Morning Service	11.00/VaIR&VicR Harvest Service	
Brandon	9.45/BCP/CB Morning Prayer			
Leadenham	10.00/BCP/HR Harvest			



News & Views Shout-Out

New Bench for Playing Field



Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council have purchased and installed a new recycled plastic bench on the Playing Field. This has been provided with a plaque marking the service of Andy Roberts to our Community.

Andy served the villages for many years as a Neighbourhood Police Officer and has been heavily involved in the Parish Council for the last 38 years, both as a Councillor and Chair. This is an outstanding achievement and a record that is unlikely to be beaten. Sadly, Andy felt it was the right time to step down as a Councillor earlier this year, due to his failing health.

We wish Andy all the best for the future and hope he may find time and a spell of good weather to enjoy the view from the bench.

Pictured toasting his health are Benita Crawley, Jacquie Roberts, Councillor Andrew Page, Councillor Andy Crawley, Bruce Nelson (past chair) and Councillor David McPherson, with Andy Roberts at the front.

N&V - Thank you Andy for all your service over many years to Caythorpe & Frieston.

Notice from Caythorpe Playing Field Committee



Sadly, it has been brought to our attention that there have been several acts of petty vandalism at Caythorpe Playing Field, especially around the Children's Play Area. While on the face of it, these appear to be minor, the effect financially soon mounts up. Due to the specialised nature and safety requirements of replacement parts, none of the repairs are cheap, a set of just four bolts to repair the Truck seat that was recently pulled off cost in excess of £70. The Play Area is a valuable resource for our community, a lovely

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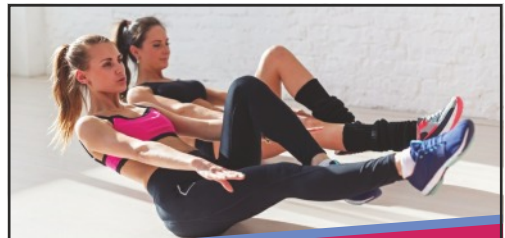
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Time & Date	Event	Place
4 th October 10:30	Coffee Morning	St Vincent's Caythorpe
5 th October 19:30	Bingo	Carlton Scroop Social Club
6 th October 09:00	Village Hall Breakfast	Caythorpe Village Hall
8 th October 19:00	Caythorpe Garden Soc	Carlton Scroop Village Hall
11 th October 19:00	Loveden Fes'l Singers	Leadenham Village Hall
12 th October 15:00	Fulbeck Utd Home Game	Fulbeck Sports Field
12 th October 19:30	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club
15 th October 11:00	Community Hub	Carlton Scroop Social Club
18 th October 10:00	Chill & Chat	Caythorpe Village Hall
18 th October 18:15	Film Night	Caythorpe Village Hall
19 th October 10:00	Pumpkin & Coffee M'ning	Caythorpe Village Hall
19 th October 15:00	Fulbeck Utd Home Game	Fulbeck Sports Field
19 th October 19:00	Race Night	Fulbeck Sports Club
26 th October 19:30	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club
26 th October 20:00	Quiz Night	Carlton Scroop Social Club

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