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From the Editor

Dear News & Views Readers,

It's a very big thank you to Laura and the team for editing the past 73 editions of News and Views. What an amazing achievement and something to be really proud of.

I've offered to help out with the editorship for a while and I'm already finding out about the degree of work and professionalism required to make each edition ready and delivered to your door. It's a tough act to follow. There is a whole army of people who take the magazine once printed and distribute it - in all weathers too.

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In each of our villages there are amazing regular activities and one events taking place. March seems to be a very busy month and could be a full diary for anyone. Please let me know of planned events and a brief report on how they went especially if you have any photos that we can share with everyone.

In this day and age a lot of people get their information from the various social media but for many people a physical copy is welcome. Reading it doesn't require any technology and hopefully not to much searching for what you want to see or find out, but there is clearly a place for both digital and print. The contents and layout will evolve, but hopefully contributions will thrive and continue to entertain and inform. A big initial task was to convert the existing document preparation to a more modern software version. Migration just wasn't possible by the click of a mouse so a lot of re-generation from scratch was necessary. It also proved too difficult to migrate the email address - hence a new one for future use.

Enjoy the March issue. Robert Prabucki

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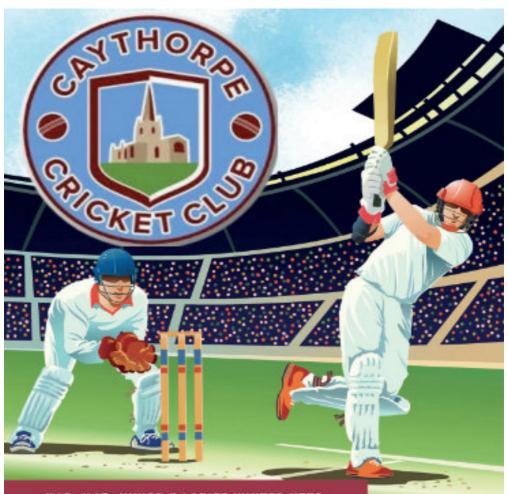
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18th - 30 mile an hour speed limit imposed on built up areas in 1935

22nd - English football league formed in 1888

23rd- In 1891 goal nets were used for the first time in English football.

25th - Heathrow Airport opened in 1948

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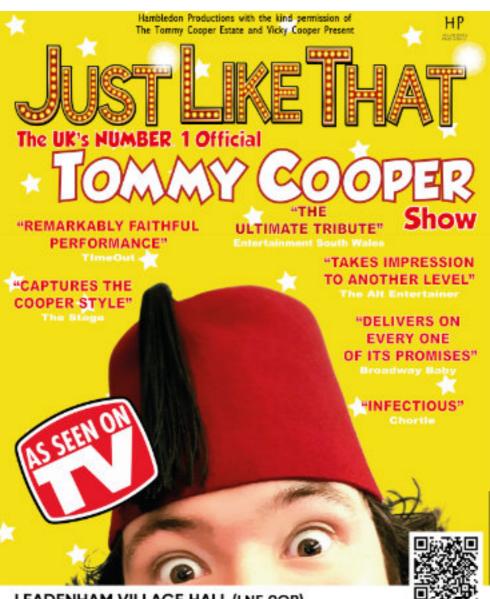
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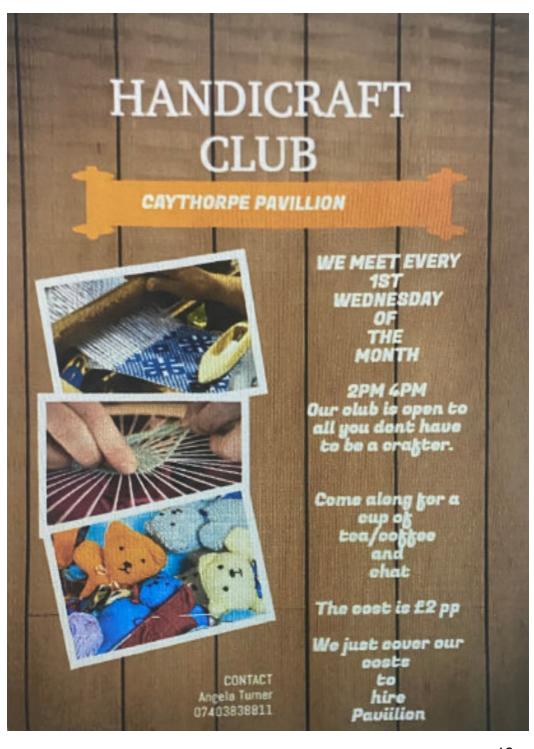


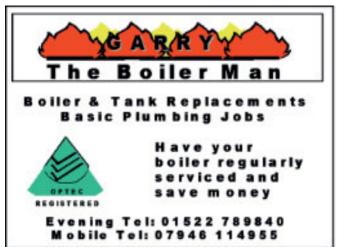
We have started planning for this year's fireworks event, that will take place on the Playing Fields on Saturday 1st November 2025 commencing at 7pm and we are hoping to build on the success of last year's display.

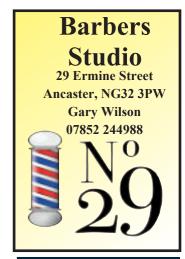
Please put the date in your diary to come along and enjoy the professional display with hot dogs, jacket potatoes (with various accompaniments) as well as hot drinks all available to purchase. New this year will be the ability to purchase hot mulled wine with a non alcoholic version also available for the drivers, teetotallers, and children. The bar at the Sports and Social Club will also be open and there will be soft drinks and sweets available as well. The ice cream van will also be on site, as well as the stall selling glow sticks and various illuminated novelties.

Although we have a dedicated team who are arranging this, we need a number of volunteers to help out at the event, setting up the field beforehand, clearing away afterwards, and generally clearing up on Sunday morning. All volunteers will receive free food and hot drinks and will contribute to making this great village event the success that it is.

If you would like to get involved, then please contact Andy Crawley on 07986 548474











Fancy a Daytrip?

To help residents with the hardships caused by loneliness or rural isolation, the trustees of the Carlton Scroop and Normanton Parish Charities would like to organise and support days out over the summer. A number of different ideas have been proposed, from tours and picnics at locations such as Belvoir Castle or Belton House, to river trips from Newark or matinee performances at the Kinema in the Woods at Woodhall Spa, or a seaside trip or visit to the Bomber Command Centre at Lincoln.

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Caythorpe Garden Club

Our first speaker of 2025 was John Cullen from John Cullen Gardens, a nursery near Boston. He and his partner, Hugh Faulds, started growing plants for sale in a back garden in London, but as their reputation grew they needed more space and migrated to Lincolnshire. They grow a variety of herbaceous perennials, herbs and shrubs, but the main topic of John's talk was Achilleas. He prefers to grow plants with a purpose, particularly providing food for pollinators, and these are a favourite.

Pollinators, John told us, do not all like the same plants, but have preferences that depend on their mouth parts and feeding habits. Achilleas are favoured by short tongued bees which can reach the nectaries, by butterflies that like a good platform to land on, and many other pollinators. They are popular with cavity nesting birds that take the leaves for their nests. Achilleas also have a long history as a medicinal herb, with a many uses including pain relief and wound healing.

Our native Achillea millefolium, the pink and white yarrow of the hedgerows, has given rise to many varieties and hybrids with related species. John holds a National Collection, listing 74 varieties for sale. They range from a few inches to over 4 feet in height and come in most colours except blue. John gave us some tips on caring for these hardy perennials. They need full sun and free drainage to thrive, and are a valuable addition to almost any style of garden. The pollinators will thank you, and we thank John for his excellent presentation.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 11th, 7:15 for 7:30 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall. Colin Hickman will give a talk on Agapanthus. Visitors (£5) and new members (£25 for the year) will be most welcome. Just come along.



For more information on the club and the programme for 2025 please see our webpage, or call 01400 275052.

Dear All,

Writing this article in February, it is unsurprisingly still cold and wet. We are hoping that by the time you read this, there will have been at least a little improvement in the weather including some sunshine. Despite the winter weather we still get outdoors for some fresh air and activities. Using our growing independence skills and in preparation for "Big School" we are practising and learning to put on our own coats, hats and gloves.

We have been talking about the birds and creatures, some of which have been in hibernation during the winter months. We brought ice into the setting to help the children understand how difficult it can be for the birds and animals to find water and food during the icy weather. For this reason and as we always do at this time of year, we made bird feeders using pine cones and seeds and we are going to see which birds visit the feeders in our gardens and talk about them at Pre-School.

We've also been learning about the animals and birds that live in parts of the world that are extremely cold, including polar bears and penguins. We used white sparkly sand to create a snow scene and explained to the children that there is snow and ice all year round in some of these countries.

At the end of January, we celebrated Chinese New Year. The Year of the Snake. We made some colourful snakes and a fantastic dragon to display on the wall in our Chinese restaurant. We tried to use chopsticks but we found it really tricky! Especially trying to eat our woolly noodles!

During the last week of half term, we went to see the lambs in the barn. It was very muddy but we had a lovely walk looking at the snowdrops and crocus growing on the verges. When we return following the half term break it won't be long before the month of March and Spring! We will be tossing pancakes and celebrating World Book Day!

Don't forget to follow us on Face Book to find out about the exciting things we get up to, or call in and have a look around our lovely setting. We have spaces currently available and also from September 2025. Alternatively, you can email us at caythorpepreschool@googlemail.com or give us a call on 07356 074 4749

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ENCOUNTERS Interesting Acquaintances of Brian Lucas, the last Rector of Caythorpe and Fulbeck.

Humphrey Lyttelton

Humphrey Lyttelton (23 May 1921 – 25 April 2008), also known as Humph, was an English jazz musician and broadcaster. Having taught himself the trumpet at school, he became a professional musician, leading his own eight-piece band, which recorded a hit single, "Bad Penny Blues", in 1956.He was also a cartoonist, collaborating on the long-running Flook series in the Daily Mail, and a calligrapher and president of The Society for Italic Handwriting.

It was largely unknown to the British public that Lyttelton was born at Eton College (then in Buckinghamshire), where his father, G W Lyttelton (second son of the 8th Viscount Cobham), was a house master. From Sunningdale Preparatory School he duly progressed to Eton College. At Eton, he formed his love of jazz. He was inspired by the trumpeters Louis Armstrong and Nat Gonella. He formed a quartet at the school in 1936 that included the future journalist Ludovic Kennedy on drums.

In 2004 he accepted my invitation to bring his band to the Savage club in Whitehall during my time there as CEO. While Joy and I were chatting to him before his performance he asked Joy where she had gained her lovely Welsh accent; when she answered "Port Talbot" he revealed that he knew the town well for he had begun his musical career in the town's Aberavon Working-men's Club. The club had a large membership and arranged frequent concerts. It had six snooker tables where my father taught me to play when I was old enough to enrol as a member. After leaving school, Lyttelton spent some time at the Port Talbot steel plate works in South Wales, an experience which led to his becoming what he termed a "romantic socialist".

After being called up for war service, he was commissioned in the Grenadier Guards as a second lieutenant on 29 November 1941 alongside future politician Mark Bonham Carter, and saw action at Salerno, Italy, during Operation Avalanche, when he came ashore with his pistol in one hand, and his trumpet in the other.

Lyttelton's mainstream band usually included such established musicians as Jimmy Skidmore, Joe Temperley, Kathy Stobart, Jimmy Hastings, Mike McKenzie, John Barnes, Roy Williams and Pete Strange along with new talent such as Tony Coe, Alan Barnes, John Picard, Karen Sharpe, and Jo Fooks. He regarded his band as a family, with some members returning to the fold after periods away and/or staying for long periods (Bruce Turner, Stan Greig, Adrian Macintosh, Stobart, Hastings).

Lyttelton's last band featured, apart from himself on trumpet and clarinet: Ray Wordsworth on trombone; Jimmy Hastings on alto sax, clarinet and flute; Jo Fooks on tenor saxophone and flute; Rob Fowler on tenor sax, baritone sax and clarinet; Ted Beament on piano; John Rees-Jones on double bass and Adrian Macintosh on drums [the latter two being members of the Savage Club]. His last formal recordings, one track each on trumpet and clarinet, appeared on his last CD 'Cornucopia 3', (CLG CD 46) all of which he supervised. Trumpet on the other tracks was played by Tony Fisher.

During the second half of his concert at the Savage club in 2004, he announced that he was dedicating the next number to "Joy and Brian, my new Welsh friends". He

explained that during his time in Port Talbot he had grown to love the Welsh hymn tunes, especially 'Aberystwyth'. He went on to say that during a visit to New Orleans he had observed that their marching bands swayed from side to side as they played quite brisk music, and that his version of Aberystwyth will now be played with swing! It was terrific and the applause outstanding! I believe it is included in his CD Cornucopia 3.

Humph was excellent company, which I enjoyed not only for his music but also for his brilliant sense of humour. In 1972 he was chosen to host the comedy panel game I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (ISIHAC) on BBC Radio 4. The show was originally devised as a comedic antidote to traditional BBC panel games (both radio and television), which had come to be seen as dull and in keeping with the staid middle-class "Auntie Beeb" image. He continued in this role until shortly before he died, and was known for both his deadpan, disgruntled, and occasionally bewildered style of chairmanship, and for his near-the-knuckle double entendres and innuendo which, despite always being open to an innocent interpretation. The programme's success had considerable influence on the manner in which comedy was presented on radio, and his persona was a significant part of that success: he was a straight man surrounded by mayhem.

Humphrey Lyttelton died following surgery on 25 April 2008, with his family around him. He twice refused state honours which were offered to him. One occasion was in 1976, and in 1994 he declined the knighthood offered by Downing Street: his son Stephen later wrote that "Accepting it was never an option, but he still felt sick. He kept it from all of us, especially my mother who would have exerted a lot of pressure on him to accept, seeing it as recognition for all his work."

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Programme of Walks

Home walks start from the Hammond Pavilion on Old Lincoln Road, Caythorpe. Please arrive by 09:45 for a 10 o'clock start. Away walks start at the meeting point at 10:00 or the Hammond Pavilion at 9:30 to leave to starting point by 9:45.

After walks refreshments are available in The Pavilion for a charge currently of £1.

Walks range from 2.6 - 4 miles, most being about 3, and provision is made for strollers who wish to walk shorter distances.

Once a month we do an away walk and try to share lifts where possible.

Note for dog walkers: Dogs should be on fixed short leads at all times for the safety of other walkers.

Date	Striders	Strollers	Stragglers	Walk
03/03/25	Andrew Mandy	Sue Gordon	Caroline	14 Brant Broughton
10/03/25	Dave, Val	Steve, Andrew	Peter	5 Old Railway
17/03/25	Caroline,	Steve Val,	Mandy Vicky	6 Bleak House
24/03/25	Andrew,	Steve Gordon	Sue Mandy	7 Caythorpe Court
31/03/25	Linda Caroline	Andrew	Val Peter	1 Towards Sudthorpe
07/04/25	Andrew	Val Dave	Mandy Steve	15 Welbourn Arches

Date of next leaders' meeting 18th March 2025 Social Club

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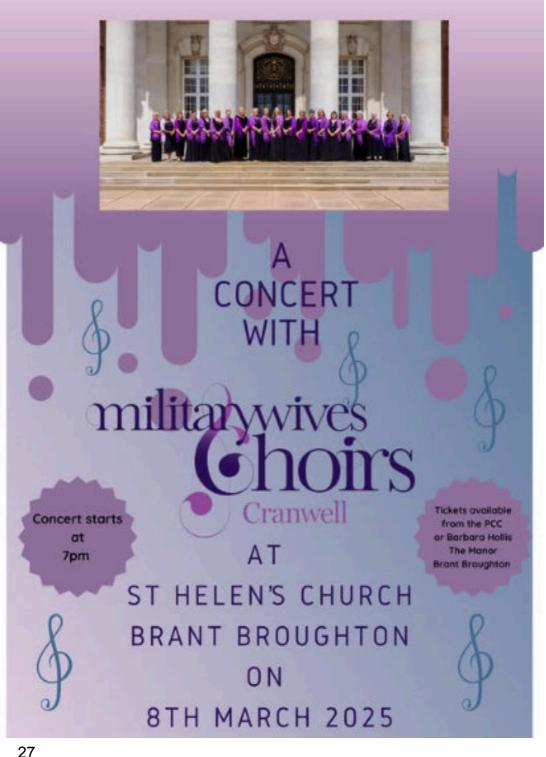


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Lazy Lou

Just before Christmas there was a ceremony at Sudbrook Golf Club where a memorial was unveiled to commemorate American combat veterans who were killed in a mid air collision on December 18th 1944 over Carlton Scroop.



Two aircraft on training missions, one a B24 Liberator named Lazy Lou the other a C-109 troop carrier suffered a mid air collision. Wreckage from the C-109 rained down on the village close to the school and the present golf club. Lazy Lou carried on flying in an attempt to land at RAF Cranwell, but wasn't successful and finally crashed at North Rauceby.

David Bristow from Fulbeck, an electrician, history enthusiast and

now author, undertook a lot of research in to the incident, being a local lad from Carlton Scroop with a thirst for understanding more about what happened that day. His research resulted in a book "Whatever happened to you Lazy Lou?" obtainable direct from Dave or from Amazon. Dave's dad was a pupil at the village school at the time of the crash.

Seven men were killed in the accident and three survived. The squadron mascot Dalmatian dog also died from injuries. The dog called Major Jerry had travelled with Co Frederick for campaigns in North Africa, Sicily and northern Europe and was considered a lucky mascot. He was thrown clear in the crash landing, but was badly burned when he ran back to find his master and sadly died.

Staff Sgt Stanley Wells 22 was the radio operator. He had a married a girl from Lincoln less than a month before the incident and they were expecting a baby.

Lt Col Lewis Frederick died at North Rauceby.

The son of Tech Sgt Ernest Ward who survived the crash, made the journey from Texas to Carlton Scroop for the event and was hosted by Dave. Edward Ward Jnr said at the unveiling "I am truly grateful to see such a commemoration of the American aircrew who died that day. My father survived and lived a long life, but we must always remember those who did not"

The RAF band played reveille on a very moving day.

What happened to you Lazy Lou?

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David managed to pull together funding from various sources including South Kesteven District Council to enable a memorial stone to be made and placed at the golf club. A number of RAF and US Air Force staff came to the ceremony.

Not from the Rectory March 2025

I have been part of the 'Armed Forces Family' for 34 years now, although I didn't marry into it as my husband was initially a tea taster! Within Lincolnshire I have met people who we first knew from postings elsewhere in the country, and my children have had local school friends they first met at Primary School in Wiltshire. Only last week my husband bumped into someone at Cranwell who said he hadn't seen him around for a bit when it was actually 6 years since they had last seen each other there.

Our connection to the 'RAF family' was recently renewed when an ex-military group contacted me hoping to discover where Squadron Leader Patrick Marshall was laid, known to them as 'Paddy'. Patrick is commemorated on the War Memorial at Caythorpe Church with his parents having lived in Caythorpe. His remains are actually buried at Cranwell Village Church, and with the permission of the local vicar there, my husband and I joined former members of 47 Squadron at his grave on 30th January, twenty years to the day since he was part of the crew C-130K Hercules XV179 shot down by enemy action in Iraq: all ten people on board were killed. I remember the crash well as we lived at RAF Lyneham, home of the Hercules where my husband was on another Hercules Squadron, We watched and



paid our respects as the ten coffins were returned to UK soil; the Captain was the husband of my daughter's school teacher. It was a privilege to be able to lead a short service remembering Patrick before a pre-arranged fly-past. Some of those remembering Patrick and his fellow comrades hadn't seen each other for twenty years, including my husband, but the shared bond of service to their country remained strong. All ten graves have been visited.

Tomorrow we are off to Barcelona for a short break with our son and four of his friends plus partners. Most of them are racing in the Barcelona Half Marathon. He has a large group of friends who left Carres' Grammar School eight years ago but have kept in close contact, meeting up whenever possible and continuing to add

other friends to the group. Some are like family to us and indeed one has asked me to conduct his wedding this summer.

It's good to be part of a group or family, even if you can only meet up every so often. I'm meeting some old nursing friends in June to celebrate our 60th birthdays and I'm sure it will feel as if we're still 18 and we'll talk about our shared training experiences, houses we shared and places we visited whilst living in Liverpool. Our husbands were also part of that friendship group as well. We have things in common and will carry on making more memories, even though we don't see each other very often.

It can be a bit like that with the Church. I have been a Christian since birth but have been in and out of my Church Family over the years. Despite gaps, coming back to Church has always felt like coming home. At the Cranwell Memorial I met the Church Warden who I trained with in Lay Ministry many years ago; we've followed different paths which cross from time to time and it's always good to see each other. Within our church congregations are people who have regularly attended church throughout their lives, some who came to faith in later life, some who have returned after periods of absence, some who come occasionally and some who have only started to attend recently. Everyone is equally welcome, whilst respecting another's faith, we don't give badges for good attendance and we don't test people on their knowledge; we are all life long learners. People can be baptised (Christened) in later life, becoming a recognised member of our Church Family. You're still welcome without making this decision, we aim to treat everyone with love, respect and without expectation. If you would like to come along to any of our churches and would like more information please get in touch. Every blessing,

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

If you wish to donate towards the Lilies for Easter, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please contact Janet Avison on 0040 272158.

Sidespersons - St Vincent's

2 March Mr & Mrs Dix 16 March Mrs Jo Russell & Mr Robert Prabucki

Flower Rota - Lent



Floodlighting - 10 February - To celebrate Ann Russell's 90th birthday 28th February In memory of TONY THIEDE with love from Chris & Gordon.

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Meeting House Lane, Brant Broughton, LN50SH

We meet each Sunday at 10:30am for an hour of mostly silent worship followed by coffee in the Barn next doorafterwards. All are welcome! Have a look on our website: www.brantbroughtonguakers.co.uk or phone 01400 318127 for more information about us.

LINCOLN DIOCESE: CENTRAL LOVEDEN GROUP OF CHURCHES MARCH 2025SERVICES

DATE	2nd	Ash Wed	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Sunday	Sun next before Lent Green		Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday CLOCKS FORWARD
Welbourn			11.0/SD Holy Communion	15.00/Team Forest Church	11.00/SD Holy Communion	
Caythorpe	11.00/SD Holy Communion			11.00/SD Holy Communion		
Marston	9.30/BCP/SD Holy Communion					10.00/CS Morning Service
Brant Broughton					10.00/JH Morning Service	10.30am Holy Communion
Fulbeck			10.00/Team Morning Service		9.30/SD Holy Communion	
Hough on the Hill			9.30/SD Holy Communion		9.45/ JK Morning Service	
Hougham	15.00/BCP/C B Evening Prayer					
Becking- ham		10.00 Ashing and Holy Communion	9.30/GG Morning Service			
Stragglethorpe						
Brandon	9.45/ BCP/CB Morning Prayer					
Leadenham	10.00/BCP/ HR Morning Prayer			9.30/SD Holy Communion		
Carlton Scr Normanton						

ABBREVIATIONS Book of Common Prayer TL: Traditional Language.

All other services are Contemporary Language

OFFICIANTS: Clergy- SD Rev Sara Davies: Val R – Rev Canon Valerie Rampton; **Lay Readers-** CS – Clare Sauer:

AuthorisedLay Ministers- CB – Dr Christopher Brightman: EB – Emma Brealey: GG – Gillian Green: HR – Henrietta Reeve: JH – Jennifer Harvey: JK – Julian Knight:: TK – Tony Kingston: JR- Jo Russell: JS-Jude Scott: SW-Susanne Wills





St Vincent's Church Prayer Group

Prayer is at the centre of all that we do at Št Vincent's. We believe that all we accomplish comes about not because of us but because of God. Prayer transforms; 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 Mondays 10th and ,24th March at 2pm.

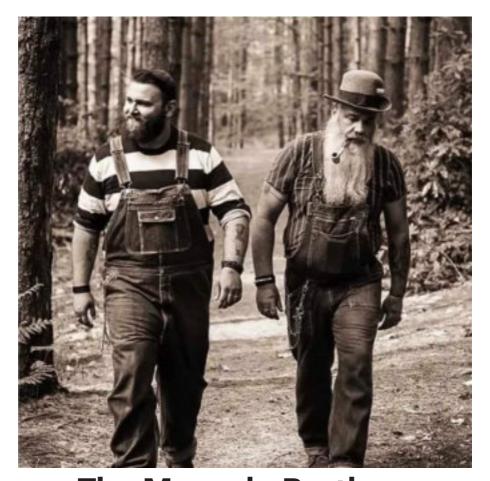
Specific prayer requests can be left in the box by the votive candle stand - you may like to light a candle as a focus for the prayer you offer. You can also send your prayers to

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The Memories of Augustus Peach (part XVI)

We hear more about the people working in the village of Fulbeck at the turn of the 19th/20th century. Next month we move on to reading about childhood games. This valuable and informative historical document is reproduced pretty much in full without any attempt correct errors or grammar.

The village grocer and baker

"No place like home, no tea like Wetherals"

Almost everything was stocked in the village store-grocery, drapery, beer, draught and in bottles, ironmongery, bread, boots, brushes, bacon and drugs. The village grocer sold all sorts of things from flypapers to paraffin oil, from cakes to Epsom salts, from lucky packets to fat bacon. A bell would ring when you entered the door and the smell of the varied contents of the store would meet you, a smell so different from anything else, a smell without a name, a smell only to be found in the grocer's shop and ever remembered.

From the ceiling hung clothes lines, kettles, pans, hams, sides of bacon, boots and brushes. Crockery, rolls of wallpaper, lino and drapery lined the floor below the packed fixtures on the walls. However the village shop with its wonderful collection of varied contents was unique - it was always a very busy place. Apprentices, local and boys from other villages, would come to learn the trade, working long hours, becoming all round skilled tradesmen. Grocers had to pack and wrap their cereals, sugar and tea in those days and his assistant's pride was for quickness, neatness and security of the commodity packed.

The green opposite the shop was a grand playing ground for the younger generation during the winter evenings, the light from his shop window allowed for games to be played with balls and the old fashioned games seldom seen and enjoyed by the child of today. The bakehouse was an attraction to the boys of the village for a good warm during the cold winter evenings and in the summer to help to load the bread into the van and then to accompany the baker on his rounds.

The tinsmith

Tinker Jones, a Londoner by birth with a real Cockney accent. A bachelor, living on the main street, his one living room was used as his shop. Two steps led up to his door from the pavement and boys passing carrying buckets of water from the village pump would splash or tip water under his door and generally aggravate the old man in order to hear his Cockney expression of, "I'll paint yew nob for yew if I ketch yew."

Ironstone miners of Fulbeck and Caythorpe

Just picture a deep cutting across a field, twelve feet more or less in depth sufficient in length and width to take ten or more railway wagons each holding when full ten tons of iron stone. This was the ironstone workings when I was a boy.

The local men employed to pick and shovel the layers of ironstone were hard strong men and by this reason old men at an early age. You would see them in pairs filling the wooden barrows with heavy lumps of stone and then when full wheeling the load over wooden planks, and if on low level with the wagon, pushing the barrow up sloping planks to empty the stone into the truck.

In the summer these men would work on the site as soon as it was light and work until the heat of the day was too hot for them. If the stone was found to be too difficult for individuals to work, gunpowder would be used in blasting the stone. This was a very dangerous method and in my time men have been maimed by its use, in fact one man named Greenfield was blinded in consequence of such action.

Before obtaining the stone the top soil had to be removed and taken by barrows along planks set on tall wooden horses to a position over the wagon tracks for replacement of the soil for agricultural use. Over a period of time the men had to move the rail lines, this was called slewing.

During the summer months the ironstone workers living in the village, by reason of the heavy work became very thirsty on their way home and had to pass or call at the local pub, the Hare and Hounds Inn. The callers may have consumed too much beer and in consequence degraded themselves and families in the eyes of the villagers. In my youth I was given to understand that the Lord of the manor whose land yielded the ironstone was paid fourpence for each ton mined. A very wealthy man indeed. The managers of the Fulbeck and Caythorpe workings were Mr Burke and Mr Carr respectively.

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

Fulbeck Thursday Club Fulbeck Village Hall every Thursday from 10.00am – 12 noon

We are thrilled to present during our meeting on Thursday, 6th March 2025

Sport in Victorian and Edwardian Fulbeck

In 1875 and 1877 two major cricket matches took place in Fulbeck, sponsored by Colonel Francis Fane. Featuring some of the leading cricketers of the day, a local lad, Arthur Collingwood, also took to the field. This talk looks at the development of cricket and football in the village in the years leading up to the First World War, when Fulbeck United won the second division of the Sleaford and District League.

Alistair Mutch, always a compelling, informative and entertaining speaker, again shows how rich and varied life was in the village at the time. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits provided for a suggested donation of £2.00.

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Church Electoral Roll

The electoral roll for each of the churches in our group of parishes needs updating this year. You can be on the roll with a right to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of your church if you are over 16, baptised and live in the parish and in certain other circumstances. If you wish to be included please collect a form from the back of your church and return it to the electoral roll representative for your church. If it's not convenient to call into church please contact your representative/Church Warden to make other arrangements.

It will depend when individual APCMs are as to when the cut off point should be as the new, revised list needs to be displayed (names only) in churches for 2 weeks before the APCM. The earliest cut off date is probably 16th March.

Rev'd Sara Davies

Fulbeck Parish Council Greens & Verges Update Spring 2025

Make Space for Nature Grant

Fulbeck Parish Council Greens & Verges has been very fortunate to secure funding to initiate our biodiversity improvement project for the village.



The Make Space for Nature Biodiversity Projects Scheme was established to provide grants to town and parish councils to implement biodiversity related projects within South Kesteven

District. The funding was awarded to South Kesteven District Council following a successful bid to the UK Shared Prosperity

Fund for Green Space Improvement.

In October and December 2024, grants were available for town and parish councils that could demonstrate their ability to successfully implement biodiversity measures for the benefit of local wildlife and residents of communities in the district.

In applying for a grant, the Parish Council had to demonstrate how our proposed project would deliver biodiversity benefit, contributing to the sustainability, vitality and well-being of the local community.



We applied for funding for wildflower seed to plant on road and path side verges in Fulbeck and for information boards to explain what is happening and what wildlife and plants might be found in the newly managed areas.

We were also awarded grant funding for a variety of wildlife nesting boxes for birds, insects, wild bees and hedgehogs to be sited in community areas around the village.

The Parish Council is also working with the Church Council to increase biodiversity within the churchyard and surrounding area. The church already has a well-established wildflower area managed by Julie Baum and is a perfect quiet and sheltered green space for plants and wildlife to thrive. By further enhancing the environment we hope to attract an even more diverse range of native insect, bird, reptile and small mammals species to the tranquil churchyard.

At a time when so many of our native species numbers are in rapid decline, shared community areas such as churchyards, village greens, playing field boundaries and verges can be fantastic habitats to increase biodiversity of species by providing nesting areas and plants which will provide nectar and seed for food.



If anyone in the community is interested in being involved in the Fulbeck Greens & Verges Project this Spring, there will be an update at the next Parish Council meeting at Fulbeck Village Hall on 13th March at 7pm and look out for updates on the Parish council website.

fulbeck.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

If you would like register interest for planting, installation of nesting boxes and ongoing habitat maintenance please email

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To dig.... or not to dig?

For years it has been accepted that the best way to prepare a space for planting almost anything - flowers and plants, fruit and veg - is to remove weeds and to turn the soil so as to aerate it. After all, everything that grows needs oxygen to encourage healthy root growth. When I was big enough to hold a spade I remember my dad even telling me about the wisdom of 'double-trenching' in our back garden. I still remember the sweat and toil involved.

In more recent times this long-established practice has been questioned, with many green-fingered experts like Charles Dowding advocating a 'no-dig' approach. No dig is based on the idea that it is best to disturb top soil as little as possible as digging releases carbon dioxide (not good for the environment) and destroys key soil dwelling organisms. The aim is to maintain the existing soil structure and improve it by adding layers of organic matter like well-rotted compost directly to the surface. This assists organisms like worms to break it down and improve the soil structure naturally. In other words it helps to preserve the soil ecosystem. Done in the right way it also minimises dependency of fertilizers. It may therefore help to reduce costs and improve the environment.

With bigger spaces that need tending, cardboard can be laid down and covered with compost or mulch. This suppresses weeds and enables direct planting. I have noticed that some of the plots on the allotment in Caythorpe use this method. It would be good to know from the experiences of plot-holders whether this system really does work for them.

I wonder also whether there is a place for 'no dig' in farming practice? The intensification of land cultivation and fertiliser use have been seen as necessary requirements to produce sufficient food for us all but this, as I understand it, can lead to soil degradation. If we are near a 'tipping point' where the soil is reaching the limits of its fertility, is there a space for 'no-dig'? Your comments are welcome.

For further information about 'no-dig' visit: charlesdowding.co.uk or soilassociation.org

Anon

Fulbeck Village Fête

Is back after a break of seven years (can't believe it's that long)!

A traditional family village fête held in the lovely garden of Fulbeck Hall is being planned for the afternoon of Sunday, 29th June 2025.

Cakes, tea and coffee in abundance, along with Dog Show, Races, Knobbly Knees, Bouncy Castle, Book Sale, Bric à Brac, Tombola, Face painting, Wet Sponge throwing and Tug o' War. More attractions being planned.

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