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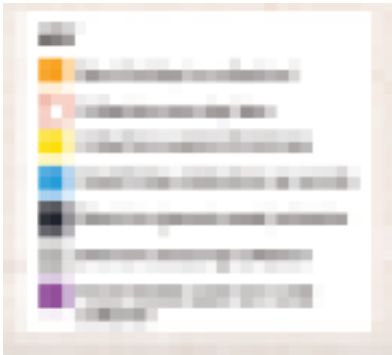
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April 2025

From the Editor

Dear News & Views Readers,

I hope you enjoyed the March issue. Thank you for the positive feedback on the content and to our advertisers for their continuing support. Distribution matters are now ably taken care of by Iris, Steve and Janet and their trusted army of helpers. The accounting side of things has been kindly taken over by Richard Johnson.

There seem to be lots of events happening once more in our communities and they are all hoping for your support. Please go along to any of the advertised events if you can. The weather has certainly improved of late and Spring is here. Snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses are the limit of my gardening knowledge but it does lift the spirits to see them. The front cover was an image from Fulbeck Hall garden. Thank goodness we can out more and enjoy our fantastic local surroundings. On dark clear nights the skies have been amazing to view

Planning has already started for the Annual Gala, the Garden Show and even the Fireworks Display. As I write this, world events are rapidly evolving in an apparent downward spiral. One can only hope that common sense and maybe a bit of good diplomacy prevail. The Grantham Foodbank and Help for Afghanistan Refugees, organised by Rev Sara, are small endeavours to make the world a better place for all. A thank you to new contributors this month.

Enjoy the April issue.

Robert Prabucki

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There are three ladies Teams. Two playing Softball and one playing "Super 8's"

Early Season Dates of matches played at Caythorpe

Sunday 20th April	start 1pm	Seniors v Hartsholme
Sunday 27th April	start 1pm	Ladies v Nettleham, Grimsby
Sunday 4th May	start 10am	Ladies v Sleaford, Keyworth, Belvoir
Monday 5th May	start 1pm	Seniors v Old Leightonians, Reading
Tuesday 6th May	start 6pm	Under 15's v Sleaford
Sunday 11th May	start 1pm	Seniors v Rustons

All Stars Cricket

In 2017 the ECB introduced a new initiative to help Cricket Clubs to introduce cricket to 5 to 8 year-olds. The emphasis was on helping youngsters to develop physically and mentally by having fun, and learning basic skills that can be transformed into cricketing ability. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to follow instructions and a determination to enjoy themselves.

Although we already had a thriving Under 9 training squad at Caythorpe, we welcomed the new challenge, and started an All Stars group as well. Some of our original recruits are now playing cricket at Under 15 level.

The programme is administered by ECB but delivered by local clubs. For more information go to <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> There is still time to register your child for this summer. At Caythorpe our sessions are on Friday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30, for 8 weeks, starting on 16th May.

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April in History

3rd Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain in 1721

4th The Beatles filled the top 5 places in the US singles chart with "Please Please Me", "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "She Loves You", "Twist and Shout" & "Can't Buy Me Love", in 1964

12th The Union Flag became the official flag of Britain in 1606

14th The first cordless telephone went on sale in Britain in 1983

21st Henry VIII became King of England in 1509

28th Explorer James Cook landed in Botany Bay, Australia, in 1770, the first European to do so

29th Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations in 1884. However, they were not to be awarded degrees.

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If you are interested in participating in such a trip, whether as a guest or volunteer helper, please contact: carltonscroop.parish.charities@outlook.com or by phone to the charity chairman, Daniel Sheard, on 01400250948 or message to 07484616045. (NB Not Limited to CS/N residents)

A BIG thank you to all who attended the Quiz Night at the pavilion on the 14th March, all helpers, all those who donated prizes and not forgetting the social club for all their hard work and help.

It was a successful event and raised £189 for the playing field funds.



CAYTHORPE PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

EASTER QUIZ

1. What is the official flower of Easter?
2. Where is Easter Island located?
3. In the Bible, who betrayed Jesus just before his crucifixion?
4. What do the marzipan balls on Simnel cake represent?
5. How many chocolate eggs does the average child in the UK receive every Easter?
6. Easter always falls between which two dates?
7. Who denied Jesus three times before he was crucified?
8. When did Cadbury make their first Easter egg?

Answers on page 33

Caythorpe Garden Club

In and Around the Garden.

March is an exciting month when life returns to the garden in earnest. The long border beside the drive, which was intended to be just shrubs and spring bulbs, gets more crowded every year as primroses, violets, crocus, snowdrops, tiny cyclamen and daffodils spread themselves about. In the back garden our native daffodil and 'Jet Fire' are the first to flower beside the earlier bulbs. Jet Fire is a strange one that starts out plain yellow and develops bright orange trumpets as it ages. The blue stars of *Anemone blanda* are popping up in several of the flower beds. It is a prolific self-seeder but no trouble at all and always welcome, as is *Cyclamen coum*. These have appeared in new sites, spread by ants.



Perennials which disappear during the winter are beginning to sprout, and it is hard to imagine that the tiny shoots will turn into substantial clumps by mid summer. Restraint is needed, for where last years dead stems have been cleared there seems to be a lot of space crying out for additional plants, when in fact the beds are mostly full. I spent some time cutting back last year's fronds from the ferns. The new crociers are just starting to curl out of the ground and will soon replace the old ones.



A few warm days have encouraged insects to come out of hibernation. Assorted bees and butterflies find a first meal from the winter heathers and bulbs. Butterflies that overwinter as adults are always first to appear, including Brimstone, Comma, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell. Ladybirds are on the move, catching the sun as they fly with wing cases held open. Whirligig beetles are zooming about on the surface of the pond and water boatmen row about underneath.



I haven't seen any newts and frogs or spawn yet. I hope they are late emerging, but I fear there will be none this year. Amphibians generally are having a bad time, but as well as the hazards of habitat loss, pesticides, climate change and fungal pathogens, in my garden they also have to contend with a grass snake. One has appeared every spring for the last few years, swimming in the pond and hunting the newts and frogs. It is about 2 feet long and only as thick as my thumb, so it can wriggle between the plants. It is much quicker than a newt, so they are easy pickings and it may well have eaten them all.

The trouble with having a wildlife friendly garden is that you don't get to choose which wildlife turns up. There is a mole in the flower beds, badger diggings in the lawn and chewed tulips where a muntjac paid a visit. A pheasant keeps banging on the windows and pigeons poo all over the place. Hedgehogs, voles and other birds, however, are a delight so I have no plans to change my ways. I might reinforce the fence, though.

JA

A very big thank you to members of the Caythorpe Garden Society when I became unwell at the end of last meeting. So good to have so many caring folk around. Thanks to Alison, Denise, Gill, Sandra and Steve, and the advice from NHS111. I'm now feeling fine, and look to seeing you all for 'Pond Plants' in April. I'll try to be good!

Pauline Brown

In you are interested in gardening have a read of the article on page 40

The Secret Life of Trees

CAYTHORPE GARDEN CLUB

April meeting
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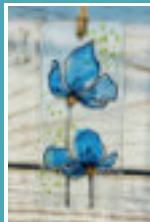
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SAVVAS, Bishop of the Russian Armed Forces.

Early in 1995, Patriarch Alexius II, the 16th Patriarch of Moscow and the spiritual leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, contacted the Archbishop of Canterbury to seek advice on establishing a chaplaincy in the Russian armed forces. It sounds unimaginable, but there it was. As I was the senior of the three Service Archdeacons, the Archbishop, in turn, asked the Chief of the Air Staff if I could undertake this mission. By this time, the Chief of the Air Staff was becoming used to strange requests for me to offer my services, but this must have capped the lot. As it was going to be a busy weekend I was allocated a VIP aircraft from No.32 Royal Squadron. Thus, one Friday that August, a BAe 125-700 flew Joy and me from the nearest long runway to Caythorpe, which was at RAF Waddington, to Moscow. The crew consisted of two pilots and a corporal stewardess, who served a delightful lunch en route. On landing in Moscow we were met by the UK Defence Attaché, who took us to the VIP lounge while the aircraft was refuelled, and he dealt with our arrival formalities. Then we flew on to St Petersburg, for I was to address a group of Orthodox seminarians on Service chaplaincy there the following morning.

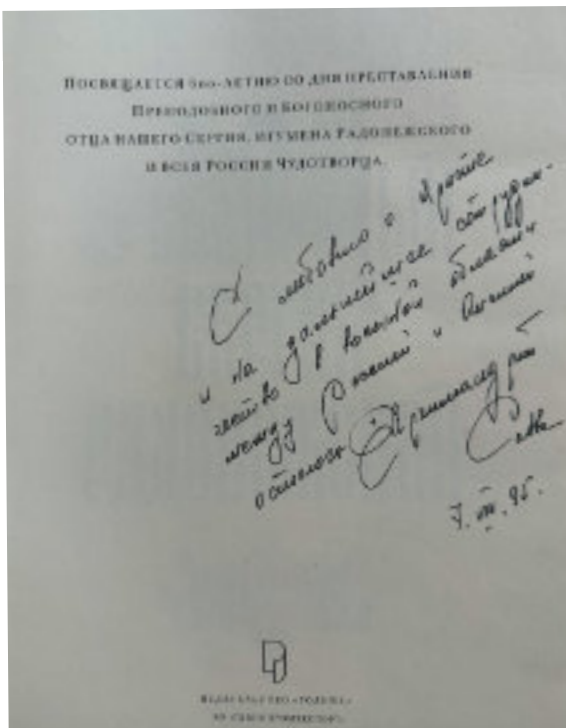
I had asked to visit the Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace, the former state residence of the Russian emperors. The British Consul had arranged for a guide to show us around after my visit to the seminary and lunch, and having viewed the items on my list, I asked if we could see the recent discoveries of French Impressionist paintings. She said it would take another hour, so I asked the pilot of my aircraft, for I had invited the crew to join us, and he replied that we would depart only when I was ready. So we saw the stunning paintings which the western world had thought lost forever. The Consulate had arranged hotel accommodation for us and we enjoyed a relaxing evening together as a group. The following morning, after breakfast we returned to Moscow for an afternoon of sightseeing. The Attache and his wife were our hosts for the remainder of the visit. They arranged a delightful dinner party on the Saturday evening and I preached at the Anglican church on the Sunday morning at the request of the chaplain, an old friend from our time in Malta.

On the Monday morning I changed into Ceremonial uniform, and set off in an embassy car, with the Union flag flying on the bonnet which permitted us to drive down the central reserved lane. I was accompanied by a young lady interpreter from the British Embassy, for my meeting with the Patriarch's envoy, the 'Bishop of the Russian Armed Forces and Forces of the Interior' in a large monastery in the suburbs of Moscow. We were ushered into a large and rather gloomy room in the old monastery building by the bishop's interpreter, a man in a grey suit. He spoke in rapid Russian to my interpreter and she explained that the Bishop was on his way.

A minute later a large, bearded Bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church wearing his monastic robes, filled the doorway and came over with his hand outstretched in welcome. We sat facing each other across a vast table, each with our interpreter beside us. He made a short speech of welcome and invited me to explain chaplaincy in the Royal Air Force, the Army and the Royal Navy. As I was explaining the responsibilities and the various chains of command, I noticed that this monk-bishop had deeply etched laugh-lines at the side of his eyes. So I included some amusing anecdotes about Service chaplaincy. He laughed hugely and enjoyed the stories of how chaplains integrate fully into Service life, bringing with them the love of Christ. He began to ask penetrating questions about pastoral care, the rank structure, how we handled the dual responsibility to church and state, and absorbed my answers like a sponge.

Finally, after over two hours of dialogue, we exchanged gifts, and taking my arm he walked with me back to the courtyard where we had left the car, still asking questions and devouring information. ‘Should our priests wear uniform as you do?’ he asked. I suggested that in my view it would be wiser at first to adopt the model of our officiating chaplains and wear clerical robes until their presence in the armed forces was accepted. Then, in the fullness of time, an appropriate uniform could be adopted. I refrained from mentioning it, but after seventy years of Political Officers being responsible for all ethical issues, an Orthodox priest in uniform might not be trusted. As we said goodbye the formal handshake was replaced by a bear-hug of an embrace and much kissing of cheeks. He said I was welcome to bring some of my chaplains to Moscow to stay at the monastery at any time.

In the back of the car I opened a beautifully illustrated book of Russian monastic churches and read the inscription he had scribbled on the inside cover before he handed it to me. I showed it to the interpreter who translated it. The Bishop had written: ‘With love in Christ, and for further cooperation in the military field between Russia and Great Britain. Yours, Savva.’ To which I added a quiet, “Amen.”



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Caythorpe Walking for Health

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.

Walking for Health is supported by the Lincolnshire Co-Op.

Everyone Welcome

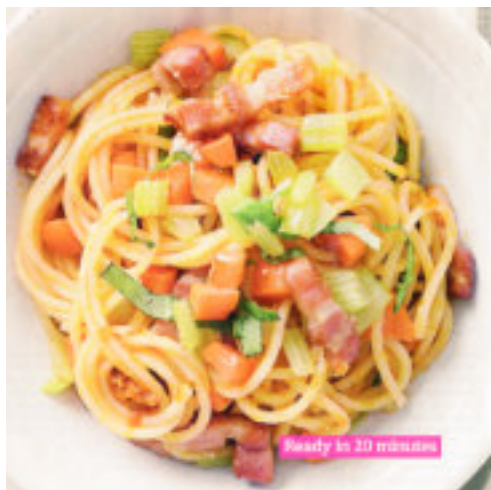
Quick mid-week supper

Bacon bolognese

Serves 4

400g spaghetti
2 large finely diced carrots
3 finely diced celery sticks
200g chopped bacon
190g sundried tomato pesto

Heat 1tbsn olive oil. Add carrots, celery and bacon. Stir well, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 mins until veg has softened. Cook the spaghetti. Add the pesto to the veg, warm through then stir through the drained spaghetti.



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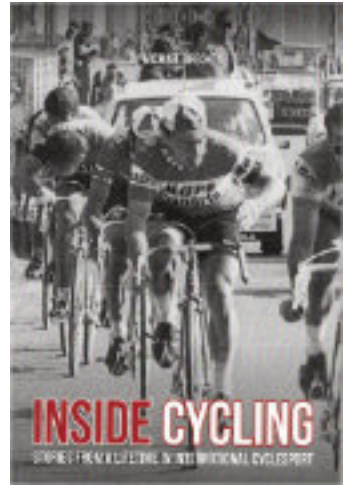
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Michael Breckon

A Lifetime in International Cycling

One of my lovely neighbours is Michael Breckon. A most unassuming man with a fascinating and great history in the world of international cycling. He has completed and self published a 230 page book about his times in this sport. There is an accompanying web site that contains images collected over 50 years of the "greats" in cycling, many of which have not been previously seen in public.



Michael was born in Kent and by the age of 10 lived in Harrogate, Yorkshire. In 1953, aged 16, he bought a bike and thought nothing of cycling 204 miles to London overnight to join in the Coronation celebrations. After National Service he started to compete in road time trials with The Yorkshire Road Club, winning several titles and getting best results. Not having a university degree resulted in limited career options so Michael and his wife emigrated to Montreal in Canada in 1962. He got involved in organising cycling championships, planning routes etc as well as commentating on national TV about the sport. He became Marketing Director for Air Canada. This involved a lot of international travel - one week experiencing 16 time changes and 12,000 air miles before a national road race championship at the weekend. He ran the Canadian Cycling Team at the ill fated Munich Olympics.



Emil Severyns spectacular at speed

Returning to the UK Michael was asked to create and manage the Team Raleigh cycling team, who went on to achieve great results. In his last year of racing, at the age of 63, he managed a 25 mile time trial in 58 minutes and in a 12 hour race he cycled 220 miles. As well as being involved in Tour de France and many other prestigious cycling events, Michael found time to create routes on the UK National Cycling Network enjoyed by many people today.



Michael on the right training with Team Raleigh

Michael is now enjoying a well earned rest in Fulbeck with his wife Carole. What a life!!

IKEBANA EXHIBITION

by members of Ikebana Lincolnshire

Free Admission

Fulbeck Village Hall NG32 3JN
Sunday 18th May at 11am-3pm

Koto (Japanese Harp) Performance
at 12 & 2pm



www.ikebanalincolnshire.com

Not from the Rectory 2025

I've just been writing a Collective Worship for one of our local Primary Schools based around the Christian Value of love. It focuses in how love is an action. The Bible teaches that Jesus calls his people to love others through their actions and words, something which he demonstrated continuously throughout his life and teachings. The greatest example being how Jesus died on the Cross that we might have our sins forgiven and receive eternal life. This is of course the focus of Easter which we building up to during the current period of Lent. We celebrated Ash Wednesday at Beckingham Church with the traditional 'ashing' where people receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads using the burnt ashes of last year's Palm Sunday crosses.; it's a way of publicly remembering all the things that we have done wrong as well as affirming our faith. We have a variety of different services coming up in our group of Parishes over the coming weeks. We have a Mothering Sunday service taking place at Brant Broughton Church this year: held on the fourth Sunday of Lent, it is exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday. During the Lent fast, people did not eat sweet, rich foods or meat. However, the fast was lifted slightly on Mothering Sunday and many people prepared a Simnel cake to eat with their family on this day. On Palm Sunday we recall the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches. This is the start of Holy Week as we head towards the sorrow of Good Friday and the ultimate joy of Easter Sunday when we remember Jesus rising from the dead, the Resurrection. Please look at our service rotas as we have services of night prayer, known as Compline, services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well as our Easter Sunday Service at Caythorpe.

Thinking more about how love is an action, what we do for others, we are fortunate that so many things take place throughout our local villages. There are a number of coffee and chat mornings, including a monthly one at St. Vincent's with half the proceeds going to a charity which is often close to someone's heart. I am grateful to everyone who helps to look after our churches and churchyards; we have a churchyard clearance taking part 10-12noon on 26th April at Fulbeck. Coffee and cake will be available for anyone who can spare some time to help. We recently celebrated World Day of Prayer (WDP) with people from the Cliff Villages coming together to take part in a service prepared by ladies from the Cook Islands. WDP is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action. Thank you to all involved locally in planning this. This May we commemorate 80 years since the end of the Second World War, recognising it as a time to give thanks for all who served this country, and to remember those who did not return. I hope that we will be able to have a short service in one of our churches.

As usual, many of us will be concentrating on chocolate eggs at Easter, with eggs being a symbol of new life. I think that a Christian celebration of Easter most definitely has a place for Easter eggs, recognising them as a symbol for the resurrection of Jesus. We are celebrating new life in my family with the recent arrival of my grandson Edward and by the time this is printed our first granddaughter will hopefully have arrived! It's a very special year. **Every blessing for a Happy Easter, Revd. Sara Davies**

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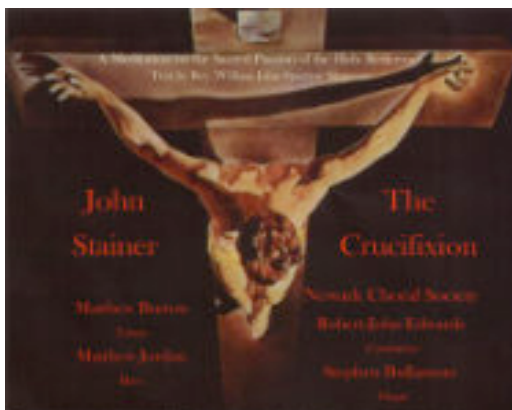
St Vincent's Coffee Morning

50:50 Charity Coffee Morning

4th April 10.30 to 12 noon

This month's charity is

Christian Aid.



Newark Choral Society

Newark Choral Society will perform Stainer's "The Crucifixion" at Barnbygate Methodist Church on Saturday 12th April under the direction of their conductor Robert-John Edwards. This work, composed by John Stainer in 1887, with words by the Rev William John Sparrow Simpson, tells the story of the last days of Jesus Christ, leading to his death on the

Cross, and fits perfectly in the Church calendar, progressing through Lent to Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter Sunday on 20th April 2025. The concert will culminate with the last chorus from Handel's Messiah. The soloists are Matthew Jordan (Bass) and Matthew Burton (Tenor) and Stephen Bullimore will accompany on the organ.

The concert starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th April. For tickets (£12) and further information please contact Liz Moses on 07906096675



Holy Baptism- Florence Elsie Scott
9th March St. Vincent's Caythorpe.

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; 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 14th and 28th 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.



CHURCH MOUSE NEWS

If you wish to donate towards the Lilies for Easter, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please contact Janet Avison on 01400 272158.

Sidespersons - St Vincent's

6 April Mrs Moses and Susanne Wills
20 April Mr & Mrs Dorey

Flower Rota Lent - no flowers
 Easter - Flower Guild

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 door afterwards. All are welcome! Have a look on our website: www.brantbroughtonquakers.co.uk or phone 01400 318127 for more information about us.

LINCOLN DIOCESE: CENTRAL LOVEDEN GROUP OF CHURCHES
APRIL 2025 SERVICES

Date	April 6th	April 13th	Holy Week	April 20th	April 27th
Sunday	Lent 5/Passion Sunday	Palm Sunday		Easter Day	Easter 2
Colour	Purple	Red		Gold/White	White
Welbourn		11.00/SD Holy Communion	Sat 19 th /SD 19.00-20.00 Easter Fire and Vigil		11.00/ValR Holy Communion
Caythorpe	11.00/SD Holy Communion		Maundy Thurs/SD 18.30 Holy Communion & Stripping of Altar Good Friday Last Hour 14.00 – 15.00/Teans	11.00/SD Holy Communion	
Marston	09.30/BCP/SD Holy Communion			6.00/CS Down Service	
Brant Broughton			Good Friday/JH 10.00-11.30 Easter Activities	09.30/SD Holy Communion	9.30/JH Morning Service
Fulbeck		10.00/Teans Morning Service	Good Friday/TK Dressing of the Cross 7pm		9.30/ValR Holy Communion
Hough on the Hill		9.30/SD Holy Communion	Wed 16/JK Compline 18.30		9.45/JK Morning Service
Hougham	15.00/BCP/CB Evening Prayer		Good Friday/CB 11.00 BCP Morning Prayer		
Beckingham		9.30/GG Morning Service	Maundy Thursday/ValR 10am Holy Communion & Stripping of Altar		
Straggl'horpe					
Brandon	9.45/BCP/CB Morning Prayer		Maundy Thursday/CB 17.00 BCP Evening Prayer		
Lendenham	10.00/BCP/HR Morning Prayer		Tues. 15 th Compline 18.30 Good Friday/HR 10.00-11.30 Easter Activities		
Carlton Scroop Normanton			Monday 14 th /18.30 Compline		

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, Traditional Language. All other service see Contemporary Language

OFFICIANTS Clergy - SD Rev Sara Davies; ValR - Rev Canon Valerie Rampton; Lay Reader - CS - Clare Sauer

Authorised Lay Ministers - CB - Dr Christopher Brightman; EB - Emma Buckley; GG - Gillian Green;

HR - Canon Henrietta Reeve; JH - Jennifer Harvey; JK - Julian Knight; TK - Tony Kingston; Caythorpe Team

Authorised Lay Ministers - Jo Russell, Judith Scott, Suzanne Wills



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Year 5/6 Visit Bomber Command

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently had the incredible opportunity to visit the Bomber Command Memorial in Lincolnshire, where they stepped back in time to learn about the bravery and sacrifices made during World War II. This is part of this term's topic question, "How did World War II change our lives?"

From exploring the memorial and museum to hearing fascinating stories of the courageous airmen who served, this experience was a powerful and educational journey. The children learned about the crucial role of Bomber Command and the impact it had on the outcome of the war.



Thank you to the dedicated staff at the Bomber Command Memorial for sharing their knowledge and helping our students deepen their understanding of this significant chapter in history. We are so proud of the insightful questions and reflections from the children!

Shannon said, "I loved wearing the clothes and looking at the boots, they had a secret pocket in to carry a penknife!" Jack stated, "I really liked dressing as a pilot, the clothes were so heavy!"

A truly unforgettable day of learning! 🇬🇧

Super Sports!

Year 5/6 Hockey team Albert, Braidon, Jaxon and Mason won the silver medal at the Carres Grammar School Outreach Hockey festival. Miss Haynes accompanied the team and said they played so well as a team reflecting the spirit of the school games passion, teamwork and determination.

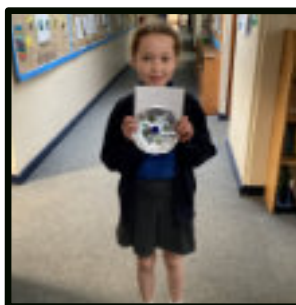
The netball team are winners in the Sleaford and District League achieving a gold medal. This means the team will play the winners of the other league, The William Alvey School.

The football team were third in the league so will also play the third-place team in the other league being The William Alvey school team.

Amazing Anglo-Saxons!

Narnia started their topic “Why did the Saxons invade?” with their Big Bang this week. The children were immersed into the Anglo-Saxon life and created first researching Anglo-Saxon brooches and then creating their own designs.

Next, they wrote their names in Anglo-Saxon runes and designed shields for their class Saxon boat.



CIT Values Award

Congratulations to Miss Cook, who was nominated and for a CIT Values Award. Miss Cook was nominated as she has been supporting the staff at another school in the trust with their Special Needs provision.

Miss Cook was awarded her certificate and prize in celebration assembly by the CEO of the Trust Mr Peter Bell.

Well done, Miss Cook, we are so proud of you!



VE Day
Service

May 8th

St Vincent's

6pm.

Easter Quiz Answers

1. White lilies
2. The southeast Pacific
3. Judas Iscariot
4. Jesus' 11 disciples (excluding Judas)
5. 8
6. Between March 22nd & April 25th
7. Peter
8. 1875

Fulbeck's Car Boot Season

Kicks off Saturday 12th April on the Playing Field

8.00 am – 1 pm (set up 7 am on)

then the second Saturday of every single month until September.

Come and visit! Grab a bargain from the loadsa pitches selling all sorts of items from homes, lofts, garages, gardens, and including charity tables and traders selling plants, food, bric à brac, garden tools and antiques. Meet up with friends, family and neighbours.

While you're there, treat yourself to a bap crammed with luscious best quality bangers or bacon, lovingly hand-cooked on the barbie, as well as a mug of steaming tea or coffee, all served by volunteers from the social club. Bargain prices!

Pitches only £5.00, just turn up with your table and stuff.

Put these dates in your diary for this year's car boots: 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September at Fulbeck Sports and Playing Field.

Plenty of parking and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you there!



The Pig and Jig returns!

Saturday
28th June

Hough-on-the-Hill

After the tremendous success of the event last year the organisers are thrilled to announce Pig and Jig 2025 event.

Further details will follow but save the date now and get ready for the best in live music, food, drink and bucket loads of country fun and games while raising funds for Cancer Research UK.



The memories of Augustus Peach (part XVII)

For the next few months we turn to some of Augustus Peach's memories of childhood games at the turn of the 19th/20th centuries. This valuable and informative historical document is reproduced pretty much in full without any attempt correct errors or grammar.

Many of our games we played had been handed down by word of mouth and copying from each steps of age groups. Not from books and designs of someone's well-thought out plans to amuse. Not from the cost of material unless it may have been a penny rubber ball or a few marbles, maybe without a real sense for gain of intrinsic value, or with an individual pride and satisfaction in showing by fitness of strength, alertness and quickness of one's own capabilities, honours having been forgotten immediately after they had been won, but surely and truly from the sheer enjoyment of that pastime and recreation with each other. Our playing fields were the village streets and greens, our parks the country lanes and hedgerows, our picture house the shop windows, in the late evenings lit by an oil lamp.

Our games

Round the town

Starting from the school one lad would run clockwise round the village, at the same time, unless he had a handicap, another boy would run in the opposite direction. The first to reach the school after a second run each in the opposite direction won.

Fox and hounds

Two lads would volunteer as "foxes" and given a good start, the remainder of the party would follow to the "kill". If some time elapsed before the foxes were found the hunt boys would shout, "Whistle or shout or else bolt out or else no dogs will follow". This usually brought out the whereabouts of the "FOXES" and the hunt would be resumed.

Duckstone

A large flat stone would be found for the duck platform. Each player would provide himself with a duck, this being a stone or cobble the size one could hold comfortable in his hand. One boy "the ducker on" would then place his duck on to the large stone platform and then in turn

the other boys would throw their duck (from a mark previously arranged, approximately twelve feet away) and try and dislodge the duck placed on the large stone.

The boy with his duck on the large stone would have to stand by his duck until it was dislodged and so the boys throwing would have to stand by their own duck wherever it landed. If the duck was knocked off, each boy would pick up his duck and attempt to reach HOME (the throwing line) whilst the "ducker on" was placing his own duck on the stone base, immediately it was in position he would attempt to touch a boy trying to reach home carrying his duck, the first he contacted, providing his duck was on, would then become the "ducker on". In the meantime the boys would try and dislodge the duck.

One well-known business man of the village could not understand where his cobbles on his rockery were going, until one day in a neighbouring yard he found the boys playing with his cobbles and recognised them.

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

Hough-on-the-Hill Relief in Need Charity

The Hough-on-the-Hill Relief in Need Charity has existed since 1646. Farmland owned by the charity provides a modest rental income which historically provided financial relief to those in the Parish who needed additional support.

The charity has six trustees including Reverend Sara Davies and they are responsible to the Charity Commission for managing the charity properly. Today the charity still provides assistance, principally to a number of pensioners in the Parish who have indicated their need for support. Generally this is provided by way of a modest grant at Christmas.

In addition to those grants, we are able to provide support to others in the Parish who are able to provide a compelling case to the Trustees. As we are a small charity, the amount that we can give is small, but we are very flexible in what we pay for. We must purchase the goods or services directly; we cannot give cash to applicants. This is so that all gifts are traceable and accountable by us. We can pay for items or services for people who genuinely need them and cannot access any other funds. We cannot pay anyone's taxes, rates or other public funds and cannot commit ourselves to repeat or renew any relief that we grant.

If you know of anyone who could use some support from us, please contact Reverend Sara Davies (07768 706952 sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org). All contact will be in complete confidence.

The Wagon & Horses Caythorpe



Saturday 19th April

Karaoke Disco 8pm to Late

Saturday 17th May

Live Band Local Heroes 9pm to late

APCM (Annual Parochial Church meeting)

The Parish Church Council (PCC) is the governing body of each village church, overseeing our resources, assets and buildings. The council collaborates with the Vicar in discerning and promoting the mission and ministry of the church.

The PCC is required to hold an APCM (Annual Parochial Church meeting) at which reports are shared, accounts approved, new members and officers are elected and questions may be asked about any area of the church's ministry. Anyone may attend the annual meeting and raise questions; only those on the electoral roll may vote in any formal resolutions that might be made.

This year we are preparing completely new rolls and everyone must apply to join again.

Our meetings start with an AGM at which up to 2 Church Wardens are elected.

Our local APCMs are:

Fulbeck Church 3rd April 7pm in church

Hough on the Hill and Brandon Church 8th April 7pm Village Hall

Caythorpe and Carlton Scroop/Normanton 9th April 7pm in church

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.

Put it in your diary!

A FEW DATES IN THE HISTORY OF CAYTHORPE

During COVID Lockdown Bob and Mandy Greybrook decided to write a brief history of Caythorpe. This article is the result.

The parish was in the ancient Loveden Wapentake in the South Kesteven division of the county.

1086

Village mentioned in Domesday Book under the name of Cathorpe or Calthop

1180

Knights Templars start to use the village as a resting point between Temple Bruer

1190

First mention of a place of worship in the village

1216

King John passed through the village on his journey to Newark after losing his crown jewels in the Wash

1221

Earliest record of a village priest, a brother Benedict

1275

A Market Charter granted to the village by King Edward 1

1300

Work began on the building of the present Church

1326

The Bardolph family move into the Manor Estates (The hall as it is now called) and start to build a new mansion

1338

The Manor House (The Hall) was destroyed by fire

1340

The new Manor House rebuilt after the fire - now known as Caythorpe Hall. Corner House Caythorpe first mention

1340

Market Cross erected by W Russell Esq., of Frieston

1348/1349

Major rebuilding work on the Church completed

1357

Geoffrey Chaucer in the service of Lady Elizabeth of Clarence worshipped in the church as a Boy Bishop

1440 A Reverend W Badell of the parish stole £23.00 from the church funds. He was defrocked and thrown out of the church and the village

1509

John Hussey became the steward of the Hall estates but did not live there full time

1524

The Hussey family take up full time residence at the Hall.

To be continued..

What can we learn from the life of a tree?

I guess we all know something about trees. Through the magic of photosynthesis trees capture carbon dioxide, sunlight and water, converting these into oxygen and energy. Plants operate on the same basis. Without oxygen of course there would be no human life. Throughout the ages an important by-product of trees, wood, has been viewed as essential to our lifestyle choices; after all it surrounds us in buildings, furniture and thousands of household products. But has this dependency been overplayed? And would our views about trees change if we knew more about their secret lives?

I happened to stumble across a back issue of 'Trees', a journal of the International Tree Foundation, that shared some interesting insights about the more hidden lives of trees. Here are just a few highlights:

Beneath our feet, within the vicinity of trees, are hyphae. These are long, branching, threadlike parts of fungi that wrap themselves around the root tips of trees. Through them they take up water and exchange nutrients. They therefore provide trees with some resistance to drought and help to act as a barrier from diseases. In a gram of soil – less than a teaspoon – you can find 400-600 metres of them! They are a tree's living underground support system and yet there is still so much more to learn about their role in sustaining life. We dig them up at our peril. They are one reason why we should be working hard to protect and sustain trees, and especially ancient woodlands.

Did you know that Britain has more really ancient oak trees than the rest of Europe combined? Oaks can live for 900+ years. It is said that an oak takes 300 years to grow, 300 years to live, and 300 years to die. 900 years ago most of England was covered in trees, so old oak trees still standing today could have seeded just after the Battle of Hastings in 1066!

Oak trees support more than 2300 other species – birds, mammals, fungi, invertebrates, bryophytes and lichens. More than 300 of these cannot survive without oak trees! In so many ways oak trees are remarkable symbols of how interdependency works in the natural world

A long-lived oak tree can produce millions of acorns over its lifetime, but it can take more than 40 years for an oak tree to make its first acorn. The jay feeds on acorns and can transport up to six acorns in its beak and throat to places for winter storage, usually in open scrubland. It has been estimated that in a fortnight one jay can distribute 2000 acorns for storage! Were it not for intensive farming, jays could be helping to spread more oak trees all over the country. Jays and oak trees obviously have a symbiotic relationship that is integral to re-wilding.

It is great to see more trees being planted locally. 'Greening' our lives has never been more important. But what more can we do in the knowledge that our efforts might have impacts that last the lifetime of an oak tree?

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