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Police Non Emergency	101	Brandon	Telephone kiosk on corner of Church Lane & Hough Lane	
NHS Non Emergency	111	Carlton Sc	· ·	
Lincoln Police	01522 532 222		Charity Street on wall before	
<u>Doctors</u>			Golf Club entrance	
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		Normanto	Telephone Kiosk Main Road	
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Calendar of Events July

- 2 Handicrafts Club
- 3 Carlton Scroop Lunch
- 4 St Vincent's Cruel Sister Gig
- 4 St Vincent's Coffee Morning
- 6 Caythorpe Village Hall Breakfast
- 8 Garden Club
- 12 Fulbeck Car Boot
- 12 Red Lion Summer Afternoon Tea
- 12 Fulbeck Artisan Market
- 18 Caythorpe Village Hall Chill & Chat
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Coming Up

- 30 August Garden Society Annual Show
- 6 September Caythorpe Gala
- 7 November Carlton Scroop Comedy Night

If there is an event you would like to publicise then please let me have the details and it can be included in our News and Views which get delivered to 1400 readers.



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Email:carolbrown I 946@Outlook.com



Summer Opening Times: Thursday 7pm - 11pm Friday 6pm - 11pm Saturday 5pm - 11pm

Sunday 1pm (if cricket match) 2pm (if no cricket)

CAYTHORPE & FRIESTON

SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



Photo by Adam Jackson

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

Fulbeck Thursday Coffee Club

Fulbeck Village Hall
Open 10 am – 12 noon every Thursday

Tea and coffee with cake and biscuits
Occasional speakers and Village Library.

Come along for an informal chat with friends and neighbours, and meet new ones, in our wonderful cafe/bar area!

All we ask is a donation of £2.00 to cover costs. Excess funds are regularly given to charity, so far £100.00 each to: Villager Bereavement, Caythorpe Surgery, Marie Curie, St Barnabas, Lincs. Air Ambulance, Trade Aid, Children In Need, and Salvation Army



Caythorpe & Frieston Sports and Social Club

The Hammond Pavilion, Old Lincoln Road

Please come and pay a visit to this welcoming Village Amenity. Enjoy a drink with family and friends, as well as joining in the various events.





Membership is not essential but there are several benefits for those who pay the annual fee. These include: Free wifi, Free Sky Sports and Free seasonal activities for children

Membership Family £15 Individual £10



Timetables for Caythorpe Children's Centre are now available via the link below:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ directory-record/62593/ caythorpe-children-s-centre

We have a new session every Wednesday morning 10-10.45

Early Talkers 0-5 yrs

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

All sessions Free of Charge



High Street, Caythorpe, NG323DRTel: 01400 279285/E-mail: CaythorpeCC@lincolnshire.gov.uk

KREE Chill & Chat

Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall

Cake & Drink £2.00

Friday 18th July 10:00am - 12:00pm

Come and Join Us!









Many thanks for the donations for the Foodbank. If you would like to donate there are collection boxes inside the 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 are: JARS OF PASTA SAUCE, TINNED FISH,TINNED FRUIT, JARS OF COFFEE, BOTTLES OF SQUASH,TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, BAGS FOR LIFE (IN GOOD CLEAN CONDITION)

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



Carlton Scroop & Normanton Social Club

Saturday 12th July

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

Fulbeck Sports Club

Saturday 12th and 26th July 7:00pm for eyes down at 7:30pm





Caythorpe Village Hall Breakfast Sunday 6th July 2025

09:00-11:00
Full English £7.50
Bacon Bap £4.00
SausageBap £4.00

all including
Tea/Coffee



Please Note NO Breakfast in August and September

Caythorpe Walking for Health Group

7th July 14th July 21st July 28th July Londonthorpe Woods Caythorpe Fisheries Hough & Billy Roose Woods

Frieston & Love Lane

Local walks start at the Hammond Pavilion at 09.45. Away walks, meet at the Hammond Pavilion at 9.30, or the venue by 10.00.

Dogs accompanied by their owners welcome on leads.

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

Everyone Welcome



*NEW!*CS Village Hall Book Exchange

A new initiative from CS Village Hall, EVERY SATURDAY(subject to other bookings), the hall will host a BookExchangebetween 11am - midday, along with refreshments.

Come along and pick up a fresh book from our well-stocked collection, leave some you've read, or just come for a chat and a cuppa Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate + biscuits

Ample free parking.

Lookout for regular updates on the Carlton Scroop & Normanton Village Hall Facebook page.

Cariton-le-Moorland Art Group

We are a friendly art group who meet on Thursday 10am - 12.30pm. at The Village Hall, Brigg Lane, Carlton-le-Moorland LN5 9HP

New members are very welcome

For more information call 01522 810739

Saturday July 26th 10am-3pm.

A workshop with Peter Woods Cafe scene in Pastels and water Members £15, non members £18.

For more information please call 01522 811510





(£1)

COMMUNITY HUB @ CARLTON SCROOP VILLAGE HALL & SOCIAL CLUB

After the hugely successful VE Day buffet lunch, we will return to fighting loneliness and forging friendships with a free and friendly lunchtime get-together

Thursday 3rd July 11am-2pm, lunch served c12.15pm

Bring a friend or make new ones. FREE, but DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED. The Hub is a non-profit activity, any surplus goes to charity.

PLEASE e-mail carltonscroophub@gmail.com or contact 07484616045 to let us know you're coming, please help us feed everyone and minimise food waste.

What's happening in Carlton Scroop & Normanton

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 19 May at the Village Hall. 10 residents and 6 parish councillors attended a lively meeting. The meeting received reports from the Carlton Scroop Charities, Community Hub, Village Hall Committee, Social Club and the two churches in the Parish. There was much discussion regarding the planning application for the renewal of the Traveller Site in Carlton Scroop, which expired on 3 May. The Chair thanked all those volunteers who work tirelessly in the Parish, particularly Richard and Caroline Harris for volunteering to undertake litter picking duties.

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting also took place on 19 May. Councillors discussed a number of local issues and approved the Annual Accounts for 2024/25. Alan Thomas was re-elected as Chair and Jo Worrell was appointed Vice-Chair. There were no reports from the County Councillor or District Councillors.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 July 2025 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.20 pm, which is open to all residents. The Parish Plan will be discussed, so please come along to the meeting to gain a better understanding of what has happened in the Parish and to express your views on what you would like to see happen for the future.

Annual Return and Accounts for 2024/25

The Parish Council Accounts for the last financial year have been approved and audited. The Council held a balance of £14,265 at the beginning of the year and raised £9,000 from the Council Tax during the year. The main costs incurred during the year related to the Clerk's salary, grass cutting, hedge/tree maintenance, dog bin emptying, insurance and a new defibrillator and cabinets. A balance of £16,074 remained at the end of the year. There are a number of large commitments expected during 2025/26.

Any resident can inspect the Accounts and documents prior to the 14 July by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Highway issues in the two villages

Lincolnshire County Council is planning to re-surface the highway between the south side of Carlton Scroop and the level crossing at Honnington, commencing in August 2025. There are likely to be evening road closures during the re-surfacing works.

The mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) continues to be deployed in the Parish in order to make motorists aware of their speed through both villages. The Parish Council has a stock of 30mph bin stickers available for residents. Please contact a parish councillor for the stickers, or come and pick them up at the Parish Council Meeting.

Planning Matters

The temporary planning permission for the Traveller Site at I A Main Street, Carlton Scroop, expired on 3 May 2025. A new application has been submitted for a permanent Traveller Site. The Parish Council, along with many residents in the Village have objected to the application.

Jubilee Field/Cemetery/Verges

A new contractor commenced the new grass cutting season in April. The contract will also include grass cutting in the churchyard at Normanton. New burial plot markers have been installed in the cemetery. The hedge adjacent to the Church has also been trimmed.

Other Community Issues

The Parish now has 3 new defibrillators and cabinets. One has been installed on the external wall at the

Village Hall in Carlton Scroop, which has been partly financed by the Carlton Scroop Charities. The remaining two defibrillators are in the phone box at Normanton and next to the Golf Club in Charity Street. A training session on the use of a defibrillator and CPR was recently organised for residents at the Village Hall.

The roof on the bus stop shelter opposite Newark Lane, Carlton Scroop has now been replaced. Thanks to T Balfe Construction for undertaking the work at no cost to the Parish.

The previous contractor emptying the dog bins in the Parish finished in March. The Council has engaged a new contractor to empty the bins.

The finger post on Hough Lane has been refurbished. Many thanks to Jim Abbott for his hard work. Howdale Lane in Carlton Scroop (part of the Viking Way) still remains partially blocked.

Village Hall & Social Club

Community BBQ on 21 June - Sold Out!

Comedy Night – 7 November. Tickets from www.comedyhotspot.co.uk or the Social Club/Village Hall Next Community Hub Lunch – 3 July 11am – 2pm – all welcome.

The Village Hall at Carlton Scroop is available for hire by individuals or groups. Please contact carltonscroopvillagehall@gmail.com if you want to hire the Hall.

The cosy Social Club in the Village Hall is open on a Friday & Saturday 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm – all welcome.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted on Parish Council matters at clerk@carltonscroopnormanton-pc.gov.uk

Follow us on Facebook: Carlton Scroop and Normanton on Cliffe Parish Council or visit our website: www.carlton-scroop.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk





An Unforgettable PGL Adventure for Years 4–6

Last week, our Year 4–6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to PGL, where they embraced adventure, faced challenges, and had an

incredible amount of fun! From paddleboarding and zip-lining to the trapeze and ground-based team challenges, the range of activities was both exciting and enriching.

Ruby shared, "The activities were amazing, there was a variety and some were really challenging."

Throughout the trip, we saw our pupils shine outside the classroom—demonstrating leadership, resilience, and fantastic teamwork. Whether navigating water courses or scaling new heights, their energy and enthusiasm were truly infectious. Not even the rain could dampen their spirits!

Jack highlighted the food as a major highlight: "Every meal was different and most of us went up for seconds!" And Oliver was pleasantly surprised by the accommodation: "The rooms were really good, it was way more comfortable than I thought it would be."

We are incredibly proud of how all the children stepped out of their comfort zones and supported one another. The PGL staff were outstanding, offering encouragement and positive energy throughout.

Lifelong memories were made, friendships grew stronger, and our pupils returned home with smiles, stories—and a little bit more confidence than before.

Poetry Published

We are proud to announce that some of our children's poems have been published in the book Wonder Verse – Cosmic Rhymes by Young Writers!

All of the children were excited and inspired to write their own poems—it was a joy to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through! A huge congratulations to our talented young poets whose work was selected for publication: Matilda Ezekiel, Emilia and Isla. We are so proud of each and every one of you— what a wonderful achievement!

Buzzing with Excitement in Enchanted Forest!

Our Reception pupils had a sweet visit from Melissa, our wonderful local beekeeper! She came to Enchanted Forest to teach the children all about how she cares for her bees and collects honey.

The children got to explore a model hive, learn about the special equipment Melissa uses to keep both herself and the bees safe, and ask lots of buzzing questions!

Here's what some of our little learners had to say:

"Bees only sting you when they feel scared or frightened" – Erin

"They put wax on top of the baby bee in the cell" – Joe "They collect pollen and take it back to their hive" – Lily "I ate all my honey, it was delicious" – Mateo

To finish the visit on a sweet note, each child received a

mini pot of honey and a little felt bee to take home. Thank you, Melissa, for such a magical and memorable experience!



Book-Nic Success

Huge congratulations to our amazing Reading Ambassadors and Mr. Roberts for organising our very first Book-Nic - and what a fantastic

event it was!

Families came together to share stories, enjoy the sunshine, and celebrate the joy of reading. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it so special.

A big shoutout to all who supported our cake sale, which raised £60 to support future reading events. What a sweet success



Caythorpe Pre-School

Dear All.

Here we are again in the last half term of another academic year and another group of Pre-School children leaving us to start their next adventure at "Big School". We are sure they are all ready and looking forward to another chapter in their learning journey, and we wish them all the very best for the

This time of year is always very busy and fun filled, made even better by the beautiful weather we have been experiencing of late. For Father's Day we made cards for our daddies practising our cutting and gluing skills and painting our feet to make a picture of a rocket.

We have been learning about the different creatures under the sea and on the beach so that we can spot them if we visit the seaside during the holidays.

We have talked about how we should keep the oceans and beaches clean and safe for both ourselves and the wildlife, and we have shared some great books including Wild and Free, Tickly Octopus and Fidgety Fish. We now have an Ice Cream Stand so we will be getting out the deckchairs, parasol and paddling pool, looking out for the pirates in their boxes, I mean boats! The potatoes as usual at this time of year, have grown, been dug up, cooked and eaten. They were delicious!

At the beginning of July we will take part in school Sports day and make another visit to school to see the dress rehearsal of "The Wizard of Oz" . We really enjoy these performances by the school leavers.

The end of term comes around so quickly, time to have a party, sing songs for our families and a presentation of a new PE bag for the children leaving us. We are also joining the children at school for a picnic and games on the last day, hoping that the sun is still shining.





Here's to a great summer!

Don't forget to get in touch if you are thinking about your child attending Pre-School. We have available spaces for September 2025. Call in to see us before we finish for the summer holidays, you will be made very welcome!

Email caythorpepreschool@googlemail.com Telephone No 07356 074 749

Caythorpe and Frieston Race Night

Royal Ascot Ladies Day takes place this year on Thursday, June 19. However, Caythorpe and Frieston had their own Ascot Day on June 14th at the village Hall. After a lot of hard work by Sam Barrell and some of the committee, the new screen was installed and ready to use for film screenings and race nights. The village hall volunteers plus a few extra guests, were invited to attend a trial run of a race night. They came in their finest outfits and enjoyed a glass of fizz before choosing their horses for the first of six races. A John McCrirrick look-alike and Archie the Greyhound made a special appearance. At the end of the evening the punters were asked for feedback and gave constructive comments about how the experience could be improved.

Please keep a look out on Facebook and in the 'News and Views' for future Race Nights and Film shows.









Mansell Beard Local History Visual Archive

Images by kind permission from the very extensive and fascinating archive built up over many years by Mansell. They provide an amazing picture of times past in our villages and will become a regular feature.





WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBOURS IN THEIR HOUR OF NEED?

We have been talking to local people about the potential need for a hospital car scheme. A hospital car scheme is where volunteers agree to take an individual to a local hospital in the event that there isn't any other public or personal transport available.

Our research has suggested that during the normal working day this is not a problem due to our bus services and friends and family being able to help.

WHAT IS THE ASK?

Quite simply, do we have any kindly villagers that would be prepared to take people to hospital in the evenings or overnight in the event of an emergency? This would be a purely voluntary matter and only in the event of an emergency - for example no ambulances available at that time..

Is this something you feel you could help with?

If so please get in touch with me, Councillor Andrew Page at Cllr.andrewpage-caythorpepc@outlook.com

CAYTHORPE CRAFT CLUB

CALLING LADIES OF CAYTHORPE

THIS YEAR AT THE GALA WE ARE HOSTING A STALL

THERE WILL BE VARIOUS CRAFTS FOR SALE AND WE HOPE NEW TO YOU HANDBAGS AND JEWELLERY

WITH THIS IN MIND, WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO DONATE ANY HANDBAGS OR JEWELLERY YOU MAY NO LONGER BE USING TO HELP OUR STALL

ANYTHING THAT IS NOT SOLD WILL BE TAKEN TO A LOCAL CHARITY SHOP UNLESS YOU WOUD LIKE IT RETURNED

PLEASE CONTACT Angela Turner 07403838811
For Collection

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE PLAYING FIELD

Caythorpe Cricket Club News

All of our Teams have enjoyed some good early Season weather and have played several games, with many outstanding results. Between our Seniors, Ladies and Junior Teams around one hundred Players of various ages have represented our village in League and Cup competitions - and in between we have hosted two Lincolnshire County Matches.

The Seniors have played five games, winning four of them, including three matches in the newly introduced David Chambers Cup competition.

In the first Cup game, against Rustons of Lincoln, Caythorpe batted first and amassed 328 runs for only 3 wickets from their 40 Overs. Chris Wharmby opened the batting and scored 155 not out, and Joe Dickinson scored a rapid 92 not out which included five "sixes" mainly into the reporter's garden! In reply Rustons were bowled out for 115, with Dan Harrison (a player from our under 15 Team) taking 4 wickets for just 15 runs.

The next game saw Caythorpe playing away to Horncastle, and winning by 83 runs. Chris Wharmby again led the batting, scoring 76 runs. Bowling honours were shared but mention must be made of the Bushell twins. Henry and Matthew, more Under 15 players, who took 5 wickets between them.

The third Cup game was against Aisthorpe. This time Caythorpe scored 323 runs without loss of a wicket. Joe Dickinson scored a spectacular 165, with fellow opener Chris Wharmby adding to his season's tally with 127.Both loe and Chris are truly Caythorpe locals having grown up living on Old Lincoln Road. In response Aisthorpe were bowled out for just 85.

Caythorpe are now in the Cup Final, to be played on Sunday 27th July at Caythorpe. Come along and support your local Stars!

Our Ladies' Teams have also enjoyed success. Caythorpe has two Teams playing 8-a-side Softball in different divisions of the East Midlands Women's League and one Team playing Super-8 Hardball again in the East Midlands League. The senior softball team (I hasten to say senior in exerience not age!), promoted last year, have defeated Gedling Colliery, Bourne, Notts & Arnold and narrowly lost to Keyworth and to Belvoir. The newly formed second softball Team have won four of their five games, defeating Lindum, Caistor, North Scarle and Sleaford, but losing to Woodhall Spa by just 34 runs. Playing Hardball for the first time, the rapidly learning Ladies have won two of their four games, defeating Collingham and Saxilby. These results by the Ladies are testament to their determination to learn and improve, which is shown during their training sessions on Thursday evenings.

Amongst the Junior results two stand out. The Senior of our two Under 15 teams defeated Collingham by 10 wickes, a huge margin, whilst the Under 10's enjoyed their first victory against Hartsholme, with a winning margin of 53 runs. All Juniors train on Friday evenings, filling the Playing Field to capacity. More details about them next month as their short season unfolds.

Tuesday 1st July 6.00 pm Sunday 6th July 10.00 am Tuesday 8th July 6.00 pm Wednesday 9th July 6.00 pm Sunday 13th July 10.00am Tuesday 15th July 6.00pm

Sunday 20th July 10.00 am Sunday 20th July 1.00 pm Monday 21st July 6.00pm Saturday 26th July 10.30 am

Sunday 27th July 1.00 pm **Nettleham**

Tuesday 29th July 6.00 pm

Under 15's v. Lindum Under 10's v. Lindum Under 15's v. Collingham Under II's v. Hartsholme Under 9's v. Bracebridge Under 15's v. Nettleham

Wednesday 16th July 11.00 am Lincs U14 Boys v. Bedfordshire

Under 10's v. Woodhall Spa Seniors v. Blankney Under 13's v. Collingham Under 13's v. Belvoir **CUP FINAL Seniors v.**

Under 10's v. Nettleham

Upcoming Cricket matches at Caythorpe





Sport in Victorian and Edwardian Fulbeck

In March, the Fulbeck Thursday Club were treated to a further talk by Alistair Mutch, professor emeritus of Nottingham Trent University and grandson of Augustus Peach (See memories regularly published in this magazine). His interest in Fulbeck history, research and analysis have shed much light on the life and culture of the village at that time. This presentation, looking at the development of cricket and football in the village again points to the rich and varied life of Fulbeck village in the late 1800s/early 1900s.

In the latter half of the nineteenth century, several members of the Fane family were taking a keen interest in village life and its community. Frank Fane was an advocate for temperance, a believer in rational recreation, and along with Henry Prinsep Fane and Augusta Fane, established the Reading Room (originally the Six Bells pub) on the High Street. They were keen to ensure the preservation and protection of the cricket field from any threatened building works.

Cricket



W. G. Grace

Frank Fane was a keen follower of cricket, had connections with the Rhodes family and to the great W G Grace, and in 1882 went to see England play Australia at Trent Bridge, England's team including Grace. The Cricket Field in Fulbeck had existed for many years, a place for gentlemen amateurs to play, with the first real evidence of matches dating from early 1830s. This list, compiled from various sources, shows some of the local cricket events including Fulbeck players:

1834: 'a cricket match was played at Syston, by the Syston and Barkston club (with three players from Fulbeck) against eleven of the Belton club'

1870: Lindum Club at Fulbeck 'gentlemen amateurs who frequent that neighbourhood will probably assemble in good force to make the eleven as strong as possible'

1869: 'Cricket Match, my 11 against Rhodes 11 – we won – Had a luncheon on the ground for which I paid'.

1872: 'Cricket match at Fulbeck against Mr Hornsby Eleven - Mr Grace played on his side'.

1875: On the 27th Free Foresters enjoyed 'a most delightful reception at Fulbeck, where they defeated Col. Fane's twelve on that and the following day by 6 wickets. C. B. Tylecote made a splendid maiden essay with F. F., scoring 61 (not out), and bowling in the first innings 26 overs for 27 runs and 6 wickets. A Fulbeck lad, Arthur Collingwood, played for the Free Foresters'.

After that defeat, Colonel Fane got a proper side together, which included Arthur, and in 1877 they had their revenge! Fane XI 243, Free Foresters, 84 and 44. The school had been given a holiday 'in consequence of Col. Fane's Cricket Match against the Free Foresters.' (School logbook)

There was a strong connection between the Fanes and Collingwoods, Arthur's father being a land agent and confidante. He was included in the cricket club committee 1899, along with W. D. Fane president, W. V. R. Fane vice president and Edmund Royds captain; members George Burtt, Charles Baines (builder but also farming), T. E. Dickins and Frederick and William Levesley – all major farmers. He was also a member of Royds' (married to Augusta Fane) choir, as detailed in News and Views, November 2024.

Football

By the 1870s and 80s, half-day holidays for working people were becoming usual on Saturdays, which was reflected in their leisure activities. Football came to the fore as a sport for those much lower down the social scale.

In 1887, a committee met in the Hare and Hounds Inn where it was 'announced that a Fulbeck gentleman would give a football, to be played for by the various football clubs within a radius of six miles of Fulbeck'. By 1888 Fulbeck certainly had its own team, including: farmers Belcher, Levesley and Burtt; butcher's son Lamb; agricultural labourer Garland; asylum attendant Peach; bricklayer Porter; chimney sweep Fenton. The records show that in 1913, Fulbeck United won second division of Sleaford and District League, with George Peach a stalwart.

Even though there was the usual class divide between the 'posher' sport of cricket, and football for the



Typical football team attire of the time

rest, there was some fluidity of the classes on the sports field.

The growing interest and participation in sporting events and competitions are strong indicators of a broader representation within them, along with a general greater social mobility and interaction of village life beyond the immediate area.



Leadenham Tennis Club



July means Wimbledon and it is almost impossible not to get just a little bit interested in tennis!

At Leadenham Tennis Club our season has been in full swing since April, although our hardier members continued to play throughout the winter months. We have two excellent quality floodlit astro courts set behind the Leadenham village hall, and welcome new members and visitors alike.

As well as social play we have coaching available for both adults and juniors, whether beginners or improvers. Our first tournament of the year was a mixed doubles held in April followed by a men's doubles in June. Next up will be a ladies doubles in August with another mixed doubles event planned for later in the year. No partner needed - we draw pairs from those who come along on the day,

Sunday mornings usually see a group of up to a dozen lively 6-9 year olds enjoying a coaching group, with several of those living in Caythorpe or the surrounding villages. At each session one of the children will take home a Player of the Week trophy - which proves very motivational!

For membership enquiries contact Phil on 07732 482541 and for coaching enquiries contact Sue on 07732 498887. Do also get in touch if you might be interested in walking tennis or pickleball - both of which we would like to introduce at the club.



My Passion

I am Paige, 21 years old and an aspiring photographer, born and raised in Lincolnshire.

Throughout my time at school, I always struggled to find what it was I wanted to pursue. School put a lot of pressure on me and it put me out of focus. Therefore, I found subjects such as math and science very hard and not enjoyable. But, when it came to my GCSEs, I chose a creative subject. Art. And that's when I realised I had a creative mind!

Going into college, I took a media course. As I became fascinated with cameras and the editing process and how it was done effectively. I am now deeply obsessed with portrait photography And I even go into Lincoln to do street photography. I now hold 4 qualifications in media and I am off to university in September!

Recently, I made a TikTok and an Instagram page to show off my creativity and to make connections. So far,

its been great fun and I appreciate every response I get online. I believe images are more than what some might think. An image is something waiting to be shared and wanting to be understood.

And that's exactly what I intend to do. I love photography and it is something I shall always be passionate about!

If you're looking for inspiration or you can appreciate creativity, please check out my social media accounts. Instagram: Paig.efoxx TikTok: Paig.efoxx







We need your help. Would you be able to man a stall for an hour or do you have an interesting vehicle - car, bike, tractor etc - to add to the display?

Contact us on caythorpegala2025@gmail.com

Fulbeck's Car Boot Saturday 12th July on the Playing Field 8.00 am – I pm (set up 7 am on)



second Saturday of every month

So far this year we have been favoured by the weather gods (I know, I know, I've probably gone and done it now - wiped out the rest of summer!) Let's make it a record for buyers and sellers. Meet up with friends, family and neighbours.

Grab a bargain from the fabulous pitches; people clearing out homes, lofts, garages, gardens, and, of course, charity tables and traders. Plants, food, bric à brac, garden tools and antiques.

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. Plenty of parking for everyone.

Put these dates in your diary for this year's car boots: I2th July, 9th August, I3th September at Fulbeck Sports and Playing Field.

We look forward to seeing your there!



Welcome to Fulbeck Village!

A folder bursting with useful information for new residents.

(Funded by Fulbeck Village Hall Committee)

The welcomer team is here waiting to hear of any new people moving into the village so please help us with a quick message via Messenger.

We will ensure newcomers receive a copy to help them feel at home and find their way around Fulbeck and the local area.

More information on Facebook.

Jane Hodcroft, Carol Hare, Carol Aram. Vic Rice, Geoff Cottingham, Wendy Bentley, Linda Kingston, Judith Corrigan, June Hutchinson, Iris Morison and Anne Watler.

Church Corner

I'm very aware that we have had a national 'Volunteers' Week' recently having read about it across social media and in the press. I am very grateful for all the volunteers that we have both within our church community and further afield. I didn't realise all the work that goes on behind the scenes in keeping a church running, until I joined a PCC (Parochial Church Council) some years ago. Things don't just happen! We have Grade I Listed Churches to look after as well as churchyards and they need to be kept safe and in good repair, whether we have the money or not! Helping to keep a church running can cause a lot of headaches, but we generally have people who give up their time (and often money) to do everything they can because they recognise the importance of the church in their local community and want to be of service. As is often the case, many of our volunteers are already busy people tying in with the saying 'If you want something doing, ask a busy person'. Not all of the people helping to keep our churches alive attend church regularly or even at all. We have people that help with maintaining our churchyards, some of whom saw we needed help and just got on with it. Volunteers clean churches, a couple even coming from out of area, ensure that there are fresh flowers, are part of a rota unlocking churches, bake for events and our Church Wardens go far behind what their role expects of them. In the absence of a local volunteer, John our Caythorpe Church Warden, covers Carlton Scroop as well as Normanton, arranging churchyard maintenance and cutting up fallen trees for local villagers recently. My colleagues in the Ministry Team are also volunteers, feeling called to serve God in whatever way they

We recently had an Open Day at Beckingham church with an opportunity to come into the church, learn about its history, the services it and our other churches offer and a chance to chat to our treasurer about finances and our Parish Giving Scheme. We were keen to hear the thoughts of those who came along. We weren't swamped with visitors (every house had received an invitation) but it was a great opportunity to meet people and for them to hear how they might be able to help. We also served complimentary cream teas, provided by volunteers! I think that this is something that we might try in our other churches as well to show what we can offer those who live in the various villages, as well as perhaps give you a chance to think how you might be able to help keep a church open in your village. All ideas welcome.

As Christians we serve following the lead of the one who serves us. Whilst on earth, Jesus' ministry was completely devoted to helping others. Those he chose to surround himself with, the disciples, weren't the obvious choices. What we know to be true about Jesus is that he chose ordinary men to be his apostles.; they were from rural areas, farmers, and fishermen. Jesus recruited from the community he grew up in. Can we do the same? If you feel that you can help in anyway with church life, do get in touch.

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

Dr Victor Rampton

Licensed Lay Reader Loveden Central Group of Parishes

As a church community we were very saddened to hear of the death of our friend and colleague Vic on 27th May. Vic had a lengthy ministry as a Reader in both Lincoln, Nottingham and Southwell Dioceses which we celebrated in January. Academically he was a Reader in Experimental Physics at Nottingham University before retirement, and as a young man he won a Scholarship to Peterhouse College Cambridge. Vic was married to Canon Valerie Rampton for over 60 years, and we were fortunate to celebrate their Diamond Wedding anniversary last year.

A keen member of Newark Choral Society, our churches benefitted from Vic's theological knowledge and preaching as well as his love of music. Vic was a modest, very capable yet humble man who was very supportive of his wife and proud of his sons and grandchildren. We will miss Vic for all that he brought to the life of our churches as well as for his friendship. Vic's funeral took place in his home church of Beckingham.



Revd. Sara Davies

St Vincents Caythorpe

Friday 4th July 10.30 to noon 50:50 for Charity This month's charity is Blind Veterans



Sidespersons - St Vincent's

6 July Mr John Scott 20 July Mrs J Avison

Flower Rota July - Mrs J Avison

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 Monday 14th July and 28th July 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.



In memoriam

Dr Victor Rampton Beckingham Church 20th May

Mary Siddans Caythorpe Church 26th June

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Meeting House Lane, Brant Broughton, LN5 0SH

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.brantbroughtonquakers.co.uk or phone 01400 318127 for more information about us.

LINCOLN DIOCESE: CENTRAL LOVEDEN GROUP OF CHURCHES JULY 2025 SERVICES

DATE	6th	13th	20th	27th
SUNDAY	3rd after Trinity Proper 9 Green	4* after Trinity Proper 10 Green	5th after Trinity Proper 11 Green	6th after Trinity Proper 12 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/SD Holy Communion	
Marston	09.30/BCP/SD Holy Communion		10.00/CS Morning Service	
Brant Broughton			9.30/SD Holy Communion	10.00/JH Morning Service
Fulbeck		10.00/Team Morning Service		9.30/SD Hely Communion
Hough on the Hill		9.30/SD Holy Communion		9.45/JK Morning Service
Hougham	17.00/BCP/CB Evening Prayer			
Beckingham		9.30/GG Morning Service		
Stragglethorp c				
Brandon	9.45/BCP/CB Morning Prayer			
Leadenham	10.00/BCP/HR Morning Prayer			
Carlton Scp + Normanton				

ABBREVIATIONS: BCP - Book of Common Prayer, All other service are Contemporary Language OFFICIANTS Clergy - SD Rev Sam Davies: GP - Rev Canon Geraldine Pond ValR - Rev Canon Valeric Rampton

Lay Reader - CS - Clare Sauer: Authorised Lay Ministers - CB - Dr Christopher Brightman: EB - Emma Brealey: 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, Sazanne Wills

St Vincent's Church Caythorpe

Friday 4th July





Cruel Sister

For further information contact Liz Moses 07906096675

Come and join us Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Find us at NG32 3DU W3W: Picture.breaches.surfacing A fund-raising gig in St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe performed by the Celtic band, Cruel Sister. Members of the band include well-known local resident, Micky McNulty.

Entrance free, but donations are requested for the church



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Music Sunday Songs of Praise

31st August 2025 3pm All Saints' Church Hough on the Hill

Organist Brian West Everyone welcome!

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The environment blog:

Can biochar really bring soil to life? And maybe help to save the planet??



All gardeners are very much aware that whatever you grow – flowers, shrubs, trees, fruit or veg – depends on how well you look after the soil. Yet we know far less about the chemistry and biology of a gram of fertile soil than we do about something that should be straightforward, like fixing potholes. Yes, we know stuff about getting pH values right for what we are growing, using non-chemical and organic feeds including manure, and trying not to disturb the soil structure too much. But more recently there has been a 'new kid on the block' as a significant soil regenerator – biochar. So what is it; how is it produced; and what are its claims?

What is biochar?

At its name suggests biochar is a form of charcoal. It is carbon-rich and is produced by heating biomass materials like wood and agricultural waste.

How exactly is it produced and what makes it unique?

The biomass is heated in a kiln at a high temperature, but crucially with little oxygen - a process known as pyrolysis. The heat breaks down the organic matter, leaving a solid residue of biochar comprised almost entirely of carbon. If you looked at biochar with a magnifying glass, you would see that it is multi-layered and punctuated with tiny holes. It is said that a handful of biochar has the surface area of two football pitches! Amazing!

What makes biochar so special?

Biochar therefore has a highly porous structure which enhances its ability to retain water and nutrients. This means that, with climate warming, biochar could be a key mechanism to prevent the soil drying out. Since its carbon takes many years to degrade, repeat applications (like yearly chemical fertilizers) are unnecessary. Importantly, the structure of biochar is pivotal in providing a home for a huge range of beneficial microbes. These microbes are in turn crucial to soil health and fertility. This is because they act like a trigger as they feed earth worms and other soil dwelling creatures, creating a virtual cycle of healthy soil.

At the present time we know very little about the interactions between the carbon in biochar, its structural properties and the huge range of microbes that are magically produced. What we do know is that adding biochar to soil greatly aids soil regeneration. Though the pyrolysis produces some gases and liquids, these can be trapped and used as a heating/energy source, creating a virtuous circle. The resulting biochar can be seen as a largely 'green' route to producing a chemical-free, healthy and productive soil.

How biochar can be used to promote heathy plant growth:

- 1. Simply add it in small quantities to the growing area by gently hoeing it in.
- 2. Add it to compost to improve compost structure and fertility.
- 3. Supercharge it by adding it to organic feeds (preferably left for a few days) before being applied in this diluted form as a liquid feed.

I am yet to test this out in my own garden but there are plenty of online videos to show what might work best for you. Certified biochar is becoming easy to acquire. If suitably scaled up it could become key to lessening dependency on harmful chemicals and pesticides in agriculture.

It would be great to hear from anyone who has experience to share from using biochar.

Anon.



Caythorpe Garden Club

Geoff Hodge returned to the club for our June meeting to give a talk on pruning, a skill all gardeners need that is regarded by some as a formidable challenge. Geoff's objective was to give us the knowledge to prune with confidence.

For the first part of his talk Geoff went through the bewildering variety of pruning tools on offer, from tiny snips to 18 foot long tree pruners. He emphasised that whatever cutting tool you are using, do not attempt to cut anything too big for its jaws, as this will damage the plant with a ragged cut and probably wreck to tool as well. Snips are good for deadheading and thin soft twigs. Bypass secateurs are best for general shaping and training, while loppers are needed for thicker branches. For bigger branches use a pruning saw, and if you find you need to climb a tree, get a tree surgeon in for safety's sake. And keep all tools sharp.

Moving on to how to prune, Geoff demonstrated that a clean cut above a growing point will avoid a stub that will die back and may introduce disease. This applies even to deadheading – remove the whole stalk back to a node. Every plant is best pruned at a particular time of year, and doing it at the wrong time can kill some. He suggested that we should decide if we really need to prune at all. If in doubt, look it up before you cut, look twice before

cutting, and if the plant is really too big for its space, consider moving it.

All this was delivered in Geoff's lively and entertaining style, thoroughly enjoyed by the audience of over 40 people. Thank you Geoff.

Our July meeting will be on Tues 8th, 7:15 for 7:30 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall. Our speaker will be Francis Mason on 'How Does my Garden Grow'. New members (£20 for the rest of the year) and visitors (£5) will be most welcome. Just come along.



Our Local Winged Wonders

I visited Mull recently in search of a rare UK bird I have long desired to see, but never actually thought I would ... the Corncrake. Its Latin name 'Crex crex' perfectly describes the bird's call. There are very few places in the UK now where you can catch a glimpse of this notoriously hard-to-spot summer visitor, as they skulk in the long vegetation. They were once all over Lincolnshire, their calls heard across the fens all through the night at this time of year. Modern farming methods wiped them out, but recently there have been some birds reintroduced in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. So who knows, maybe soon the secretive Corncrake will be heard in our county again.

LOCATIONS

Interesting Locations of Brian Lucas CB, the last Rector of Caythorpe and Fulbeck

Having written accounts of my interesting acquaintances for the last two years, I have decided to end the series with the account of Pope John-Paul II last month. Instead, I shall turn to writing about interesting places which I have visited. I hope you will find them just as interesting as my encounters.

I.HMS Glamorgan

During my time in Malta [[1972-1975] the County class Destroyer, HMS Glamorgan, spent several weeks based at the RN Dockyard, 'working up' following a refit. As I was born and brought up in the county of Glamorgan, South Wales, I was delighted to see the ship at close quarters. She was 'day sailing', she went to see every morning and returned to harbour every evening, testing a variety of manoeuvres and Items of equipment. In order to test her acoustic equipment, a Nimrod aircraft of 203 squadron was alunched every morning to fly around the ship as she cruised to the east of Malta. It was also decided that a number of the ship's operations officers would fly in the Nimrod and the officers of a Nimrod crew would sail on board the ship each day with the aim of improving interoperability between the RAF maritime squadrons and the RN.

Flight lieutenant Colin Hughes AFC invited me to join his crew on their visit to the ship. HMS Glamorgan was moored alongside a wharf in Grand Harbour and as we assembled at 0700 beside the vessel there was a discussion about the protocol to be observed on boarding a royal naval ship; it was decided that I would lead the crew up the gangway. Once on board, I saluted the quarterdeck and then returned the salute of the officer who welcomed us. I introduced him to Colin Hughes as the crew Captain and he led

us to the Wardroom for a splendid.cooked breakfast.Before we had time to finish the meal the ship began to move away from the quay, and we all dashed out to see our departure. A passing steward advised us that the best view was from the flag deck, a small area at the foot of the mast. As we were getting our bearings, someone shouted." RAF officers. Attention! Left turn!" We formed a line and turned left. The ship was moving astern into Grand slowly Harbour, and we were facing the giant walls of HMS Saint Angelo, admiral's which was the headquarters. As the ship manoeuvred to leave harbour, we found that we were facing the city



of Valletta, and I think it was our navigator who removed his handkerchief and waved at the crowds lining the city walls. At once the Royal Navy officer who had taken us under his command shouted, "About turn", as a bugle sounded nearby; there was a reply from a bugle high up on HMS Saint Angelo, followed by a further tune from our bugler. Then I noticed the red material between the rank braid of this officer giving us commands, and I deduced that this Lieutenant Commander was a Medic having a bit of fun with us! When I asked him about the bugles, he explained that it was the method of paying compliments to the Admiral during hours of darkness. I pointed to the sun in the sky which had been up for several hours: "Scotch mist?" I asked, "According to the Almanack it is still dark", he replied. We never saw him again all day.

We split up and began to explore the ship; the Officer of the Watch told me that the Captain would like to see me on the Bridge and that he would escort me. The captain was a charming man and gave me a very warm welcome to his ship. He explained to me what a refit involved, and what they were hoping to achieve during their visit to Malta. When he discovered that I had been brought up in Glamorgan he asked if I would be willing to do an interview after lunch on the ships Internal radio programme. I consented at once - what else could I do? There was a marvellous view of the destroyer from the Bridge,

and looking aft I could see the guided missile launcher at the stern. So descending to the main deck, I began to walk the length of the vessel. After a few steps, a tannoy informed the ships company that we were about to experience a sequence of tight turns at speed. My word! At 35 knots the ship was thrown into a sharp turn to port, which caused it to heal over alarmingly, and create a magnificent bow wave; this was followed swiftly by a violent turn to starboard! I decided it was time to lower my centre of gravity and I went below deck.

I made my way to the darkened Operations centre, where I found my RAF colleagues discussing tactics with their RN counterparts. The Nimrod AEO [Air Electronics Officer] was explaining how they recognised ships and submarines by the noise of their engines. The Chief Petty Officer [CPO] operating HMS Glamorgan's acoustic equipment told him that they recognised aircraft by the same means. He asked the AEO if there was a Nimrod in the area, and when told that there was, he adjusted his headphones and searching some frequencies he said," I have it; it's Nimrod XV250." "Correct", said the AEO." Wait a minute, there's more", said the CPO as he turned some dials," it's being flown by Flight Lieutenant Childs." The RAF aircrew were incredulous. "That's impossible to detect; although you are right. There is no way you can tell that!". The CPO sighed, "You pilots all have your own way of flying the aircraft which is unique to you. We can record that footprint as you record a submarine. On the other hand this is helpful," And lifting a file on his desk he revealed a copy of the Squadron flying schedule for the week!

After lunch I found my way to a cabin which housed the ship's radio studio. A junior officer interviewed me about the life of a chaplain in the RAF, and when he discovered that I was brought up in Glamorgan, in South Wales, he asked me to describe the county which gave the Destroyer its name. Then I was free to resume my walk along the deck and came at last to the Missile Launcher on a low deck at the stern. I once look down the barrel or one of these weapons which was fitted to the stern of a Soviet vessel in the eastern Mediterranean! At 1800, we were guests at a Happy Hour in the Wardroom, which was very jovial but fierce! I was very happy when I was invited to the Bridge for our arrival. A cruise ship was occupying our berth In Grand Harbour, so we would have to anchor in Birzebbuga Bay in the southeast of the island, not far from the village where we lived! It was magical in the night air on the wing of the bridge as this mighty ship sailed slowly and quietly towards its mooring. The lights of the village outlined the Bay to my left, and I could make out below hills ahead and to the right. I was silent. The almost stealthy approach was sheer poetry, and the order from the bridge to drop anchor seemed an intrusion.

Our disembarkation was via the Launcher deck, down a rope ladder into a Maltese Luzzu fishing boat, which took us ashore to the waiting RAF bus. I had found the whole day a marvellous experience, which reinforced my camaraderie with the Royal Navy, especially when I saw that their Mess Dress cummerbund was green with a magnificent Red Dragon in the centre!

1838 Charles Darwin presented a paper to the Linnean Society in London on his theory

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extra time

July in History

131	1030	of the evolution of species and natural selection
4th	1776	Congress accepted the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, formally ending American links with Britain
9th	1877	The inaugural Lawn Tennis Championships were played at Wimbledon. The men's singles title was won by Spencer W Gore
I3th	1923	Parliament passed a law banning the sale of alcohol to those aged under 18
I9th	1545	Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose sank in the Solent with the loss of 700 lives
21st	1969	US astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon
26th	1978	Louise Brown, the world's first test tube baby, was born in Oldham. She now has 2 children of her own $$
30th	1966	England won the Jules Rimet trophy (football World Cup), beating Germany 4-2 in



The memories of Augustus Peach (part XX)

This month we turn to more personal memories of his life at the turn of the 19th/20th centuries. Augustus begins to give us a glimpse of life as experienced by those who fell on very hard times. Next month we read about the consequences of his family's misfortune. This valuable and informative historical document is reproduced pretty much in full without any attempt correct errors or grammar.

Reminiscences of a village lad My home

Our old family bible records that I was born in the year 1890. My father was a groom gardener at the "OLD FARM" Leadenham the residence of a gentleman farmer. My parents occupied one of the tied cottages adjoining the estate. I cannot recollect any of the time we spent in this neighbourhood, as I should probably be only two years of age when my parents left, my father having secured the position of gardener to the doctor (Dr Barton) in his own native village a mile away

My earliest recollections of my home at Fulbeck was the meeting of my father when he came home for his dinner. I would watch for his coming over the fields, for I had two brothers one elder George, and one younger, Sid, I can well remember my father taking me, in a donkey cart together with ferns and flowers to the local flower show where he was staging a display of plants at one end of the large marquee, I should probably be between the age or two and three years. Still vivid in my mind is the last time I saw him lying in bed a corpse in the front room under the window, my mother pulling the sheet back from over his face, so that we might see him before going to bed. The funeral I well remember as my eldest brother and I walked together in procession from the Northend where we lived to the village church about half a mile away. Entering by way of the lytch gate the coffin was rested on the centre post made for this purpose for the carriers had to bear the coffin on their shoulders the whole of the distance in those days. The undertaker usually carried a stool for resting purposes en route

My father died on November the 23rd 1895, from a severe chill leaving my mother three small children and a sister yet to be born, my sister Blanche seeing the light the light of day April 1895 The temporary loss of a mother's love at this latter period is still impressed in my mind, for we had a person to look after my mother and baby, a maiden lady who lacked understanding and any sympathy towards we children, and at times behaved in a cruel manner towards us. This of course did not last long, for my mother was soon up and doing for she knew our unhappiness. Our next door neighbour was a kindly old lady she was goodness herself to us. I remember she made us our own Christmas tree and gave us many happy moments in her own little cottage

When my sister was a few weeks old another great shock was given to my mother, the doctor our landlord came to tell her that she must find another cottage as our house was required for a new gardener. As the village was solely agricultural comprising an estate owned by the Lord of the Manor, together with privately owned cottages mainly belonging to the other larger houses accommodating their married servants, there was little chance of my mother finding alternative accommodation.

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

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.

continued...

1945

On 10 February six men were killed when their plane from Binbrook, crashed in Caythorpe parish near the railway station. Six of the men were Australian Air Force members.

Victory in Europe was celebrated in the village, with a party for the children and a whist drive and dance for the adults.

1947

The Big Freeze, with the village cut off for almost two weeks. School was closed due to lack of fuel.

1953

Village celebrates the coronation.

1966

Parent Teachers Association formed, first meeting held on 6th July in the school.

1967

School celebrate centenary.

1977

Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrated in the village

1992

New Police Station opened.

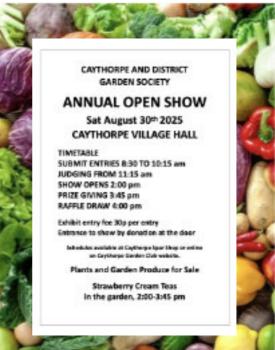
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31st March the position of Village Rector reinstated.

A date for your diary















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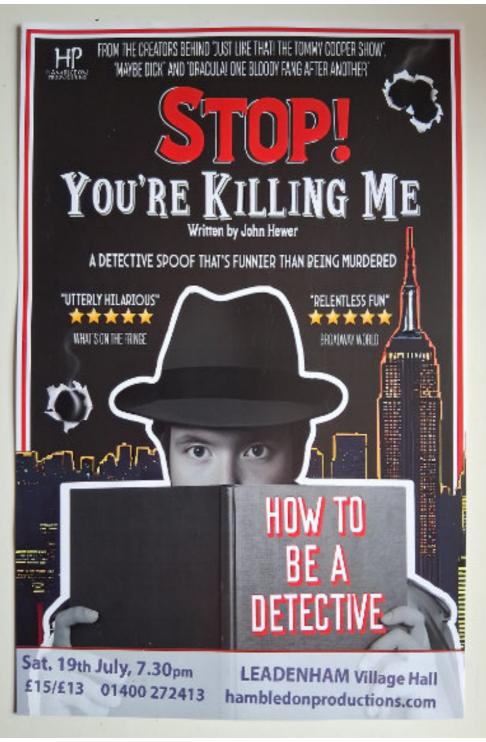


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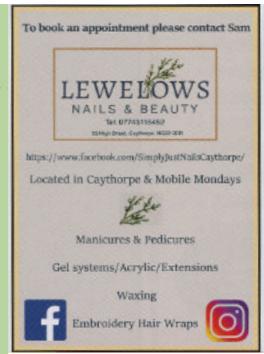
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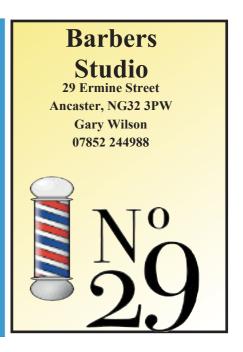
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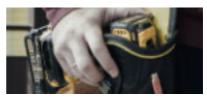
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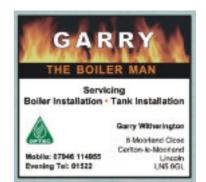
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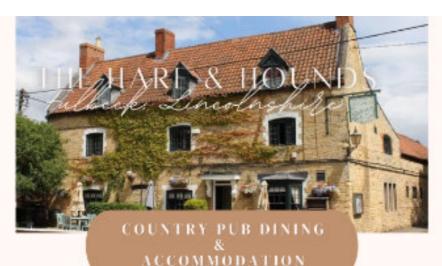
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