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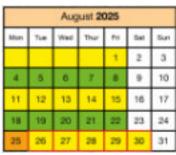
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### **Useful Contacts**

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Police, Fire or Ambulan	ce <b>999</b>			
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Leadenham, Fulbeck, Caythorpe, Frieston, Normanton-on-Cliffe, Carlton Scroop, Sudbrook, Hough on the Hill, Brandon, Gelston, Ancaster, Willoughby and beyond!

Reach all of these places by placing an advert or article in the Double Award Winning News & Views

### **Calendar of Events August**

- I St Vincent's Coffee Morning
- 2 Carlton Scroop Books & Butties
- 2 Hougham Afternoon Teas & Garage Sale
- 5 Fulbeck Over 60's
- 6 Handicrafts Club
- 9 Fulbeck Car Boot
- 9 Fulbeck Artisan Market
- 12 Garden Club
- 14 Carlton Scroop Lunch
- 15 Caythorpe Village Hall Chill & Chat
- 16 Wagon & Horses Karaoke
- 19 Carlton Scroop Bingo
- 19 Fulbeck Over 60's
- 24 Caythorpe Playing Field Family Day
- 29 St Vincent's Turning of the Tide Gig
- 30 Red Lion Summer BBO
- 30 Garden Society Annual Show
- 31 Hough on the Hill Music

### **Coming Up**

6	September	Caythorpe Gala
3	October	Scarecrow Trail

7 November Carlton Scroop Comedy Night

Are you new to Caythorpe, Fulbeck, Frieston, Normanton on Cliffe, Marston or surrounding areas. Newly retired? Looking to meet local friendly people?

WE MAY HAVE THE ANSWER!

### **CAYTHORPE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB NEED YOU!**

You can find us at Caythorpe Village Hall every Tuesday.

Sessions start at 2pm until 4pm 3 Free introductory 'taster' sessions

We supply bowls and friendly tuition plus tea and biscuits!

For further information please contact: Carol Brown Secretary 07860208189

Email:carolbrown1946@Outlook.com



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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.



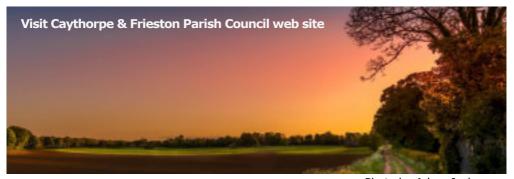


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FULBECK SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

### **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

every Thursday 10 am - 12 noon

Fulbeck Village Hall

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 café/bar area!

All we ask is a donation of £2.00 to cover costs. Excess funds are regularly given to charity.



### **Caythorpe & Frieston Sports & Social Club**

The Hammond Pavilion, Old Lincoln Road

Summer Opening Times:
Thursday 7pm - 11pm
Friday 6pm - 11pm
Saturday 5pm - 11pm
Sunday 1pm (if cricket match)
2pm (if no cricket )

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

Family fun day at the playing field
Sunday 24th August
12 - 7pm

Bbq, bar, inflatables, various sporting games, cake stall.

Everyone welcome

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

### Ext. Chill & Chat

Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall

Cake & Drink £2.00

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 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 19th August

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

### **Fulbeck Sports Club**

Saturday 9th and 23th August 7:00pm for eyes down at 7:30pm





### Caythorpe Village Hall Breakfast



09:00-11:00
Full English £7.50
Bacon Bap £4.00
SausageBap £4.00
all including
Tea/Coffee



### **Caythorpe Walking for Health Group**

### **August Walks**

25th NO WALK

4th Barkston Weir I I<sup>th</sup> The Old Railway I 8<sup>th</sup> Bleak House

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 on leads accompanied by their owners welcome.

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

Everyone Welcome



### CS Village Hall Book Exchange

Books & Butties
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> August 10.30-12.00





With our friends at Caythorpe VH taking the annual break from their

monthly Cooked Breakfast, the CSVHBook Exchangewill step in and offer Bacon or Ancaster Sausage butties (veggie option available) at £3, alongside the our weekly £1 hot drink&biscuits or cold drinks&crisps.

### Regular opening: Every Saturday 11.00-12.00

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

### Carlton-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 of any ability are very welcome

For more information please call 01522 811510





COMMUNITY HUB @ CARLTON SCROOP VILLAGE HALL & SOCIAL CLUB

A Free and Friendly lunchtime get-together

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>August 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 charities.

PLEASE e-mail cartionscroephub-iligmail.com or contact 07484616045tolet us know you're coming, pleasehelp us feed all and minimise food waste.



## CAYTHORPE

6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 1 PM - 5 PM CAYTHORPE PLAYING FIELD



LOCAL PERFORMANCES



FAMILY GAMES



DOG

- Artisanal Stalls Live music -
- Classic and Modern Vehicles -

Volunteers welcome Please contact via
 Caythorpe Gala 2025
 Facebook page

### **CAYTHORPE CRAFT CLUB**

THIS YEAR AT THE GALA WE ARE HOSTING A STALL WITH VARIOUS CRAFTS FOR SALE AND NEW TO YOU HANDBAGS AND IEWELLERY

PLEASE 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 SCARECROW TRAIL 2.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY BANGER

Put a BIG date in your diary for October 3-5th. Make a scarecrow on the theme of Lincolnshire to display at home, office or in the church that weekend. Pick up a trail map, visit them all, choose the best and visit the church to register your vote. A prize for the winner. Delight, amuse, scare, surprise your neighbours, street and the whole village with your efforts. Later in the day, come to church to participate in Harvest Festival Assembly Banger. Sing along to all the tunes you remember from school, enjoy Lincolnshire Sausages and other fare, and discover the winner.

Jo Russell



### Support the Annual Gala.

There will be a team of dedicated Gala representatives collecting for the Tombola and Book Stalls and giving households the advantage of buying raffle tickets prior to the big day.

Expect collections to begin Saturday 30th August and end Thursday evening 4th September. You can, if you wish, deliver your contribution direct to the Social Club (as and when open) prior to the 4th of September. Please ensure that all items are in date and good condition.

### FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS COMING TO LINCOLNSHIRE IN 2026

You will receive 2 caddles:



One 23-litre outdoor (approx, 30x40x38cm) One 5-litre indoor (approx, 20x20x25cm)

Both caddles feature lockable lids, designed to keep odours, wildlife and rodents at bay, and their spacesaving design means they can sit on top of existing bins if needed.

While some areas will start receiving the service from March 2026, individual start dates will be announced closer to the launch.

Your food waste will be collected weekly, using dedicated vehicles – there will be no mixing with other types of waste.

Full collection details, including what to do on collection day, will be provided alongside your caddles when they're delivered.

Importantly, no kerbeide waste in Lincolnshire currently goes to landfill. This food waste will be diverted from the Energy from Waste plant to a specialist anaerobic digestion facility, where it will be turned into biogas — a cleaner, natural energy source — and nutrient rich fertiliser for use by local farmers.

The service is part of a government mandate to help households recycle more and reduce environmental impact following changes in the Environment Act 2021.

This requires SKDC as a waste collection authority to collect food waste separately on a weekly basis. It's not a local decision, but a legal requirement.

Even if you compost at home (which is fantastic!), there are many items that can't go on a compost heap. Please use your caddy for:

All uneaten food and plate scrapings

Meat and fish (raw or cooked) including bones

Dairy products

Tex bags and coffee grounds

Rice, pasta and beans

Bread, pastries, and cakes

Raw / cooked fruit and vegetables, including peelings

It's a simple change that can make a big difference — for your household, your community, and the environment.

Visit dedicated webpage: www.lincoinshire.gov.uk/foodwaste.

**LincoInshire County Council** will be starting a two and a half month project to rebuild three failing sections of the A607 between Lincoln and Grantham – at Leadenham, Caythorpe and Carlton Scroop. The A607 in these areas is filled with cracks and potholes, so a decision has been made to fully rebuild the worst sections using over 8,000 tonnes of roadbuilding materials, including aggregate and hot-rolled asphalt. In total rebuilding over two miles of road.



While on-site, the highways team will also be carrying out additional works at various locations, including resurfacing footways and replacing kerbs where needed.

### **Dates and timeframes**

Leadenham: Monday 4 August for up to two weeks

Carlton Scroop: Monday 18 August for up to five weeks

Caythorpe: Wednesday 17 September for up to four weeks

### **Traffic management**

All three projects will be carried out under daytime road closures, from 7:30am to 6pm (weekdays only)

### Location of works

Leadenham: between Sleaford Road and A607 Main Road

Carlton Scroop: A607, between Carlton Scroop and Honington Fork

Caythorpe: from Lincoln Road layby to just past Caythorpe Heath Lane

### **Diversion route**

All three locations will share the same diversion route, which will be via A607 Main Road / A607 Sleaford Road / A15 Sleaford Road / A153 Grantham Road / A607 Lincoln Road, and vice versa

Karen Cassar, assistant director for highways, says: "These sorts of roadworks almost always cause some disruption to local people, but our team will do all they can to minimise this. The goal is to complete the whole project as quickly and efficiently as possible, without sacrificing quality, so that local people and commuters feel as little impact as possible."

For up-to-date information about this and other roadworks, please visit

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/roadworks

### Can you help with a hospital car scheme?

Would you 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..

If you can help, please contact

Councillor Andrew Page at

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### Fulbeck Village Fête - 29th June 2025

So Finally! The long anticipated day arrived and, with some concerns about how hot it would become, the vastly overqualified volunteer site engineers finished erecting the gazebos and marquee complete with all mod cons for refreshments (!).scones, cakes, ices, tea and coffee, as water and electricity was connected via our state of the art utilities provision.



Soon, the Fulbeck Fête site took shape as gazebos filled with Philippa's divine Fudge, Fantastic Tombola and Raffle Prizes, Loads of Wine and Water, a garden centre of Plants, Guess the Teddy Bear's name with not one but three prize cuddly toys, Books and jigsaws from the extensive Village Hall stock, and the Bric à Brac tables overflowing with wondrous items. There did seem to be a goodly number of bottles of wine as prizes!

We were joined by Fulbeck Art Group, LIVES, a Balloon Fun bouncy castle, Classic Cars, plus Walkabout Goats, with Spencer Cozens and son Theo providing the superb music. A special mention must be made to the Playgroup who provided a sheltered space for little folk, and organised children's races, with beautiful handmade rosettes awarded to winners. Spare a

thought to our volunteer, Simon, who braved the sun most of the afternoon to supervise the bouncy castle.

Sadly, the Dog Show had to be cancelled for the health and safety of dogs who are less tolerant of the heat than humans. People began arriving as soon as we opened, walking down the beautiful long drive of Fulbeck Hall to enjoy the splendours on offer! A great time was had by all, with compliments flowing from all sides. Folks just wanted, and got, a relaxed, sunny afternoon, when they could wander around the fête site and gardens, meet up and chat with friends and neighbours, enjoy the scones and cakes, buy some goodies, and try winning a prize for a small sum.

So congratulations to all the children who won prizes and cuddly toys, persuaded their parents to spend more than they should have, and had a fun time. And well done to you big folk who also won prizes, spent the money, bought stuff you didn't know you needed, or just nattered the afternoon away. We didn't set out to make a profit, just not make a loss! However, after all costs and the purchase of three new gazebos, the net surplus being added to the Village Hall Events Fund, used for various events such as the fireworks, is £597.96. Many, many thanks to all our supporters as shown below, to all those who worked so hard to make a fabulous village fête, and attendees who made it worthwhile.

**Donations:** Handmade Rosettes for children's races – The American Barn, 4 Strides Equestrian and Willow Farm CIC; Hessian sacks for sack race – M & B Sacks, Grantham; Plants – donation of sales- Roger Scott. Other donations-Phil Rand, John Asher and many residents.

### **Raffle Prizes -**

Rick Streeter; Hare and Hounds; Craftier Café; T. Balfe; Walkabout Goats Thursday Coffee Club; Grayz Lincoln; Mill Farm Cider



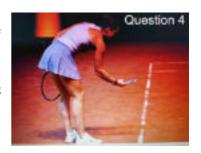
### Leadenham Tennis Club

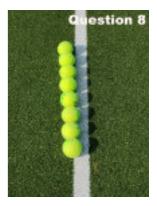


We've devised a summertime tennis quiz for you - email answers to coaching@leadenhamtennisclub.co.uk before 12th August.

There's a prize for the best set and all answers will be published in the next edition of News and Views.

- 01. Who can call a foot fault and what actually is it?
- 02. Serena Williams is said to have always taken the same notes onto court to look at when changing ends what did they say?
- 03. If a ball is clearly going out but you catch it whilst standing on the baseline before it has hit the ground what should happen?
- 04. What's going on here, and what happened afterwards.
- 05. Who is the only player to have held world number one position in both singles and doubles at the same time?
- 06. Must the ball always cross the net in order to be in?
- 07. What is a "net violation"?
- 08. In or out? How many of the balls in this picture do you think are in?
- 09. Can you speak during a point?
- 10. What happens if, when playing doubles, you start a set receiving serve on the deuce side and later in the set you or your opponents realise that you have just received serve on the ad side?
- 11. Can you ever reach your racquet over the net to hit a ball?
- 12. When and where was the longest tennis match in history played, and why can this record never be beaten?





### Fulbeck's Car Boot Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August on the Playing Field 8.00 am – I pm (set up 7 am on)



Barbeque
Teas & Coffee
£5 per pitch
Free Parking

second Saturday of every month

### **Caythorpe Cricket Club**

### **Upcoming Cricket matches at Caythorpe**

Tuesday 29th July 6.00 pm Under 10's v. Nettleham

Sunday 3rd August 1.00 pm Seniors v. Sleaford

Sunday 10th August 10.00 am Under 10's v. Bracebridge Sunday 17th August 1.00 pm Seniors v. Old Lincolnians

Saturday 9th August 11am Lincs Ladies Cup Finals Day - 3 matches.

Sunday 31st August 2pm Seniors v. North Scarle
Sunday 14th September 2pm Seniors v. Rustons





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### **New to Fulbeck Village?**

A folder bursting with useful information for new residents is available for anyone moving into the village, to help you feel at home and find your way around Fulbeck and the local area.

More information on Facebook.

### What's happening in Carlton Scroop & Normanton

### **Parish Council**

The last Parish Council Meeting took place on 14 July. Councillors discussed a number of local issues. The new county councillor for our ward, Councillor Ken Banford attended and contributed to the meeting. Apologies were received from our two district councillors.

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 15 September 2025 in the Village Hall, starting at 7.20 pm, which is open to all residents. 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.

### 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. Residents continue to be concerned about speeding through the Parish, particularly on the A607 and the Sudbrook Road. They are also concerned about the way some motorists, particularly the larger vehicles are cutting the sharp corners between Carlton Scroop and Honnington, causing a hazard to motorists travelling into the Parish.

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 IA Main Street, Carlton Scroop, expired on 3 May 2025. A new application was submitted for a permanent Traveller Site. The Parish Council, along with many residents in the Village objected to the application. South Kesteven District Council has recently refused the application. The applicant has until 3 November to return the existing site to its original condition, but they can submit an appeal against this decision.

### Jubilee Field/Cemetery/Verges

Councillors agreed that the Parish was looking very tidy at the moment with grass verges being cut, dog bins being emptied and litter picking taking place on a regular basis by volunteers, despite mindless motorists throwing litter from the cars.

### **Other Community Issues**

The Parish Plan for 2025/26 was discussed and several adjustments were made to cover areas that need to be addressed.

The Parish has 3 new defibrillators and cabinets. One is installed on the external wall at the Village Hall in Carlton Scroop, which was 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.

Howdale Lane in Carlton Scroop (part of the Viking Way) still remains partially blocked. This has been reported to the County Council.

### Village Hall & Social Club

The Community BBQ on 21 June was a great success, raising much needed finance for the Village Hall and the Social Club.

**Future events** -Comedy Night – 7 November. Tickets from www.comedyhotspot.co.uk or the Social Club/Village Hall. Race Night at the Village Hall – Saturday 29 November. Race cards £10 including food. All welcome. Race sponsors needed.

Next Community Hub Lunch – 14 August 11am – 2pm – all welcome.

Please visit the extensive book library at the Village Hall – open every Saturday from I I.00am.

Look out for Bingo and Quiz evening dates.

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.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CARLTON SCROOP

### **GARAGE SALE**

on driveways in Hougham

toys, bric a brac, designer clothes, animal care, car parts, household items, furniture & more

# SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST HOUGHAM AFTERNOON TEAS ON VILLAGE GREEN

(TEAS IN AID OF HOUGHAM CHURCH)

11am-3pm

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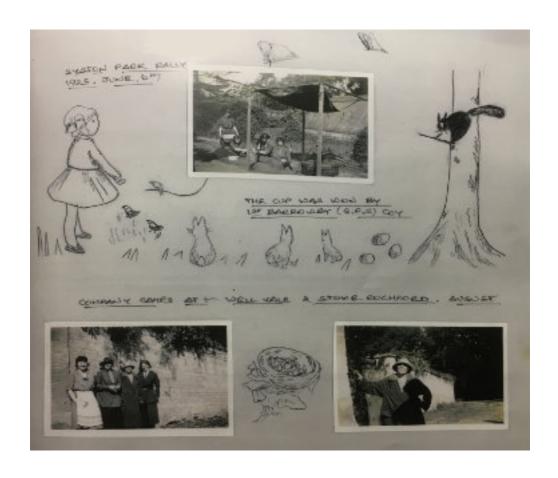
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### Carlton Scroop's Beatrix Potter ??

Dave Bristow of Fulbeck sent me an image from an old album that octogenarian Dorothy Brown rediscovered in a wardrobe. It belonged to her mother who worked as a maid for the Greenhall family who built and lived at the Edwardian manor below the tower at Carlton Scroop. Dave believes that the album belonged to their daughter who ran some form of girl guides and used the adjoining park land for camping.

What Dave likes about the album are her hand drawn illustrations, similar to Beatrix Potter. I think he is absolutely right.



### **BARKSTON HEATH**

Up Copper Hill from the Ancaster Cross Roads is Barkston Heath. In the early days it was part of Grantham Moor where battles were fought, the Romans even built a Camp.

In the 1920's & 30's the fields of Barkston Heath were grass - fifteen year old David Blankley tendered sheep on the open spaces for Eddie Beard until in April 1941 when RAF Cranwell used it as a landing site - sheds appeared and inexperienced cadets made their first landing on the grassy strip. One even crashed on the Blacksmith's House in Ancaster. With the outbreak of the Second World War the relief landing field for Cranwell gave way to concrete runways, Nissan huts and hangars. Paddy Gallagher worked for Wimpeys during the construction and can recall the building of the airfield.

On February 18", 1943 the Yanks arrived and it became U.S.A.F. Station 483. An endless stream of fifty one Dakotas flooded in from Sicily parking all round the new Barkston Heath Aerodrome. The 61s Troop Carrier Group had arrived! I was three years old and lived at Willoughby Heath Farm just over the wall from the aircraft of 14\* Squadron.

Dave Blankley and his mates came up to the airfield and watched all the activity - his favourite Dakota was no.501 Snakey - they always had lots of chocolate and sweets. During the following months the men were in training for the invasion of Europe - one sortic resulted in gliders and parachutes descending around Ancaster Valley - someone had pressed the green button too soon - Col. Mitchell the C.O. was not amused.

In June 1944 the Invasion of France was on - I watched from the attic window at Willoughby Heath. I can still remember the lights and noise of aircraft throbbing down runway 24 pulling gliders and sailing into the night sky.

Those brave young men had gone - most of the aircraft returned the next day ready for another drop of men and supplies.

Barkston Heath had played a major role in D-Day and Operation Market Garden and in March 1945 the Americans of the 61s had gone leaving behind memories of their short stay at Barkston Heath - its friendly village folk and loveable lasses.

After the War the airfield was quiet until May 1st 1948 when it was allocated to RAF. Cranwell. Since then Barkston Heath has seen a variety of aircraft: Chipmunks, Varsities, Jet Provosts and Fireflies.

came back and their only home is Barkston Heath.

A rocket site was built during the Cold War to house Bloodhound missiles. Its played host to many visitors and events:- A three month's stay by the B.B.M.F, Motor Rallies, Cycle Racing, Gliding, Police Dog Training & Model Aircraft Championships.

Today, 70 years on, the old airfield stands echoing the memories of 1943 - 1945. When 'the Yanks were here'. From time to time ghostly figures appear the headless American airman on runway 24, a wet bedraggled Airman walking along Ermine Street in a storm, papers and books moving around in the Tower, the noise of men eating in the old canteen at Dysart Plant Compound, aircraft noise in the bottom hangar, the door of locker 160 opening and closing in the old operations area. Possibly its some of those young men who went and never

Next year the 'Barkston Heath Research Group' will be remembering the 70\*h Anniversary when the Americans arrived at Barkston Heath - February 18th 1943. An exhibition is to be staged in Grantham Museum.

Mansell. H. Beard.

### A Blast from the Present

Did you know that the mast at Carlton Scroop is now home to a pair of Ravens. In the quarry four Peregrine falcon chicks are ready to get airborne unlike the Grobs at Barkston Heath - they are still grounded! Hopefully on July 13th there will be a double- headed steam train through Ancaster station - last year it broke down at Boston. The 'Jolly Fisherman' starts at King's Cross travels via Sleaford then on to Skegness and returns to London via Ancaster - no doubt the station will be in full bloom!

The 'Chief Recorder' for chalk and limestone areas in Britain told me that the Copper Hill Reserve is one of the finest places for rare flowers in Lincolnshire. Good to see the Bee Orchids are flourishing beneath the watchful eye of the tank. This year the yellow flower of the rape has been affected by the cold weather and this is the reason for some fields being rather patchy.

Have you noticed some of the potholes have been filled in - unlike the Oasby road which may come later if planning permission is approved!

The 'Barkston Heath Research Group would like any information on 'Spitfire Wood' on the West side of the airfield - apparently one crashed there in 1944. A local schoolboy- shepherd who was tending sheep at the time can't remember the event - he was probably asleep under the big tree.

What about reviving the tradition of the 'old Market Cross' - King John did agree to a Tuesday market in 1203, but this may cause problems with the stapling of the magazine!! The Village Hall is having a facelift it was originally built for the Oddfellows Society by Mr. Cragg in the late 1800's until Nora Hardwick and the Village Hall Committee purchased it for the village in 1953.

Red Kites, Buzzards and an Osprey have been spotted circling over the Ancaster area. Did anyone see the asteroid pass by? It was over a mile wide - you may have had better luck with the Vulcan that came over on June 1st and then did a near vertical climb over Grantham. In the near future we hope to have a display of old Ancaster photos - more news later.



### **War Memorial Love Lane Caythorpe**

The existing memorial on Love Lane Caythorpe was provided about eight years ago by the Parish Council of the time, and has since been tended by a former Parish Councillor, Bob Greybrook, who was involved in the original memorial being purchased.

The memorial commemorates the (mosty Australian) crew of a Lancaster Bomber which crashed near the site on 10th February 1945, killing all crew. Sadly, over time, and with the effects of weather and the surrounding vegetation, the lettering had deteriorated making it difficult to read, the surface had become discoloured with algae and dirt, and the timber surround to the base had started to rot away, and the slate chippings were dirty.

Efforts were made to get the memorial refurbished by the original providers and other local businesses, but these were met with either a lack of interest or an unacceptably high price. Eventually an advert for a newly formed venture was seen and a representative of the Company was met on site and subsequently provided a price for the refurbishment that was deemed acceptable.

In the meantime, it was learned that relatives of the deceased aircrew would be visiting the site from Australia, at the end of June so the pressure was on to get he refurbishment completed before their visit.

An order was placed by the Parish Council, and HK Headstones commenced the work. After initial cleaning, the memorial was coated in white spray paint, which some thought (not knowing of the refurbishment plan) was either an act of vandalism or a Banksy artwork!!

Pleasingly, this was cleaned off to reveal the newly whitened lettering and logos of the original memorial. The slate chippings around the base have been replaced together with the border and the memorial is now looking at its best again.

### We will remember them

**Andy Crawley** 

Linda Pope (who's uncle was one of the crew of the Lancaster) visited the site from Australia, and was very pleased with the refurbishment. She is pictured kneeling beside the memorial.



### **BOOK LOVING**

Caythorpe book group has 8 members and was started 20 years ago this month. 6 members live in Caythorpe and 2 in Syston.

Over the last 20 years we have read together over 140 Books.

To celebrate the event we have had a day out in Cambridge - punting on the Cam and this week we are meeting in my garden for lunch.



Jenni Blakemore
Jo Cottam
Jean Nelson
Sue Ordish
Geraldine Pond
Maureen Robotham
Amanda Strawson
Pat Thomas

Enjoying a celebratory drink

Anyone interested in joining a book group in Lincolnshire should contact their local library who keep lists of local groups as well as suggestions on how to start your own.



Book store in Madeira Park, Vancouver, British Columbia

One of my favourite bookshops in the world (editor)

Scarthin Books in Cromford Derbyshire is just fabulous too.



### **ROOM AT THE TOP!**

The first person ever to reach the highest place on earth - the summit of Mount Everest at 29,028 feet above sea level, did so in early June 1953. New Zealand mountaineer Ed Hillary, a member of a British Everest expedition, received global recognition and respect for his skill and bravery in achieving this ultimate climbing success, together with his partner Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, who played a key role in the final summit bid.

News of their exploit spread quickly through to the thousands of people sleeping overnight on the pavements of London in order to cheer our new Queen Elizabeth. To join them I had cycled the 120 miles from Harrogate overnight on Saturday. I arrived in London early on Sunday morning and rode round the Royal procession route to view the amazing decorations. Then I went for breakfast and bed, at a friend's flat in Balham, to sleep for the next 24 hours! On Monday evening I headed for The Mall, the highly decorated avenue from Buckingham Palace to Trafalgar Square, on the route that Her Majesty would take both to and from Westminster Abbey. I settled myself for the night in my sleeping bag, next to a group of enthusiastic young New Zealanders, who had travelled 12,000 miles to see the Coronation of their Queen. I dozed for a few hours, but I was woken by my new friends: they were singing and dancing in the street, overcome with pride and joy. For their man on the British Mount Everest expedition, had made it to the summit He was the first human being to stand on top of the world. It was a "first": for New Zealand ... and for the human race! I joined my new friends in celebration - we cheered and danced together in the street as the great day dawned. And went on to enjoy every element of the occasion. And so the ascent of Everest became intrinsically intertwined with the rest of that memorable day.

Here's how 'Ed' [now Sir Edmund] Hillary] remembered the moment of his arrival on the top of the world; in a radio studio in Montreal, Canada where we were recording his memories, almost 30 years later, in the radio studio where we were creating a sound history of Everest to be broadcast in order to stimulate public interest in Canada's own team's approaching attempt on the mountain. But that's another story.

Back to the mountain's history: there was just room, Hillary told us in the radio studio, for two at the very top of the mountain ... and of the world! No human had ever set foot there. Ed's companion that day was Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, a trusted Sherpa guide and climbing partner. "I continued to lead, cutting a line of steps upwards" Hillary told me in studio. "The next moment I had moved onto a flattish, exposed area of snow with nothing but space in every direction. Tenzing quickly joined me. To our immense satisfaction, we realised we had reached the top of the world!"

It was an extraordinary experience just to hear those words, quietly spoken in a recording studio, by a gentleman at the microphone. But Ed had confirmed something emphatically, in his quiet way: it was himself - Hillary, who led the way to the summit that legendary day 29th May, 1953. Tenzing Norgay has not, as far as I am aware, ever questioned his leader's statement. We used Ed's very words, as he recorded them, in the radio series which I went on to produce in Canada, where I lived and worked in the 1960 - '80s. That series, jointly produced with my Canadian business partner and radio talent Earl Pennington, went on to gain the Grand Award at the 1983 New York International Radio Festival. I treasure the Award to this day due, in part, to the fact that our little 4-man production company beat the BBC's entry into second place.

Hillary meanwhile, had always been concerned during the years following his Everest achievement back in the 1950s, about what he saw in the living and social conditions in the Khumbu region, where his friends the Sherpas lived - a people he respected and trusted - as they did him. He asked one of their Elders what he, could do for these fine people to whom he owed so much. He was told: "Our people have eyes but they cannot see; they have mouths but they cannot speak." What they needed was good health ... and an education [something that the government of Nepal appeared to neglect for the mountain peoples.]

Hillary understood. He was looking for a new challenge and had found it here, among the people for whom he cared so much - and in return for their kindness, chivalry .. hard work to ensure that he had remained supplied and supported during his time on the mountain ... and that he had reached the summit!

Hillary responded to all this by setting up a charity: The Himalayan Trust, with a commitment to raising money and oversee the building and staffing of schools and hospitals in Sherpa country, high in the Khumbu region in the shadow of Everest; and to eventually be able to find and fund their staff from among the Sherpas themselves: all to improve the health and educational standards of these proud and independent people. Hillary told me some years later: "The idea just came into my mind: it would be the least I could do - to build a school and hospital for the Sherpas in the Khumbu area." Which is what he did next! That school and clinic - and others which followed, still play a major role in establishing a gradually improving standards of education and health among the Sherpa people. It was a clear demonstration of Ed Hillary's levels of not only courage and determination, but of understanding and of commitment to caring for and getting on with things for people he respected.

One of the early adventurers who started to visit after World War II, was Edmund Hillary whose family had emigrated from England to New Zealand in earlier days. His father's origins were in Yorkshire, his mother was born in Ireland and had moved to the U.K. with her parents. So, like so many whose background is 'colonial' Ed was a 'mixed grill': charming when at a social occasion, open-minded and honest with friends, determined and decisive when out in the world, where he was at his happiest in the mountains. I worked as a volunteer on occasion with Ed, when he came to Canada as he did most years in the 1970s and early '80s. I did what I could to help with fund-raising for the Sherpa charity he had created and into which he put much of his time and energy in his later years.



The last time I saw Ed was in the spring of 1988, on my last trip to the Himalayas. I had details of his spring visit to the Khumbu. One day while on trek, I was able to lead my four friends to pay him a surprise visit. This incredible Knight of the Realm was putting the finishing touches to a small school which his Foundation's funding and volunteer workers had built, adjacent to one of the Sherpa villages. Ed [he didn't like the "Sir" being used in friendly conversation] was hard at work with a couple of Sherpa helpers. I had carried a special gift for him: a bottle of his favourite Chivas Regal whisky. He was pleased to see me and my gift! He took a break to shake hands and chat warmly with my friends. Then he had to get back to work nailing tiles onto the sloping roof of the building which, by autumn, would be sheltering young Sherpa pupils, being taught to read and write by teachers who were also Sherpa, trained in Canada thanks to our fund-raising efforts. It was a very special moment for me and my little group: here was the world's legendary Everest mountaineer focusing his skills on a sloping school roof!

Then off we went, heading onwards and upwards. I wrote in my diary that evening: 'Saw Ed today - as charming and friendly as ever. He appreciated the whisky!' As we left the building site, I looked back and there he was - one of the world's greatest mountaineers: sprawled on the sloping roof as if he was back on the crags, but he was knocking nails into the roof tiles of a school for the local children which he and his charity had funded and built. What a man! And what a personal memory, still etched in my mind nearly 40 years later. A memory of - without doubt - the best human being, in every sense of the word, that I have ever encountered.

Michael Breckon Fulbeck, June 2025

### Locations

### 2. Ascension island.

Ascension Island is an isolated volcanic island, 7°56′ south of the Equator in the South Atlantic Ocean. It is about 960 miles from the coast of Africa and 1,400 miles from the coast of South America. It is governed as part of the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena around 800 miles to the southeast.

Ascension Island was garrisoned by the British Admiralty from 22 October 1815 to 1922 and was an important refuelling stop for ships and commercial airliners in the days of international air travel by flying boats. During World War II, it was an important naval and air station, especially providing antisubmarine warfare bases in the Battle of the Atlantic. Today, the island is the location of RAF Ascension Island, European Space Agency Arianne rocket tracking station, a British-American signals intelligence facility and the BBC World Service Atlantic Relay Station. The South Africa to Portugal submarine cable also comes ashore on the island for boosting. The island was used extensively as a staging point by the British military during the Falklands War. Ascension Island hosts one of four ground antennas that assist in the operation of the Global Positioning System (GPS) navigational system.

In 1994 I was invited by the Reverend Nicholas Turner, the Priest-in-charge of the Anglican "parish" of Ascension Island, to re-dedicate the church following a renovation and a new roof. I was delighted to accept, and I arrived on board an RAF Tristar bound for the Falkland Islands. It was an excellent visit, which began with a formal dinner given by the Administrator at his Residence high on the side of Green Mountain. The church was full for the rededication service and Fr Nicholas and his wife Anne, who is an Anglican Deacon, were excellent hosts. There was an exuberance and joyfulness about the whole occasion. There is no indigenous population resident on Ascension island; the local workforce, including domestic help, was provided by a few thousand Saint Helenians who reside on a temporary visa arrangement. The community has a family attitude, for there are no commercial flights or any facilities for passenger ships; in fact, there are no tourists! When driving along the roads It is the custom to wave to any other vehicle you encounter. The island is served by a quarterly supply ship operated by Maersk. A vessel is permanently anchored off-shore as a kind of supermarket warehouse.

During my visit the runway was closed to large aircraft while it was partly resurfaced, so I had to return by an RAF C130 Hercules flight to Recife, on the east coast of Brazil, in order to connect with the RAF Tristar aircraft returning to RAF Brize Norton from the Falklands, which was diverted to pick me up. During the Hercules flight I was sitting in the Co-pilot's seat and flying at 24,000 feet above the South Atlantic, about half way between Ascension and Brazil, when the Hercules' captain, Flight Lieutenant Nick Stein, whom I had married at Cranwell, asked me if I wished to speak with Joy in Caythorpe, as he was about to phone his wife. The line would be sent through a switchboard in Portishead. He also advised me that the crew would be able to hear our conversation. A surprised Joy answered at once. The line was as clear as if I was calling from Lincoln, and just over £1.00 was charged to my telephone bill.

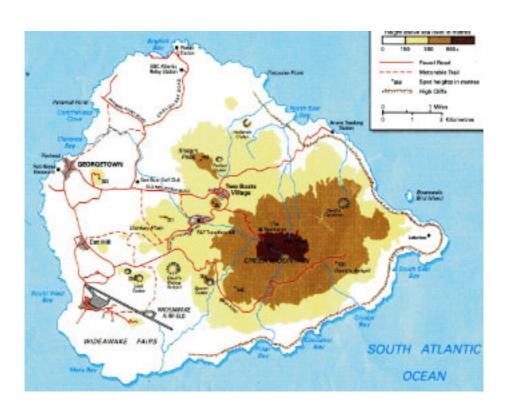
I delighted in Ascension Island, and when I was invited back in 1995 to cover Holy Week, while Father Turner was attending a conference in Oxford, I accepted at once and this time Joy was free to come with me. After the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, we had dinner with the RAF Station Commander before walking along the beach at midnight to watch giant Green Turtles laying eggs. Every year, these turtles, both male and female, migrate from Brazil to Ascension, swimming a total distance of more than 1,200 miles across the Atlantic. Having laid over a dozen eggs in the sand, she used her back legs to scrape more sand over the eggs before returning to the sea in an exhausted state. Sadly, when they hatch very few of the little turtles make it to the sea because Frigate birds hover in dozens waiting to snatch the

hatchlings from the beach and from the paws of feral cats.

There are the remains of 43 volcanoes on Ascension, so, as a Geographer, Joy was in her element. We drove across Donkey Plain to the settlement of "Two Boats", and on to the North-east side of the island, where there is a tracking station for the Arianne space rocket, where we were made most welcome. However, I found the most moving place was a little inlet named 'Comfortless Cove'. There are ancient graves of sailors who had caught the plague, and who were put ashore here to die in isolation.

A large cross stands on a hill above the capital, Georgetown, and so we drove up a cinder track to the top where I held a Good Friday service for the population of largely St Helenians. I heard the Tristar landing during the conclusion of the Easter Eucharist on Holy Saturday evening, but the lovely St Helenian people in the congregation so detained us with their good wishes that we had to drive fast to the airfield to take our leave of the Administrator, and board the aircraft, which immediately taxied out for take-off and the flight home. Ascension island is a unique location, but one for which loy and I have great affection.

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### Church Corner

Wedding season started a couple of weeks ago and I have already taken three with two more coming up this weekend. Whilst the run-up may be stressful for the bride and groom, it will always be alright on the day reminding us of God's presence with us. Jesus first miracle took place in Cana of Galilee where he turned water into wine when it had run out, saving the day for all involved (and a very useful miracle!). This is one of the reason's why a Christian wedding is so important to us, as well as reminding us of how we can be united by sharing love with another in the same way that God loves us and his Church.

I have married people of all different ages, some past retirement, some who already have families and some who have been together for many years but have come to the decision that marriage is now right for them. One of our very beautiful brides was of mature years and looked absolutely outstanding! If you live in a village and are legally entitled to marry, there is no reason why you can't marry in your village church, bells as well if you want them!

I have also been busy with baptisms with plenty more booked, last weekend a family had a triple baptism in one of our churches. We are always pleased to welcome babies, children, adults into God's family and hold a simple service where we talk about what it means to be at the start of our Christian journey. Like weddings, theses services are joyous occasions and you can request a baptism (also known as a Christening) in your village church or one where you have a connection.

It's always very difficult to say goodbye to someone we love after they have died, but a church funeral allows us a chance to mourn, be thankful for having had that person in our lives as well as have the Christian hope that death is not the end of the story. As well as a well known hymn and Bible reading, families can choose modern music which is special to

them as well as poems, readings and shared memories. Whilst understanding that we are commending our loved one into God's loving care, it is understood by many as being an important rite of passage, whether or not they attend Church regularly or at all. The word 'closure' often used is recognising that the memory of that person will always remain within our hearts and within our families. I work with some amazing Funeral Directors in helping people to have a suitable, meaningful funeral for people who have been valued by their family and friends. Again, you are always entitled to have a church funeral in the village where you live.

I hope that you and your loved ones have a chance to relax, enjoy some time together and enjoy the sun this summer.

Every blessing, Revd. Sara Davies 07768706952

sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org





### Sidespersons - St Vincent's

3 August Mr & Mrs Dix 17 August S Wills

Flower Rota August - Mrs D Sanders

### St Vincents Caythorpe

### Friday Ist August

10.30 to noon 50:50 for Charity

This month's charity is

### **HUG** (Help us Grieve)

a charity for stillbirth and baby deaths



### In Memoriam

Patricia Fillingham All Saints' Church Hough on the Hill 2nd July Lee Starr St Nicholas Church Fulbeck 18th July

### Holy Baptism

Rosie Bulmer St Vincent's Church Caythorpe 29th June Clodagh, Cosmo and Flynn All Saints' Hougham 13th July

### **Holy Matrimony**

Ruth Parrish and Mark Sims All Saints' Church Hough on the Hill 1st July Sophie Collingwood and Benjamin Caldwell All Saints' Church Hougham 5th July

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 door afterwards.

All are welcome! Have a look on our website:

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

### St Vincent's Church Prayer Group

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 I Ith August at I pm.

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 marked as St Vincent's Prayer Group.

### LINCOLN DIOCESE: CENTRAL LOVEDEN GROUP OF CHURCHES AUGUST 2025 SERVICES

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Date	Sunday 3rd	Sunday 10th	Sunday 17th	Sunday 24th	Sunday 31st
Sunday Colour	Trinity 7 Green	Trinity 8 Green	Trinity 9 Green	Trinity 10 Green	Trinity 11 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 Holy Communion	
Hough on the Hill		9.30/SD Holy Communion		9.45/JK Morning Service	
Hougham	17.00/BCP/CB Evening Prayer			20	15.00 Music Sunday
Beckingham		9.30/GG Morning Service			10.30am Group Service Holy Communion VR/SD
Stragglethorpe					
Brandon	9.45/BCP/CB Morning Prayer				
Leadenham	10.00/BCP/HR Morning Prayer				
Carlton Scroop Normanton		To distance I amount	50000 00		OPPICIANTS

BCP - Book of Common Proyer, Traditional Language. All other service are Contemporary Language OFFICIANTS
Clergy - SD Rev Sara Davies: VR - Rev Canon Valerie Rampton Lay Reuders - CS - Clare Sauer: Authorised Lay
Ministers - CB - Dr Christopher Brightman: EB - Emma Brealey: GG - Gillian Green: Jo- Jo Russell: JS Jude
Scott: HR - Henrietta Reeve: JH - Jennifer Harvey: JK - Julian Knight: TK - Tony Kingston: SW Susanne Wills

### TURNING OF THE TIDE

Our 2nd Summer Concert in St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe, features **Turning of the Tide,** a group performing original songs, many featuring the unique history of a Lincolnshire, in a folk/rock style.

Songwriter Phil Thompson plays mandolin and guitar, with Rob Bacon on guitar, Micky McNulty on Irish Bodran, Cuban Cajon and African Djembe, and Jim Bonnar on fiddle.



"Our hope is always that the audience enjoys what we do, we won't change the world but we might raise a smile, and as the song says, move our troubles to another day"

Come and join us at 7.30pm
Friday 29th August

Entrance Free, Donations for the church, Bar available

### Music Sunday Songs of Praise

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

Organist Brian West Everyone welcome!

The Royal School of Church Music is a company limited RS & M by quarantee, registered in England, no. 00250031. it is also a registered charity, no. 312828.









## News from St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe



On Friday 4th July an audience of over 70 people in St Vincent's Church were entertained by the Celtic band "Cruel Sister" to two sessions of excellent music. The five musicians, including local resident Micky McNulty on Irish Bodhran drum and vocals, played a wide variety of music, including some traditional favourites such as Black Velvet Band, The Galway Shawl and Wild Rover. Milestone Brewery, a local craft brewers from Cromwell, generously gave us two different types of beer, and soft drinks and wine were also available, along with a selection of nibbles. Our grateful thanks must go to our wonderful performers who gave their talents freely for the church.

The evening was a great success, raising much need funds for the upkeep of our parish church.

But don't worry if you missed it...on Friday August 29th another local band, "Turning of the Tide", will also perform in St Vincent's. This group

performs original songs in a folk/rock style, and many of the songs reflect Lincolnshire's unique history. Doors open at 7.30pm, with a bar available. Entrance is free, but donations are requested for the church. Hope to see you there!





## The Environment Blog

## So Who Owns the Land? And why does it matter?



It's probably true to say that we tend to take for-granted the land we walk on – but who actually owns it? And how does this affect what we can do with it? These seem like obvious questions that should have straightforward answers, but this turns out to be far from the truth.

## Who owns the land?

For starters, a whopping 17% of land in England is not registered. This means that there are no centrally-held details about this land and who owns it. For unregistered land to be compulsorily registered with the Land Registry, it requires either a sale, gift, transfer or mortgage. This then means that ownership can be clearly established. It is likely that most unregistered land is owned by the aristocracy and gentry, as many inherited estates have remained in the family for centuries. Discovering who actually owns all this unregistered land is, however, very complex and likely to require lots of detailed investigation, or the services of expert consultants!

So what about the remaining 83% of registered land? Surprisingly, we only have best estimates. According to Guy Shrubsole, author of Who Owns England, the single biggest group of landowners is the aristocracy and gentry (30%). Corporations, some of them based overseas, are next on the list (18%), followed by oligarchs and city bankers (17%). The next largest landowner is the public sector (8%), which includes central and local government and universities. According to Shrubsole the public sector is most open about its landholdings in order to advertise land it has had to sell off in recent years. Interestingly, homeowners represent only 5% of landowners, despite efforts of successive governments to promote home ownership. The remaining 5% of land is owned respectively by either conservation charities (like for example the National Trust, RSPB, Wildlife Trusts), the Crown and Royal Family, or the Church of England.

## What are the consequences?

Put more simply, half of England is owned by less that 1% of the population. Though we like to think that fixed class structures have changed in recent decades, these figures suggest that the concentration of land in the hands of so few people is a major reason why wealth inequality remains so persistent and divisive.

There are also other important consequences arising from this inequality. Ownership also means control, so it is landowners who pretty much decide what can be done with that land. So, for example, a tenant farmer who wishes to go organic may be forced by the landowner to do the exact opposite in the interests of short-term economic gain, or some of the land may be sold off for commercial

developments like new housing or solar farms.

Private ownership also affects access to the countryside. Even though Public Health England has been encouraging more and more people to be physically active by engaging the countryside, access can be very problematic. For example, many public footpaths are 'permissive' meaning that they are on private land so access can be shut down at a moment's notice if the landowner so decides. Lots of stiles on these footpaths are old-fashioned 'up-and-over' types that make it all but impossible for older or disabled people or young families with prams or strollers to get past them. And despite the best efforts of campaigning groups, we do not enjoy the 'right to roam' in the countryside, principally because access is controlled by private landowners.

So, do we just wait for things to evolve? Or are there more radical reforms necessary to rethink land ownership so that it truly benefits us all? Comments and suggestions to the editor are very welcome.

Anon.

## **Our Local Winged Wonders**

At this time of year, the birds tend to go quiet - the chicks have fledged. Many of our garden birds are moulting and some will be preparing for migration. So watching the birds at this time of year can be a little dull as they tend to hide away while moulting. The butterflies, moths and dragonflies, however, are out in number and are always fascinating to watch. This week I was lucky enough to spot a Hummingbird hawk-moth in the garden. This day flying moth is a summer visitor to the ÚK from Southern Europe. Its fast wingbeats produce an audible hum as it flits from flower to flower feeding with its long proboscis. It particularly favours Verbena, Lavender and Valerian. They are always a pleasure to watch!

Jo Orchard

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## In and Around the Garden.

We finally had some rain in the first week of July, but I had already decided that expecting my plants to survive for 4 months without water was possibly a bit extreme. Just before it rained I watered the beds with the least drought tolerant plants, but I didn't get round to the rockery and the sunniest bed and they still looked fine. Heleniums and phlox were drooping and had lost some of their lower

rather pathetic little leaves, and one hydrangea died, but those were the only real casualties. The woodland area, which is the furthest from any water source, was abandoned to its fate and looked rather miserable, but everything recovered very quickly with the rain. Nevertheless, when shopping for a few plants to fill some gaps, I opted for a sedum and some achilleas for the sunny bed. Penstemons and eryngiums (sea holly) have thrived and look even better than usual, and the lack of water has kept the chicory and teasel to a sensible height so that they haven't needed support. The warmth has





brought many flowers out earlier than usual – I just hope there will be some left for later in the summer.

I finally set up the trail cam to see what visits the garden when I am not around. Most of the shots were the local cats, wood pigeons and squirrels, but a muntjac, a large rabbit, a badger and a hedgehog also appeared. The muntjac is the main culprit for eating the flowering plants and the badger is clearly responsible for all the holes in the lawn. I found a badger-sized hole under the fence from the neighbouring garden and put a large piece of concrete over it, which should slow it down while I use the soil from the molehills to patch up the holes. If the grass doesn't grow over them I will try some seed in the autumn.

The sunny days have been good for butterflies and most of the usual visitors are around. I also saw a hummingbird hawk moth and some large dragonflies. The lavender hedge in front of the house is buzzing with bumble bees. There are a lot of hoverflies, which are often overlooked as pollinators, but for some reason they flock to the conservatory and try to escape through the roof instead of the open door that they entered by. They ping repeatedly against the polycarbonate panels, so that it sounds as though it is starting to rain, and finally drop dead onto the floor. I fail to understand why they insist on coming in as there are no plants inside at this time of year. The occasional bee, butterfly or ladybird leave quickly without any interference from me. I have had to put up a net curtain over the door, which keeps most insects out and stops the carnage, but it makes going outside with a tray of drinks rather tricky.

## Caythorpe Garden Club

Francis Mason. biologist, horticulturalist, retired vicar and lifelong gardener, was our speaker for July with a talk entitled 'How does my garden grow'. Francis observed that the approach to gardening has changed radically since his formal training, when the main objective was to promote plant growth by providing their basic needs for certain mineral nutrients and remove anything that compete. Advice centred on the use of pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilisers, and practises such as double digging and the use of peat as a growing medium.

More recently gardeners are now encouraged to adopt no-dig gardening

and wildlife friendly practises, and avoid toxic chemicals. A ban on peat-free composts is imminent.

This change of direction has been driven by concern for the health of the planet, but



also by a greater understanding of how plants interact with soil organisms, to the benefit of both. Digging breaks up soil structure and damages the community of invertebrates, fungi and bacteria which co-exist with plants.

Francis has studied recent research, which has revealed just how complex these relationships are. It has been found that not only do fungi break down organic matter, making the nutrients available to plants, but that plant roots produce a sticky mucus that nourishes the fungi. Bacteria also have symbiotic relationships with plants, sheltering within the roots and producing compounds that enhance root growth. Francis advises that the best way to help garden plants to perform well is to feed the soil with organic matter in the form of compost, preferably home made, and let nature do the rest.

Many thanks to Francis for a most interesting talk and his sound advice.





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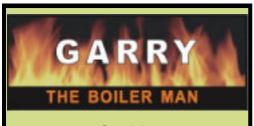
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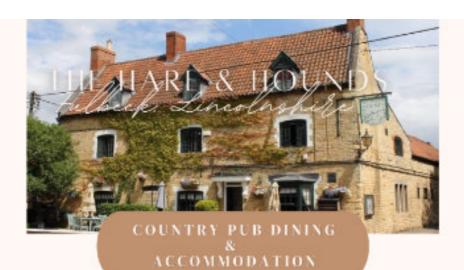
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