

# NEWS & VIEWS MAY 2026



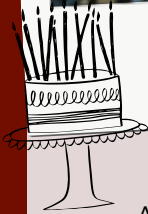
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As many of you know, Becky is the heart and soul of the pub, and this May she celebrates a milestone birthday – turning 50!

Join us throughout the month as we celebrate everything she brings to our little community and wish her a very happy 50th birthday! 🥳



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## Welcome

Dear News & Views Readers,

Winter is now behind us - well apart from any late winds and rain as we experienced in April. It will be great to enjoy evenings in the light once more and being able to get a bit of sunshine.

The spectacular front cover is a view on the Isle of Skye, one of our favourite places.

Robert Prabucki

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**15 May 2026**



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 Mon - Sun 07:00 - 21:00

Post Office Opening Hours

Mon - Fri 09:00 - 16:30

Sat 09:00 - 12:00



### Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Practice

Caythorpe Surgery: 01400 272215 Opt I for Dispensary

Ancaster Surgery: 01400 230226 Opt I for Dispensary

#### Surgery Hours

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm

Dispensary 8.30am to 6pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

### Bin Collections

May 2026						
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### Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service May

**Caythorpe** The Church 12-12.45 Monday 18th

**Frieston** The Green 11.30-12.00 \*\*

**Fulbeck** Hare & Hounds 10.30-11.00 \*\*

**Gelston** The Green 12.15-13.00 \*\*

**Ancaster** Ermine Street 15.00-16.00 Tuesday 12th

\*\* May appears as no service on the LCC web site, as the regular day is a Bank Holiday.

# Useful Contacts

## Emergency Services

Police, Fire or Ambulance	999
Police Non Emergency	101
NHS Non Emergency	111
Lincoln Police	01522 532 222

## Doctors

Caythorpe	01400 272 215
Ancaster	01400 230 226

## Household Emergencies

Electricity/Power Cuts	105
Water & Leaks	03457 145 145
Floodline	01522 782 082

## Personal Support

Rev'd Canon Geraldine Pond	07930353316
Samaritans	116 123
Citizens Advice	08082 787 942
Childline	0800 1111

## **Defibrillator Locations**

<b>Brandon</b>	Telephone kiosk on corner of Church Lane & Hough Lane
<b>Carlton Scroop</b>	Charity Street on wall before Golf Club entrance Wall at Village Hall, Newark Lane
<b>Caythorpe</b>	Village Hall High Street Hammond Pavillon, Old Lincoln Road Old Chapel, Chapel Lane
<b>Frieston</b>	On wall of 35 Hough Road between Top and Bottom Green
<b>Fulbeck</b>	On wall, Main Door Village Hall
<b>Gelston</b>	Village Green in Telephone Kiosk
<b>Hough</b>	Telephone kiosk on High Street opposite Church
<b>Normanton</b>	Telephone Kiosk Main Road
<b>Sudbrook</b>	Telephone Kiosk

## **Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council**

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Reach all of these places by placing an advert or article in the Double  
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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

- 1 Fulbeck Over 60's Club
- 1 St Vincents Coffee Morning
- 2 Carlton Scroop Bingo
- 3 Caythorpe Village Hall Breakfast
- 5 Hough on the Hill Church Coffee Morning
- 6 Handicrafts Club
- 9 Fulbeck Car Boot
- 9 Fulbeck Sports Club Bingo
- 12 Caythorpe Garden Club
- 15 Fulbeck Over 60's Club
- 15 Caythorpe Chill & Chat
- 16 Carlton Scroop Books & Butties
- 23 Fulbeck Sports Club Bingo

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 monthly edition which is delivered to 1400 homes.

### Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council

Full Minutes of Meetings can be found on our website:

<https://caythorpe.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Any issues arising please contact the clerk at

[caythorpeandfriestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://caythorpeandfriestonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

# Caythorpe & Frieston Sports & Social Club

The Hammond Pavilion, Old Lincoln Road

## Opening Times:

Tuesday 7pm (*when pool team is at home*)

Thursday 7pm

Friday 6pm

Saturday 1pm (*when cricket at home*) or 5pm

Sunday 1pm



**Membership**  
Family £15  
Individual £10

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

## Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall



### **Breakfast**

Sunday 3rd May 09:00 - 11:00



Full English £8 Bacon Bap £4  
Sausage Bap £4  
all including Tea/Coffee



### **Chill & Chat**

Friday 15th May 10:00 - 12:00

Cake & Drink £2

**Come and Join Us!**



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

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/62593/caythorpe-children-s-centre](http://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, NG323DR Tel: 01400 279285/E-mail: [CaythorpeCC@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:CaythorpeCC@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## Fulbeck Coffee Club Village Hall

Every Thursday  
10.00 to 12.00

Join us for  
Coffee and Cakes  
Donation £2  
All welcome



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

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, TOOTH PASTE, SOAP BAGS FOR LIFE (IN GOOD CLEAN CONDITION)

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

## Handicraft Club

Ladies who meet up for crafting on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Caythorpe Pavillion, is open to anyone. We start at 2pm and cost is £2 pp

You don't have to be a crafter - you can join us for a chat and tea/coffee.

In March we made Easter Wreaths. In April there will be a Spinning Wheel demonstration.

For further information contact  
Angela Turner  
01703838811



## Carlton Scroop & Normanton Social Club

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

## Fulbeck Sports Club

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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



### FULBECK SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Over 60's Club

1st & 3rd Friday every month

2-4pm

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 AND DISTRICT

## ART GROUP

Mondays, 10:15 am – 3 pm

at FULBECK VILLAGE HALL

Fulbeck, NG31 3JN

(near the Hare and Hounds by the A607)

We welcome new members at any skill level in any medium. No formal instruction but friendly advice on offer. Drop in and see us or

Tel. 01400 275 051

Email: nettrawler@hotmail.com

### Carlton-le-Moorland and District Art Group

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

Saturday 2nd May 10am-3pm

A pastel workshop with Vic Bearcroft.

Saturday 1st August

Paul Talbot-Greaves

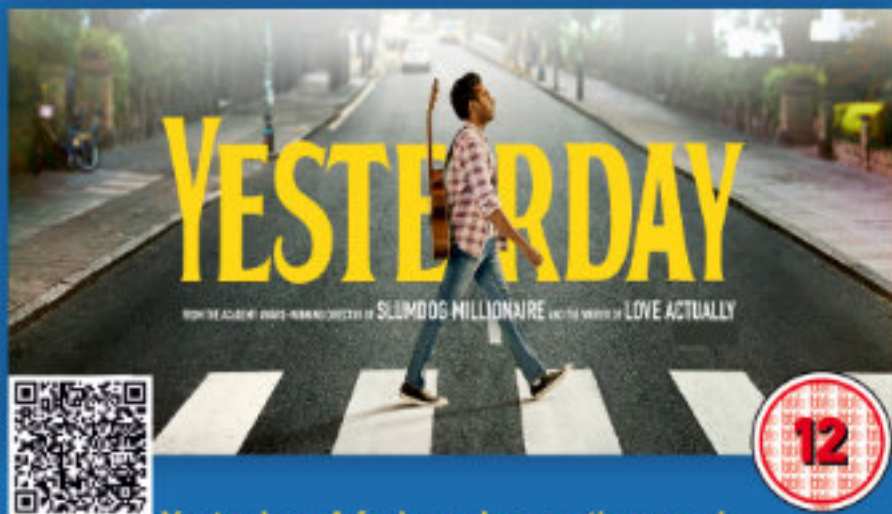
A workshop in watercolour.

For more information about the workshops please call  
01522 810511

Caythorpe and Frieston Village Hall  
**FILM NIGHT**

**Friday 1st May 7pm**

**Doors Open 6.15pm**



**Yesterday - A feel-good romantic comedy**

After waking up in an alternate reality where The Beatles never existed, Jack a musician, discovers he's the sole person on Earth who still remembers and plays their music. Yesterday everyone knew the Beatles. Today, only Jack remembers their songs.

**This is our last film night until September**

Come and enjoy a great night out.  
Everyone will receive a **FREE** glass of wine,  
Prosecco or a soft drink!

**Admission is FREE**

*There's a single prize draw of £6 per ticket in order to fund the event*

**Wine, Beer and Ice Cream on sale plus a Raffle**

**To book a place please scan the QR code**

**or call 07824 874959**



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## Eid Mubarak

Mehrimah spoke to our Reception children about Ramadan and what it means to her and her family. She explained that she takes part in fasting and told us that although it felt hard at the beginning, she soon started to feel really good and proud of herself.

She showed us her special celebration clothing and told us all about the big celebration at the end of Ramadan.

The children were incredibly curious and respectful asking thoughtful questions like:

- ✨ “Did you get hungry during the day?”
- ✨ “How did you feel when you woke up?”

We're so proud of their interest and the lovely discussion that followed!



## 🏉 Tag Rugby Festival! 🏉

Last week, our Year 3 & 4 pupils took part in a fun-filled Tag Rugby Festival!



The day began with a carousel of engaging activities in the morning, where the children built skills, teamwork, and confidence. In the afternoon, they enjoyed a series of friendly matches, putting everything they had learned into action.

It was a fantastic day of sport, teamwork, and enjoyment for everyone involved—we were so proud to see the children shine!

## Wrap Around Care

We offer before and after-school care through our wraparound provision and recognise this is an essential service for many parents.

Mornings – 7.50am-8.45am (breakfast)

After-school – 3.20pm-4.30pm (short session with snacks) 3.20pm-6pm (full session with light tea)

## Neverland Dance Off!

Our Year 1 and Year 2 superstars absolutely *brought the house down* with their spook-tacular performance of **“Thriller”!** 🧛♂️🧛

Over the term, the children have been building their dance skills in PE sessions— learning moves, growing in confidence, and working brilliantly as a team. All their hard work led up to an exciting **dance-off finale**, and what a show it was!

Dressed to impress and full of energy, they truly performed their hearts out. We are so proud of their enthusiasm, creativity, and confidence. Well done, everyone! 🌟



Thank you to all who attended the Bingo last Friday! It was a lovely atmosphere. The chocolate tombola was a great success. Thank you to the FSA for organising such a great family orientated event. We raised over £100 for extra-curricular opportunities for the children.



## Easter Eggstravaganza!

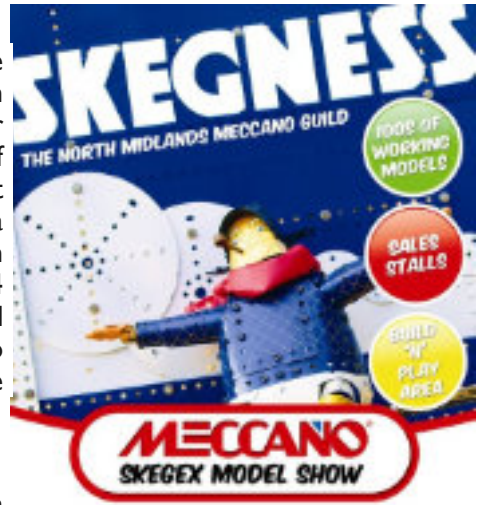
What a wonderful final day of term we've had in school! All of the children took part in our Easter Egg Competition showing fantastic creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm.

We even had a very special visitor... the Easter Bunny! 🐰🌟 The children were delighted to meet our surprise guest, who came along to celebrate with us.

A huge well done to all of the children who received a prize from the Easter Bunny for their amazing egg-hunting skills!

## Come and Play Meccano

This half-term it's a bit different. The Meccano collection will be in Skegness on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28rd May for Skegex 2026. This massive display of Meccano models takes place every year at the Embassy Theatre, and includes a Children's Corner where you can Build'n'Play. Tickets are £8 (adult) and £4 (child) and it's well worth a visit. A good excuse for a day at the seaside, but there's so much to see you may not get onto the beach.



Tickets available on the door, or you can book in advance at

<https://embassytheatre.co.uk/shows/meccano-skeg-ex-2026/>



We are planning to hold an Open Garden afternoon on Sunday 28 June from 1000 to 1700. All the proceeds will go towards helping fund a number of village projects. It doesn't matter what size your garden is or whether you have it to the standard you would wish - people are always interested in your plans and thoughts. We still need some more gardens so why not support the event, support your village and open your garden. Its fun and people are always genuinely interested in what you have to show them and there will be toilets and refreshments available in the Village Hall and

**Click on Contact Tim Almond at [gardenopening@outlook.com](mailto:gardenopening@outlook.com) for further information.**

## Caythorpe Craft Club



At our April meeting we were treated to a demonstration of spinning wool. Carol Page brought her spinning wheel and told us how to transform a fleece to a hank of yarn. *Pauline Dorey*

## Recipes Recipes Recipes Recipes

### Bacon and mushroom risotto

Serves 4

1 tbsp olive oil  
1 onion, chopped  
8 rashers smoked streaky bacon, chopped  
250g chestnut mushrooms, sliced  
300g risotto rice  
1 litre hot chicken stock  
grated parmesan to serve



Fry the onion and bacon for about 5mins until soft. Add mushrooms and cook until they start to release their juices. Stir in the rice and cook until all the juices have been absorbed. Add half the stock, stir well and simmer for 10 minutes, then add the remaining stock and simmer for another 5 minutes. Once the rice is cooked, season and serve with grated parmesan.

**Do you have a favourite recipe we could put in an issue of News & Views ?**

## **Education! Education! Education!**

In 1970 I was a chaplain at No.1 School of Technical Training at RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire, where I attempted to teach the Christian faith to 2,000 young men aged 16 – 20. Halton was the home of the Aircraft Apprentice scheme, which trained young men in the technical and mechanical trades for aircraft maintenance, the graduates of which were the best trained technicians in the RAF and the world. During the three years they spent at Halton they specialised in trades such as propulsion, weapons, avionics, and general airframe maintenance. They usually progressed to Senior NCO ranks, and many became in time commissioned officers. Every morning at 8:00 these 2,000 young men would march down from their accommodation blocks on the Chiltern hillside, an Apprentice Band at the head and, with a Pipe Band in the middle, they marched across the road and into their workshops for the morning. This exercise was repeated before and after lunch and at the end of the working day. It was a huge loss to the nation when funding for the Aircraft Apprentice scheme was stopped.

These lads, known as ‘Trenchard’s Brats’, came to my little lecture room [a Nissen Hut] in groups of 70 at a time. In winter the heating was a single kerosene stove! I shall never forget trying to tell them about the Ascension of Jesus Christ; suffice it to say that they gave me a hard time by trying to compare Jesus with Yuri Gagarin, and I cannot blame them! As I write this the Artemis II space capsule is visiting the dark side of the Moon with four astronauts on board, so the Ascension would not have seemed so bizarre. Even so, it was an impossible teaching and learning environment. As soon as the RAF board, it is infinite wisdom, put me in charge of religion, I set a team to work on devising a common syllabus for all chaplains on every training station. It was modular in structure and each module had a pack of resource material. Provision of appropriate classrooms and modest class sizes were also specified.

It was called “The RAF Beliefs and Values Programme” and went far deeper and was more wide-ranging than merely explaining events in the life of Christ. I was particularly pleased when the Roman Catholic Bishop to the Forces endorsed this Programme for use with RC personnel. For teaching the Christian faith is a primary role of a Christian priest or Minister. It seems to me that the church has failed for decades in the Christian education of the young adult. I am convinced that young people are keen to learn about faith and how to practice it but unless we talk to them about it they will never ever know what questions to ask.

Picture the scene on a dark Sunday evening in Winter at an RAF station in Norfolk; I had locked the church for the night and was walking up the main road

of the camp, wearing my cassock, when I was approached by a young airman who seemed to be in a bit of a state. "Can you help me?" he said. I stopped and listened to his story, during which he frequently broke down. He wanted me to go with him to his barrack block where some of his friends were hoping for help. Eight of them shared a barrack room and one of them had been killed that evening in a motorbike accident, and they were upset and bewildered. I went with him to the block, and found the seven young lads standing around an empty bed. They held cans of beer and thrust one into my hand as I joined the group. "We don't know what to say", one of them mumbled through his tears. They knew they wanted to say something but they didn't know how, so one of them came to see if I was around the church. We stood around the bed and I suggested they put their arms on each other's shoulders to form a circle, and sharing their beer I commended to God their departed friend. Then I talked about the love of Christ and his unfailing compassion for us all, and that their friend was already in safe hands.

I didn't feel that I did much for them, but at least they were able to begin to make some sense of a tragic death. If we engage with young people on their own territory and in terms they can grasp, then there is hope of a deeper dialogue in the future. I find that after talking with a group of young men and women I've learned something about myself as well as about their world. I am convinced that young people are searching for a spiritual side to life, but if we don't talk to them about our experience of it then they will never experience it for themselves. We must not be nervous about raising the subject when we have an opportunity. The nervousness of Christians is the devil's greatest weapon.

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### **The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

Meeting House Lane, Brant Broughton LN5 0SH

We meet each Sunday at 10.30 am for an hour of mostly silent worship followed by coffee in the Barn next door afterwards. All are welcome. Have a look at our website:

[www.brantbroughtonquakers.co.uk](http://www.brantbroughtonquakers.co.uk) or phone 07745417637 for more information

## What's happening in Carlton Scroop & Normanton

**Parish Council** The Parish Clerk can be contacted on Parish Council matters at [clerk@carltonscroopnormanton-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.carlton-scroop-parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place at 6.30pm on Monday 11 May in the Village Hall, followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**, starting at 7.30 pm Both meetings are open to all residents. Please come along to the meetings 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.

**The Big Parish Spring Clean** The Parish Council is organising a Big Parish Clean which will take place on Saturday morning 9 May. It would be great to see residents in the 2 villages of Carlton Scroop and Normanton on Cliffe turn out for a few hours to spruce up our Parish ready for the summer months. Please meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am. Refreshments will be available at the Village Hall afterwards from midday. We hope to see many of you there.

**Parish Council Vacancy** The Parish Council has a vacancy for a co-opted member until May 2027, when the normal parish council elections will take place. Those wishing to apply for the position should email the Clerk at [clerk@carltonscroopnormanton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@carltonscroopnormanton-pc.gov.uk) to request an application form. The deadline for applications is the 30th of April with the decision being made on the 11th of May at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. For further information, please contact the Clerk, Florence Hill or the Chair, Alan Thomas (07966451956).

### Village Hall & Social Club

Please visit the extensive book library at the Village Hall – open most Saturdays from 11.00am

The **Village Hall** at Carlton Scroop is available for hire by individuals or groups. Please contact [carltonscroopvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:carltonscroopvillagehall@gmail.com) if you want to hire the Hall.

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

Look out for Bingo and Quiz dates on a Saturday evening in the Social Club.

*Save the date*

Saturday 5th Sept

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Caythorpe  
village

**GALA**

— 2026 —



# Church Corner

## St Vincents Caythorpe

**Flower Rota** Mrs Avison

### Sidespersons for May

10th Mr & Mrs Dix

17th Mrs E Moses & Mrs J Avison

### Church Flood Lighting

2nd April In loving memory of Keith Miller on his birthday, from his family.

The various parish services have to be organised in a schedule to enable them to take place in each of our churches. If you would like to attend any service we can provide transport for you. Please contact either Jo Russell or Judith Scott.

### 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 the Church.

**Please contact Jude on either [scott,truck@live.co.uk](mailto:scott,truck@live.co.uk) or call 01400 272974 for our next meeting.**

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](mailto:loveden.deanery@lincoln.anglian.org) marked as St Vincent's Prayer Group.

# Coffee Mornings

## St Vincents 50:50

Friday 1st May  
10.00 to 12.00  
for Christian Aid

### All Saints

### Hough on the Hill

1st Tuesday every  
month 10.30-12



**LINCOLN DIOCESE: CENTRAL LOVEDEN GROUPOF CHURCHES**  
**MAY 2026SERVICES**

Date	May 3rd	May 10th	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	May 17th	May 24th	May 31st
Sunday	Easter 5	Easter 6	Ascension Day (Thursday)	Sunday after Ascension Day	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Colour	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White	Red	Gold/White
Welbourn	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 10.00/HC					
Caythorpe		10.30/SP Holy Communion		10.30/GK Holy Communion		
Marston	10.30/LB Holy Communion			10.00/CS Morning Service		
Brant Broughton			19.00/ Holy Communion	10.00/JH Morning Prayer		
Fulbeck	10.00/TK Morning Praise				10.30/LB Holy Communion	
Hough on the Hill					09.45/JK Morning Service	
Hougham	15.00/BCP/CB Evening Prayer					
Beckingham		9:30/GG Morning Service				
Stragglethorpe						
Brandon	10.00/BCP/CB Morning Prayer					10.30/ Holy Communion
Leadenham	10:00/BCP/HR Morning Prayer					
Carlton/ Normanton						

Welbourn: Weekday H/C Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00

ABBREVIATIONS BCP - Book of Common Prayer, Traditional Language. All other services are Contemporary Language

OFFICIANTS Clergy - GP – Rev Canon Geraldine Pond: VR – Rev Canon Valerie Rampton: TT- Rev Tony Tucker: GK- Venerable Gavin Kirk: LB- Rev Les Batty: SH- Rev Stuart Hadley; TH- Rev Trudy Hobson: SF- Rev Stuart Foster: Lay Readers - CS – Claire Sauer: NK- Nick Kerry. 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, Susanne Wills

## **Bishop Stephen and Safeguarding Issues in our Churches**

Many villagers will be aware that the Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Stephen Conway, was suspended from ministry in February 2026 following a safeguarding complaint regarding a sexual assault allegation. We cannot prejudge what will happen, but as a church we are deeply dismayed by this news, and find it very unsettling.

In recent years all churches have put in place very strong Safeguarding measures, so that all can find safety in the church community. The churchwardens and some members of each PCC (Parochial Church Council – which sees to church matters locally) and all authorised ministers all have to have a clearance certificate from the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) which keeps a record of any criminal convictions. All PCC members have to pass the Basic Awareness and Foundation courses on Safeguarding. Some of us have also to pass courses on Leadership Responsibilities, Domestic Abuse Awareness and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

There are procedures we must follow if anyone with a previous conviction becomes a regular church attender. They are to be welcomed in, but must be carefully and discreetly monitored. Forgiveness doesn't negate the need for protection.

Every church has to have a Safeguarding Policy prominently displayed, and has to have Safeguarding Officers who undergo more training. For the Caythorpe, Fulbeck, Normanton and Carlton Scroop parishes the Safeguarding Officer is Linda Kingston and she will deal with any church-based Safeguarding Issues. Her Contact details are 07738 833564 and lkingston@hotmail.co.uk or contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 01522 504070 (8.30 to 17.00 Mon to Fri) email: [safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org).

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Recent UK statistics show that approximately 1 in 5 people will experience some form of abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, financial, spiritual, discriminatory, neglect etc.) in their lifetime. That means in the area covered by News and Views (population approx 2,500) around 500 people may experience some form of abuse in their lives. Women and children suffer disproportionately. These are sobering figures and encourage us all to be more alert to abuse, and to do what we can to counter it.

### **Rev Canon Valerie Rampton**

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Please only get in touch with me if you wish to respond to this note. For baptisms, weddings, funerals or help with other church matters, please contact the Churchwardens or the Acting Rural Dean. Contact details elsewhere in the magazine.



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## Caythorpe Garden Club

Our speaker for April was Dr Ashley Reaney, on the subject of wildlife and gardens. His talk started with some interesting and shocking statistics. The loss of biodiversity in this country is huge, and affects all sorts of animals. There are 23 million garden with an area 4 ½ times that of all the National Nature Reserves combined, which could make a valuable contribution to biodiversity. Unfortunately changing ownership and changing fashions in gardening often result in extensive redesigning every few years, to the detriment of resident wildlife.

Lawns are another problem if frequently mowing short, which makes them vulnerable to drought, disease and compaction – not good for the grass or wildlife. Ash prefers green spaces to be broken into blocks where taller grasses and wildflowers can grow, interspersed with mown paths for people. This approach can work in gardens as well as public spaces.

The most useful wildflowers for pollinators are ragweed, dandelion and bramble, and teasel, thistles, sunflowers, and berrying shrubs such as holly and redcurrants provide food for birds and other animals. Vegetables allowed to flower and set seed are useful too. In nature the woodland edge habitat with layered planting suits many species, and this can be mimicked in gardens with native trees – oak or beech, or smaller trees such as holly, hazel, yew and rowan- shrubs such as elder, dogwood and hawthorn and a ground cover of ferns and other plants that like dappled shade.

Ash finished with the latest advice on garden birds. Nest boxes of different styles, but inconspicuous in design, are useful but need to be well spaced. Birdfeeders can be responsible for spreading disease and flat surfaced tables and ground feeders should not be used. Other feeders need to be cleaned frequently or even withdrawn during the summer months. Many thanks to Ash for a most enjoyable and thought-provoking talk.



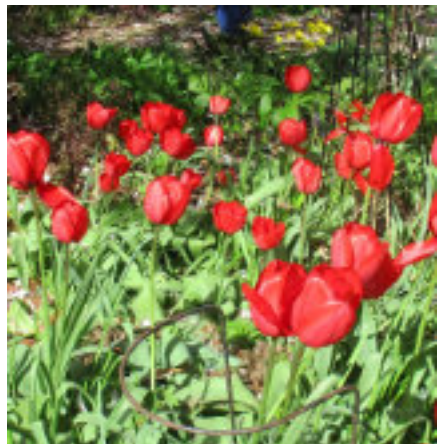
## In and Around the Garden

With summer fast approaching and temperatures warming, the garden centres are filling up with summer bedding and basket plants. The displays are like a sweet shop for me, and I have to be very mindful that most of my borders are stuffed already. The other problem is, as usual, the weather. These little plants are not hardy and although daytime temperatures have been in the 20s at times, a late frost is also a possibility. So every morning I put the dahlias, geraniums and begonias etc. outside to get maximum light, and then take them in again if a cold night is forecast. By Mayday they should be well hardened off and ready to stay outside.

I have been dividing and repotting my 12 potted hostas, as the new growth starts to appear. They need doing every 2 or 3 years, and it is hard work, even though I ignore the 'pull apart with 2 forks' advice and cut them into sections with an old pruning saw. As an experiment I have made a garlic wash to deter slugs and snails. Boiling the liquidised garlic was a smelly business, but I have sprayed the diluted wash on both the potted plants and the ones in the ground, more in hope than expectation. I'm going to try it on my lilies as well, to see if it works on lily beetles.

There are no signs of frogs this year, which is very disappointing. When we moved in 20 years ago, there were masses of frog spawn each spring and also newts and even an occasional toad. Then about 4 years ago I spotted a grass snake hunting in the pond, and it has appeared briefly every year since as the amphibians have declined. I have seen just 2 newts, so it can't have eaten them all, but I won't be sorry if the snake doesn't come back. I've had the trailcam set up for the last few weeks, and seen a badger coming and going after dark and muntjacs (pretty but unwelcome) both day and night. I was beginning to think that there were no hedgehogs, but the camera at last caught one trotting across the path, which pleased me very much. There is a lot of bird song, and pairs going around together as the nesting season gets underway, and I can hear a chiffchaff, a sure sign of spring. A pair of very territorial crows attacked their own reflections in a glass door and made such a noise I thought someone was trying to break in. There are few bees about yet, but there are huge numbers of ladybirds clustering together in sheltered spots, which bodes ill for aphids this year.

The borders are starting to look very colourful, and there is a fine display of red tulips that have been coming up every year for decades. Some tulips never really naturalise and dwindle away after a year or two, but these, and some tiny species tulips multiply with enthusiasm. JA



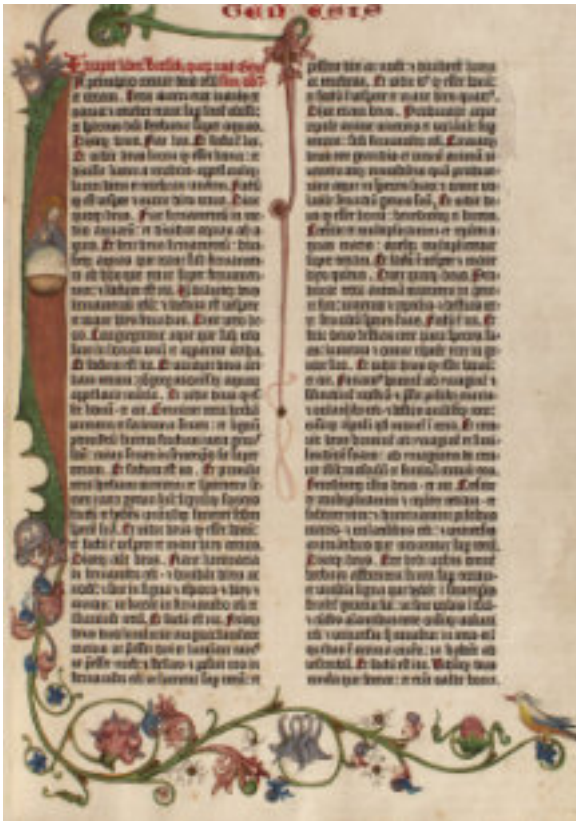
# Syston Park,

near Belton House, is a fruit farm, shop and cafe. Two hundred and fifty years ago the park was home to Syston Hall, built in 1775 for the Thorold family who were relocating from Cranwell Manor.

In 1824 a new library was built at the Hall to hold the family's collection of rare books and manuscripts. In the library was a two volume printed copy of the Mazarin Bible, also known as the Gutenberg Bible.



*Syston Hall which was demolished in 1925*



This is a hugely important and extremely rare book. Only forty nine copies are now believed to exist and only 21 complete ones. With only one in private hands, all the others are in national museums or archives. Five copies exist on vellum. The printed ones were some of the first books ever to be printed with metal type. They were printed in the 1450s at the start of the printing of books in the West.

Part of the Syston Park Library was offered for sale at Sotheby's over two weeks in December 1884. The sale realised a total of £28,000, with the Mazarin Bible fetching £3,900. The last sale of such a bible was in 1978 when it sold for £2.2 million. If offered for sale today the price is estimated to be at least £35 million. Individual pages have been sold for £150,000 each.

*A page of the Gutenberg bible showing the beautiful illustrations.*

Sir John Henry Thorold inherited Syston Park in 1866. He was a motor sports enthusiast and introduced a hill climb at Syston Park in 1906.

In 1926 a racing circuit was created on the estate roads and motorcycle and car races were held there until 1939.



Syston Park was the first road race circuit in Great Britain and became one of the premier racing venues of its time along with Brooklands and Donnington Park .



Syston Park was a Grand Prix venue attracting crowds of up to 30,000 at its races. It was used as a training circuit for the TT and Isle of Man races. The grand prix course was eleven miles per lap. In 1930, the Park Cup race (for motorcycles of 350cc) was won by E.R. Thomas with a best speed of 49 mph.

In 2017 Syston Park held a vintage speed trials revival event, with only pre 1939 cars and motor cycles racing up the original half mile hill climb circuit.

Robert Prabucki

## CAYTHORPE INVASION COMMITTEE

In 1942 plans for setting up the Caythorpe Invasion Committee were proceeding. Meetings were held to decide how to manage the village in the event that the area was invaded by the German forces in WWII.

It was decided by the CIC that:

**The First Aid Service** was managed by Mrs Joan Crofts based at The Old House. However Gas contaminated casualties should NOT be allowed to mix with uncontaminated casualties, but to be sent to the Old School.

**The Public Cleansing Station** was directed by the Wardens Service and based at The Rectory.

Note:- No equipment will be provided by the Government for Gas Cleansing Points, and the general policy of the Government must be impressed on the public by members of the Committee. That policy is "Go Home if you are with a few minutes walk, take off your clothes outside, get thoroughly washed". If you are not within a few minutes walk of home, take your clothes off, go into a neighbours house and get washed there or go to the cleansing point and use available facilities there.

**Messenger service:** it is suggested boys and girls should be recruited and used [ a handwritten note says Any use being made of Girl Guides?]

**Improvised Hospital** accommodation for Civil and /or Home guard casualties at Holy Cross House (RAMC) or Old School (Gas)

**Mortuaries:** Arrangements for dealing with bodies use Palmers Workshop at Frieston. Any mass burials will be at the field opposite Hall Gates.

**Plans for domestic water** state there is no piped supply and every house has its own well.

**Provision for the homeless** was at Caythorpe Council School which could accommodate 200 people.

In the event of craters , stone etc was available in the old pits at Frieston and horse drawn and motor vehicles were available from K Craggs premises Caythorpe.

*Thanks to John Scott & Richard Johnson for these notes.*

# Water Loss at Caythorpe



With the loss of water Sunday evening and Monday (April 12th & 13th) I got to thinking how we used to manage when we lived up on the Heath.

We got our water by windmill. If the windmill stopped than we had no water and us kids would have go to find Jack who had to go across the field to the windmill (with us kids in tow of course) and climb down the well to sort the problem. I believe this was very dangerous.

We did of course have the Well in the yard and every washday Dad had to draw the water from here as he did on bath night to fill the Copper to heat the water. The fire would heat the water but not enough for these jobs.

Us kids had to stand well back against the wall while this was going on. You did not get told twice and were soon sent indoors if you didn't do as told.

I have heard of Dad having to pull Jack out of the well after he fell in but can't personally remember this.

The toilet of course was across the yard and needed no flushing. You just waited for the Honeycart to come and of course it was a guzunder in the night.

This article was submitted by Susanne Wills, who used to live at Rylands Farm Cottage on the Heath near to Leadenham. The wells have now been filled in and there is no trace. Susanne often had to walk to Fulbeck for groceries, but also a mile to the bus stop to catch the school bus service which went to Caythorpe and then Fulbeck School on Washdyke Lane.

# Environment Blog

## The Recycling (R)evolution



Those of us of a certain age will just about remember the days when there was a regular thunderous noise outside, wherever we lived. Chances are it was either the coalman hauling hundredweight sacks of the black stuff before funnelling it into a coal shed or cellar, or else the binman trying to get rid of household waste. In those dark days everything from coal and coke ash was dumped in the same alloy bins as cooked food waste, peelings, packaging, discarded clothing and anything else you can think of. Wheelie bins were yet to be invented so those old bins had to be carried (if light enough) or more typically dragged noisily to the awaiting bin lorry. It was hard physical labour at a time when there were few health and safety rules, undertaken by gritty men (there may have been some women too) who received scant rewards or recognition for their devotion, blood, sweat and tears. And all this stuff, including toxic and non-degradable products, was dumped in landfill.

There are still reckoned to be about 20,000 former landfill sites in the UK, and though things are now tightly regulated, concerns remain about risks and hazards associated with them. Most plastics take about 250-400 years to degrade but then only into microplastics. Non-stick PFAS coatings on pans similarly take centuries to degrade. There are sometimes seepages of nasty stuff from landfill sites. Some of these sites remain accessible, especially those that are coastal. They remain prone to erosion and, perversely, attractive to treasure hunters!

But things have changed! Here, household waste is now separated at source (home) into five (and counting) different bins to ease the recycling process. Grass clippings and other green waste is recycled to produce compost. Wood waste can be reprocessed as paper and cardboard. Glass can be turned into new glass products, and most of the black bin waste here in Lincolnshire is burnt at high temperatures to

produce energy for the national grid. Very little waste is now buried underground where it is tightly regulated.

However, food waste still remains a huge problem. In the UK, up to 40% of food never gets eaten! One-third of all fruit and vegetables never makes it to store shelves because it does not meet cosmetic standards rather than taste or nutritional value. Each day in the UK 20 million slices of bread are thrown away because of poor planning or improper storage. Uneaten food accounts for 25% of all fresh water used globally (growing and processing it consumes vast amounts of water). It will be interesting to see whether our new food waste collection with the small orange-topped caddies encourages us to waste less food.

Those of us with compost bins face another challenge. Recycled garden waste, when properly managed with the right mix of green and brown waste, makes excellent compost that can enrich the soil. Veg peelings are an excellent complement. However, according to gardening experts like Monty Don, there is one important 'no go' area – under no circumstances add meat, fats or cooked material to your compost heap or it will attract rats. And remember to turn your compost heap regularly as rats do not like habitats that are disturbed.

To say that we live in a consumer society is an understatement. We are bombarded by adverts on the TV and receive endless unsolicited emails every day urging us to purchase the latest attractive products, whether we need them or not. It has become an integral part of the prevailing market system – the more we buy, the more money circulates in the system, the greater the tax revenues, the better the economy – or so the argument goes. But perhaps we should be moderating our purchasing habits, suppressing our urge to buy the next best thing, in an effort to minimise our personal impact on the planet's limited resources. Keeping things for as long as they remain viable, repairing and re-using them might just help to reduce unnecessary waste. And 'upcycling' is already beginning to make its mark as a marketing strategy.

Small decisions we make every day can make a big difference to improve recycling efforts: wherever possible purchase things you need rather than what you want or crave, and keep them for as long as possible; moderate your appetite to minimise waste food but enjoy eating healthy stuff; grow some of your own food as you are more likely to grow what you like and therefore waste less; buy loose fruit and veg to avoid having to recycle packaged alternatives; if affordable, buy bottled rather than plastic container milk (same applies to vegetable oils) as the glass can be re-used. More thoughts and ideas about this issue are welcome.

Good and efficient recycling underpins sustainability and helps to protect the planet's scarce resources.

Anon.



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