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Robert Prabucki

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Post Box Collection Times

All post boxes state 09.00 Mon to Fri and 07.00 Saturday.

Caythorpe Post Office Mon-Fri 16.30 Sat 12.00

Leadenham Post Office Mon-Fri 16.15 Sat 12.15

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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

August 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**Bin
Collections**



Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service August

Caythorpe	The Church 12-12.45 Monday 10th
Frieston	The Green 11.30-12.00 Monday 24th
Fulbeck	Hare & Hounds 10.30-11.00 Monday 24th
Gelston	The Green 12.15-13.00 Monday 24th
Ancaster	Ermine Street 15.00-16.00 Tuesday 4th

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

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

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 Award Winning News & Views

Calendar of Events AUGUST

- 1 Carlton Scroop Bingo
- 4 Hough on the Hill Church Coffee Morning
- 5 Handicrafts Club
- 7 Fulbeck Over 60's Club
- 7 St Vincents Coffee Morning
- 8 Fulbeck Car Boot
- 8 Fulbeck Sports Club Bingo
- 21 Fulbeck Over 60's Club
- 21 Caythorpe Chill & Chat
- 22 Fulbeck Sports Club Bingo
- 15 Carlton Scroop Breakfast & Book Exchange
- 22 Caythorpe Garden Club Open Show

Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council

Full Minutes of Meetings can be found on our website:

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

Any issues arising please contact the clerk at

caythorpeandfriestonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Photo by Adam Jackson



CAYTHORPE GARDEN CLUB

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

Sat August 22nd 2026
CAYTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

TIMETABLE:

SUBMIT ENTRIES 8:30 TO 10:15 am

JUDGING FROM 11:15 am

SHOW OPENS 2:00 pm

PRIZE GIVING 3:45 pm

RAFFLE DRAW 4:00 pm

Exhibit entry fee 30p per entry.

Entrance to show by donation at the door

Anyone may enter, not just Garden Club members.

**Schedules available at Caythorpe Spar Shop or online
on *Caythorpe Garden Club* website.**

Plants and Garden Produce for Sale

**Strawberry Cream Teas
in the garden, 2:00-3:45 pm**

PLAYING FIELD GALA '26

Saturday 5th September

People of Caythorpe and Frieston, an opportunity to support your Annual Playing Field Gala. There will be a team of dedicated Gala representatives collecting for the Tombola Stall (goods in date please) and giving households the advantage of buying raffle tickets prior to the big day.

Expect collections to begin around mid-August and end Thursday evening 3rd of September. You can, if you wish, deliver your contribution direct to the Social Club (as and when open) prior to the 4th of September.

Once again many thanks for your support.

The Gala Team

PS The team would really appreciate any help from the younger (and fitter) element of the village, for setting up and taking down.

Ring John: 01400 272974 or Carol: 01400 273144

Apparently, turning 80 is considered quite an achievement so my dear friend, Kelly, her family and friends decided it deserved a proper celebration. They completely fooled me by organising a surprise party before my birthday – and, for once, I was genuinely speechless!

They put on a wonderful barbecue, made sure nobody went hungry or thirsty, and created a truly special afternoon filled with laughter, friendship and entertainment provided by Sophie and David.

My heartfelt thanks go to Kelly, her family and friends for all their hard work, kindness and generosity. Thank you, too, to everyone who came along to celebrate and for the beautiful cards, thoughtful gifts and best wishes. I feel very fortunate to have such wonderful friends.

Reaching 80 has its advantages – people are much kinder to you, and no one seems to mind if you tell the same story twice! Thank you for all making this milestone birthday one that I shall remember with great affection even if I occasionally forget what I had for breakfast.

With grateful thanks to you all **Carol Tointon**





CAYTHORPE PLAYING FIELD GALA 2026



SATURDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER 2026



1.00pm
to 5.00pm

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★ A SPECIAL COMMEMORATION OF ★

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WITH MEMBERS OF

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TUG OF WAR



**STALLS &
REFRESHMENTS**

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For further information contact
Stephen on **07342 039890**



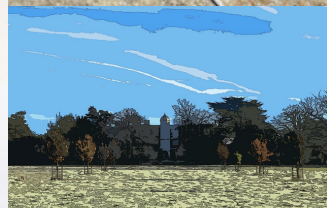
Organised by the
PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

THE GRANARY WELBOURN FARMS PRESENTS

NICOLLA GIBSON . LIZ COXE . TINA BEGLEY . CHRISTINE RACQUEZ . ANDY CAMPBELL

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS CRAFT + ART POP UP

BROWSE A CONTEMPORARY COLLECTION OF HANDCRAFTED CERAMICS,
INSPIRED WILLOW + CREATIVE ARTWORK. MEET THE ARTISTS, DISCOVER
THEIR INSPIRATION AND FIND SOMETHING SPECIAL TO TAKE HOME



11AM - 3PM . 30 JULY - 01 AUGUST 2026
THE GRANARY WELBOURN

WELBOURN FARMS . NORTH END . WELBOURN . LN5 0ND

PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL . BECK ST . WELBOURN

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



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, 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, It 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.

For further information contact
Angela Turner
01703838811

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



Full English £8.50

Sausage & Eggs £5.50

Tea/Coffee

Coming again in **OCTOBER**



Chill & Chat

Friday 21st August 10:00 - 12:00

Cake & Drink £2

Come and Join Us!

CARLTON SCROOP & NORMANTON-ON-CLIFFE
CLASSIC CAR MEETING

DATE: Sunday, 13th September
TIME: 10:00 till 12:30
LOCATION: Carlton Scroop and Normanton Village hall NG32 8AR

ALL WELCOME

Cafe open for Breakfast Baps and Coffee

HELP US TO SPREAD THE WORD
CONTACT: scroopevents@mail.com

Caythorpe Walking for Health Group

We meet every Monday morning (except Bank Holiday Mondays) starting at the Hammond Pavilion on Old Lincoln Road, Caythorpe. We have three groups according to how far you want to walk and can accommodate all abilities. Each walk returns to the Pavilion where we have refreshments waiting.

The first Monday each month is an **away walk** and we meet at the Pavilion at 9.30 or the venue at 10, on all other weeks we meet at 9.45.

Date	Striders	Strollers	Stragglers	Walk
03/08	Steve, Mandy	Linda, Geoff	Val	9 Fulbeck , Brant Rd., S't hpe
10/08	Sue, Steve	Mandy, Richard	Geoff	4 Frieston & Love Lane
17/08	Mandy, Andrew	Gordon, Steve	Caroline	5 The Old Railway
24/08	Andrew, Steve	Dave, Vicky	Sue	6 Bleak House
31/08	Summer	Bank Holiday	No Walk	

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

Dogs on fixed leads accompanied by their owners welcome.



Fulbeck Car Boot

8th August on Fulbeck Sports Field

7.00 am-1.00 pm

Second Saturday of every month until September

Pitches selling all sorts of home items, charity tables and traders selling antiques, bric a brac, garden tools and food. Quality BBQ with bangers and bacon, teas and coffee. Parking and toilets.

Pitches £5.00. Just turn up with your table

Last date for this year is 12th September



Thursday Coffee Club

Fulbeck Village Hall

10 am—12 noon every Thursday

All Welcome!

Tea and coffee with cake and biscuits, and meet up with neighbours and friends

Occasional Speakers

Village Library with several thousand books

All we ask is a donation of £2.00 to cover costs

Carlton Scroop & Normanton Social Club

Saturday 1st August

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

Fulbeck Sports Club

Saturday August 8th and 22nd

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

Carlton-Le-Moorland & District Art Group

The Village Hall
Brigg Lane
Carlton-le-Moorland
LN5 9HP

We are a friendly art group who meet on
Thursday mornings from 10-12.30pm
New members of any ability are welcome
@ £2 per session

For more information, please call 01522
810739

For more information on workshops, call
Pat on 01522 811510
Members £15, Guests £18

Saturday August 1st 10am - 3pm
Watercolour painting with Paul Talbot-
Greaves
Members £20, Guests £25

**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

Encounters of Brian Lucas

The last Rector of Caythorpe, Fulbeck and Carlton Scroop.

Watching 'Dial M For Murder' on BBC 2 some weeks ago prompted me to record my earliest Encounter, which occurred when I was a small boy.

Ray Milland was born Reginald Alfred John Truscott-Jones on 3rd January 1907 in Neath, South Wales, the son of Elizabeth Annie (née Truscott), and steel mill superintendent Alfred Jones. He was a quiet, introspective man who had been an Huzzar at the relief of Mafeking in the Boer War. They lived in an area bordering the River Neath to the west known as the Mill lands. At a young age Milland learned to ride and undertook work at his uncle's horse-breeding farm and soon became a competent horseman. As a teenager, "Reggie" often came on the bus to nearby Port Talbot, to spend time with his cousin, Fred Lucas (my father). My paternal grandmother regarded Annie Jones as somewhat 'flighty' and was not surprised when the couple separated.

In 1925 Milland was recruited to serve in the Household Cavalry. An expert shot, he became a member of his squadron's rifle team. He won the British Army Championship in both pistol and rifle marksmanship. However, he bought himself out of the army in 1928 to try his hand at acting. He had a few small parts in stage productions in London, where he was 'discovered' by a Hollywood talent scout. She funded his brief career on the London stage before taking him to the USA, where she introduced him to MGM. Milland was offered a nine-month contract at \$175 a week, based in Hollywood. He accepted, leaving the United Kingdom in August 1930. He took his stage name from the Mill lands area of his youth. He never forgot his Welsh family, and when he visited London from the States he often found time to travel to South Wales for a flying visit. It was during such a visit that we met.

While in his first period working in the United States, Milland met Muriel Frances Weber, whom he always called "Mal", a student at the University of Southern California. Within eight months of first meeting, the two were married on 30th September 1932. The couple had a son, Daniel, and adopted a daughter, Victoria. Daniel, appeared in several minor acting roles in the 1960s and died of what was judged to be suicide in March 1981, at the age of 41. When MGM did not renew Milland's contract he returned to Britain to find work; Muriel remained in the States to finish her studies, and Milland found temporary accommodation in Earl's Court. Work was equally scarce in London and he returned to California in 1933, and found a small flat on Sunset Boulevard, promising Muriel that he would buy a home once he was financially stable. Still looking for work, Milland secured a casual job in a petrol station. Passing the gates of Paramount Pictures on his way home from the interview he was approached by casting director Joe Egli. Paramount was filming the George Raft picture 'Bolero' (released in February 1934), but an injury to another British actor had left the studio looking for an urgent replacement. Egli offered Milland a two-week contract, at ten times the salary the casual job would pay. Milland could hardly believe his luck and took the acting role.

After 'Bolero' he appeared in a scene with George Burns and Gracie Allen, which Milland recalls as falling into an "ad-libbed shambles" that he felt was better than the original script. The film's director was so impressed, he rang the chief production executive and suggested that Milland be placed on a long-term contract. After a short meeting, Milland was offered a seven-year deal with Paramount starting at \$175 a week. The contract gave Milland a secure income, enabling him to move with Muriel into an apartment on Fountain Avenue.

The pinnacle of Milland's career came in 1946 when he won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his part in Billy Wilder's film 'The Lost Weekend' (1945) with Jane Wyman. He was the first Welsh actor to win an Oscar. He was also given an award at the first Cannes Film Festival for his performance. Milland's success in The Lost Weekend resulted in his contract being rewritten, and he became Paramount's highest-salaried actor. When the film was premiered across Europe, he was sent to attend each opening. When he appeared in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales, he was given the keys to the city in a ceremony which included a family reunion. In 1954, he starred with Warner Bros. opposite Grace Kelly in Alfred Hitchcock's film, 'Dial M For Murder'.

In 1958 Milland retired for six months before deciding to go back to work, commenting, "my wife told me I'd better get a job of some kind because I was making her a nervous wreck ... hanging around the house." He failed completely to retire and was always in demand, latterly in Television. His last appearance was in 'The Sea Serpent' (1985).

'Reggie Jones' died of lung cancer in Torrance, California, in 1986, aged 79. His body was cremated, and his ashes were scattered on the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California. His beloved Muriel died in October 1992.

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Ray Milland in Lost Weekend, for which he won an Oscar.



Church Corner

St Vincents Caythorpe

Flower Rota Mrs D Sanders

Sidespersons for August

9th John Scott + PCC

16th Mrs Avison + PCC

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 **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 marked as St Vincent's Prayer Group.

Coffee Mornings

St Vincents 50:50

Friday 7th August
10.00 to 12.00
for
KESTEVEN RIDEABILITY

All Saints

Hough on the Hill

1st Tuesday every
month 10.30-12.00



LINCOLN DIOCESE: LOVEDEN CENTRAL GROUP OF CHURCHES

AUGUST 2026 SERVICES

Date	August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th	August 23rd	August 30th
Sunday Colour	Trinity 9 Proper 13 Green	Trinity 10 Proper 14 Green	Trinity 11 Proper 15 Green	Trinity 12 Proper 16 Green	Trinity 13 Proper 17 Green
Caythorpe		10.30/ Holy Communion	10.30/SH Holy Communion		
Welbourn				10.30/LB Holy Communion	
Marston	10.30/DO Holy Communion		10.00/CS Morning Service		
Brant Broughton			10.00/JH Morning Service		
Fulbeck	10.00/TK Morning Praise				
Hough on the Hill					
Leadenham	10.00/BCP/HR Morning Prayer				
Beckingham		09.30/GG Morning Service			
Stragglethorpe					
Brandon	10.00/BCP/CB Morning Prayer				
Hougham	15.00/BCP/CB Evening Prayer				
Carlton Scroop Normanton					10.30/SH Holy Communion

Welbourn Weekday Holy Communion Wednesday 5th August at 10.00/

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

OFFICIANTS Clergy - GP – Rev Canon Geraldine Pond: ValR – Rev Canon Valerie Rampton: TT- Rev Tony Tucker: GK- Venerable Gavin Kirk: LB- Rev Les Batty: SH- Rev Stuart Hadley: SP- Rev Sam Parsons:TH-Rev Trudy Hobson: SF- Rev Stuart Foster; FM- Rev Francis Mason; DO- Rev David Oxtoby

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Susanne Wills recently came across this Gardener's prayer...

O Lord, grant that in some way it may rain every day, say from about midnight until three o'clock in the morning, but You see, it must be gentle and warm so that it can soak in; grant that at the same time it would not rain on campion, alyssum, elianthemum, lavender, and the others which You know are drought-loving plants

I will write their names on a bit of paper if you like – and grant that the sun may shine the whole day long, but not everywhere (not for instance on spiraea or on gentian, plantain lily and rhododendron) and not too much; that there may be plenty of dew and little wind, enough worms, no plant lice and snails, no mildew, and that once a week thin liquid manure and guano may fall from heaven.

Amen

Thoughts from Canon Valerie Rampton

St. Catherine of Siena isn't a saint we're familiar with here in England. When I first learned about her it was a surprise that in Italy she is ranked as important as St Francis of Assisi, and was named by a recent Pope as one of the patron saints of the whole of Europe. So who was she?

She was born in Siena, in Tuscany in 1347, about 100 years after St Francis died. When we visited Sienna I was blown away by the magnificent 'Piazza del Campo' at the centre of the town, a most wonderful scallop shaped area paved with red bricks and lined with incredible buildings and cafes spilling on to the pavings.

Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of an aristocratic family. She was said to be a very happy child, nicknamed 'Joy' by her family. She was only about 6 years old when she had the first of many mystical visions, seeing Jesus Christ in glory, surrounded by the saints. Aged 7 she made the decision to give her whole life to God. Later, she resisted marriage, even cutting off her hair so that no man would want her as a wife. Nor would she become a nun. She stayed at home, prayed, and visited the poor and sick. You can imagine that her parents despaired of her! Then she realised that God was calling her to be a negotiator and be politically active. Not what you would expect!

Italy was in turmoil at the time with the papal states at war with one another, and a strong movement to get rid of the Pope.. Catherine wrote many letters, and then travelled around north and central Italy, exhorting the states to live at peace with one another, and to stay faithful to the Pope. She was a very successful negotiator, and people responded positively. Senior politicians sought her out for advice. The Pope of the time was in exile in Avignon. Catherine went there and persuaded him to return to Rome. So she determined the course of history in medieval Europe, which is why she's seen as so important.

All the political activism was underpinned by a strong prayer life. She was sought after as an adviser on spiritual matters. She wrote hundreds of letters that are considered to be among the greatest works of early Tuscan literature. She died of a stroke in 1380, having achieved so much by the young age of 33.

What does this combination of political activism and spiritual depth say to us today? It can remind us to pray for our politicians and for the Christians who support them. In 2000 the Chaplain to the House of Commons was Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, now Bishop of Dover, the first black woman to become a Bishop. The Shadow Leader of the House of Commons broke down in tears when she paid tribute to Rose when Rose left. She was succeeded by the Rev Canon Patricia Hillas. A while ago I was on a short course Patricia ran on God and Humour. We had a hilarious few days! Now it's the Venerable Andrew Hillier, who has been Chaplain of the Fleet and Archdeacon for the Navy. Most mayors still have chaplains, including the Mayor of Lincoln. Many clergy give support to parishioners involved in politics at local or national level.

When Stapleford, Notts (not the Stapleford near Newark) first had a Mayor I was serving in the parish and the Mayor invited me to be her Chaplain. I mainly just had to say prayers before Council meetings. It was a privilege, and fun! I was most touched that when I left she gave me a small gift.

Pray for all who give this support to our politicians. And pray for God to raise up more godly people to work in local and national politics.

One of the many images
of St Catherine of Siena



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What's happening in Carlton Scroop & Normanton Parish Council

The **Parish Council** met on Monday 13 July in the Village Hall. Councillor Tim Cooper was welcomed to his first meeting after being co-opted onto the Council until the next elections in May 2027. There was no representation from the two district councillors. County Councillor Ken Banford stated he had submitted a report to the Executive Board objecting to the booking system being introduced at the Grantham recycling centre.

Highway issues in the two villages Residents continue to be concerned about the way some motorists, particularly the heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) are cutting the sharp corners at Normanton and between Carlton Scroop and Honnington, causing a hazard to other motorists travelling through the Parish. The speed signs in Normanton are still not working properly. The Council will, once again, complain to the County Council regarding lack of action, but urges all residents to log a complaint on the County Council's "Fixmystreet" portal. The portable speed indicator device (SID) is now showing its age and has developed an electrical fault. Councillors Hands and Cooper are looking to repair and refurbish the SID and, hopefully, it will be back in action soon. A replacement would cost up to £4,000. The Council is to ask the County Council for another speed survey in the parish, following an inconclusive outcome from the last survey. Councillors discussed various options to encourage motorists to comply with the speeds limit through the parish. They revisited the prospect of setting up a Community Speed Watch Group that would monitor and report speeding vehicles in the two villages. If any resident is interested in being a member of this group, please e mail the Clerk for more information. A broken footway light on the A607 still needs to be replaced by SKDC.

Finance Matters The Council has placed its surplus funds in a 6-month fixed interest account in order to raise extra income. The expenditure and income is monitored by the Council against its budget at each meeting. There were no issues to report at this meeting.

Jubilee Field/Cemetery The dog bin in the Jubilee Field has been moved to stop indiscriminate disposal of household waste. The Council was unsuccessful in the draw for a free tree survey, but will be included in the next draw. Residents should note that there is a bee nest currently in the Jubilee Field and caution is recommended. The District Council is being approached on how to deal with this issue. A digital plan of the cemetery has been prepared and new burial plot markers installed. Both areas were tidied up as part of the Big Parish Spring Clean. Councillors agreed that a more detailed discussion regarding pricing, maintenance and burial rights at the cemetery should take place at the next meeting. Councillor Harry Baines has kindly agreed to mow the grass in the cemetery as a temporary measure.

The Parish Plan The Council reviewed the actions required against the Parish Plan, noting that the plan will have to be reset by the new Council elected from May 2027.

Other Community Issues The Parish Council hopes to obtain a new commemorative seat from the County Council to be placed on the Viking Way near the Jubilee Field. The entrance gates to the Parish require refurbishment and re-painting. Anyone prepared to volunteer to help with this work can contact the Clerk. Otherwise, councillors will have to undertake the works. Councillors discussed a request from a resident to erect a silhouette of soldier in the parish as a memorial to all those that have died in wars around the world. Various options regarding quality and position were discussed and residents will be asked for their opinions on this proposal and possibility to seek sponsorship.

There appears to be some doubt over the continuation over a permissive footpath in Normanton. It was agreed to discuss options with the landowner.

O P E N GARDENS 2026

Gardens, Trains and Automobiles

TIM ALMOND

I hope film director John Hughes will forgive my loose parody of his 1987 film 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles'. 150 visitors trekked across Caythorpe to enjoy the 2026 Caythorpe Open Garden event on what turned out to be a typical English summers day. Seven Caythorpe residents opened their gardens as well as the Allotment team. Visitors started at the village hall (thanks to Janet, Meg, Steve and Dave for their front of house registration efforts) and could follow a 2km circular route around the village taking in Richmond Close, moving on to Old Lincoln Road before stopping at St Vincents church for tea and cakes and also to view the art exhibition. My thanks to the magnificent cake bakers: Karen, Mandy, Mavis, Sarah and the church ladies for the delicious fayre we were able to serve. From the church there were further gardens to view in Waterloo Road, Gorse Hill Lane and Chapel Lane as well as the Allotments just off Gorse Hill Lane.

But where I hear you say is the link to trains and automobiles. Well first visitors were treated to an excellent demonstration of a model railway with the trains driven by the East Midlands Group Gauge 1 Model Railway Association (GIMRA). Some visitors allowed to take the controls (my grandson was one of the lucky ones and loved it). The Riley Register Notts and South Derbys Area, came with some outstanding classic and vintage cars, augmented by Duncan Siddon's classic Nuffield tractor that parked outside one of the gardens in Gorse Hill Lane. Both the train demonstration and the cars attracted much favourable comment so were clearly enjoyed by those who saw them.

We raised just over £1400 for village projects such as village hall decoration and repairs to the retaining wall near St Vincents Church. Of this total just under £300 was raised from the raffle and my thanks goes to The Brownlow Arms, Sudbrook Moor Golf Club, Woodward's Garage, The Red Lion, The Hare and Hounds and Alan Mason for their very generous prize donations.

The winners were as follows:

Sunday Lunch for 2 at the Brownlow Arms

Jo Russell, Caythorpe.

18 hole round of golf for 4 at Sudbrook Moor Golf Club

Martyn Heath, Stretton

Free MOT at Woodward's Garage

Wendy Bond, Caythorpe.



£50 voucher for the Red Lion

Martin Waring, , East Bridgeford.

£20 voucher for the Hare and Hounds

Jennie Partridge, Caythorpe.

Adrian Bloom book on gardening

Jo Russell, Caythorpe.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to thank again the stalwarts who worked so hard to get their gardens ready for the event - Hazel Coulson, Mike Pilgrim, Jean Allen, Sue Harris, Jennie Partridge and Pete Rushmere and Janie as well as Karen and the Allotment team and John Scott for the garland markers and art exhibition organisation. It was no trivial task and without you there would be no open garden event.

With that in mind, and as a final comment, if you have a garden then why not consider opening it next time. I know to a (wo)man all this year's openers thoroughly enjoyed the day. So come on - next time (likely 2 or 3 years away) why not join in.



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Is UK agriculture a broken system?



Back in 2020, the agri-food sector (including agriculture and the processing and retail of food and drink) was worth £116 billion. But only 10% of this value was retained by farmers; the other 90% is accounted for after it leaves the farm, in the manufacturing, wholesale, distribution and retail process. This is reflected in one of the most basic commodities upon which we rely every day – a loaf of bread.

A recent report for the charity Sustain showed that a typical 800g loaf of sliced bread only delivers 8% of the price back to the farmer who had grown the cereal, including NO profit. So, for our white loaf of bread costing £1.38, that is a measly 11p for the farmer. And they make little or no money on it.

We seem to be caught in a vicious circle here. Most farms are reliant on contracts with food processing giants or supermarkets who control the pricing. The food processing industry then decides what is to be done with, in the case of bread, its basic ingredient – wheat. Sadly, most of this gets turned into bleached white flour with additives that ‘improve’ texture and extend shelf life. Common additives in a well-known brand loaf include: **Preservatives** (Calcium propionate - used to prevent mould and extend shelf life; **Emulsifiers** (E472e (Mono- and diacetyl tartaric acid esters), and E481 (Sodium stearoyl-2-lactylate) - used to

improve volume and softness; **Flour Treatment Agent** (Ascorbic Acid - Vitamin C) - used as a dough conditioner to help the bread rise.

The result is often an ultra-high processed (UHP) product that has dubious health and nutritional value. So, we as consumers are actually paying for a product that has undergone dysfunctional processes that have diminished the integrity of what farmers worked hard to produce in the first place. These practices have endured for decades.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. A staggering 50% of English farms actually make a loss on their farming, with income subsidised by other income like tourism. A quarter of farming families live in poverty. Half of farmers are tenants, so what they can do is often controlled by landowners. A tenant farmer I happen to know told me that, as part of their drive to 'go green', they wanted to place solar panels on cowsheds. The landowner prevented this from happening. The tenant farmer was therefore forced to continue operating with an over-reliance on costly fossil fuels. (By contrast with farmers, we do not hear of 50% of food processing giants or supermarkets making a loss!)

Perversely, we are asking the nation's farmers to manage the vast majority of our land – to produce food, protect wildlife, conserve cherished landscapes – even though most are making a loss and many are living in poverty, year after year. Yet, without farms we have no food. Farmers, especially those with small farms, should in my view be cherished, enabled and supported to thrive without facing poverty or uncertainty. As a small step forward, they should be given more opportunities to deliver their basic products like wheat to local markets and bakeries where there is greater promise of producing a higher-end product. Cutting down on the number of middlemen is likely to give farmers a higher share of the final product price. This is already happening in a few places, but changing the practices of the industrial scale agri-food sector will involve a long-term, systemic revolution.

I say all this as a consumer and observer. I have no vested interest in farming, but I want to eat food that has a known, preferably local provenance. And I also want to know that local producers – farmers – are getting a fair price for what they produce.

It would be good to have other voices expressed on this important issue. If you are a local farmer or a landowner please respond to this column or write to the editor to share your experiences and views.

Anon.

The memories of Augustus Peach (part XXV)

This month, further tales of Gus in his working life as a child! We are almost at the end of his time in the village. This valuable and informative historical document is reproduced pretty much in full without any attempt to correct errors or grammar.

As Boy At The Rectory

As boy employed at the rectory I felt I had gained promotion with my wage now six shillings a week. My duties were to help the groom gardener and to assist generally with outside jobs at the house. My day commenced at 6.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sunday mornings 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. afternoons 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. My work on an ordinary day started with cleaning out the saddle room, making a fire in the Winter, scouring the steel horse bit with silver sand, and fetching water in a water hand cart from the house. Then to the rectory filling the coal scuttles for the day, cleaning boots and shoes, knives to clean on a knife board with bath brick dust, pumping water to the top of the house for baths and taps, fetching the milk from a nearby farm, letters from the post office and the morning newspaper from the level crossing then home to breakfast at eight. By the way we did not boast a railway station, so the bundle of newspapers was thrown out of the 7.45 a.m. train by the guard at the crossing. Returning after breakfast, sticks to chop another turn in the stable yard washing the double dog cart or the carriage and then to work in garden. Afternoon in the kitchen garden or among the flower beds, pulling the lawn mower with Pearson steering, working in the green house or potting shed. The groom gardener was also the Church sexton and with this business my services were often called upon.

The most weird job was to stoke the Church fire on Saturday nights in the Winter. The stoke hole was situated behind the church reached through the churchyard, all dark and quiet, proceeding down several steps below ground level. The smell from the fumes, the red glow of the fire when opening the stove door all added to the gruesome and hated experience in one so young, imagining ghosts and spirits at every sound heard whilst in these dreaded environments. Another of my jobs was to detach the hammer from the church bell in connection with the striking of the hour previous to the tolling the bell for a funeral or the notification of a death. To reach the position to perform the operation one had to climb the belfry tower by the winding stone stairway in complete darkness then ascend a wooden ladder in the belfry chamber on to a wooden platform to where the mechanism of the clock was situated. Again I remember on one occasion when helping the sexton to dig a grave in a remote corner of the churchyard, during operations we unearthed what looked like to me a coffin plate, I very much wanted to examine this and try to detect the markings but I was frustrated by my senior partner who immediately claimed the plate and hid it in the heaped up soil.

Looking back over the years and visualising the position of the Church in those days with the vision and atmosphere it gave to me as the rector's employee and choir boy. I sometimes wonder when I see the stone inscriptions on the walls, the memorial stained glass windows dedicated to the

privileged few, the position of the pews of the selected class and last but not least the uniforms of the servants was most conspicuous, the wearing of a stringed black bonnet with black dresses worn by the servants employed at the larger houses and the Rectory when attending a church service, class distinction with a vengeance, inferiority complex maintaining the rights of a selected few (even after death) appeared to be the conception of the educated and privileged classes even where freedom in life is the message of the Church within the law of the land.

Many thanks to his grandson, Alistair Mutch, for giving permission on behalf of the family to publish these memories in News and Views. Anne Watler

More WEEKDAY PAGES FOR WOMEN WITH HOMES

TO PREVENT COLOURS RUNNING- Put a teaspoonful of blue-black ink into the washing water. This will set the colours, in all coloured and patterned articles, and prevent them running
(Miss E.V. ENSOR)

STAINS - There is nothing better than sour milk for taking rust stains out of white things. Place the stained material over a basin and pour the sour milk through it several times.

(Mrs HOPE-JOHNSTONE)

NURSING - A GOOD "PICK ME UP" -Pour 3 pints of boiling water on contents of a 1-oz jar of extract of sarsaparilla; when melted, leave to get cold then add 1 oz of citrate of iron and ammonia. Dose - an egg cupful thrice daily after meals. Excellent in cases of anaemia.

(Mrs E. GRAHAM)

BRONCHITIS AND COLDS - Olive oil, amber oil and oil of cloves in equal parts, make a linament which, if rubbed onto the chest and back, will cure colds in a day or two and remove bronchitis almost as quickly if used at the beginning of an attack. But be sure it is at the beginning ! (Mrs J. SMITH)

Many thanks for the above content to Maureen Allen from Welbourn who found a copy of the Deanery Parish Magazine from September 1941 which contained these useful tips.



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Happy Schools Day Competition

Congratulations to Poppy, who was selected as the winner of the Happy Shoes Day Competition by the Lincolnshire School Travel Team from entries submitted across the county. The competition challenged children to design a colourful and creative pair of shoes that celebrated active travel and healthy lifestyles. Poppy's fantastic design stood out to the judges for its creativity and originality.



As the winning entrant, Poppy received a voucher for Sport Direct for £40! Well done, Poppy – a fantastic achievement!

Workhouse Visit

Hogwarts class visited Southwell Workhouse to provide a memorable experience to start their topic to explore "What was it like as a child in Victorian times." The children explored the harsh realities faced by children living in poverty during Victorian times. They learned how the workhouse was run and discovered the strict routines that governed daily life.



They found out that meals were very simple, often consisting of gruel and bread, while the days were long and demanding, and the nights cold. Discipline was strict, and life for those in the workhouse was extremely challenging. The children explored the building, examined the clothing worn by its residents, and developed a deeper understanding of the difficult lives led by orphans and paupers. It was a fascinating and thought-provoking experience for all.

Camo Day for SSAFA

We had a fantastic time taking part in Camo Day in aid of SSAFA. The children thoroughly enjoyed coming to school dressed in camouflage and embracing the spirit of the day. A huge thank you goes to Miss Binney, our Forces Champion, and to Elizabeth for all of their help in organising the event. One of the highlights of the day was the challenge obstacle course, which the children tackled with great enthusiasm while raising money for this worthwhile charity.



As SSAFA says, “Camo Day is an exciting way to get children thinking about the bravery and sacrifices made by members of our Armed Forces.” It was wonderful to see the children having fun, showing their support, and learning more about the important role of our Armed Forces community at the same time.

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the day so generously.

Camp Redwood Residential Adventure

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Camp Redwood. As soon as they arrived, the first challenge was setting up camp and getting their tents organised. The children worked brilliantly together and were later commended by the camp leaders for keeping their tents so tidy throughout the visit.



The adventure began with a series of team-building challenges, including crossing "lava", group stomping activities and transporting a ball without touching it. These activities encouraged teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills, and the children rose to every challenge. Maci was amazed, 'The snake doesn't actually feel slimy!'

Ted spotted that 'the spider monkeys have long tails to help them swing from the trees!' One of the highlights of the trip was den building. The children worked in teams to create shelters using natural materials before the camp leader put them to the test to see if they were truly rainproof!

Camp Redwood also gave our pupils the opportunity to be the very first group to trial a new activity – Hammer Art! Using natural dyes from plants and flowers, the

children created beautiful patterns on linen. They also enjoyed woodland art activities and learned the important skill of fire lighting.

For those looking for an extra challenge, axe throwing proved very popular. The children showed great focus and determination as they aimed both large tomahawk axes and smaller angel axes at the targets. Anyone lucky enough to get an axe firmly embedded in the target earned a special target photo! We are pleased to report that several children achieved this feat... although none of the staff managed it!



As evening arrived, everyone gathered around the campfire to enjoy toasted marshmallows and share stories from the day. There was certainly plenty of excitement before bedtime!

The children represented our school brilliantly throughout the residential, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, independence and a positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of them all and hope they will treasure these wonderful memories from Camp Redwood for years to come.



Virtual Author Visit

Children in Neverland and Enchanted Forest took part in a live virtual author event with Julia Donaldson, the creator of class favourites such as *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Stick Man*.

The children loved hearing about how Julia creates her wonderful stories and learning how she works alongside Axel Scheffler to bring the characters to life through illustrations. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear directly from one of the UK's most celebrated children's authors and be inspired by the magic of storytelling!

Well-Being News

Last week, one of our fantastic Well-Being Ambassadors led a whole-school assembly focusing on different breathing techniques to help support positive mental health and well-being.

The children learned a range of calming breathing strategies and discussed how these techniques can help when they are feeling overwhelmed, worried, anxious, or in need of a moment to reset. During the assembly, pupils shared which breathing exercises they would like to try and how they could use them in their daily lives. These helpful



strategies will now be shared with all classes and displayed in our Sensory Room and The Hive, providing children with easy access to calming tools whenever they need them. A huge well done to our Well-Being Ambassador for leading such an important and informative assembly with confidence and maturity. We were so proud of their initiative and confidence in delivering he was awarded a Headteacher's award!

Well done!



Dear All,

Here we are again, with only a couple of weeks left before we finish for the summer holidays, that time of year when we have a party and say goodbye to our Pre-School children wishing them the very best in the next step of their learning journey and adventures at “Big School”



Recent weeks have seen us trying to keep cool! We have had lots of fun playing with water, using wheels, pipes, funnels, jugs and containers, pouring and filling, splashing each other and getting very wet, but drying out very quickly! We've been learning how to keep safe in the sun, wearing our hats, suntan cream and drinking lots of water. We've also been talking about staying safe around water and it's always nice to hear when children are learning to swim at an early age.



This term we have been focused on summer in the garden, we have been to pick the potatoes we planted what seems like a long time ago. Denise said some of the potatoes are not as good as usual because of the hot dry weather we've had this year. We'll try again next year!

One of our favourite subjects has been the busy bees.

A special thank you to our local expert beekeeper Simon Crowson, who allowed us to borrow some lovely resources, bringing to life the fantastic work of the bees and how they make honey. Collecting the pollen from the





flowers, creating the honeycomb, to the honey in the jar in our kitchen. What a great lesson learnt, and the children had the opportunity to put on one of the special suits and try honey on their bread at snack time.

Another big thank you must go to Andy Braybrook who has done a great job creating a new website for us. We are very grateful for his help and expertise, firstly because we couldn't have managed it ourselves and secondly because he has saved the Pre-School a lot of money!

Take a look at what we are all about on our new look website!

During the last half term, we have worked in collaboration with Caythorpe Primary School and provided two "Play and Connect"

sessions. This has given parents and carers of toddlers from the village and the surrounding area the opportunity to come and have a look around our lovely Pre-School and Reception Provision. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported these sessions, we hope you and your children enjoyed the experience.

We are planning on doing this again before the end of the year, so if you missed it this time, please look out for future dates from September.

Alternatively, if you have a child/children that you feel would benefit from starting Pre-School with us, you are more than welcome to pop in at any time. We still have places from September 2026.

You can get in touch throughout the holidays by emailing caythorpepreschool@googlemail.com

Alternatively give us a ring on 07356 074 749

Enjoy the summer and Best Wishes from the children and staff at Caythorpe Pre-School. We will see you at the Gala in September!



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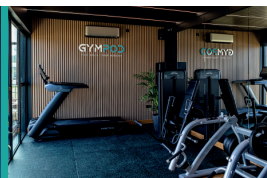
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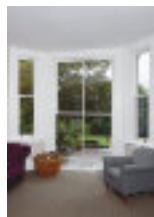
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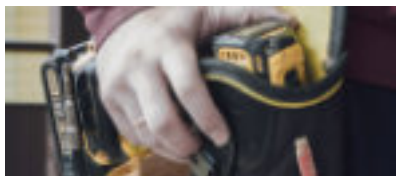
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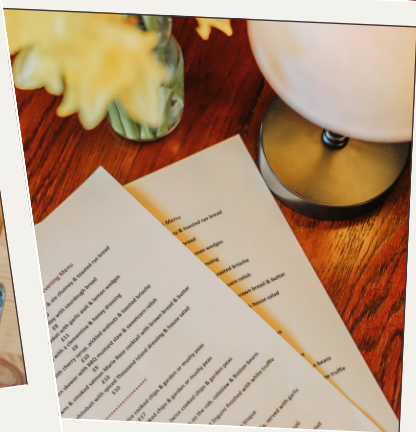
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