

THE RACE OF YOUR LIFE

It doesn't seem five minutes since we were cheering on Jessica Ennis and Mo Farrow at London 2012 and wondering how many more gold medals we could win when we already had a bumper crop!! Gathered around our television with popcorn in one hand and other highly unhealthy items of chocolate in the other, my family and I could be found on the edge of our seats screaming on the British team as they tried to squeeze every last drop of energy and power out of their honed and toned bodies.

It is always tempting when we see Olympic athletes to be a little envious and wish that we were indeed like these heroes about to perform on the sporting stage for us all; but we forget that behind the 30 second race that they are taking part in lies many years of training and self-control with diet, lots of early mornings and plenty of self-denial. The truth is, although we may never become Olympians ourselves, physical health and excellence can be available to most of us - if we want it hard enough and are prepared to put enough work in.

The same can apply to our spiritual lives. The Apostle Paul wrote: 'Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one wins the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland; but we an imperishable one.' (1Cor 9:24-25)

There is before us a great and glorious prize - a garland as Paul describes it - for when we run the race and finish it - but this will only come through self-discipline and keeping our eyes on Jesus as the great prize of all.

When we are weary and tired, and fed up, and God feels a thousand miles away, let's remind ourselves that at times we need be focussed and diligent to those things that make us 'fit for our faith' and try to ensure that we don't become fat and flabby, shouting from the sidelines, becoming disillusioned - for before us is a prize beyond value and price!

David



THE BISHOP WRITES

So by the time that you read this, Ascension will have gone, Pentecost will have gone, the Archbishops' initiative of 'Thy Kingdom Come', an eight-day call to prayer for the renewal of the Church and the confidence to share what we know to be true, placed between those two great Christian festivals, will be over, and the Church will have entered into what we unhelpfully call 'Ordinary Time'.

Of course, no such time exists for the Church, unless by 'ordinary' we mean a time when we simply get on with the business of being the Church that we are called to be: living, proclaiming and growing the kingdom as Jesus told those who would follow him would be their task.

I recently took part in the annual Christian Aid walk across the Humber, meeting half-way with the Bishop of Hull, who was coming from the opposite direction. We stopped and with others we prayed the simple prayer 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done'. Simple, but profound and what we're called to be about as Church - particularly when we also seek to be the answer to the prayer we've prayed.

Eight Days of Prayer was the call of the Archbishops; but what if we continued and went beyond that? So that 'Ordinary Time' became what it was always intended to be, 'getting on with the business', 'simply growing and doing the work' time. What if we each committed to stop, to find a quiet space, and to pray daily a prayer like the one below. I wonder how 'ordinary' that time would then be?

Almighty God, source of our hope and of all good things; you have called the Diocese of Lincoln to be a healthy, vibrant and sustainable Church, transforming lives in Greater Lincolnshire. Lead us through this vision, give leaders wisdom and direction, equip your disciples to love you faithfully,

others joyfully and to grow confidently through word and deed. So that through us the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ *David Grimsby*



ST GENEWYS

Monthly Draw

May winners were:

1 st prize	£50	N Fowles	(Entry 39)
2 nd prize	£20	E Saxby	(Entry 153)
3 rd prize	£10	W & S Warwick	(Entry 238)

The date of next month's Draw is 5 July.

Mary

PCC members

Following the recent Annual Parochial Meeting, the PCC comprises:

Rev David Swannack	Rev Bill Keast	Rev Dave Langford
Karin Clarke	Pat Dudman	Joan Farleigh
Sue Keast	Jean Langford	Denise Llewellyn
Michael Llewellyn	Christine Musgrave	Margaret Rider
Mary Smith	Lynne Wetherall	

Patronal Festival

This is what might be called the church's 'birthday'. It is the day we celebrate the life of our church on the day related to the Saint to whom it is dedicated – St Genewys. This will be celebrated on Sunday 12 June and the morning service will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch at 4 Crapple Lane. All are warmly invited.

New Evening Worship

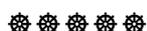
As many will be aware, we have a developing musical worship group in the church. The singers and musicians practice regularly and provide a lively alternative to the traditional organ on Group Services hosted at Scotton. We think that others, who do not wish to come to our regular Communion Service might like to experience and/or join in with this different form of music and worship. So, as an experiment, we are planning two Sunday evening services, based around this group, on 12 June and 10 July at 6.00pm. For want of a better name, we are calling it 'Evening Worship'. If you have a leaning towards or enjoyment of this type of song why not come and join us on either or both of these dates. Who knows, you might find you really enjoy it, so much that you might want to become a member of the group!



ST JOHN the BAPTIST

Following the recent Annual Parochial Meeting, the PCC comprises:

Rev David Swannack	Rev Bill Keast	Rev Dave Langford
Alan Dunk	Lynn Dunk	Robert Dickinson
Frank Mosey	Jean Stephenson	Jane Summers



HELP

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries; a hip replacement; new knees; fought prostate cancer and diabetes; I'm half blind; can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine; take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts; have bouts with dementia;

have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore; can't remember if I'm 89 or 98; have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

SCOTTON & DISTRICT WI

At our May meeting our speaker was Madi Grout, a curator of costume at Normanby Hall and The North Lincolnshire Museum. Madi told us of her role and responsibilities. Prior to the meeting she had set up some mannequins and open boxes with costumes brought from the collection.

The theme of her talk was 'Evening Dress from 1840 to 1970'. Assisted by a Power-Point presentation and 'the real items', she gave us a fascinating insight into clothing worn (under and over) mainly by women - but also some pictures and information of what men were wearing throughout these periods in history.

Our next meeting is Thursday 9 June when the subject is 'All about Barn Owls'. The July meeting will be mainly musical with a Lincolnshire theme. August will be all about the history of the Scunthorpe Fire Brigade and September will be all about Art in Nature and Beauty.

Why not come along see what it is all about? - you will be made most welcome.

Karin



EAU VALLEY SINGERS

The Eau Valley Singers will be holding their annual summer Concert on Saturday 2 July 2016 at Scotter Village Hall; 7:30pm – 9.00 pm. The concert will feature songs about the weather. There will be some audience participation songs included in the programme. Tickets cost £5.00 including light refreshments and will be available from The Three Horse Shoes, Scotton and the Nisa Store, High Street, Scotter from the 1 June 2016. Tickets are also available by ringing 01724 761593 or see our WebSite. www.eauvalleysingers.com or find us on facebook. A limited number of tickets will be available on the door. Proceeds as usual from the Eau Valley Singers' concerts will be donated to local causes.



A MESSAGE FOR US ALL

To commemorate her birthday Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan 's Radio City Music Hall for a benefit. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'.

Here are the lyrics she used:

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillac's and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Provident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinning',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,

Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.



SCOTTON FETE 2016
SATURDAY 11th JUNE 2.00pm – 5.00pm

We are in the process of contacting volunteers for the day and so, by the time you read this, we should hopefully have everyone in place (if however, we have not spoken to you and you wish to help, contact us on the numbers below – all help is gratefully received). As in previous years, no one need do more than one and a half hours; all the volunteers will receive a sheet highlighting their place and time.

We have some new games and a BBQ this year so fingers are crossed for better weather than last year.

We will again have music and announcements made through a sound system ably manned by Adrian Wood and friends from Scunthorpe Hospital Radio.

Local businesses have been great again in donating some fantastic prizes for the raffle. Raffle tickets are now on sale so be prepared for a knock on the door but if you would like to get some early then please contact us on the numbers below.

As usual we ask you to help with donations:

- Cakes for the refreshments and also for the cake stall (please bring on the day)
- Raffle prizes to Emma Schofield
- Tombola prizes to Chrissie Wood
- Bric-a-brac, books etc to Lynne Wetherall - anything you can find, make or spare will be most welcome.

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday the theme of the children's fancy dress this year will be "Kings and Queens".

Scarecrows need to be displayed from Sunday 5 June and will be judged on Thursday 9 June, with the winners announced at the fete. Straw will be available from 3 Scotter Road from 22 May if required.

All proceeds from the fete go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall to help keep it a central point of our great local community.

For any further information please contact

- Mark Schofield – ☎07795 481285
- Emma Schofield - ☎07833 925005
- Email - ScottonVillageHall@gmail.com



SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Council Meeting in May, Cllr Bev Hill was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Malcolm Clarke was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Mark Schofield was co-opted onto the Council and Emma Schofield expressed her intention to seek election at the June meeting. The Council will then have the full complement of 7. Cllr Mark Schofield was appointed as the Village Hall Representative

Council considered three planning applications, all for Crapple Lane. They returned no comments on 37a Crapple Lane and, considering the comments made during the opportunity for public participation the Council agreed to undertake a site visit to 19 Crapple Lane and then make their comments for return to WLDC.

Arising from the Annual Parish Assembly - Information received regarding the siting of a bus shelter indicated that there was no available place to erect one; Council are still pursuing the possibility of purchasing a defibrillator and also an electric supply to site a Christmas Tree.

Mr Rob Ramsay has agreed to be an allotment warden and clerk is to write to both Mr Ramsay and Mr Laughton.

The internal audit report by Stewart Smith was read to the meeting. The external audit will be carried out by Grant Thornton, appointed by the Audit Commission. A number of cheques were authorised and signed.

The next meeting will be held on 7 June when Luke Brown will attend to speak regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Following the site visit Cllrs submitted the following comments concerning the planning application at 19 Crapple Lane:

- the log store would prohibit access for maintenance of guttering to the adjacent property
- the adjacent property is an old cottage and proper consideration should be given to the impact this work could have on the property
- the Council would like a condition set that the proposed detached garage-studio must not now, or in the future, be used as residential accommodation.

Di Millard, Clerk to the Council



NEVER ARGUE WITH A WOMAN

One morning, the husband returns the boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up, and begins to read her book. The peace and solitude are magnificent.

Along comes a Fish and Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, 'Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?' 'Reading a book,' she replies, (thinking, 'Isn't that obvious?') 'You're in a Restricted Fishing Area,' he informs her.

'I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading.'

'Yes, but I see you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up.'

If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault,' says the woman. 'But I haven't even touched you,' says the Game Warden. 'That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment.'

'Have a nice day ma'am,' and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.



It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

Puns are for children, not groan readers.



JUNE

5	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	GROUP SERVICE SCOTTER
12	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton Evening Worship, Scotton
19	4 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
26	5 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Morning Worship, Scotton

JULY

3	6 th Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	GROUP SERVICE MESSINGHAM
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CHURCH CLEANING – SCOTTON

The next church cleaning session will be on Saturday 11 June at 10.00am. Please come along and help if you can. The more people the quicker it gets done! Many thanks, Sue

NORTHOPE

June 5/12	Mrs Dunk
June 19/26	Mrs Henson
July 3	Mrs Booth