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- **Thu - Fri** 09:00 - 17:00
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### Carlton Scroop and Normanton

#### Village Hall Activities

- Ancaster Table Tennis Club
- Caythorpe and District Garden Society
- Hough History Society
- Cubs and Beavers
- Yoga Group (contact Patsy Holmes on 01400 272505)
- Grantham Meditation Group (contact Sunil Silva on 07771 542973)
- Carlton Scroop and Normanton Social Club

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### Caythorpe Village Hall Weekly Activities

- **Monday**
  - Keep Fit 09.45 to 10.45
  - Senior Badminton 19.00 to 21.00
  - Craft Club 19.30 to 21.30

- **Tuesday**
  - Carpet Bowls 14.00 to 16.00
  - Children’s Music Theatre 16.00 to 17.00
  - Girl Guides 19.00 to 20.30

- **Wednesday**
  - Yoga 09.30 to 11.00
  - Senior Badminton 19.00 to 21.00

- **Thursday**
  - Brownies 18.00 to 19.30
  - W.I. (2nd Thursday) 19.30 to 21.30

For contact details of organisations, or to hire the hall, please contact the Booking Secretary on 01400 272611

### Mobile Library Bus Service

Unfortunately, April updates were been unavailable at time of going to press as the mobile van rota’s had not been published.

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- **Caythorpe** - Village Hall / Hammond Pavillion
  - Old Chapel, Chapel Lane
- **Frieston** - Hough Road, Upper Green
- **Normanton** - Telephone Kiosk, Main Road
- **Carlton Scroop** - Charity Street on Wall before Golf Club Entrance
Here we are again! We made it through the worst ‘The Beast from the East’ could throw at us and our communities along the A607 and still managed to get last month’s edition delivered on time! We must say a huge thank you to all of our dedicated team of volunteer distributors, they really do a fantastic job!

As we write this, we are currently in the throws of ‘The Beast from the East Part 2’ and I think it’s safe to say that all of us who work in education and all of our children are quietly, or not so quietly in the case of the children, have their fingers sneakily crossed for yet more snow days!!

So, in this month’s magazine, we have the full details of the ‘Big Village Quiz’ on Saturday 5th May in support of Daniel and Drew’s charity trip to Nepal as featured in the March Edition. It promises to be a great night out, with well known local quiz raconteur Tony Case being the Quiz Master on the evening (the one and the same Tony, who sets our quiz page each month check it out on page 47). Tony always pitches the quizzes to all abilities and works on the theory, that if the questions are too hard, it’s just not fun and who wants that?!

We also have, on pages 6 and 7, Part 2 of ‘The Life and Family of the Late Peter Wells’. There is a whopping 5 pages of events being advertised so you won’t be bored this April if you fancy something to do! It all kicks off on the 1st April with Caythorpe & Frieston Social Club’s Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts and there is a Evening Service lead by St Wulfram’s Choir at St Nicholas Church (Normanton) at the end of the month. You’ll also find a whole raft of activities inbetween including the Village Breakfast and Table Top Sale in Caythorpe, Bingo in Carlton Scroop and don’t forget to ‘Save the Date’ for the Ceilidh at Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall in June (it’ll be here sooner than you think!!)...Ah June, time to dream of better weather and get away from all this snow!

Photo’s below show the extent that our region was hit by ‘The Beast’, one of Steep Hill in Lincoln, which became an impromptu ski slope, while nearer to home, as seen in a photo supplied by Abbie Atkinson, Caythorpe Heath became a Winter Wonderland! - Pete & Laura
As you will recall from the March Edition, we were following the lives of Tom and Clarice Berry, we now come back to Jass Wells to continue sharing with us the Berry Family History.

......Tom also played cricket for the village, the pitch then being in the vast grounds of Caythorpe Hall. A competent batsman and a fiery bowler by all accounts.

His grandson Peter played many a cricket match on the present playing field as did his great grandson Andy, so the Wake on February 6th, 2017, after Peter’s funeral, was particularly poignant for all of us. His old cricketing mate Rick Streeter even stood on the pitch for ten minutes, on the morning of his funeral, to remember their friendship and happy times.

Tom and Clarice had two children, Elinor and Pamela, both born in the village. They attended the village school where the education was sound, underlined by discipline and strict religious instruction. Elinor became a nurse and began her training at Grantham Hospital. There she met Leslie Wells, a journalist and they married in St Vincent’s Church in 1937. Their son Peter was christened there in 1938. Pamela married there some three years later and her daughter Cynthia was also christened in St Vincent’s.

Cynthia and Peter were inseparable and roamed the woods and fields of their beloved Caythorpe. Cynthia now lives in Cornwall but was too poorly to attend Peter’s funeral.

Her mother Pamela had a superb singing voice, a soprano and according to my husband should have been encouraged to follow it through to a professional level. However because of various constraints this wasn’t possible. However, our granddaughter Jessica has inherited this gift and sang an aria at Peter’s funeral. Elinor and Les were the parents of my husband Peter who was born in 1938, not in Caythorpe as had been planned but in Oakham, Rutland as Les’s work with the Grantham Journal demanded that he be there for a few months. At the age of three months the family returned to their beloved Caythorpe and lived in a cottage in the corner of the present playing field. A farmed field in those days. Peter loved it there, watching the great cart horses pull the machinery along at harvest time. The water was pumped from the well and of course no ‘mod cons’. Never the less he remembered it with very fond memories.

Peter married me in July 1961 also at St Vincent’s as his father Les was too ill to travel to my own village of Colsterworth. Sadly Les passed away just before we were married but Elinor thought Les would want us to continue with the wedding. We almost made the 56 years of marriage mark!

Andy Roberts told us a few years ago that some workmen had found Peter’s initials carved in the rafters of the belfry. He was probably up there with his grandfather when Tom was carrying out some repairs of his own. If Tom was aware of what his naughty grandson was up to I’m pretty sure he would not have approved. Peter of course innocently denied all knowledge of it.
Our children, Andy and Fiona, were also christened at St Vincent’s Church and the village and their childhood memories mean a great deal to them.

Although we moved away from the area once or twice during our long and incredibly happy marriage, the call of Caythorpe has always brought us back. And now Peter is buried here and my plot next to him for future occupancy..(not too soon I hope) so our courtship wanderings on Gorse Hill and nearby woods have come full circle. Almost a fitting end to generations of Berrys, Cheffings and Wells.

Jass Wells 2018

Editors Comment: I’ve loved reading this article and meeting you again Jass, it’s been a long time since both yourself and Mr Wells taught me in the late 80’s and 90’s at William Robertson School! When we saw you at the start of March, I mentioned we had a surprise photo to show you in this edition, courtesy of our local history guru Andy Roberts...

Dear News & Views,

This photo is of the cast iron signpost which stands at the Church Lane, Old Lincoln Road Junction. The late Andy Smith had refurbished it and is here pictured with the late Pete Wells re-fixing one of the finger posts which had been repainted. I must have been leaving them to do the heavy lifting and supervising!!!!!!!!!

Andy Roberts, Caythorpe Resident

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£1 per game - Bar & Raffle

Forthcoming Events:
The Return of “Tony’s Quiz Nights”
(Dates to follow)

Further information please contact:
Janet: 01400 251032 or Susie: 07964 298451

Carlton-le-Moorland and District Art Group

The AGM of the Carlton-le-Moorland and District Art Group will take place at 7.00pm Thursday 12th April in the Carlton-le-Moorland Village Hall. After this all our activities will be moving to Aubourn Enterprise Center, Bridge Road, Auburn. This is due to the proposed demolition and rebuilding of the Carlton-le-Moorland Village Hall.

For information on this and any other related matter please visit the Club Facebook page or contact David Raines 01522 810843. 
What’s coming up?

Caythorpe Village Hall

Village Breakfast and Table Top Sale

Sunday 15th April
Breakfast 9am to 11am
(Last orders for breakfasts 11am)

To book a Sale Table contact Bob on 01400 272611 or Mary on 01400 273523

We don’t make a charge for Sale Tables but ask for a donation if you have a successful morning.

Dan’s Delicious Cakes

Sunday 15th April
09:00 to 11:00
Caythorpe Village Breakfast Table Top

Brownies, Ginger Cake, Lemon Drizzle, Victoria Sandwiches and more!
All freshly baked and suitable for freezing.

Great for lunch boxes and sharing with friends or relatives with a cuppa!

All money raised will go towards my Nepal trip with Global Action where I will be busy helping with Community projects. Thank you for your support!

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on

SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2018 at 5:30pm
What's coming up?

Caythorpe Court

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Open Day

Monday 2nd April (Easter Monday)

10am until 2pm

PGL Caythorpe Court will be holding our 13th Annual Open Day to allow our friends, neighbours and locals a chance to come and see what PGL do.

You’ll be able to try some of our activities and have a look around our site. Food, drink and guided tours will be available.

Please be aware that there will be age and size restrictions on our activities. Children under 7 may not be able to take part in all activities. There is no charge to take part in activities but we will be raising money for the NSPCC by asking for a donation if you have a go on the giant swing.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Tom Mountain, General Manager

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Caythorpe & Frieston Sports & Social Club

Easter Egg Hunt & Crafting Event

Sunday 1st April

£1 Entry

12-2pm

All Welcome!
What’s coming up?

Spring concert!
Lincoln Pro Musica Orchestra
Tuesday, 22nd May at 7.30pm
in
St. Vincent’s church, Caythorpe

Charity Coffee Mornings
At Cobblers Rise, from
10:30 to 12:00 on

Friday 13th April
In aid of Air Ambulance

Our February Coffee Morning in aid of Combat Stress raised £70.

Many thanks to all who supported these worthy causes. Please support us and enjoy a good cup of coffee at the same time!

Ann Russell 01400 273090

The Society of Friends (Quakers)
hold a Meeting for Worship every
Sunday 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.
at the Friends’ Meeting House,
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7.30 – 11.00 PM
Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall
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Sir William Robertson's new Multi Academy Trust (MAT), Aspire Schools Trust has launched today, 1st March, with Bassingham Primary School being the first primary school to join the Trust.

Mark Guest, Chief Executive of Aspire Schools Trust and Headteacher of Sir William Robertson Academy commented: "Following our application being approved in August 2017 with many months of planning and preparation, I am delighted to announce the launch of the Aspire Schools Trust and warmly welcome Bassingham Primary School as they become the first school to join us.

We are committed to delivering an outstanding education for all, irrespective of the starting points for our individual pupils. The Trust is underpinned by our ASPIRE ethos and is driven by a clear moral purpose to play a key role in system-leadership, supporting developments in schools for the benefit of all pupils within the Trust and across the communities we serve. Children come first in all our schools - this is our simple and non-negotiable message."

The Trust will be one of the first Lincolnshire-based cross-phase Multi Academy Trusts.

From 1st March, both Sir William Robertson Academy and Bassingham Primary School will be run by the Aspire Schools Trust. Both academies will have representation on the main Trust board which will be headed up by the Venerable Brian Lucas CB as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and each will have its own separate Local Governing Body. Bassingham Primary School, which becomes an Academy today, will concentrate on developing the primary phase of the Trust and Sir William Robertson will develop the secondary phase. Collaboration between the two schools will bring new learning opportunities for pupils and enhance learning in both settings.
Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and to protect them from harm. This involves protecting children from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to children's health or development and ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.

The Community Inclusive Trust recently completed a Safeguarding Audit here at Caythorpe School and we were delighted with our report which states that we do an excellent job of keeping our children safe. The visitors were particularly impressed with the School Council and the way in which they were clear about the procedures that we have in place and commented on the schools strong culture of celebrating individual achievement.

Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament - CAYTHORPE GIRLS WINNERS!

WOW! What a great day we had when we took our boys and girls football teams to Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament in Skegness! Our boys’ team played brilliantly, demonstrating super sportsmanship but just missed out on making it through to the finals. However the girls team were on fire and not only made it to the final but won it, which means that they now have the opportunity to play in the national finals at The King Power Stadium, home of Leicester City FC later in the year!

World Book Day

World Book Day was a fabulous whole school event packed full of exciting activities. Both staff and children made a huge effort when it came to dressing up as their favourite character from a book and the craft entries were amazing. This year’s theme ‘Share A Story’ was clearly visible throughout the day at Caythorpe School. Teachers shared their favourite stories with their class, children engaged in paired reading with children from different classes and parents came in for the last half an hour of the day to share a book with their children.
YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

As you will read on the Parish Council news page (page 37), sadly, David Dorey, is stepping down from organising the varied events, such as The Caythorpe Dash and the Cycling events, that help with the upkeep of the playing fields.

As such, we require Volunteers to help with the organising and running of these events, as well as the Annual Caythorpe Gala. Volunteering is the backbone of small village communities like ours, without which, many great local events simply wouldn't happen, so, if you can and would like to help out your local community, or would like to find out more information about doing so, please do not hesitate to contact David Cree on 01400 272415 or Bruce Nelson on 01400 273249.

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Holy Saturday - Caythorpe 8pm for the Easter Vigil and First Holy Communion of Easter.

St Nicholas, Normanton on Cliffe at 17.30 on Sunday 29th April, Choral Evensong with the Choir of St Wulfram's, Grantham.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 10am once a month in St Vincent's Caythorpe this month 11th April.

A Church Crawl through Lent with Archdeacon Justine and the Resilient Disciple continues with the single morning service of Holy Communion on the 3rd 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent as above.

Please check the South Cliff website at www.southcliffchurches.uk for all up to date information and full contact details.
Sir William Robertson Academy celebrated the wonderful world of reading with a belated World Book Day fundraiser raising £602.00 for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance in memory of Daniel Harris and the #dab4Daniel online campaign.

Students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters or came dressed in blue, Daniel’s favourite colour. Activities during the day included reading sections of the short story ‘The Egg’ by Andy Weir at the beginning of each lesson and a fun quiz where pupils had to guess the teacher reading the book at home.

Mrs Christina Mower, Head of Lancer House who suggested that World Book Day be a fundraiser in memory of Daniel dressed as Mr Bump, Daniel’s favourite book character! The Art department were dressed as characters from Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland. The English department very much entered into the spirit of the day with characters including the Fox from Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl, a Handmaid from Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood, Gangsta Granny from the David Walliams same titled book, J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter, a black hole from A Brief History of Time, Prof Stephen Hawking in special memory, Tweedledumb and Tweedledee from Alice in Wonderland and Phil from the play DNA.

Other staff and pupils dressed as Bert from P.L. Travers Mary Poppins, The Big Bad Wolf by James Patterson, Miss Clavell from Ludwig Bemelman’s Madeline. The Catering Team joined in the fun too with some fantastic outfits with a literary theme including the scarecrow from The Wizard of Oz, Princess Fiona from Shrek, the Cheshire Cat, Alice and the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland!

The whole school did a #dab in memory of Daniel Harris earlier in the year during a fire drill which was filmed by the school drone. Today the students and staff ‘dabbed’ at a photocall at lunchtime. Prizes were awarded to the best dressed pupils and staff by Miss Nicole Oldfield, Lead Practitioner in English who helped organise the day.
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I have recently made my maiden speech in the House of Lords. You will find a copy of the speech on the diocesan website, but I began by thanking those who had made me welcome and referring to the beauty that surrounds us in our diocese and also the rugged, independent-mindedness of its people.

During the speech I also referred to my working-class roots and my early life in the former steel town of Consett, in north-west Durham, and the fact that I found faith and a vocation to the priesthood at the age of 13. The call to this vocation was a surprise to me, and a surprise that has not entirely left me; that God was calling someone like me to be a priest.

This vocation has taken me to south London, Hampshire and Portsmouth, and, for the past six years, the Diocese of Lincoln, and my ministry in such settings informed the text for my speech, which was part of a response to the economy in the light of the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Spring Statement.

As I stated, there was much to welcome in what was announced in the Spring Statement. The light at the end of the tunnel, the modest improvement in economic forecasts and the prospect of an increase in spending on and investment in public services will be good news to the people of Lincolnshire, especially if what is devoted to Lincolnshire addresses the challenge we face.

In our local context, we can see the challenges facing areas such as health and education and, as a result of climate change, our environment. We face such challenges while seeking to fulfil our duty to seek to create a fairer and more integrated society, where none feel ‘left behind’, and where every person is shown love and given the opportunity to flourish and fulfil their calling.

As you read these words, we will have recently celebrated the joy of Easter. Lent, Holy Week and Easter present us with the opportunity to reflect, listen, prepare and resolve to act as we embrace the hope that is to be found in the message of resurrection. At this time of a personal new beginning in the House of Lords, I resolve to offer a further public voice for the people of our diocese, and, with you, to continue to try to transform lives across greater Lincolnshire.

With every blessing for Easter,

+Christopher
Back L-R, Sheldon Woodhouse, Duncan Beddows, David Green, Robert Sharp, Layla Sargeant, Tim Clack, Emma Parr, Ross Scott, Mr Nigel Benn (Headteacher).

Middle L-R, Wesley Sheppard, Tom Blakemore, Caroline Eveleigh, Daniel Cottam, Paul Biddles, Nicola Kiddle, Barry Thomas, Ben Ullyot.

Front L-R, Duncan Pellet, Rosalind Johnson, Mary Tunstall, Amanda Lennon(?), Amanda Dixon, Joanne Berry, Rachel Kingston, Craig Godson.

Important Dates In April 2018

1st April Easter Sunday & April Fools Day
2nd April Easter Monday Bank Holiday
21st April Queen’s Actual Birthday
23rd April St George’s Day & Shakespeare Day

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March 23rd - St. Georges Day

The Legend of St. George and of course, The Dragon, is one that has lasted from the Middle Ages. In fact, the iconography of a man on horseback defeating an evil ‘dragon’ dates back to the time of the Pharos of Egypt, with their legend of Horus, the son of Osiris, avenging his father's death by killing Setekh (depicted as a Hawk headed man on horseback spearing a crocodile). The most commonly known version is derived from Jacobus de Voragine's ‘Legenda aurea’ (The Golden Legend, 1260s), the narrative episode of Saint George and the Dragon took place somewhere he called "Silene", in Libya. The well recognised story is that of a Princess being sacrificed to a dragon, saved from her fate by St George, who at first (after a prayer) speared the dragon and then used the Princess’ girdle as a leash to take the dragon to the city. Upon arrival, St. George threatened to release the beast upon the people as punishment for the sacrifice, unless they all converted to Christianity (certainly an aggressive form of conversion!). The townsfolk and the King converted so St. George killed the dragon and upon that spot a Church dedicated to Mary was founded.

The legend was brought back to Europe via the early Crusaders and most certainly was widely utilised as a battle cry for Christians everywhere. To this day he is the patron saint of England, Georgia (see flag insert, Georgia has 365 Churches dedicated to St. George, one for each day of the year!), Malta, Gozo, Portugal, Romania, and formerly autonomous Spanish regions of Aragon and Catalonia. The St George’s Cross has been used widely since the middle ages, In Genoa, Italy, it was utilised as early as 1198, while King Edward III in 1348 adopted the flag and Saint in England. However the legend dates from much earlier with the belief that George was a 3rd Century Roman Soldier born in Syria Palaestina to Greek parentage (other versions place his birth in Cappadocia, Turkey). After rising to the high rank of Military Tribune of Nicomedia, he was sent for execution by Roman Emperor Diocletian who was persecuting Christians. He was imprisoned, tortured and eventually beheaded by Nicomedia's city wall on 23 April 303 AD.

So, why do we have St. George as our Patron Saint? After all, he was a Middle Eastern (or Turkish) born man of Greco-Roman heritage, who supposedly killed a Dragon in Libya before being executed in Turkey. England certainly had enough saints of its own to choose from and already had St. Edmund in place too (see next page). Why replace St. Edmund at all you could ask? Well, I suppose being a former ‘Viking fighting’ Anglo Saxon King in a country ruled over by Normans probably didn’t help St. Edmund’s cause any! The later Crusaders also needed a cause for all of them to rally behind, so who better than a Dragon slaying, Princess rescuing, Military Saint of the magnitude of St. George? (Thinking of which, does that make Super Mario or Shrek the modern day St George?! OK, he may not be English or ever have stepped foot upon English soil at all, but when it comes to middle ages spin doctoring, he was the Superman of his time! Even King Henry V at Agincourt (according to Shakespeare also coincidentally born on 23rd April) summoned up the fighting spirit in battle weary troops with the battle cry ‘Cry god for Harry, England and Saint George!’
The Other Contenders

St. Bede - Born Northumbria 673, Died 735.

Biog - English Monk, known as the Father of English History, adopted the method of chronology from the birth of Christ (AD) which led to it being adopted nation wide and across Europe. Translated Latin/Greek church writings into Anglo Saxon which made Christianity far more accessible to the English speaking population.

Patronage's - English Writers/Historians, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, England, San Beda College

Pro's - Only British person to be made ‘Doctor of the Church’. Most important scholar of his time.

Feast Day - 25th or 27th May

St. Edmund - Born Unknown 841, Died Circa 870

Biog - Became King in 855 aged only 14, Died following defeat to the Viking Great Heathen Army. Upon capture he refused to renounce Christianity despite being beaten and shot with arrows while tied to a tree. He was eventually beheaded with his head discarded into the forest. The legend continues that his head was found by searchers guided by an ethereal Wolf.

Patronage's - Kings and Pandemics

Pro's - Former Patron Saint of England, King of East Anglia

Feast Day - 20th November

St. Alban - Born Verulamium (St Albans), Date Unknown - Died Circa 251 (disputed, could be late as 304).

Biog - Little is known about St Alban. However the legend is that he sheltered a Priest fleeing from Roman persecution. When they were discovered he disguised himself as the priest and sacrificed himself in his place. After refusing to renounce his faith he was taken to Holywell Hill in St. Albans to be beheaded. It is said that he suffered a great thirst and prayed for water, then where his head fell, a natural spring instantly sprung up which is still in use today.

Patronage's - converts, refugees, torture victims.

Pro’s - First English Martyr Saint.

Feast Day - 22nd June
In & Around The Garden

Early March brought bitter cold and snow, just when spring was starting to get going. The frosts that preceded the snow were probably more damaging to the borderline-hardy plants and I will have to wait a while to see whether the penstemons, fuchsias and dahlias (which were mulched but left in the ground) have come through. The top growth on the penstemons is clearly badly damaged, but they may still shoot from the ground and I took plenty of cuttings in autumn, which turned out to be a wise precaution. The hellebores looked very poorly while temperatures were below zero, with limp stems allowing the flowers to flop almost to the ground, but as soon as it warmed up they stood up straight and looked as good as ever. My main concern is a young tree fern that I have nurtured for several years. It is still quite short and I wrapped it in fleece, which has worked well in previous years, but I can see that some of the leaves have gone brown so I’m keeping my fingers crossed.

Spring bulbs are all coming through now, and the earliest daffodils are in flower. Clearing the last of the autumn leaves off one bed, I found a patch of blue Anemone blanda buried but blooming. Little blue scilla are just coming out, making a very pleasing contrast with early primroses under the trees.

The snow brought a marked increase in the number of birds in the garden, including a very aggressive fieldfare. It staked out the bird feeder and some apple pieces I threw out for the fruit eaters and chased off the blackbirds whenever they got too near. Friends in the village saw similar behaviour in their gardens, but I don’t know whether ‘my’ bird was doing the rounds or whether there was more than one. It departed when the snow melted, but there are still a lot of blackbirds around. I also saw a couple of crows coming down for food and one flew off with a quarter of an apple: I didn’t know they ate fruit.

Although I have watched the garden birds for years, I saw two robins engaging in threat displays for the first time this week. I have often seen them fighting but these two stood facing each other on the terrace with heads thrown back and bills pointing skywards to show their red breasts to maximum effect. It seemed an effective way of avoiding combat: one clearly decided it wasn’t worth the risk and moved off.

A few warmer days in mid-March drew out a few bees and frogs are croaking in the ponds. After a day of steady rain one pair spawned in a shallow basin that is usually dry. Even if the water lasts long enough for the eggs to hatch, the tadpoles will not survive so I will have to find a suitable container for a pond substitute to give them a chance.
‘A Year in the Vegetable Garden’ was the subject of a talk given by Lesley Burton of Goltho Gardens at our March meeting. In limited growing space Lesley produces vegetables for the three families that live on site and for the tearoom, so every square foot of the raised beds has to be productive. The potager is right by the entrance to the gardens, so it has to look good too during the opening season.

Lesley took us through her year, from sowing the first seeds in a poly tunnel to harvesting brussels sprouts and root vegetables in winter. To maximise yields, Lesley has a number of useful tactics: parsnip seed germinates erratically so she sows it at relatively high density, preferring to thin out any overcrowded plants than have gaps in the rows. Large seeds such as sweetcorn and courgettes are started into growth in a sandwich of damp kitchen paper, and only potted up when they show a bit of root. This avoids wasted effort and compost if germination is poor. Only seeds that resent transplanting are sown directly into the ground. Vacant space between slower growing crops is filled with quick growing salads. Permanent plantings of fruit bushes and asparagus take up some of the beds, but these are high value crops that earn their keep, especially in the teashop. Lesley grows a few early potatoes in small builders’ bags filled with spent tomato compost: main crop potatoes would take up too much space and are readily available in Lincolnshire. An enthusiastic vegetable grower, Lesley’s entertaining talk had fresh ideas for us all.

The next meeting open to visitors (£3) will be on June 12th, 7:30pm for 7:45pm at Carlton Scroop Village Hall. Doug Stewart will be speaking on ‘Gardening in the future’ – just come along. For membership information contact David Fidler on 01400 272 630.
Dog and Owner Reunited After Two Years!

A woman from Brighton has been re-united with her dog two years after he went missing, thanks to South Kesteven District Council’s dog warden service.

Despite being 39 weeks pregnant, Jodie Dellow drove from her home in East Sussex to Lincolnshire and back overnight to collect her straying pet.

“Chance”, a Rottweiler/Mastiff cross was staying with Jodie’s family in Leicester when he went missing in 2016.

Despite posters, social media campaigns, contact with the RSPCA, police and offers of a reward, there was no sign of him, until he was found tied to a gatepost in Woolsthorpe by Belvoir and reported to South Kesteven District Council’s dog warden service.

With the dog collected, safely housed at local kennels and his picture posted on the SKDC website, the missing pet networks went into overdrive and the news reached a delighted Jodie.

Any remaining doubts over her ownership were removed by the dog’s instant response when she called his name and when he remembered his puppy trick of a massive ‘woof’ on command.

“It was very emotional,” said Jodie. “My mother gave ‘Chance’ to me as an eight week old puppy in 2012 and I am so grateful to the council for helping me get him back. We are all over the moon.

“They were incredibly helpful when I phoned, did all the right things to make sure he was my dog and pulled out all the stops so that I could come straightaway and collect him. I have a very simple message to anyone losing a dog. Never give up hope of finding them.”

SKDC operates a year-round dog warden service, offering out of hours contacts, a collection service and, unusually, photos of lost dogs posted on its website.

“We are very proud of the service that we offer and this sort of outcome is brilliant,” said Cllr Dr Peter Moseley, SKDC Cabinet Member for Environment. “Without his picture posted online, Chance might never have found his way home.

“What a great outcome this was, proving the value of our dog warden service. It’s a really positive example of partners working together to get the very best outcome and, as a dog owner myself, it’s a really heartwarming ending.”

“And where owners don’t come forward, we have an excellent record of re-homing.”

Just days after the reunion, Jodie gave birth to a bouncing baby boy called Archie.
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Joy and I have been with former members of No.203 Squadron at a squadron reunion in Bournemouth. I served with them for three years at their base at RAF Luqa in Malta. That was in the early 1970s, when they were skilled in detecting Soviet submarines and ships which made their way into the Mediterranean Sea, and further afield, throughout the height of the Cold War, when the United Kingdom and NATO were keen to keep tabs on what the Soviets were up to. The job was far from glamorous; the Avro Shackleton aircraft was clearly similar to its stable-mate the Avro Lancaster, and showed its age. Its four Rolls-Royce Griffon engines, with their contra-rotating propellers, made a loud and unmistakable growl.

The Nimrod aircraft which succeeded it was named after the “Mighty Hunter” mentioned in Genesis and 1 Chronicles. It was derived from the de Havilland Comet Jetliner and thus had a modicum of comfort and a load of clever electronics.

Coastal Command had always been called the Cinderella Air Force, often given aircraft no longer in use by other Commands, and their tasks demanded flying at low level over the sea for long hours, often at vast distances from base. In short, it was tedious, until a contact was confirmed and identified as a hostile vessel. The crews would return to Malta weary after up to twelve hours in the air, and hand the aircraft over to the ground crew who would get it ready for the next sortie. The result of their labours were rarely seen by the rest of the RAF and so they were largely overlooked by the aces of Fighter and Bomber Commands. But we knew our worth in the defence of the realm.

I suppose the disciples of Christ felt rather overlooked as these Galilean country folk arrived at the gates of the great city of Jerusalem. The city crowd came out to greet Jesus as a conquering hero; laying branches of palm and their cloaks on the road before him. What was all this about? They expected the Messiah, who would throw off the yoke of tyranny, and sweep the Roman army of occupation back into the Mediterranean whence they came. They had heard of the great miracles Christ had performed, and here he was, arriving in triumph for his coronation. Hosanna!

Christ had tried to warn the disciples that his throne was to be a Cross, but they hadn’t grasped the truth of it. When he set about the traders in the temple court, overturning their stalls, Peter and the rest might well have felt out of their depth and uneasy. Their plight must have been confirmed when Judas betrayed Jesus in the garden later in the week. And when the soldiers arrested Jesus and led him away to be crucified, their bewilderment was complete.

The following story might help our understanding.

A rich man had amassed a collection of priceless paintings: Picasso, Matisse, Monet, Caravaggio, Rubens and so on. One day his only son was killed in battle while saving the life of a friend. Later the friend arrived at the rich man’s house with a portrait he had painted of the man’s son.

“I know it is not great art,” he said, “but I thought you would like to have it.”

When the rich man died, his entire collection went to auction. Art collectors from all over the world assembled to bid for the precious items. The first painting put up was the painting of the son.

Howls of protest came from the experts about the offering of a ‘daub’, but a poorly dressed man, the rich man’s gardener who had seen the son grow into manhood, bid £10 for the painting; it was all the money he had.
There were no other bids, and the painting was sold to the gardener.

The auctioneer then closed the auction, and made known the rich man’s will, to the effect that whoever bought the portrait of his son would inherit the entire collection.

The art collectors, like the crowds in Jerusalem, saw life in worldly terms: they wanted to be winners here and now. However, like a Nimrod crew setting off on a long, tiring, and often fruitless flight, Jesus of Nazareth searches for men and women who are prepared to live life on a deeper level. Read again the Easter gospel narrative: Christ did not appear first to the VIPs of Jerusalem, but to the ordinary men and women who had stayed the course with him, and who trusted his promises of the life to come.

When we commit to following Christ in our Baptism, we begin a journey towards an understanding of how God wants us to live in justice, honesty, with mercy and integrity, forgiving others as God in Christ forgives us.

In short, a journey to the presence of Christ in his heavenly Kingdom. As followers of Christ, our inheritance will not be a picture of the son, nor even an entire art collection, but a place in his Kingdom, where he reigns in glory.

The journey is not easy. It means using every opportunity to give Satan a bash and to live a good life.

The Coastal Command motto is “Constant Endeavour”.

That is a good description of the Christian way of life.

I wish you all a happy and joyous Easter.

Brian Lucas
(The Last Rector of Caythorpe)
Extended Pre-school Opening Hours

Pre-school is now operating on extending opening hours. We are opening at the following times:

- **Monday:** 9am – 3pm
- **Tuesday:** 9am – 3pm
- **Wednesday:** 9am – 3pm
- **Thursday:** 9am – 3pm
- **Friday:** 9am – 12 noon

This will allow parents to take advantage, if eligible, of the new 30 hours government childcare funding that started in September and also better suit what many parents need. Whether you currently have a child at Pre-School, or not, if you are interested in using our extended opening hours we’d love to hear from you. You can contact us on caythorpepreschool@gmail.com any time or give us a ring on 01400 272036 during term time.

Vacancy - Chair of the Pre-school Committee

We are currently looking for a new Chair of the Pre-school Committee as the current Chair intends to step down. If you are interested in finding out more about what the role entails then please talk either to Debbie at the Pre-school or contact me, Allan Graham (current Chair), on 07762 414863 or allanj.graham@gmail.com and we’ll be glad to tell you more about the role. It is a hugely rewarding thing to do and you can make a real difference to the Pre-School. Caythorpe Pre-school really is one of the gems of the village and this is a great opportunity to have a hand in continuing to make it a success, giving the youngest members of our village a great start.

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Parish Council Meeting... A meeting was held on Wednesday March 14th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the following were the major items dealt with.

Mid (UK) Recycling... Mr Simon Pattison, Group Compliance Director gave a presentation to the meeting, at which seven residents were present, on the business undertaken at each of the companies’ sites and in particular at Caythorpe and detailed the most recent changes there. He confirmed that there are no plans to seek to increase the level of activity currently undertaken although they are always looking to become more efficient at what they do. He agreed to look into the issue of litter alongside the A607 and confirmed that the company wish to be notified if there are any issues encountered by road users with any of the transport fleet. Whilst it may not be possible to take down the registration number details of the date, time, road in question and a brief description of the lorry should be sufficient to enable the vehicle to be traced. The Parish Council very much welcomed the opportunity that this presentation gave and the ongoing dialogue that will arise.

War Memorial... As reported in this edition we have obtained a grant which will enable the war memorial to be cleaned and renovated across the summer months. Cllr Bob Greybrook is to be congratulated in obtaining the grant from the War Memorial Trust.

Speeding within the Parish... We have obtained the use of a speed camera which will be positioned through out the village over the coming months. Whilst it will not be taking specific details of cars it will none the less provide us with sufficient information to establish whether or not we wish to take this matter further.

Congestion in the High Street... Despite the best endeavours of County Cllr Alexander Maughan slow progress is being made with regard to the issue of parking on Back Lane and double yellow lines on part of the High Street. It is hoped that road markings indicating the location of our bus stops will be undertaken once the new financial year of LCC commences. We will continue to exert what pressure we can.

Litter Picking... Cllr Roger Brooke and several volunteers are dealing with litter on the approach roads to the parish. This will compliment the work undertaken by the litter picker whom we employ whose work concentrates on roads within the parish. It is a sad aspect of life today that we have to take these initiatives in order to clear up after people who should know better. Thanks to all those involved.

Bruce Nelson...Chairman.
Volunteer Litter Pickers... We are grateful to Andy Crawley and James Waspe, who recently volunteered to periodically undertake a litter sweep on the approaches to Caythorpe along Gorse Hill Lane. On their 2 outings to date, the first accompanied by Cllr Brooke and the second by Dave Fidler, a total of 24 large refuse sacks have been filled and then collected by SKDC. Regrettably, this then led to some individual(s) fly tipping rubbish on the areas picked!

Unfortunately, littering on the approaches to and within the village are on the increase and, despite the fact that we employ an individual to regularly litter pick the local environs, more needs to be done. Accordingly, please dispose of any litter in one of the numerous bins provided and, if you see any instances of fly tipping on the approaches to the village please report it to either SKDC, the police or any Parish Councillor.

Hedges and footpaths... Now that the growing season is underway, the Parish Council requests that any resident with a boundary along a footpath or pavement that has a living hedge, or plant material that can grow and potentially obstruct these walkways, to keep them well trimmed back. This was a particular concern last year of parents with toddlers and small children, with some paths being highly congested by overgrown hedging and in particular with large overarching brambles. Many thanks.
TRY SAILING IN MAY at HYKEHAM SAILING CLUB

The National Royal Yachting Association 'Push the Boats Out' activity is back again, better than ever and Hykeham Sailing Club will be holding a series of events to help everyone join in and get out onto the water. Whether you’re completely new to the sport, looking to get back on the water or sail regularly, Hykeham SC will be one of the many sailing clubs and centres across the country taking part in a month long initiative that will see thousands of people trying the sport, perhaps for the first time.

We will begin our celebration of dinghy sailing on Saturday 5th May with a Free Open Day. Everyone is welcome to come down to the Club between 12 and 4pm to see the facilities, meet members and discover how easy it is to become a dinghy sailor yourself. Weather permitting there will be the chance of short trips on the water with our experienced Club helms. No need to book.

If you already know you would like a full days Dinghy Sailing experience at Hykeham Sailing Club then join us on Saturday 12th May. Discover the fun of being on the water in small boats and enjoy the company of our experienced helms. There is a charge of £50 (under 14 £25) including refreshments throughout the day and a buffet lunch with booking essential.

To round the month off Hykeham SC will be running an adult RYA recognised 'Learn to Sail' course over two weekends starting on 26th and 27th May. This course is aimed at complete beginners and our qualified Club Instructors will enable you to develop the skills to sail a dinghy. Whether you wish to go on to take part in our competitive but friendly club racing or to simply relax on the water with casual sailing there is ample opportunity at the Club. The four day course costs £200 or £100 to those who also become members.

To find out more about all these activities and how to book, visit our website at www.hykehamsailing.co.uk. We sail on Apex Lake, a hidden gem in North Hykeham and you can seek us out down the road to the left of the Fox and Hounds on Newark Road. Visitors are welcome from 11:30am onwards on a Sunday in the sailing season to find out more about the Club.
The March meeting of Caythorpe Women’s Institute coincidentally fell on International Women’s Day, Pauline Dorey told us of some ladies from our own Lincolnshire South Federation who walked over the Humber Bridge meeting halfway with some ladies from Lincolnshire North Federation to celebrate the day. Radio Lincolnshire recorded and broadcast the event.

Pauline welcomed us all and in particular, Rachael Paige a visitor for the evening. There was a lot of WI business to get through, forthcoming events and so forth but afterwards we were pleased to be introduced to our speaker for the evening; Mr Len Priestley.

Len instantly made us feel like we had known him forever; he was relaxed and jovial as he talked us through his working life and how he came to be living in Wisbech running his own furniture removal business. His parents ran the Spar shop in the village and he and his mother drove the two mobile shops they had, around the other villages. One day he decided he wanted to leave the family business as he wasn’t too highly paid and had always fancied driving a lorry. When he told his father, his reply was “Lorry drivers are thieves, liars and womanisers!” Of course, Len went on to disprove that theory and has been happily married to his wife for 52 years. He got a job with Smedleys, the vegetable canning factory at Wisbech, and drove all over the country delivering their goods to the small shops (supermarkets hadn’t been invented then) including Tesco who only had “corner” shops. We heard some of the funny tales of those days and the contrary customers he had to deal with on occasion. He won the Lorry Driver of the Year competition held in Northampton one year and celebrated a little too hard. He ended up buying his wife the latest upright fridge freezer as a peace offering for returning home at 2.30am having not told her where he was. Sound familiar?

Eventually, after redundancy, he bought an ex Sunblest bread van and became self-employed taking flowers down to Brighton Market three times a week. Later on he bought a 7.5 ton furniture removal van and so began his removal business of which he is very proud. Some of the stories he told us were hilarious and we spent the largest part of the evening laughing, he had a wicked sense of humour and gave us examples of it. Only he could make it sound as funny as he did so I have no intention of repeating them, his sense of timing was brilliant and we often knew what was coming next and were laughing before he said it! His business was successful and professional and he became highly regarded being employed for domestic and corporate removals nationwide. At age 72 he is now retired from his removal business but his love of driving continues. He began Leonard A. Priestley Luxury Minibus Travel in 2004 and takes passengers in his 16 seater minibus to airports, seaports, parties etc. What’s the betting he has a whole new set of tales to tell us about that?

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the village hall at Caythorpe at 7:30pm, visitors are always welcome. Our speaker on 12th April meeting is Nancy Appleyard whose talk is entitled “It’s English Innit: A light hearted look at the English language”. Sue Case
The February meeting was ‘Much Ado about Food’, a talk given by Sadie Hirst a member of the ‘British Society of Bakers’. Sadie is a passionate collector of food preparation memorabilia, especially kitchen items and cookbooks and there was an amazing display of her collected items. A fifth generation baker, her special interests are the Medieval and Tudor periods; eras where surprising items and recipes were used which could be familiar in current cookery, including olive oil and blancmange. The earliest identified cookbook from these eras was a manuscript or Cury of 196 recipes and memoires dated 1377 in the reign of Richard II.

Other written accounts of food include an earlier document, written by the Roman author Apicus, described foods and methods but did not describe recipes. ‘A Proper New Book of Cookery’ written by Matthew Parker written in 1573 detailed a Church calendar of types, seasonality and foods connected with religion. There has been a long history of cookbooks with health remedies. In Medieval times, the human body was believed to be governed by ‘humours’ (black bile, yellow bile, phlegm and blood) with ties to horoscopes and personality and keeping these in balance required eating correctly. However, in the early 1500’s fruit was not eaten raw as it was thought to carry the Black Death!

Archaeological digs of ancestral buildings have unearthed hearths and the remains of food. Berries, shells and bones and other items have been identified which show the status of the buildings and the diet of rich and poor. The Black Death, which peaked in Europe between 1347 and 1351, wiped out a third to half of the population. Following this and the resultant shortage of labour, the remaining population, including peasants, who could command a higher wage and greater freedom of movement, ate an improved diet.

To preserve their higher status the rich began to eat expensive elitist food such as rare game and spices; poorer people used herbs. Spices were so valuable that wars were fought over them, for example ‘nutmeg’. It is a fallacy that spices were used to ‘mask’ rancid food at this time, a practice that rich people would not have tolerated. Bread types and quality denoted status, a flat round of bread called a trencher was used as a plate for food, eaten with knife and spoon. Gradually, the trenchers were replaced by wooden or metal plates. Good table manners were insisted on, (so no chucking of bones over your shoulder after all) and leftovers were distributed to the poor. Details of manners were illustrated by Cardinal Wolsey in his ‘Set of Ordinances’ (rules).

Sadie has collected many prized cookery related items including Dutch gingerbread moulds and a copy of Elizabeth Moxon’s recipe from 1798. A special item which Sadie treasures is a ‘Mooncake Mould’ a small wooden food mould. Mooncakes were traditionally made in China and consisted of a round pastry with a rich red bean filling. The group was treated to samples of early cooking; very tasty breads, and gingerbread which was very hard but delicious after dunking in a cup of tea! For those who would like to follow up on this, free early cookbook copies can be found and read online on Kindle.
From the Registers

Holy Matrimony
4/3/2018 Nicholas John Geeson & Diane Lynne Eggleston (Carlton Scroop)

Holy Baptism
11/3/18 Florence Eliza Irons (Caythorpe)

Sides People

Sunday 8th April
Mr & Mrs Brown

Sunday 22nd April
Mr Johnson & Mrs Hoddell

Friends of St Vincent 200 Club

March
£15. Stephanie Barrell
£10. Mary Fraser-Darling
£5. Janet Jex

St Vincent’s Church Prayer Group

AN OPEN INVITATION is extended to a Deanery Service of Wholeness and Healing

At 7:30pm, Thursday 12th April
St Nicholas’s Church, Barkston

This is a quiet and peaceful service where you have the opportunity to:

a) Light a candle.
b) Receive the laying on of hands if you wish.
c) Write a message on a leaf and put it on a prayer tree.
d) Sit quietly and enjoy God’s peace.

You are free to join in as much as you wish or just to sit quietly and pray.

All of the above can be for yourself, anyone or any situation you know of.

If you have never been to a Wholeness and Healing Service why not give it a try.

You are all most welcome to attend.

St Vincent’s Church Floodlighting

February 28th. In ever loving memory of LARRY.

Should you wish to have Caythorpe Church Floodlit for your Celebration or Remembrance, please contact Mary Siddans 01400 272371

Women’s World Day of Prayer.
- Please come and join us on Friday 6th April, 2pm at St. Nicholas Church, Fulbeck. Service is prepared by the women of SURINAME.

St Vincent’s Church Prayer Group

Monday 9th
& Monday 23rd April
3 - 4pm at St Vincents

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I have been reflecting on my love of train journeys for an after dinner speech I was called on to give at the [SKDC’s] Chairman’s annual dinner. There is a further railway journey which we can take and which takes us in a symbolic way through the journey Christ took through the desert during the season of Lent before emerging in the light of Easter Day to the resurrection life.

Some who read this will be familiar with the geography of the Peak District or have perhaps caught the Norwich to Liverpool service from Grantham and will recognise the journey I am reconstructing and it is one which, when you know it, you can follow in your mind’s eye.

If you are catching the train from Grantham take care to travel facing the rear of the train as it changes direction in Sheffield and you will leave the city of steel facing forwards; the train will now branch away from the London line at Dore station and you will enter the darkness of the Totley Tunnel while those who might be walking this route will be encountering the bleak and boggy moorland of Totley Moss. The tunnel built in 1893 runs for some 3.5 miles and the walker has the same distance to cover across Totley Moss above.

However emerging from the tunnel at Grindleford station the train races west along the appropriately named Hope Valley up which the walker can gaze as he or she sits atop the rocks of Surprise View and takes in not only the distant peaks of Win Hill and Lose Hill but also the Mam Tor ridge beyond.

For both the walker and the traveller by rail the journey takes you from the bleakness and the darkness of Holy Week and Christ’s suffering into the ‘broad sunlit uplands’ of His Resurrection life lived out in the Hope valley through which we make our pilgrim way.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Easter blessings from Stuart Hadley, priest in charge and rector designate
**Cookery Corner**

Theo’s Lighter than Light Chocolate Brownie Easter Cake

Theo, aged 11, from Caythorpe, has sent us another recipe this month, together with some photo’s of his creation! Theo tells us that the secret to his Lighter than Light Chocolate Easter Cake is the whipped egg whites...we need to try this Theo, it looks fabulous!!

![Image of the cake](image)

**Ingredients**

- 225g Good quality plain chocolate
- 175g Unsalted butter, softened
- 225g Caster Sugar
- 4 tbsp Plain Flour
- 6 Eggs, separated

**Decoration**

- Mini Chocolate Eggs
- Fizzy Belts
- Strawberry Laces
- Melted chocolate (for sticking)

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 180ºc, grease and line 20cm cake tin with greaseproof paper.

2. Melt the chocolate in a pyrex bowl over a saucepan of simmering water or on a low heat in the microwave, mix in the butter and stir until melted, add the flour, sugar and lightly beaten egg yolks. Whisk the egg white until stiff then gently fold in half of the egg white into the chocolate mixture, mix in thoroughly, then carefully fold in the remaining whites.

3. Cook for approx 35 minutes, there will be a thin crust on top of the cake and if tested with a skewer, the inside will appear insufficiently cooked, but don’t worry, as this is the character of the cake and it gets firmer as it cools. Leave to cool in the tin on a wire rack, when cool enough to handle, remove from cake tin and discard the greaseproof paper.

4. Decorate as you wish to make a fabulous creation and make sure you manage to get a piece of your cake before your family and friends devour it!
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Tony’s Quiz Time!

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1. What is the first sign of the Zodiac?
2. What word can mean to flap wings in an attempt to fly, a state of agitation or a small bet?
3. In which European country is a motorway known as an Autopista?
4. Which two colours accompany green in the flag of the Republic of Ireland?
5. Which constituency in the UK is the only one to have a Green Party MP?
6. In which children’s novel does Toad Hall feature?
7. Orinoco Flow in 1988 was the only single by which Irish artist to reach number one in the UK charts?
8. With which Liverpool suburb, where he was born, lived and died, is the recently-departed Ken Dodd associated?
9. Going to America was the 25th and last episode of which clerical comedy series?
10. What is the lowest rank of officer in the Royal Navy?
11. Which female forename is also the Italian for white?
12. In French cuisine, what word is used to indicate the dish is stuffed?
13. Which singer and songwriter, who had a number one hit in several counties in 2017 with New Rules, won both the best British female and breakthrough awards at this year’s BRIT Awards?
14. Which has more members - the House of Commons or the House of Lords?
15. Who won the Best Director Oscar at this year’s Academy Awards ceremony, for the Best Picture winner The Shape of Water?
16. Sir Roger Bannister, who has died aged 88, is enshrined in athletics history for being the first man to do what?
17. What sort of shops are the London retailers Foyles and Hatchards?
18. Which Conservative MP has children called Alfred Wulfred Leyson Pius, Anselm Charles Fitzwilliam, Peter Theodore Alphege and Sixtus Dominic Boniface Christopher?
19. In which country was the 1,139 mile-long Rabbit Proof Fence Number 1 constructed between 1901 and 1907?
20. What is the anatomical name for the kneecap?

Sudoku

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Word Cube

How many words are there containing four or more letters? Each word must contain the central letter.

What is the nine letter word?

- Poor - 33
- Average - 38
- Good - 43
- Excellent - 48

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What kind of dinosaur has the biggest vocabulary?

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I hate those little Russian dolls……

They are just so full of themselves!

What sound does a Nut make when it sneezes?

Cashew!

There are three types of people in this world…….

Those that are good at Maths, and those that are not….

Quiz Time Answers


Answers to Tony’s Quiztime


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Dear News & Views,

St. Vincent's Church, Caythorpe, was full for the recent funeral of Reg Baxter 94 yrs, who apart from military service with the Royal Marine Engineers during World War 2, had, since birth, never lived anywhere else other than in the village.

Tribute to his voluntary roles with the Sports Club/Playing Field/Village Hall/Parish Council and Church Council were given by the Rev. Stuart Hadley in his address. Even in his early 80’s he was still organising monthly Solo Whist Drives in the Village Hall. Reg once asked me if I had seen at Leadenham Hall Park gateway a large number of cylindrical concrete blocks, situated beside the A607 as you enter that village from the Fulbeck direction (they are still there today).

He told me that before being called up into the Army in 1942 he was a member of Caythorpe Home Guard. The Platoon under the command of Major Fisher would march to Leadenham and construct a road block with those concrete blocks across the main road. The purpose being that with the ponds either side of the road the road block would hold up the expected German Army Invasion Force for a while. I can remember Reg smiling at the thought of that happening.

Reg also kept an eye on the Church locking it up each evening. One day when he was in his late 70’s he saw 2 likely lads enter the Church and not come out. He went to investigate, at first, on entering, he could not see them, he walked down the aisle and spotted the two of them kneeling at the altar rail with their heads bowed. He asked what were they were doing. They told him they were praying, Reg told them to get out, as he did not believe them, which they did grumbling it was a poor job if you could not say your prayers in Church. The CCTV was examined and it showed the 2 lads entering the private vestry and attempting to break into the Church safe. When Reg entered the Church you could see their heads look up when they heard the noise of the door latch rattle they scuttled out down to the alter rail and bowed their heads. They were both charged with attempted burglary and pleaded guilty in Court.

Rest in Peace Reg.

Andy Roberts.

Hello Andy,

Thank you for your letter, its heartening to hear that Reg had a good send off, well deserved for a man so dedicated to his local community. Rest In Peace Reg.

N&V

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Dear News & Views,

The Organ is Heard!

I very much enjoyed reading Jass Wells piece last month and remember some of the people she mentioned, in particular, Tom Berry. When I came to the village in 1970 Tom was the organist at the Church and it was obvious he very much enjoyed playing the organ. In the mid “70’s” he had to give up his organ playing and so it was that in 1980 I took on that role. Unfortunately, Jass comments, “he” Tom,” made a magical sound with that superb instrument. So disappointing that it is no longer in use” I have to correct that, because the organ has never been silenced and is in use at almost every service in the Church. The only difference is that since it was overhauled in 1985 it is no longer played from the back of the Church, but from a detached console placed in the North Isle. The sound of the organ is as it always was and I am sure Tom would love to play it as it is today, God rest his soul.

John Heald (Organist)

Hello John

Thank you for your letter, we’re sure Tom would love to play it too!

N&V

Dear News & Views,

Please can you publish the following two announcements;

1) The Parish Council are pleased to announce that a grant has been received from the War Memorial Trust towards the cost of renovating the War Memorial which stands outside St Vincent’s Church, Caythorpe. Work will start during during June and will be completed in time for the ‘Arnhem Weekend’ Commemoration Service on September 2nd.

2) The Village Hall Committee would like to thank the Badminton Club for the generous donation towards the cost of the L.E.D. Light recently installed in the main hall.

Bob Greybrook (Councillor)

Hello Bob

Thank you for your letter, always great to hear how our local community receives help, and we all look forward to the renovation being completed. Well done Bob on obtaining the War Memorial Grant.

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Please keep your letters coming in, Its an important way to communicate with the rest of our group of villages, one letter can reach over 1000 households via News & Views!
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### WHAT’S ON IN APRIL?

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Stories, Photos, Letters to: newsandviews@hotmail.co.uk
Early bird Menu
Mon-Fri
12.00-2.00  6.00 -7.00
2 courses £13.25
3 courses £17.50

Quiz night
Monday April 23rd
2 course meal & quiz £8.50

For more information or to book a table
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