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... and Goodbye from Him

I first got involved in *Caythorpe News* in 2002 when it was in the skilled editorial hands of Janet Avison. Janet did all the hard work and I set up the material ready for the printers. Looking back at past issue I see that it was July 2004 that the front page first announced my editorship..

In January 2005 *Caythorpe News* shrank to four pages as a Church newsletter when the Parish Council tried to start its own publication.. This undernourished condition lasted until July in the same year when the Parish Council's efforts came to nought and once again *Caythorpe News* became a 24 page newsletter.

In all these years we have never missed an issue - one was very late as I, and most of the rest of those involved were laid low by a 'flu bug.

There have been some errors along the way, some took a while to be noticed!

Janet Avison used to produce a Village Diary which gave details of village events for each month. It is entirely my fault that one month one entry read:-

2.00 pm Old Fiends - Sherwood Centre (*what a Devilish error!*)

Later on again through my further miss-typing the same worthy group of Citizens were aroused rather early by:-

2.00 am Old Friends - Sherwood Centre

There have been a few very early morning Church Services over the years, at least one wedding was billed to take place at some unearthly early hour.

A few eyebrows were raised by the regular meetings of the **Gardeners Ass** until someone pointed out that **Assn** was probably a better abbreviation of that particular grouping..

Perhaps the best was the inadvertent typo that produced:-

Caythorpe Police Office. Tel: 01400 272470 There is an Answer
Phone machine for non-urgent messages to PC Roberts.

Andy says his life has never been quite the same since!

The longest lasting was the error in titling that produced on the front cover of January 2005:-

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Parochial Parish Council**
-should be Parochial Church Council

And no one noticed that until May 2014!

All in all it has been great fun and I would like to thank all those who helped along the way. Contributors, both regular and occasional, Advertisers, Janet Hoddell and her team of distributors and Nick Beaumont of B.A.S, who did all the printing work over the years.

Thank you also to the Readers who have made favourable comments on my efforts over the years. Finally I wish my successor, Tony Case, every good fortune - he has great plans for the future.

**Happy Christmas to you all
Roger Welby-Everard**

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

Nov 8th . In loving memory of **JOHN HAMMOND**, Loved and Remembered always by Deanna and Family.

Nov 10th. In loving memory of **ADAM** on his 9th birthday. Now playing with Granddad and loved and missed by all of us.

To have the Church Floodlit for your remembrance or celebration please contact Mary Siddans 272371

Contributions for Caythorpe News

Copy for future editions should be sent to Tony Case

Email:- tonycase@hotmail.co.uk

Please note that the closing date for copy is the 20th of the month.

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Services in December 2014

Friday 5th December

8. 45am Fulbeck Morning Prayer. AH

Sunday 7th December

9.30am Fulbeck HC. AH

9.30 am Brant Broughton. MP/AA

11.15.am Welbourn HC AH

6.00 pm Carlton Scroop

Wednesday 10th December

tbc Leadenham Primary School, Nativity.

Thursday 11th December

2.15pm Brant Broughton. Christingle Service with Primary S

6.00 pm Beckingham Village Hall, Carol Singing.

Saturday 13th December

1.00 pm Welbourn. Wedding. AH JST

Sunday 14th December

9.30am Leadenham. HC AH

11.15am Caythorpe. HC AH

6.00pm Welbourn Christmas Carol Service. AH

Monday 15th December

2.30pm Welbourn. Christingle Service with Primary School.

Tuesday 16th December

tbc Leadenham Christingle Service with Primary School

Thursday 18th December

10.00am Welbourn. Said HC AH

2.00pm Caythorpe. Christingle for Primary School.

6.30pm Beckingham. Carol Service. AH

Friday 19th December

8.45am Fulbeck Morning Prayer. AH

6.30pm Stragglethorpe. Carol Service AH

Sunday 21st December

9.30am Brant Broughton HC. AH

11.15am Welbourn HC. AH

10.00 am Fulbeck Morning Prayer

6.00pm Carlton Scroop Carol Service AH.

Monday 22nd December

6.30pm Caythorpe Carol Service AH

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CHRISTCHURCH (Methodist & United Reformed Church) GRANTHAM

Sunday Services held at 10.30am and 6.00pm at Finkin Str

St Mary's Catholic Church Grantham

1, North Parade (Tel. 01476 563935)

Masses Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am Most weekdays 9.00 am

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Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

2.00pm	Caythorpe.	Crib Service AH
7.00pm	Fulbeck	Carol Service AH
11.30pm	Brant Broughton	Midnight Mass. AH

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

9.30am	Leadenham	HC. AH
10.00am	Fulbeck	HC. MC
10.30am	Welbourn	Family Service with Carols. AH

Sunday 28th December

9.30am	Beckingham.	HC. TBC
11.15am	Leadenham.	HC. TBC

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning to be held at Cobblers Rise will be on December 12th 10.30-12.00. This will be in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. There will be mince pies!!

The last Coffee Morning for the British Legion raised £93.80, people are very generous and so far we have raised nearly £600 for various charities.

Thanks to all who support this, **Ann Russell.**

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THANK YOU

I would like to say Thank You to everyone for all their cards, messages, flowers and friendship, I have received after the loss of my Grandson Adam.

Adam was a very brave and courageous little boy, with a infectious smile, who fought so hard to overcome his illness.

He will be in our hearts forever, but we're sure Grandad is looking after him now.

Deanna Hammond

Carol Singing in aid of Caythorpe Friends of School Association

On Friday 12th Dec parents, children and staff from Caythorpe Primary School will be singing carols around the village with trumpet accompaniment from Spencer Cozens! Starting from school at 5.45pm we will be visiting all main streets and closes so please listen out for us and support our fundraising efforts. If you would like to join in for a few carols you will be made most welcome. Finishing at school for refreshments around 8pm.



CAYTHORPE GUIDES AND BROWNIES RECEIVE A GIFT

For eighteen years John Watson of Caythorpe has prayerfully manufactured beautiful Holding Crosses from pieces of donated wood, and his wife, Ruth, has made and lined presentation boxes for them. Their Crosses have been despatched all over the world to young children at their baptism and confirmation, and to the sick and the bereaved to offer them some comfort in their distress. Ruth has a dossier of the letters of appreciation, some of which are heartrending to read. Recipients used to be remembered in the Intercessions during the Sunday Eucharist at St Vincent's Church. For eighteen years John has been busy in his workshop, often late at night, to finish a request for Crosses for some special event, but now he has put away his tools for the last time.

From the donations received from recipients of their Crosses (they never made a charge for a Cross), the Watsons have furnished St Vincent's Church with two altar frontals, several dozen padded chairs for the chancel and for the Lady Chapel; a complete set of over a hundred new hymn books for congregation and choir, an Aumbry for the reserved sacrament, a book stand for the Arnhem aisle, and a fine nave altar; in addition, they made a donation of £400.00 to the Anglican Church in Kyrenia in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The Holding Cross Fund, which they administered, raised nearly £10,000.00, and has now been closed. Mr and Mrs Watson decided that the residue of the Fund would be given for the use of the young people in the Guides and Brownies who meet in Caythorpe.



The picture shows Liz Spowage, the Guide Leader, and Denise Lyon, the Brownie Leader, each holding a cheque for £470.00 (and a Holding Cross) at a brief ceremony in November.

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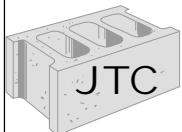
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Village Hall News

There will not be a Table Top Sale or Village Breakfast in December - the next one will be Sunday 18 January 2015.

The Community Heartbeat project has now been completed in respect of installing all four of the defibrillator units. These are located at the Village Hall; The Sports Pavilion; The Old Chapel, Chapel Lane; Frieston Green. This has been a remarkable achievement by our community raising in excess of £8,000 in less than two years. We still need to continue with fund-raising as we have ongoing costs in maintaining the equipment, and going forward, launching the Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) which will hopefully be early in the new year. If you would like to donate or help fund raise please contact Bob Greybrook on 01400 272611

A big thanks to all who attended the recent very successful 'Blackheart' Concert which raised £125.50 for the CHB project. Also many thanks to PGL for their support.

Remember, Remember The 8th November 2014

Caythorpe and Frieston Sports and Social Club treated the village to a £1000 Fireworks Display, which once again proved a great success. A big Thank You to everybody who helped to make it a special evening.

Special thanks must go to:-

The Fireworks Team of **Michael Sharp, Adam Jackson, Leigh Dixon, Lee Ash** and **Adam Miller**.

Our Fire Officer Neil Fritzsche in making it a safe environment for everybody.

To **Richard Dix** for organising the Stewarding and First Aid helpers.

To **Sean Topley**, MC and Music Provider.

To **Martin Clarke** and to all in his **Bucket Brigade**.

To **Deanna, Sue, Mandy** and the rest of ' **The Girls**' for providing warm and much needed refreshments.

To everybody on the Sunday who helped to clean up the field and to **Jane Jackson** and her Helpers in providing a substantial breakfast.

The biggest '**Thank You**' goes to **YOU**, who turned up and generously donated £900.02 in the buckets. The Kitchen took £244.24 net. In these hard times it was greatly appreciated.

Paul Jackson.

Chairman, Caythorpe and Frieston Sports & Social Club.

The Eleventh Hour, of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month.....



... and in the Morning we will Remember Them.

Caythorpe War Memorial 11.00 am 11th November 2014

Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall

OLD FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday December 5th 2014 at 1 pm

If you would like to attend, please sign up on one of the forms in the Post Office or Spar Shop.

For more information or details, please contact:

Sue Harris on 01400 318127 or Carol Tointon on 01400 273114

Rapunzel

Friday 5 December, 6pm

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Village website:- <http://www.caythorpe.org>

CAYTHORPE BADMINTON CLUB

We meet every Monday evening in the Village Hall from 7pm-9pm
New members welcome - experienced or otherwise. Equipment provided.
Contacts : Cheryl 01400 273357 Mandy 01400 272611

Caythorpe Junior Badminton Club

The club is held on Mondays from 6pm to 7pm in the village hall for any level of junior aged 6-14 years. For more information please contact Chris :
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Drinks and biscuits included For further information contact:

Colette Linforth 01400 272241

CAYTHORPE PRE-SCHOOL

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District Councillors' Report

Bob Sampson 01400273873 mob: 07766387872

As previously mentioned, the organisational redesign for the SKDC “fit for the future” transformation is now moving towards completion. The restructure involves internal appointments of a reduced number of Executive Managers and Business Managers. All of this work is part of the Authority becoming one Council with everyone working more closely together in streamlined management to achieve priorities, and use resources most effectively. This transformation is part of the programme which began last year starting with “Change Ahead” and has developed positively to making SKDC modern, flexible and responsive to frontline services, which residents have indicated they value most. Going forward, I would welcome any feedback on any dealings that you may have with SKDC which may not meet your expectations.

They say that from acorns grow oaks, and this is exactly the thinking behind the recent launch of the new Junior Eyes booklet, “Me and My Community”. This new initiative led by Helen Bill, the Chair of Grantham and District Neighbourhood Watch Association, and endorsed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Safer Communities LCC and Lincolnshire Police. The booklet is headed “Be Aware – Be Save”**, and contains information and advice on Community Safety issues. The launch has involved free issue of a booklet to all children in Primary schools between the ages of 7-11 yrs. So far 21 schools within SKDC have received copies for their pupils. Distribution is supported by the Police with dedicated PCSOs attending to give an introductory presentation of the booklet and the programme. The first aim is to include all junior schools in SKDC, however such is the interest, that it is hoped this initiative will be extended to all District Councils throughout Lincolnshire.

Why Acorns into Oaks? Young children need to be made aware of Community issues, and in reading the booklet, they will ask questions of other family members and friends. All of this simply acts as an awareness multiplier with one child informing between 10-15 others of Community Issues.

Please watch out for your family booklet of Junior Eyes “Me and My Community”, or go to junioreyesbooklet@gmail.com if you wish to comment or provide a donation towards the next print run to help embrace all Primary schools in SKDC.

Volunteering is another Community contribution, and there are several initiatives, village activities, and committees that are well worth getting involved in to inject new ideas, management skills, and proactive participation throughout the year. Please reflect on supporting those existing village activities, or perhaps a new project that the Community may benefit from.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year in 2015

My future “Open Surgery” dates are -:

Saturday 17th January 2015 Caythorpe Beat Office 11.30am - 2.30pm

Saturday 14th March 2015 Fulbeck Village Hall 11.30am – 2.30pm

** *I suspect that should be “Be Aware - Be Safe” - Editor*

The 4th Caythorpe Dash

Sunday 1st February 2015

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email: - pfcommittee2014@gmail.com

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Harlaxton Manor Concert

We were fortunate to attend the recent fund raising evening of Chamber Music, held at Harlaxton Manor. Being new to Caythorpe and Lincolnshire, we had not had the good fortune of visiting this beautiful venue before, so were totally unprepared for the magnificent sight of the majestic driveway leading to the flood lit mansion in the distance. We felt as if we should have been in a horse and carriage, pulling up to the grand entrance, and this set the tone for our evening. The Grand Hall with its magnificent chandelier mirrored the traditional stately setting for chamber music. This form of music has been described as the ‘music of friends’, and we could not have described the evening more perfectly. The three very talented musicians were obviously delighted to have the opportunity to perform together, and the selection of pieces by Brahms, Bach and Mozart enabled them to portray their individual brilliant musicianship. A lighter tone was introduced by the inclusion of an Argentinian Tango, which completed the first half of the evening on a lively note.

It was truly a delightful evening, with a very friendly and informal atmosphere. There was not a spare seat in the Great Hall, which was very good news for the two local churches that will benefit from this fund raising venture. If you did not manage to attend this concert, we can only say how unfortunate you were to miss this lovely evening, and that we cannot wait until the next event. Thank you to all those who made the evening possible!

Jo and Paul Breslin

CAYTHORPE NEWS DELIVERY

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CAYTHORPE & DISTRICT WI

The ladies of Caythorpe & District WI meet every second Thursday of the month in the Caythorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm (around the back of the hall). There will be no meeting in December as we will be having our annual Christmas Dinner.

At our last meeting the raffle was won by Judy Peperdy. The flower of the month..1st Daphne Page, 2nd Carol Tointon, 3rd Linda Stevens The competition..1st Angela Turner, 2nd Eileen Driver, 3rd Pauline Dorey At the November meeting we were to have a talk on icing, unfortunately the speaker had to cancel. So, left with no speaker on the night, Janet Norman stepped in. Janet told a Christmas tale of her time in Nigeria after the Civil War. As usual Janet kept us spellbound as she gave us a story of friends and neighbours coming together and sharing what little they had with each other, which resulted in wonderful memories of a day filled with love and companionship. Thank you Janet.

The ladies of the WI would like to give Seasons Greetings to everyone, and look forward to meeting new members in 2015.

Merry Christmas, Caroline Long

Caythorpe and District Garden Society

For plantaholic gardeners, it is sometimes difficult to see the garden for the plants, but our speaker at the November meeting encouraged us to take the broader view. Steffie Shields, photographer, lecturer, and garden writer specialising in historic landscapes, the 'Artist in the Garden', talked us through a series of beautiful slides illustrating elements of garden design and planting combinations from both domestic and grand gardens.

On the theme of colour, she showed how white flowered plants can dominate a mixed border by their brightness, but when placed together with just foliage as a contrast, a restful, elegant effect can be achieved. Artists, particularly the Impressionists, know how to use contrasting colours effectively, and Steffie showed us that combinations of blue with orange, yellow with purple and red with green work as well in the garden as in their paintings.

Geometry is important too, and her pictures of gardens where simple shapes have been used as the basis of the design illustrated how effective this approach can be. They ranged from a Garden of Remembrance with rectangular reflecting pool and straight clipped box hedges to the McLaren racing team HQ where a large triangle of white trunked birches is the dominant feature in a restrained but stunning geometric design. Planning for different viewpoints through gateways and arches, and the use of sculpture, including some striking modern pieces, were also covered in this wide ranging and thought-provoking talk.

The next meeting open to visitors will be in February, as we have our Christmas party in December and AGM in January, but anyone interested in joining the society should contact David Fidler on 01400 272630 for further information.

Caythorpe News

Once again, we are at the end of another year, and next year brings us a new editor (Tony Case) and delivery organiser (Cheryl Levick) Sadly this does mean that we have to say farewell to Roger and Janet.

Janet has done a great job organising the delivery of the magazines each month, which over the past few year has meant to every house in Caythorpe and Frieston. She has been in this role for around 18 years, which is no mean feat. We give our sincere and grateful thanks to Janet for all her hard work and wish her well. I also send our good wishes to all her band of deliverers, who also do a sterling job.

Roger took over from me as editor some 10 years ago and has altered and improved the magazine in that time. He has worked tirelessly to gather copy - no mean feat in itself - each month, collated material, arranging printing and taking the printed copies to Janet's door on time. All this does tend to mean you have to arrange your life around these times. We also send our sincere and grateful thanks to Roger and wish him well.

May we also send our best wishes to Tony and Cheryl in their new endeavour.

Janet Avison, Lay Chair, Parochial Church Council.

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Parish Council News.....December 2014.

Parish Council meetingThe following is a summary of the main issues discussed at our meeting held on Wednesday 19th November.

Remembrance SundayThanks were expressed to all those who helped organise the ceremony that was held at the War memorial as well as all those who took part and those who attended. It was a fitting tribute to the fallen who gave their lives on our behalf.

Precept and budget for 2015/16.....The Parish Council at its January meeting will be considering its finances for the forthcoming financial year and will be setting its precept. If there are any comments or input that you would wish to make into that process please do not hesitate to contact any of the above members and or our Parish Clerk.

Hospital Car Scheme.....The scheme which has been very successfully run for some time now by Jo Davidge-Gates and Barry Dixon will have a new volunteer Paul Carter joining them with immediate effect. The work that Jo and Barry have done has been invaluable and we thank Paul for adding his name to the team, his contact details are in this edition.

Highways.....Concern was expressed to County Cllr. Paul Wood, who was in attendance, with regard to the inadequate level of repairs that had been made to Gorse Hill Lane in particular. It was felt that the time and money spent had made little if any improvement to the condition of the road. It was agreed that a further meeting with LCC Highways team would again be appropriate in order that a full assessment of the condition of the roads within the Parish can be made.

Allotments.....The detailed quotes for the work that needs to be carried out are now to hand and a meeting of the Finance Committee is to be held shortly in order that a final decision can be made as to whether or not this project can be progressed with. Cllr. Geoff Ashcroft has put in an enormous amount of time in looking at all of the options that are open to us and is to be thanked for all his hard work.

Forthcoming meetingThe Parish Council next meets in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th January 2015. The meeting will start at 7.15pm at which time residents are able to comment on and draw matters to the attention of the meeting and then to attend but not participate in the main part of the meeting which commences at 7.30pm.

Bruce Nelson.....Chairman