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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. (2ⁿ Thursday) 19.30 to 21.30

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- Hough History Society
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- Carlton Scroop and Normanton Social Club

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Normanton - Telephone Kiosk, Main Road
Carlton Scroop - Charity Street on Wall before Golf Club Entrance

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Wow, well this month’s double edition marks our personal completion of a whole year’s worth of magazines since we started last February. That time has absolutely flown by. We hope you have enjoyed reading the magazine as much as we have enjoyed producing it! We must take this opportunity to give many thanks to our dedicated band of volunteer distributors for their dedication to delivering our magazine whatever the weather! Without them we really couldn’t keep the magazine going, so thank you very much.

We are very happy with our bumper Christmas Edition, we have managed to produce a 60 (Yes SIXTY!) page full colour magazine for the first time!

The Big Village Quiz was a great night out, raising £220 for the Nepal Global Action charity. A total of 9 teams turned up, with the winning team being ‘Wuthering Heights’, named as half of the team were from Caythorpe ‘Heath’, and the other half from Normanton on ‘Cliffe’…leading to Heathcliff and then onto ‘Wuthering Heights!’ The boooby prize went to the two 13 year old girls (Darcey Brown & Abbie Atkinson) known collectively as ‘Ichiban’ or as Dan Pepper called them most of the night, ‘Itchy Bum!’, see page 9 for full details! It was a great fun night for all which will be repeated sometime in February! As ever you will be able to see full details in our next edition, which should be hitting your letterboxes sometime around the last weekend in January 2019!

The firework display last month was a spectacular success, great work by the Sports & Social Club Committee in organising it all, see more details on page 42. These are exactly the sort of events we need to come together as a community and support, as the old saying goes, use it or lose it!

We have re-jigged our letters page, as we seem to get very few letters, to a ‘Shout Out’ page, more about giving information or thanks and praise to others in a more concise and/or fun way! See more on page 53.

Finally, its just left for us to say, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastically happy New Year! See you in 2019!

Pete & Laura

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Loneliness - Thinking Globally, Acting Locally?

The Government recently announced the appointment of a Minister for Loneliness, Tracey Crouch. Already having a ministerial portfolio, Tracey had the honour of being the first person to carry this responsibility, with the aim of building on the fine work started by the murdered MP Jo Cox. Within a matter of weeks Tracey was to resign her post. Like many others I became concerned that loneliness as a social problem would be put onto the back burner. However it prompted me to check out the evidence about loneliness, its causes and consequences, and what can be done about it closer to home.

But what is loneliness? It is described as a state of anxiety about feeling disconnected. This is not the same as social isolation. You can be surrounded by family and friends but still feel lonely. Equally, you might live on your own in an isolated rural area but not feel lonely. It occurs across the life cycle and is not restricted to older people. A recent study shows that as many as 9 million people in the UK are either often or always lonely. It is therefore likely that most of us will know someone who is lonely, or have felt it ourselves.

If loneliness becomes a persistent feature of our lives, it can trigger physical and mental ill health. It is also a risk factor for mortality. It can be a very challenging experience for young people if they face bullying, rejection or neglect, just at a time when their adult identities are forming.

Loneliness is often heightened by life events such as the loss of friends or close family members. Bereavement, having children at a young age, experience of a long-term health condition or mobility restriction, and lack of preparation for retirement can all make the problem worse. It can also be felt acutely on birthdays and family anniversaries. However, loneliness is not necessarily the direct result of these experiences.

There are ‘internal’ and ‘external’ ways of dealing with loneliness. Internal mechanisms include things like changing your mind-set (cognitive coping) so that you reappraise the significance of the root causes of the problem, try to enjoy your own company, and reduce your personal sensitivity to what people and social media say. As someone once said, ‘Worry is like a rocking chair, but it doesn’t get you anywhere’! External strategies might involve taking active steps to explore your interests, for example by joining clubs and groups, offering to volunteer or enjoying the great outdoors - by implication expanding your personal network with opportunities to link and bond with others.

From a personal point of view, I count myself as lucky to live in a community where there is so much going on with all the clubs, groups and green spaces that surround us. It feels very much like a community that cares. However, given the prevalence of loneliness nationally, I wonder if there is more that can be done to support people in our own community who may be feeling isolated and lonely. Do local clubs and groups need to make themselves more accessible, especially to people who may be shy or vulnerable? Are there gaps in local activities for some groups – children and young people, young mums, people not in work, people with disabilities, older men and women? What can be done to assist anyone you know who might be lonely? It would be interesting to know what other N&V readers think.

Gordon Grant
Drew (15), is now into his final year at Carres Grammar School and is getting ready for his mock GCSE’s. Since we last heard from Drew, he’s gained his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, started his Silver Award and is working towards completion of his Young Leader status within the Scouting movement. Drew also now has a clear picture of his career path and has joined the Air Cadets in Sleaford. He has his sights set on completing his A Levels at Welbeck Defence 6th Form College in Woodhouse, Loughborough with a view to going on to study Aeronautical Engineering at Loughborough University to join the RAF as an Aero Systems Engineering Officer.

Drew has been working a few hours on weekends and a few hours during the week in various jobs and has been putting nearly all of his money towards the trip. He is raising his funds well and is more than half way to his £3419 target. There are two teams heading to Nepal from Carres and Kesteven & Sleaford High School and Drew and his team are heading out towards the end of July.

Dan (17), has completed his GCSEs and is now studying A Level Maths, Physics and Chemistry at Carre’s Grammar School. He has also achieved his Silver DofE award and is now working towards his Gold award. He has been very busy completing a pool lifeguard qualification with a view to work in between his studies. In 6th form he has achieved the position of Assistant Prefect in addition to completing his extended project qualification (EPQ) where he is designing an aircraft.

In October he went to the IET in London to receive his Engineering Arkwright Scholarship and met his engineering mentor who will work closely with him for the next two years. After A levels he is looking to study Aeronautical Engineering at Loughborough University.

Over the summer he has been very busy raising funds for his Nepal trip by mowing lawns and baking and selling cakes, as many local residents will have seen! Dan will be flying off to Nepal on the 15th July 2019.
No less than 9 teams came to battle it out for the title of Big Village Quiz Winners - November 2018! Wine, beer and soft drinks were flowing as the teams battled through 6 rounds of questions, the top 3 places were touch and go and heading into the last round 2 teams were tied for first place! The final round saw one team romping home with a 7 point lead to take the title. Well done to all of the Teams who came and supported Drew and Dan and very well done to our winning team ‘Wuthering Heights’ with 117 points! Also a shout out to our losing team ‘Ichiban- Lipstick for Men’ with a gallant 23 points, well done girls!

£339.00 was taken on the night and after expenses the evening raised £250.00 - £125 each towards the boys fundraising efforts.

Thanks go to everyone who came and supported the boys, to Tony Case for being our Quiz Master, to Drew’s Granny for providing the raffle prizes and to our little elves behind the bar making sure that everyone was fed and watered!
History Today

£115 RAISED AT CAYTHORPE CHURCH SALE

CAYTHORPE Village Hall was packed to capacity for the annual Christmas sale which raised £115 for church funds.

It was opened by Mr. Nicholas Plane and he was presented with a plant by Janet Baxter. At the door were Mr. T. Berry and Mr. R. Baxter.

Stallholders were Mesdames G. Pimblett, K. Johnson, T. Berry, D. Patterson, A. Cowell, T. Huddleston, B. Carolan; H. Wilcox, T. Arden, R. Goodson, D. Close, D. Jackson, A. Boswell, A. Fraser-Darling, A. Duncan, A. Batten, R. Baxter and other members of the Young Wives Guild, Mesdames V. G. Tofts, J. Townsend, M. Smith D. Herriott G. Wilson and Miss Gananthvee; bottle stall, Mrs. E. Neave, I. Quincey; Other helpers Dr. G. Pimblett, Major V. G. Tofts, Rev. and Mrs. E. Inglesby, Mr. T. Arden, Dr. A. Fraser-Darling. Refreshments, Mesdames R. Quaille, L. Porter, C. Rogers, A. Hodgson. W. Hides.

In a competition organised by Mrs. C. Theaker, winners were: Champagne, Mrs. W.

Press Cutting, Christmas 1966

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By way of comparison, £115 in 1966 would be worth just shy of £1500 today! That’s some pretty darn good fundraising!
If my memory serves me well, the Corn Dollies were in a field opposite Woodland Waters, situated on the left hand side of the Grantham/Sleaford Road just before West Willoughby. I have also discovered that Mansell Beard's brother and children were involved in the setting up of them. Dr. Lorna Harris took the photo and gave them to me many years ago before she sadly passed away. We used to pass their smiley faces 'en route' to our various deliveries of Meals-on-Wheels from Ancaster to Sudbrook, Welby, Caythorpe and Fulbeck.

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**History Today**

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Caythorpe Football Round-Up

Holbeach vs Caythorpe 20-10-18 Result 5-0 Win - Man of Match - Dixon

Caythorpe travelled to Holbeach with regular keeper Fish letting them down at the last minute so up stepped Dollery in the net. ‘Thorpe started the game brightly and within 10 minutes Abel played an inch perfect ball down the line to Zungu to beat the offside trap, He rounded the keeper to make it 1-0! The game then settled down but Caythorpe were always on top, but it took until the 35th minute for London beat everyone in the air from a corner to head it on to his shoulder and into the net. Half Time 2-0

Caythorpe started the second half on top and only took 5 minutes from the restart for Zungu to get his second from a well worked throw in to the feet of Walters who turned and laid it off to Zungu, who beat 3 players and put it in the bottom corner! Three soon become four and this time Abel got himself on to the score-sheet with a top corner finish from 15 yards! Time for some changes and on come Short, Gurd and Topley and it was short who got the fifth with a lovely worked goal, set up by Zungu with 10 mins left! The game finished 5-0 with Holbeach failing to register a shot on goal mainly down to solid and Man Of Match performance from Dixon in the middle of the park.

Squad: Dollery, Miles, Hill, London, Pinfold, Jackson, Walters, Power, Dixon, Abel, Zungu, Short, Gurd, Topley

Caythorpe vs Wrangle Result 2-0 Win - Man of Match - Sully

Caythorpe hosted F.C. Wrangle while on a three game winning streak, with manager Lord having 14 players available this week and the joy of having ‘fan favourite’ Dixon back in contention.

The game started with ‘thorpe on the front foot playing some good football but with just 15 minutes played, Pinfield misjudged a high ball, resulting in a straight red card. Down to 10 men ‘thorpe rallied well and still looked the better side and took the lead ten minutes before half time from a corner. Abel with the assist for the ever intelligent Power to head in from 6 yards. HT 1-0

The second half was much more even with neither team creating a great deal until some good play down the right side from Gramacs, the ball was pulled back to Captain Jackson and from fully 35 yards out managed to find the top right corner! 2-0!

Wrangle pushed hard for the last 20 minutes, but thanks to some solid defending from man of the match Sully and an amazing clearance off the line from Miles the game finished 2-0.

- Leigh Dixon

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For information on this and any other related matter please visit the Club Facebook page or contact David Raines 01522 810843.

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— Jerry Seinfeld
What’s Coming Up?

**CAYTHORPE & FRIESTON VILLAGE HALL**

**“CUPPA AND NATTA”**

**MORNING**

Sunday December 1st
11:00 to 13:00

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**SWRA’s Hairspray production set to be a Christmas sell-out!**

Sir William Robertson Academy is busy rehearsing for its 2018 school production of Hairspray, *the musical*. More than 70 pupils from Years 7 to 13 are cast in their version of the West End hit musical. The production is being put together by SWRA’s Drama and Music Departments and led by Miss Bryony Burrough, Head of Drama and Mr Mike Willson, Head of Music!

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Caythorpe Village Hall

Village Breakfast and Table Top Sale

Sunday 16th December

Breakfast 9am to 11am (Last orders for breakfasts 11am)

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Winter Tea @ St. Vincent’s Church

20th January 2019 @ 4.30pm

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The 17th century Meeting House in the centre of Brant Broughton will be decorated with seasonal greenery and warmed by the gentle glow of candlelight. Take the opportunity to enjoy 45 minutes of stillness and quiet reflection interwoven with Christmas readings. All ages are welcome to join us for the Meeting which will be followed by hot drinks and Christmas refreshments in the historic Quaker Barn.

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Friday 14th December
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Friday 11th January
In aid of MOTOR NEURONE

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Ann Russell 01400 273090
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Harvest Celebrations

The whole school enjoyed celebrating our ‘Harvest Festival’ in St Vincent’s Church, Caythorpe. Every class sang a harvest song of their choice and the whole school enjoyed singing a few of their favourite harvest songs too. Reverend Hadley also gave an inspirational talk to staff, children and parents about the importance of sharing and helping those people who are less fortunate than us and our Year 6 pupils shared a meaningful harvest prayer.

As part of our Harvest Celebrations, we decided to support the Grantham Foodbank again this year. Liz who is a volunteer at the Foodbank came into school to talk to the children about the excellent work that they do. We found out that they provide three days of nutritionally balanced long life food to local families at the point of crisis. The families are identified by local professional agencies and are given a voucher to take to the Foodbank. They also provide linked support for benefits advice and budgeting support. Four of our KS2 children delivered our donations to Grantham Foodbank and chatted to Brian, the Project Co-ordinator, about the running of the Foodbank and also had a good look around which was extremely interesting.

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our harvest collection.

Viking Day

Thursday 1st November (or ‘Thorsday’ as it was known to the Vikings was no ordinary day for Y3, Y4 and Y5 children at Caythorpe primary School. They entered the school dressed as Vikings and were greeted by ‘Wulfric’ from ‘Viking School Visits’, who took them on an exciting expedition through history. Their first task was to jump aboard their ships and travel over to Britain, during which they encountered sea monsters and
thunderstorms. On arrival they discovered that their diet would consist of apples, bread, smoked salmon and pigs blood!! The Vikings were then introduced to the weapons and armour that were used in battle and given the opportunity to explore a range of interesting artefacts. As the day drew to a close they launched into battle, using the shields that they have created!

**New Sports Kit**

Due to a very generous sponsorship from ‘Sleaford Quality Foods’ we now have a brand new sports kit for the children to wear when they go out to various sporting events and competitions.

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We are delighted to have had their support in buying 30 new sports tops and hoodies so that our pupils can go out in appropriate sportswear and represent the school with pride. We have already had comments from staff from other schools, parents at our school and the pupils about how much they love our new kit!

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Christmas Pudding Cake Pops

Theo has been spoilt for choice for fun Christmas recipes but has plumped to share with you his Christmas Pudding Cake pops which he perfected last year, they taste fabulous and are easy enough for the smallest of hands!

Ingredients

9 Marshmallows / 30g Butter / ½ tsp Vanilla Extract / 125g Rice Krispies / 300g Milk Chocolate / White Icing / Red & Green Food Colouring / Cake Pop Sticks

Method

1. Melt the butter and marshmallows in a pan, remove from the heat and add the extract and rice krispies.

2. Once cooled slightly roll the krispie mixture into small balls and place a cake pop stick into the bottom of each ball to create a lolly pop.

3. Melt the chocolate then dip each krispie pop into the mixture fully coating each ball.

4. Place the pops into a holder whilst they dry (we found a cardboard box with small holes cut into the top worked really well).

5. Roll out the white icing, cut out a rough star and place on the top of each cake.

6. Colour a small part of the icing green with the green food colouring, do the same with the red colouring.

7. Fashion some leaves with the green icing and some red balls for holly berries with the red icing. Place on the top of the pops. Call your friends and family to nom them all up remembering to keep one for yourself!
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Silent Tommies Sit within St Vincents at Caythorpe

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Seven Committees A Sitting
Six Overgrowing Hedges
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Four Well Trimmed Verges
Three Great Churches
Two Fantastic Pubs
And a Gala on the Playing Field!

Christmas Trivia!

The Christmas cracker was invented by a London sweet shop owner called Tom Smith. In 1847, after spotting French bonbons wrapped in paper with a twist at each end, he sold similar sweets with a “love motto” inside. He then included a little trinket and a “bang”. His “Bangs of Expectation” included gifts such as jewellery and miniature dolls. By 1900, he was selling 13 million a year.

The first commercial Christmas cards were commissioned by civil servant Sir Henry Cole in London in 1843. Featuring a family drinking wine, one sold for £8,469 in 2014. Robins on cards started as a joke 150 years ago when postmen wore red tunics and were named after them.

US scientists calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world’s presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second.

6 million - The number of rolls of sellotape that will be sold in the UK in the run up to Christmas (5.99 million - the number of rolls where you can’t find where the tape ends).

6.8 million - The number of iOS and Android devices that will be activated on Christmas day.

Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen is the only record to get the UK Christmas Singles Chart Number One twice, once in 1975 and again in 1991. “Do They Know It’s Christmas” was number one three times (1984, 1989 and 2004), but technically it was by different groups, so doesn’t count.

The bestselling Christmas single ever is Bing Crosby’s White Christmas, shifting over 50 million copies worldwide since 1942.
...And A Happy New Year!

New Year Facts!

The month of January derives its name from a two-faced God named Janus. Janus’ one face looked forward while the other looked backward.

1st January was accepted as New Year in 46 BC by Julius Caesar. England and the American colonies of England adopted the date long time later in 1752.

In Japan the bells in Buddhist Temples are rung 108 times. They do this to welcome the God of New Year known as Toshigami.

Denmark has a custom of making an evening meal ending with Kransekage. This is actually the name of a dessert which is actually a cone-shaped cake with a steep slope. The cake is then decorated with flags and firecrackers.

New Year’s Eve has a special name in Belgium. It is known as Sint Sylvester Vooranvond. People in this country toast with customary champagne and children write letters to godparents or parents on the day of New Year.

Greece, Mexico and Netherlands go for ring-shaped pastries and cakes which signify that the year has come to a full circle.

For ancient Greeks, flooding of Nile every year marked the beginning of New Year.

Most English speakers traditionally sing the song ‘Auld Lang Syne’. It is actually a very old song from Scotland and was first published in 1796 poet Robert Burns in the book titled Scots Musical Museum. The literal translation of ‘Auld Lang Syne’ is ‘old long since’ and actually means ‘times gone by’.

As far as United States is concerned, the most popular tradition is that of dropping the New Year Ball in New York City’s Times Square exactly at 11:59 PM. The ball goes through a minute-long descent and hits the ground at the stroke of midnight.

In Australia’s Sydney Harbour, the shoreline stretching 40 miles is crowded by more than a million people just for watching the fireworks show.

News & Views

Would like to extend to all its Readers, Advertisers, Distributors and Contributors and Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We hope Santa brings you all something special and that the hangover isn’t too bad!
In & Around The Garden

Autumn colours have been particularly good this year, with some shrubs that are usually yellow producing orange and red shades before the leaves fall. One of the brightest is a fairly small Cotoneaster, one of several shrubs that had been left in disintegrating oak barrels by the previous owner of our house. I planted them all in the garden, where they still survive, and the fiery colours of the Cotoneaster lit by a shaft of sunlight delight the eye on an autumn day. Unfortunately, not all the plants I inherited were as obliging.

On the RHS website I found a list of around 40 plants, widely available, that are really garden thugs: we had half of them, most of which were well established when we took over the garden. What makes a plant a thug? Some just grow too fast for the average garden and need frequent pruning: Leyland cypress (currently under sentence of death in our garden) and cherry laurel are prime examples. Many plants seed prolifically, but the thugs get long roots down quickly and have to be dug up instead of just pulled out. Arum italicum is one example which roots very deeply. Another is the elegant weeping sedge, which seeded so freely that I decided it had to go. The final specimen, however, has its roots under the rocks at the edge of the pond where I can neither get it out nor use weed killer, which harms pond life. At least I now recognize the seedlings and can remove them before they are well established.

Other thugs regenerate from small pieces of root, so that reducing a large clump is virtually impossible: leave even a small piece behind and the clump will be just as big next year. The lovely Japanese anemone is one of these, though the white flowered varieties seem less invasive than the pink. However the worst thugs, in my experience, are those with underground runners that pop up yards from the parent plant and colonise rapidly. It took 3 years to get rid of a huge snowberry thicket beside the drive, and a sumach is a constant pest, sending up feathery shoots wherever its roots are near the surface. Soapwort is good for late summer flower, and I find it useful for covering bare ground where early flowering plants have died back, but constant vigilance is needed to keep it in check. I once foolishly planted the perennial sweet pea *Lathyrus grandiflorus* under the mistaken impression that it is a rare native. I pulled it out 2 years ago when it revealed its true nature, but odd shoots still appear. I have learned to be very wary of anything described as ‘vigorous’ or ‘suckering’. But still, from time to time, I spot an interesting-looking but unfamiliar plant in a garden centre or nursery and take it home, only to find I have bought yet another thug. I am so glad that Roundup wasn’t banned!

JA.
Richard Baxter, our November speaker, took up growing orchids on retirement and has become a true enthusiast, growing around 800 plants in 2 heated greenhouses. He is also qualified to judge orchids at shows.

There are at least 25,000 species of orchid, making it one of the largest plant families. They are found in every continent except Antarctica but Richard specialises in tropical species from central and South America. Flowers range from thumbnail size to several inches in diameter, but all have 3 sepals and 3 petals, one of which is formed into a lip, and most dispense pollen in 2 small packets known as pollinia, rather than as loose dust. As a result it is crucial to the plant that its pollinator is highly likely to visit another flower of the same species, and as a result many have evolved to attract a particular insect, bat or bird. The complex design of the lip may mimic a female insect to attract a male; others use scent (sometimes disgusting to the human nose) and one dispenses nectar at the end of a very long tube which can be reached by only one particularly long-tongued moth.

Richard grows his orchids in conditions as near to their natural habitat as possible. Many of his tropical species are epiphytes growing on trees, and some require no compost at all but are suspended in slatted boxes and misted frequently with rainwater to produce the humid conditions they require. Richards photographs of his collection were beautiful, but most of his orchids require expertise of his level to give of their best. For the rest of us, Phalaenopsis hybrids are widely available and very forgiving.

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Bi-annually we are invited to take part in the Make, Bake and Show competition run by Lincolnshire South Federation. We had previously not taken part due to the long distance to travel to the Hubberts Bridge venue, but this year as two years ago the event took place at The Venue in Navenby on 26th and 27th October.

Having not done too badly last time we thought we would go all out this year to try to be the WI gaining the most points overall, it can’t be that difficult surely, can it?

After a fair bit of cajoling we had fifty seven entries plus our cooperative entry based on the theme “Once Upon a Time”, we chose Hansel and Gretel. Judging took place on the Friday 26th afternoon and then on Saturday 27th October it was open for everyone to go and see the results.
What a fantastic surprise we all got when we discovered that we had achieved second place overall with Navenby taking the first place out of twenty five WI’s. Their Cooperative entry based on Wind in The Willows was excellent and well deserved the highest points awarded. Individually, many of us received a Gold Star (worth 3 points) for our cheese scones, strawberry jam and gingerbread men. Some Golds too in the Floral art section, the Art category which included watercolour and pen and ink work and the Craft section where tea aprons were in abundance, as were hand crafted cards and patchwork handbags. We can all be extremely proud of ourselves especially those ladies who gained points in the Novice section being convinced that they wouldn’t be good enough to enter. Until we try something, we will never know whether we can do it or not, never put barriers there, knock them down before you start and go for it!

A MUSICAL EVENING

Our November meeting began with President, Pauline Dorey, welcoming guest Christine Clipsham who was a past member and the return of Robina Heald who has been ill. She read to us the cards from Robina and Ann Ashcroft thanking us for our good wishes and flowers sent to them following their recent surgery. Both are now recovering well. Kath Metheringham had also sent a card thanking us all for our condolences and help at her sister, Mags, funeral. Mags had been one of the founding members of Caythorpe WI back in 1953. Guest speaker, Ian Maber “Laughed his way around the World” with us at the Phoenix meeting which some of us had attended last month at Navenby. It was not only funny but also a very interesting presentation, enjoyed by all. Business done, we were introduced to Michael Todd a singer/songwriter from Digby.

Michael was a retired teacher who obviously had a lifelong passion for music. He entertained us with songs from John Cash, Buddy Holly, Don McClean and others as well as a song he’d written himself. He was very softly spoken and had a quiet, gentle voice which was very suited to his choice of songs. He accompanied himself on a guitar and between songs told us some of the history of the original singer and songwriter. I felt that after half an hour of very soporific sounds, a good old Rock and Roll song would have woken us all up, but overall everyone enjoyed it. Caroline Long gave the vote of thanks.

Our next meeting on Thursday 13th December, will be the annual Christmas lunch. The January 10th 2019 meeting will be a social evening for members when our annual subs will be due.

Sue Case
Social Club Firework Display

Fireworks Extravaganza Lights Up The Caythorpe Sky

Saturday 3rd November 2018 saw the Village Fireworks Display on the Playing Field Organised by the Sports and Social Club.

The display is now in its 16th year and remains one of the most popular events in the village calendar. It began when the Social Club Committee concluded that most residents back gardens were not large or safe enough for most modern fireworks displays—not to mention the cost! The event is now able to take advantage of the new pavilion buildings and children’s play equipment which has been provided in the meantime to add to the overall experience. The Social Club Committee has been through a very difficult period losing key members due to personal circumstances and illness and we are delighted that the evening went well. This is due not only to the work of the committee but also to the support given by members of other village committees and individuals in the community. The display is a major logistical exercise to plan and implement and carries with it tremendous responsibility to put on safely. All the more reason therefore to express our thanks to those who were involved in putting the event on.

It is difficult to name every individual without risking missing someone. I would like to express my thanks to a number of key individuals in the knowledge that they were supported by other volunteers. Our thanks therefore go to:-

- Divisional Fire Commander Sean Taylor for his assistance on risk assessments and regulatory compliance on the night (critical for our insurance cover)
- Michael Sharp as leader of the “fireworks team”. He procured the fireworks (no easy task in an inflationary market where prices had risen markedly from last year), kept them secure until the event and led the wonderful guys in amazing display. (I have to mention the youngest helper Owen Fitzgerald in his digging out the holes).

Photo’s kindly supplied by Lisa Victoria
Mark Woodward and team on barrier and crowd patrol to ensure safety compliance on the public side.

Jack Turner who again led the “bucketeers” so ably at the field entrance. The buckets produced £1607.00 in cash (mostly coin) with the majority of people being prepared to contribute to the event. He joined in the count with three other volunteers who got the totals spot on for banking.

Deanna Hammond who led the kitchen helpers so ably once again to produce brilliant refreshments on the night and with Sue Dix served up a fantastic breakfast for volunteers on the Sunday clear up.

Richard Dix for project monitoring, neighbour notifications, and all round assistance

Sean Topley on the microphone and David Dorey on first aid

Jolene Dixon kept things running smoothly; the bar staff were kept very busy aided again by a side bar run again by two younger helpers Jack Parker and Matthew Harrison.

The several volunteers who turned up to help on the Sunday morning who made the job so much easier.

On the financial side the fireworks cost just over £2000.00 with the bucket collection raising slightly less than last year. The financial shortfall was eased partly from generous sponsorship from:

- Anthony Macken of TW Macken Builders
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The small deficit remaining came from Social Club funds.

My final thanks, of course, goes to all those who turned up to support the event again this year.

This was my first Caythorpe fireworks display as Chairman of the Social Club. Whilst it was very hectic it was also very enjoyable to be involved in such a wonderful village occasion. Once again, based upon the feedback and comments from those attending, I feel the event built upon the successes of previous years. The widespread “oohs” and “aahs” of those watching the display are always rewarding for the organisers and this year was no exception.

Charlene Dixon
Chairman Caythorpe and Frieston Sports and Social Club
In September, John Wilford gave an informative talk illustrating the long life of Gilbert of Sempringham who founded the Gilbertine Order of Nuns, served under 6 Bishops and reputedly died aged 106 years old. John studied Theology at Bristol University where he became interested in the life of Gilbert. He later became an archaeologist and worked in Lincolnshire for 25 years until he was made redundant when funding dried up. He began a second career as a Deacon in the Catholic Church in Lincoln, a family man very interested in Local History.

Gilbert was born around 1083 in the Manor house at Sempringham with a Norman knight Father named Jocelin and an aristocratic English Mother. He was born with several issues, possibly a twisted spine, referred to in later documents. Unable to become a knight, he was sent to the University of Paris to study Theology. He returned in 1120 and started a school for boys and girls and was particularly keen on the education of young women.

Following his fathers’ early death he wanted to use his inheritance to build a modest monastery for men in his local area but no men came forward. He regarded this as a failure of himself, but he had enquiries from many educated women who were keenly interested in joining. On his estate he built a house for ‘seven virgins’ organized as a closed order and following the rule St. Benedict. He engaged village girls to look after the nuns and all seemed well for some time, but problems arose when village girls began distracting the nuns with ‘worldly gossiping’. The girls were replaced by ‘Lay sisters’ and later ‘Lay brothers’ who joined to deal with heavy work, gardening and animals.

This was a time of upheaval in the country, wars fought for the throne by Matilda, daughter of Henry I and her cousin Stephen of Blois, so many people may have preferred the more peaceful life. So many joined that even with extensions to the original building in time his monastery became overcrowded. Seeking further help from Bishop Alexander, Gilbert was given a redundant Cistercian abbey at Haverholme, near Sleaford, which he modified to accommodate both men and women. Gilbert was running the two monasteries but still the only Priest for both, in desperation he went to France to beg the Cistercian Order to take on the administration but they refused on the grounds he included women in his order. With help from Malachii of Armagh and Bernard of Clairvaux, rules where set for running the monasteries which gained the approval of Pope Eugene III. Back in England he advertised for Canons and Priests and many flocked to join. He originally wanted men and women of the communities to serve together but when the scandal of a pregnant nun occurred he was forced to build separating walls within the monasteries.

In his early life he had spent 10 years working for the Bishop of Lincoln and would have walked the streets every day. Today a corner of Lincoln Cathedral is designated to Gilbert and candles...
are permanently lit in his honour. In his lifetime he founded 8 convents for women and 2 monasteries for men plus many more missions. His community in Lincoln was also a hospital with nuns who were nurses. In 1165 Gilbert was charged with aiding Thomas Becket when Thomas fled from King Henry II, but he was eventually found innocent.

After his death in 1189 a move was made to canonise him. New rules had been introduced by Pope Innocent III to prevent the non-deserving being granted had to comply with 3 rules. These were: (1) A full biography; (2) Testimonies by local and national notables including Monarchs, Royal and State authorities; (3) Miracles – evidence of God’s special favour. Gilbert was the first to be canonised under the new rules in 1202 having satisfied the Pope with evidence of his birth, a life given over to the service of others and approximately 46 miracles occurring at his shrine at Sempringham.

However, his order did not survive the Reformation of Henry VIII and did not maintain an influence in Europe.

Forthcoming events

30th November - Visit to Bomber Command (daytime)


Visitors are welcome at most meetings, when we have guest speakers. Our Annual Subscription fee is £20.00 per annum with all meetings free to members. A charge of £3.00 each meeting is made for visitors. We meet at 7.30pm the last Friday of the month at Fulbeck Village Hall, unless otherwise stated. Tea, coffee and biscuits included.

Carlton Scroop Parish Charities

The Carlton Scroop Parish Charities is a single charity, made up of 3 original charities dating back as far as 1748. There are 5 Trustees of the Charity who administer just over 5 acres of land held by the Charity in Carlton Scroop and manage the finances.

The original purpose of the Charities was to support the poor and the needy. This has been expanded over the years to support projects that benefit the community in both Carlton Scroop and Normanton. Recent projects supported by the Charity included a contribution to the Traffic Reduction Speed signs in the two villages and the purchase of a Defibrillator for the redundant phone box in Normanton.

As we approach Christmas, should anyone be aware of any resident in Carlton Scroop or Normanton who may need some form of financial support or could benefit from help through the Charity, please contact one of the Trustees on 01400 250154 or e mail CSCharities@mail.com

Alan Thomas
Chairman
Carlton Scroop Parish Charities
Parish precept 2019/20...
Your Parish Council are looking to increase the annual Parish precept paid by all house holders by no more than 2% with effect from April next year. The proposed level of increase means that Band D payers would see their annual bill increase by £1.15 to £57.49 per annum. The final decision will not be taken until your Parish Council next meets in January 2019. If you have any comments that you would like to make about this proposed level of increase or require a copy of our detailed budget please do not hesitate to contact either the Parish Clerk or any member of your council.

Parish Council vacancies...
As mentioned in the October edition of News & Views there will be a number of vacancies in May next year as a result of current members of your Parish Council standing down. If you are considering standing as a Parish Cllr. and require more details please do not hesitate to contact any of the above.

Someone else will do it...
The excellent article written by our joint Editor Laura spelt out very clearly that the current level of volunteering by a small number of members of our community will be changing next year. To do nothing about this situation is of course an option but without doubt that will result in a number of events and activities that we all currently enjoy coming to an end.

Forthcoming meeting...
The next meeting of your Parish Council will be on January 9th 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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Have you ever felt that your life reflects the seasons? Once we move into December winter really is upon us, and will be here for three months or so. There’ll be days of bright sunshine, when even the air seems to sparkle, and when snow transforms the landscape into a wonderland. But there’ll be days when the Lincolnshire ‘lazy wind’ chills us, and we see only bare earth and leafless trees. We wonder if spring will ever come. Even the words we use to describe winter weather reflect its nature; they’re short, sharp words, as if there isn’t the energy to use longer words; ice, sleet, snow, freeze, wind, chill, frost, cold. We concentrate more on bare essentials, like keeping warm, getting enough food.

The personal winters of our lives can be desert places, scary, cold, barren. They come when life gets hard, there’s too much pressure, when there’s been a loss or catastrophe, and we seem to be falling apart. It’s hard to hold on to the hope of spring coming, of new life, of resurrection, whether in this life or the next.

Yet Winter, in nature, and often in our souls, is a time to rest and wait. The land has worked hard to bring its harvest, it may have exhausted its resources. Now’s the time to rest, to lie fallow, to recoup.

Sometimes we’ve given out so much, or so much has been taken from us, that there’s no energy left to start to take in again. All we can do is to rest; rest physically and mentally, but also rest spiritually. Not try hard to build up our spiritual resources, but just to lie back trusting that in his own good way and time, God's spirit will again stir in us.

In our country the frost doesn’t go down very deep into the earth. Not far down the earth remains unfrozen, warmer than the surface, though if you asked the surface it may say that it's completely unaware of the warmth at depth!

As far as the soil is concerned, although it seems bare, much is happening when it lies fallow. The decaying vegetable matter is being drawn into the earth, being decomposed by the teeming microbial life of the soil. It's being broken down into humus, to be held around the mineral component to form fertile soil, ready for the season of new growth.

We have the certainty that in God's economy nothing is wasted. Things have to die to allow new growth. And in the letting go and resting and waiting of the winter times of our lives, I believe we can trust that God is at work, unseen, preparing the soil of our lives for the new
season. Gentle work, unperceived on the surface, but taking place all the same. Until it’s time for new life, for spring, for resurrection, in this life or the next.

The keywords for the winter seasons of our personal lives are:

- letting go
- resting
- Trusting

until we see the shoots of new life.

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Caythorpe Pre-school

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

- Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please come and take advantage, if eligible, of the new 30 hours government childcare funding which started last September. 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, we currently take children from 2 years old. You can contact us on caythorpepreschool@gmail.com any time, call in or give us a ring on 01400 272036 during term time.
The Prince of Wales has achieved his “three score years and ten”: I offer him my congratulations. Every year the Order of the Bath has a social evening for Knights, Dames and Companions of the Order in Westminster Abbey as the King Henry VII Chapel is the chapel of the Order. The Prince of Wales is the Great Master of the Order. I remember one such evening when my wife was unable to join me and my daughter, Helen, who was just eighteen, deputised for her. As we stood in the chapel admiring the magnificent fan vaulting, an usher announced, “Make way for the Great Master” as the Dean escorted Prince Charles into the chapel. He chatted to members of the Order as he made his way around the chapel, and then he recognized me in my clerical collar and came over to shake hands. I presented Helen and said, “She is deputising for her Mum this evening.” He turned to Helen and said, “Standing in for Mum? That’s a culture shock – I do it myself sometimes!”

Throughout north-west Europe, and all over the English-speaking world, December will be ruled by the acquisition of expensive and largely unnecessary items which will be given as Christmas presents to members of the family and friends or kept for personal use. Even more cash – or rather credit cards – will be handed over the counters of supermarkets and on-line outlets to buy food and drinks. Since early in October hotels and restaurants have been enticing us to reserve seats at their Christmas Festive extravaganzas at exorbitant prices. They give the impression that we cannot possibly enjoy Christmas without the glitz, glamour and tinsel.

If by now you think that the old Rector is crying “Bah! Humbug” at all the merry-making, you are wrong. Those of you who know me well will know that I enjoy making merry as much as anyone else. What makes me sad is that we used the birthday of Jesus Christ as the excuse for such absurd expense. What makes me mad is that all this goes on while there are men, women and children in the margins of our society who would beg for crumbs from the table of the merry-makers if only they were noticed.

When the Archangel told the shepherds about the birth of Christ, he gave no instruction to the shepherds to go shopping for all the ingredients for a tribal feast; no directions to visit Abu John Lewis’ bazaar to buy gifts for the holy family; not a word about singing a few carols in Manger Square before seeing the baby in the grotto. No mention of housewives grey with exhaustive shopping, nor of husbands red-faced with over-indulgence. The archangel merely said, “To you is born .. a Saviour.”

In her poem of 1872, Christina Rossetti reminds us that Christ came into the world with nothing resembling an English home today – “In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, a breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay.” It was Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh who said, “All a human being needs is food in his stomach and a shelter over his head: the rest is theft.” How right he is; if we scaled down the money we spend on luxuries we could afford to ensure that folk in our community have food and shelter, and not only in the bleak midwinter.
My question to you is this: what are you going to do about the creator of all things coming in human form for you? Is it going to make any real difference to your life? This is the bottom line of Christmas celebration. Until we get this sorted out nothing else matters. “To you is born . . . a Saviour.”

The important thing is not the manic panic of last-minute shopping; but what is in your heart. I want you to realize that the baby whose birth we are preparing to celebrate was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, and was murdered in Jerusalem, and did it all for you, so that you would not be overwhelmed by sin and evil. He lived a good life to demonstrate that it is possible for all human beings to live a good life, and kick wickedness and evil into the long grass. He was perfect love and perfect humanity. He was God in a way we can understand—a human way. In his poem, “On the Morning of Christ’s Nativity”, John Milton relates the plain truth:

“This is the month, and this the happy morn, Wherein the Son of Heav’n’s Eternal King, Of wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born, Our great redemption from above did bring; For so the holy sages once did sing, That he our deadly forfeit should release, And with his Father work us a perpetual peace.

That glorious form, that life unsufferable, And that far-beaming blaze of majesty, Wherewith he wont at Heav’n’s high council-table To sit the midst of Trinal Unity, He laid aside; and here with us to be, Forsook the courts of everlasting day, And chose with us a darksome house of mortal clay.”

Jesus Christ “Forsook the courts of everlasting day, and chose with us a darksome house of mortal clay”, or in the words of Charles Wesley, Jesus was “Pleased as Man, with man to dwell” to show us how we ought to live our life. It is easy for the crowds in the street to go dewey-eyed over shepherds and mangers and carols and cribs; and the birth of a poor baby. But that is not enough: we also have to accept the life and death—especially the death—that this child was to endure. There is no pick and mix. We have to follow him to the very end, and beyond.

For if we really try to follow Christ in living our life as he would wish us to live it, then death shall have no dominion over us. If we do our best as Christian men and women, then nothing can harm our soul. For the good news is this: “To you is born a Saviour.”

The Child whose birth we celebrate was

“Born that we no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give us second birth.

So let us

“Hark! The Herald-angels sing GLORY to the new-born King.”

I wish you a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmastide.

Brian Lucas (The last Rector of Caythorpe)
November was a time of remembrance. The Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Souls, and we also remembered the end of the First World War. There was not a single family in Britain, France and Germany unacquainted with grief; nor a corner of life unaffected. I was in Boston Stump for a festival of remembrance that included several exhibits about the impact of the war on the lives of the people of Boston.

For me the most graphic image was a street map of Boston in 1918 on which a black dot had been placed on each house where a family member had died in that conflict. Boston was much smaller then, but there was hardly a house without one or more dots – 200 in all. Rather than people returning to a land fit for heroes, the soldiers who returned came home to unemployment and to a nation that did not show gratitude to those who fought for it. We have begun to learn this lesson. War also led us to understand the nature of God in a different way.

During the war itself and in the decades that followed we uncovered something new in our understanding of God. Put simply: if God is loving and all-powerful, how could evil be allowed to flourish on this devastating scale? And why would we continue to trust in a God indifferent to our fate?

One person who wrestled with these questions was Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy. He was an army chaplain who earned the nickname Woodbine Willie for handing out cigarettes to the troops at the same time as copies of the New Testament. Woodbine Willie insisted on being on the front line with the troops whenever he could. Those battlefield experiences forced him to confront depths of evil and suffering which few of us will ever see. Having entered the war with a secure faith in God and an abstract notion of evil, he ended it being absolutely certain of the existence of evil as a real force at work in the world. The challenge, then, was to find a way to reconcile all that he had seen in the trenches with the existence of a God who was worth believing in.

For Woodbine Willie, hope came with an understanding that God was no longer the almighty force of his pre-war understanding, able to prevent humans from harming one another if he so chose. Instead, God was present in the heat of battle, suffering along with humanity, in the intolerable conditions of the trenches, in the endless slaughter of young lives. God was characterised not by force and power, but by love; no longer remote from all that was going on, but intimately connected with it and suffering through it.

God has planted in each one of us the greatest potential for love; and yet, evil exists and because evil often expresses itself in violence it has to be confronted with force and violence, whether between nations or within a nation. After the war, despite everything he had seen, Woodbine Willie was able to write, ‘The universe is as an “unfinished movement” in which the underlying melody is love.’ The God we believe in brings love out of hate; light out of darkness; justice out of oppression; good out of evil; life out of death. This is our God, and his name is Love. Our acts of remembrance during November helped us to prepare for the season of advent as we remember the first coming of Christ and prepare for his second coming. To remember helps us to be mindful of what it means for Christ to be born in us today.

With every blessing, +Christopher
Shout-Out

This shout-out goes to Sean, Caythorpe’s Champion Postman, who made sure that all of the Caythorpe children who were expecting their 11+ results had them early on the day in question, not only that, he messaged on the Caythorpe Village Facebook page to check if he’d missed anyone - Top Job Sean!

Mandy & Bob Greybrook would like to extend their thanks to all who helped with the supply of the stunning display of Poppy Wreaths on the Village Lamp posts.


The Metheringham Family would like to extend a big thank you to the people of Caythorpe for helping us during this very difficult time. Your kindness and concern for our family means a great deal to us. We appreciate all the love and support you have extended to us during this period of sadness. Thank you to everyone who sent condolence cards.

Mags was a very special lady and we shall miss her dearly.

On behalf of the Newark Choral Society I should like to thank everyone who supported our recent concert to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of the first world war. The retiring collection raised £234.45 for the Royal British Legion. Our next concert will be a performance of Elijah by Mendelssohn in April 2019 and we look forward to your support next year. Liz Moses

News & Views would like to thank Canon Valerie for all of her contributions to News & Views as this months article will be her final one. Thank you Valerie.

On a final note for this year, I’d just like to take the time to thank you all for the wonderful reception that you’ve afforded Pete and I when we took over as new Editors of this fabulous magazine. We love producing the magazine, we do have creative differences but always come to an agreement on what looks best (I tell him it’s my way as that looks better ;))!

The lovely comments and emails are fantastic and help us know that we are doing the right thing. We are looking forward to another busy year, keeping you all up to date with all the local News & Views. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all xxx Laura
St Vincent’s Church Floodlighting
Should you wish to have Caythorpe Church Floodlit for your Celebration or Remembrance, please contact Mary Siddans 01400 272371

Flowers By...
December - Advent
No flowers until Christmas - Flower Guild

St Vincent’s Church Prayer Group
Mondays 10th December 14th & 28th January
3pm at St Vincents All Welcome
Coffee/Tea available afterwards. There is a box into which you may drop your Prayer requests. The church is open daily for prayer and reflection. There are resources on display to guide and strengthen you in your prayer time.

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Sunday 23rd December
Mr & Mrs Brown

Monday 24th December
Mr & Mrs Scott

Sunday 13th January 2019
Mrs J Russell & Miss Wills

Sunday 27th January
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Holy Trinity Catholic Church - Newark
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10am & 6pm Sunday Mass

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1. In which century did artists Joshua Reynolds and Thomas Gainsborough live?
2. How many years of marriage are celebrated in a coral wedding?
3. Which is the northernmost capital city on the mainland of Europe?
4. Which monarch was the subject of the film The Madness of King George?
5. The name of the Greek philosopher Aristotle is used in Cockney rhyming slang to refer to what object?
6. Which former French international striker is the recently-appointed manager of AS Monaco?
7. The All-England Club has announced that final set tie-breaks are to be introduced at Wimbledon, to be played when the match reaches what score in that set?
8. Who is the only one of the four Beatles never to have had a solo UK number one singer?
9. If you add the number of main numbers and the number of lucky star numbers used in the EuroMillions draw, what number do you get?
10. Which driving routine is abbreviated as MSM?
11. In the Old Testament, who was the father of King Solomon?
12. What was the name of the symbols used as letters by peoples such as the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings?
13. In which country does the Mekong Rover, the longest in South-East Asia, reach the sea?
14. Give either of the forenames of children’s author A. A. Milne.
15. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, which letter is the least used in English words, at 0.1962% of the whole?

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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 - 20
- Average - 23
- Good - 26
- Excellent - 29
Quiz Time Answers

1. Eighteenth (Reynolds 1723-92, Gainsborough 1727-88)   2. 35  3. Helsinki
   (50 in the main + 12 lucky stars)    10. Mirror Signal Manoeuvre

What’s brown and sounds like a bell? Dung!
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You know, the rotation of the Earth really makes my day!

Sudoku

Word Cube

PMG, Pape, Panache, Panic, Panic, Peach
Manc, Mean, Nape, Nape, Peach, Peach, Peach, Peach, Peach, Peach
Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape
Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape, Cape

What do you call a lady who juggles pints while playing Snooker? Beatrix Potter!

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7pm - 9pm

Saturday 2 February 2019
Live band ‘Olga and the Pugs’ 7pm - 10pm

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EVERY SUNDAY
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