

# View from the Hill

Thorpe on the Hill News

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The next edition will be at the beginning of **June** and any contributions are welcome. Cut off date for **submissions will be Friday 17th May**. Anyone who would like to contribute to the magazine please do so through [viewfromthehillpub@gmail.com](mailto:viewfromthehillpub@gmail.com) or, if you wish to place an advert, then email [Chris.abrahams@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:Chris.abrahams@btinternet.co.uk) .



# From the Editor

Hi Everybody!

Welcome to Spring 2024.

It's been lovely walking through the village seeing all those wonderful daffodils in the gardens, and I am sure we are all relishing the longer day light hours. Thanks to the Scouts for their bulb planting last year at the Eric East Lake. As the front cover shows there is a wonderful display of daffodils.

Unfortunately due to building works there will be no Umbrellas this month (ie April) and despite missing the first Friday in May, because of the building works, Umbrellas has hopefully been able to book for the 10th May; fingers crossed the work will be completed!!

Sadly two of the most famous dogs in the village, Dram and Willoughby, have passed away since the last issue, but we have some happy memories in the magazine. For all of us who have had to say goodbye to our lovely pets, let us remember our happy memories.

Due to my error, the presentation to Bob Sheldon, the Freedom of the Village was omitted from the last issue so I have included the photographic memory (page 30) of that day. Belated congratulations to Bob, who has now joined Ron Bradford as a Free man of the village,

## Details of future events

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Plus remember to check the Railway Inn poster for their events, page 18

As usual thank you to all our contributors, and Steve Jones for his invaluable support in putting the newsletter together.

Sylvia

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## Umbrellas Community Café

**Important update.....**

**The next Café will be on 10th May**

Unfortunately, due to the extension work going on at the Oliver Roper, **Umbrellas won't be holding a cafe in April**. However, all being well, we will be back, bigger and better on 10th May,, subject to the hall being ready.

In the meantime, we will be working on our new rented rooms off Whisby Way. Once these are open, we would like to invite you down to see where their money goes and what you are helping to fund. Look out for a flyer coming through your door soon with more details.....

## The Village Library

Cold and winter weather generally means staying in the warm, and the best days are with a good book. Did you know we have a mobile library which comes to the village each month, parking on the corner of School Lane and Lincoln Lane. Next visits are 10:30 on 11th April and the 9th May.

The van is usually stocked with a good selection of books, or you can order online from the Lincolnshire-wide library system to reserve something for pick-up:

<https://prism.librarymanagementcloud.co.uk/lincolnshire>

Failing that, James, our local librarian, will always recommend something for you.

# Love your Parish - ThReds Book Club

## Book 57

### Grey Bees by Andrey Kurkov (7.0/10)

(23rd February, 2024)



The wikipedia website says:

*“Originally published in 2018, it was translated by Boris Dralyuk and published in English in 2020 and 2022. This novel has “elements of both the fable and the epic”, and it dramatises the conflict in Ukraine through the adventures of a beekeeper.”*

And from the Times Literary Supplement website:

*“Translated by Boris Dralyuk with sensitivity and ingenuity, Grey Bees centres on Sergey’s journey, beehives in tow, from his home in the “grey zone” between the frontlines in Donbas to Crimea, where he seeks out his old friend and fellow beekeeper, Akhtem. Sergey is at once a war-weary adventurer and a fairy-tale innocent, a cross between Odysseus and a Slavic holy fool. As he overcomes various obstacles, from traumatized Ukrainian veterans to Russian mercenaries and propaganda television crews, his naive gaze allows Kurkov to get to the heart of*

*a country bewildered by crisis and war, but where kindness can still be found.”*

I was unable to attend this meeting so my thanks to Zoë for the following:

We scored Bees 7 and people were largely positive and liked:

- the linear narrative - no more to/fro time-splitting!
- that it managed to tell its story without being too bleak
- how we felt invested in the characters and wanted good outcomes
- the wry humour helped to frame the war - frenemies, the shoes, the car with no windows, changing street names on a whim
- how isolated communities fared in these situations, and the strength of neighbourhood
- the bees!

But we also felt it somehow normalised some aspects of war and poked fun at it at times, and there were some tense moments in the journey to Russia across borders. Others felt frustrated at the episodic style of writing which didn't 'go' anywhere.

Overall another lovely afternoon, hosted by Nick and his Chatsworth House Cake which went down a treat.

The next book is A Man Called Ove by Frederik Backman.

For more information about the ThReds Book Club contact me at

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# Love your Parish



## Making Room for Wildlife Wildlife at the Eric East Lake

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### The Eric East Lake

There has been a lot of bulb planting during the autumn and winter. You may recall the Tenby daffodils planted by the scouts at the end of 2023. These have been very successful as the following photographs show.



At the same time, some aconites were planted in a similar part of the lake and these have been gently poking their heads above the ground.



In early 2024 we planted several “In the Green” varieties in the area near the footpath to the railway line. These included snowdrops, all of which flowered very well.

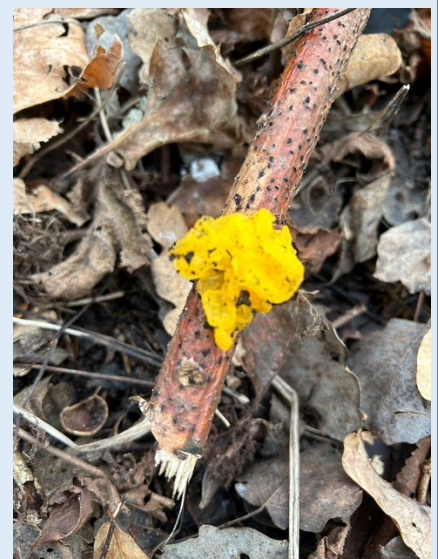
We also planted wild garlic (one has flowered) and wood anemones. In addition, we planted some more bluebells and these have yet to make an appearance.



The crocuses flourished beneath the walnut tree in the south east corner.

As a reminder, very few plants can survive beneath a walnut tree but crocuses can.

I’m always grateful to residents who send photographs of more unusual sightings at the lake. The following photograph shows Witch’s (Witches’) Butter Fungus which appears to be edible. (If you’re tempted, double check and be absolutely certain that you have identified it correctly!)







The Natural World Centre

# A WARM WELCOME AWAITS

**NEW OPENING  
TIMES  
10.00am-4.00pm**

## Boardwalk Bistro

with Dog Friendly tables in the reception, shop area

## Lincolnshire Makers Gift Shop

## Cygnets Suite

for corporate and social hire

Quote 'VFTH' to receive 20% off room hire

Little Darters Outdoor Adventure  
Otters Reach Adventure Play\*  
areas

## Go Wild Children's Parties

\*charges apply

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**Open Daily**  
**10.00am-4.00pm**

**Please note our  
NEW opening times  
as of the 1st April 2024.**

## **Events Coming Up**

### **Mixed Media Art Workshop: Thursday 16th May at 10.30am**

Ideal for anyone who wishes to develop their art skills. Following a brief walk on the reserve we return to the centre experimenting with watercolour washes, pen and ink drawings and finally some embroidery. £60.00 per person

### **Fathers Day Breakfast and Walk**

Treat the man in your life to our BIG DADDY breakfast followed by a led walk as part of the NKWalking Festival 2024.

BIG Daddy Breakfast - £15.00 Full English Breakfast - £10.00 Small Breakfast - £7.50  
Includes tea or coffee



### **Green Sketching Workshop: Saturday 13th July at 10.30am**

Green sketching is an art movement that is helping to make the incredible benefits of sketching nature accessible to all. Heading onto the reserve to immerse yourself in our beautiful nature. £25.00 per person

### **Children's Green Man Printing Workshop: Friday 9th August at 10.30am**

Taking inspiration from the mythical character, the green man, play with leaf printing methods and facial drawing to create a final master piece. Must be over 6 years old to attend. £15.00

Follow us on social media for more exciting events and activities.

**We look forward to welcoming  
you very soon!**



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**\*This voucher must be presented to qualify.  
No photocopies will be accepted.**





# Love Your Parish - International Women's Day

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all inspire inclusion.

Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness about discrimination. Take action to drive gender parity.

Below are some photos of the Women's Day celebration in TOTH where loads of lovely cake and cups of tea and coffee were consumed at Zoe's



home





# Jamie's Legacy

## Garden Party

@ 15 Fosse Lane, Thorpe on the Hill, Lincoln, LN6 9BE

*(Opposite the church) – Village Residents Welcome*

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 11am to 4pm, £2 entry, kids free



& coffee ☺



Hot Dogs



DJ's Adam Freshney

& Richie Green



All profits go towards supporting the new school in Uganda that opens in Feb'25 to provide essential teaching equipment.

For the majority of the 62 children that Jamie's Legacy currently sponsor the new boarding school will provide a safe haven away from the slums to become educated.

A library, which looks out over the grounds and countryside, is being named in Jamie's memory.



Learn more about Jamie's Legacy

on our  page:

'Jamie's Legacy Supporting Cefovid'

.. or contact [alecdperkins@outlook.com](mailto:alecdperkins@outlook.com) / 07921 682828

All funds raised go directly to Jamie's Legacy to support the children's charity Cefovid

Raffle with

'BIG'

Prizes

Craft, Book  
& Plant  
Stalls



Would you like to donate some plants or a prize for the Raffle/ Tombola?

Please contact Julie or Alec



# Love your Parish – Jamie’s Legacy

## Thorpe on the Hill residents give children in Uganda an incredible opportunity in life



*Mary’s father died as the family couldn’t afford doctors fees and her mother struggles to feed the family*

Born into the slums of Kampala children are unable to attend school due to the financial poverty families endure. Many survive on a single meal of oats a day & the outlook is bleak. However, nine children have had their lives changed forever with their entire schooling education being sponsored by a handful of kind residents and St Michael & All Angels church in TOTH.

Gaining an education is the only way anyone can work their way out of the slums & an education once acquired can never be taken away.

In addition, the children receive a hot school meal providing them the daily nutrition they so desperately need.



*5 year old Humphrey, sponsored by St Michael & All Angels Church, outside his home and on first day at school*



*Lucy attending school*



*Young Jonathan is so happy to be able to go to school with his friends*

It costs just £200 a year to provide a child the chance to attend school & the life changing opportunity to gain an education & daily nutritional food.

Alec & Julie established Jamie’s Legacy after tragically losing their youngest son, Jamie, in 2020. Their aim in Jamie’s memory is to bring some joy to children born into such horrendous living conditions. Very few children live with both parents & some are orphans. Jamie’s Legacy now supports a total of 63 children since being established in 2021.

*‘Boney’ the most recent sponsored child*





# Love your Parish – Jamie's Legacy



*Rebecca wants to become a teacher*



*Shamirah in her uniform*



*Young Alfred receiving a new mattress & dressed for school*



In February 2025, the new Kosovo Hope Boarding School will open. Located one hour outside Kampala, the majority of sponsored children will board during term time providing a safe haven for them to live & gain their education away from the poverty of the slums.

The new school have offered to dedicate their library, which will be located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor looking across the school & surrounding land, to Jamie's memory. Funds raised at JL's Garden Party on Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May (TOTH residents invited) will go towards furnishing the library for the children.



*Faith was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child sponsored through Jamie's Legacy by Alec & Julie and now really flourishing at school*

JL are launching a funding scheme where Businesses can make a donation & have a plaque placed in the library next to Jamie's memorial in recognition of their generosity for making this happen for the children. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact Julie or Alec

Should you wish to learn more about Jamie's Legacy do visit 'Jamie's Legacy Support Cefovid' Facebook group or contact Alec or Julie Perkins – 15 Fosse Lane – 07921 582828



Love your Parish



# MINI ST MICHAEL'S THORPE-ON-THE-HILL



**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP**

**MONDAYS 1:45-3PM TERM TIME**

**ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH THORPE-  
ON-THE-HILL**

**CHILDREN AGED 0-5 AND THEIR CARERS.**

**CRAFTS, MUSIC SNACKS AND MORE**

**SUGGESTED DONATION £1.50**

**NEW**



Mini St Michael's



# Love your Parish

A fun time is had by all.....





# CHEESE AND WINE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR  
WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT WITH  
LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL  
7.30PM

Tickets £15 available from Felicity or Laura  
St Michael & all Angels Church  
Thorpe on the Hill

Raising money for Laura's Leeds marathon run  
on 12th May in aid of Shwachman Diamond  
Syndrome. For more details visit Laura's Just  
Giving Page  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/laura-woods>







**SATURDAY 4TH  
MAY 2024  
10AM - 1PM**

# PLANT FAIR

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH  
THORPE ON THE HILL**

**WIDE RANGE OF PERENNIALS,  
ANNUALS AND VEGETABLE PLANTS  
AVAILABLE**

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**TEA . COFFEE & CAKE  
RAFFLE  
CAKE STALL**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO THE  
CHURCH**



# Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Education Centre

## Spring Spotters Guide to Whisby

Spring is already in the air at Whisby Nature Reserve with the Black-headed Gulls filling the air with their raucous calls, I think it sounds like they're laughing at us, Chiffchaffs are "chiffchaffing" from various hidden perches, Oyster Catchers are flying over shouting "P'tEEP!" to anyone who will listen, and the flowers are starting to bloom. Over the next few months the Reserve will start to come to life each day, here are some of the things you might spot...

### **April**

March and April are the months of sunshine flowers with most flowering plants being either yellow or white. This is because the flowers are adapted to be attractive to the species that pollinate them, in early spring that's mainly flies who lack a large spectrum of colour vision. White and yellow reflect plenty of light which will draw the pollinators in. The sides of the Pike Drain on Coot and Grebe Lake will shortly be full of Lesser Celandine blooms. These flowers close tightly in bad weather and open in the sunshine, hopefully we'll get to see them in the sunshine.

Last year was a really good year for Cowslips, and we saw more on the Reserve than we've ever seen before. To prevent these delicate flowers being trampled we might rope off some verges and small meadows so that they can bloom and set seed.



Many of our nesting birds will arrive throughout March and April adding to the song you'll hear out and about. Here at Whisby we have a large collection of Warblers so listen out for Willow Warblers, Blackcaps, Reed Warblers and Garden Warblers around the Reserve.

# Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

## May

In May our meadows start to kick off for the season and you'll see plenty of plants starting to make their dash for the sun! Don't forget to look for the small plants like Changing Forget-me-not or tiny Bird's-foot up on the Sandhills.

Towards the end of the month and into June Orchids will start to make their appearance Starting with Bee and Southern Marsh-



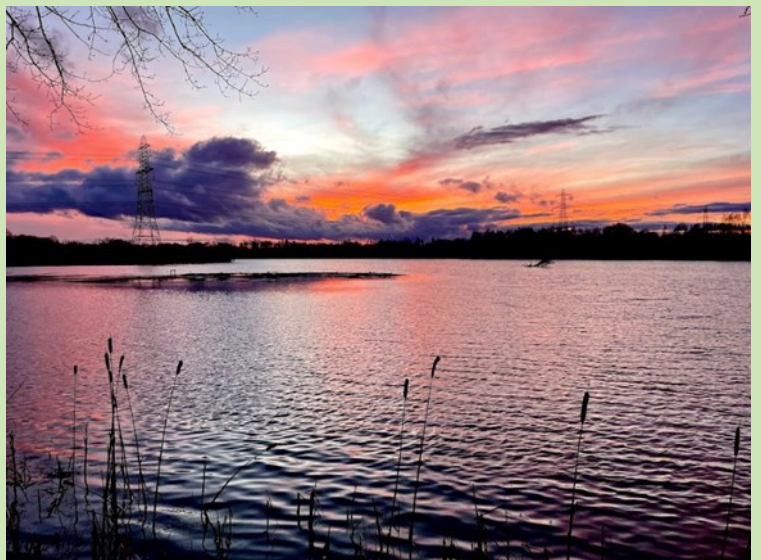
orchids then following onto Common Spotted-orchids in June. The best place at Whisby to look out for Bee Orchids is the bridge over the railway line where they pop up under the fence, but these disturbance loving orchids have a habit of popping up in the most unlikely of places so keep your eyes peeled when you're out and about!

As spring progresses the bird song around the reserve will become richer and more complex as more and more songsters add their voices to the chorus culminating in International Dawn Chorus Day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of May. We will be running a guided walk at Whisby on this date to celebrate the return of our songbirds and share them with you. If you are interested go to our website for more information and to book your place <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/events> Also keep an eye out for our new Monthly Workshops at the Education Centre.

Emily Summerlin

Interested in seeing what's on and coming to an event?

Visit [www.lincstrust.org.uk/events](https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/events) to find out more





# 2024 Band Nights

@ *The Railway Inn*

**20**  
APR

**18**  
MAY

DISCO INFERNO

HICKSVILLE BOMBERS

**22**  
JUNE

THE OTHER COUNTRY

NAUGHTY STEP

**27**  
JULY

PUNCH THE MONKEY

DISCO NIGHT & KARAOKE

**25**  
AUG

**31**  
DEC

Station Road  
Thorpe on the Hill  
Lincoln  
LN6 9BS

*camping and accommodation available*

## The Railway Inn - Community Fundraising Hero- Winner

2024 started off on a really positive note for the team.

We were notified in early February that The Railway Inn had been shortlisted as 1 of 24 finalists for the PubAid Community Pub Hero Awards 2024. This in itself was a huge achievement as nearly 1,000 entries had been put forward.



PubAid was founded in 2009 by a number of senior pub industry figures. They work with press, broadcast media, social channels, MPs and others to highlight the great work carried out day in, day out, by licensees, their teams and their customers, in pubs across the country.

Pubs provide invaluable financial, practical and emotional support for a range of charities, good causes and local people. Pubs raise more than £100 million every year for charity and donate a further £40 million in funds or in-kind support to grassroots sports.

Dave and Mike were invited to attend the Houses of Parliament on 5<sup>th</sup> March where the winners were announced. They were thrilled and astonished (and a little shocked!!) to hear that The Railway Inn had won.....

### COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING HERO 2024 (England)

They accepted this award on behalf of all the customers and staff for their support over the past 30 months, not only for their fundraising efforts, but also for their continued custom.



*"There's no doubt that local pubs still hold a special place local in the heart and soul of our nations and speaks volumes about the integral role pubs play in their communities far exceeding their conventional function as just some where to go for a drink."*

### Charitable Donations to Date

**£8,292.59**



# St Michael's Church of England Primary School

World Book Day was celebrated in style – we all got cosy and dressed in pyjamas for the day as well as bringing our favourite teddy and sharing our favourite book. We also made reading dens to get snuggly in and share our books! We were fortunate to have two visiting authors in school – Hannah Gold and Anna Terroros-Martin – the children learnt about being an author, how authors get their idea as well as coming up with illustrations – it was a great day and visit for us all! We were very fortunate that our Friends of School funded these two visits.

Friends of School are also organising their first Silent Disco – I am sure that it will be great fun!

We have entered many sporting events this term including cross country and swimming galas – 3 of our teams qualified for the finals which is a great achievement.

The week before the Easter holidays will be our school Easter week and we will be celebrating Easter in all its fullness! You will see us at the church and around the village on our pilgrimage linked to the stations of the cross. We warmly invite villagers and locals into school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9am for coffee and to see our Easter work.

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor – this is a great opportunity to get involved in the life of

school, spend time talking to children as you serve them lunch as well as playing games on the playground. Why not get in touch?

We hope that prospective parents can see what we are all about at St Michael's and would love to welcome you to come and have a look around.

Please contact school on 01522 681923 or [enquiries@stmichaels.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmichaels.lincs.sch.uk) and we will be happy to help you.

We have spaces in some year groups so why not get in touch and come and see what makes St Michael's such a special place to grow and learn!



# St Michael's Church of England Primary School





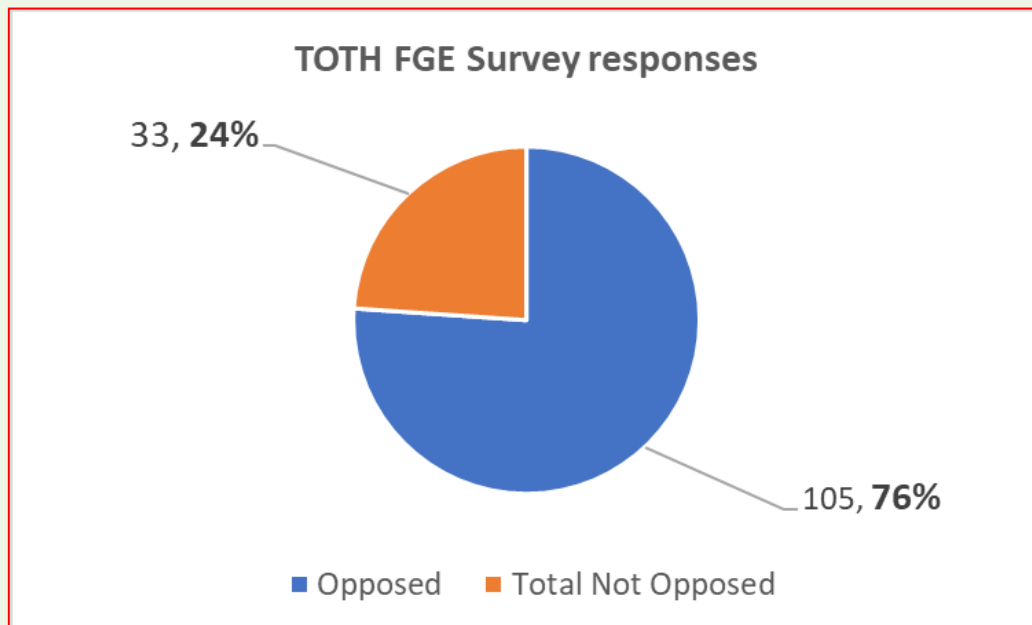
# Fosse Green Solar Farm

## Residents Survey February 2024

Following the public meeting that was held in early January, a small group of residents met to explore setting up an Action Group to oppose the proposed Solar Farm. Before proceeding it was agreed that we should seek the views of villagers by asking them directly.

A house-to-house survey was conducted and 196 of the approximate 230 households in the village were canvassed. Of these, 137 households were available and provided a response.

The results are summarised in the pie chart below and showed 76% of residents were opposed to the proposed development with the remaining 24% undecided, or in favour.



Most residents stressed they were not opposed in principle to solar panels, and recognised the need to respond to the climate crisis. But the sheer scale of the proposed development and its consumption of productive farmland close to villages is of great concern.

Thank you for support if responded to this exercise. If you missed out and would like to take part, please drop the Parish Clerk a short email [tothparish@gmail.com](mailto:tothparish@gmail.com); and we will contact you to complete the process.

If you would like to be kept informed of developments and have not already provided an email address, please contact the Parish Clerk, alternatively, if you are already receiving emails and no longer wish to do so, similarly please let the Parish Clerk know.

# Volunteering: IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK.

**AT ANY AGE**

**Flexible volunteering to suit you**



**Our group includes**

**Squirrels  
Beavers  
Cubs  
Scouts**

**Boys & Girls aged  
4 - 14**

**Support young people to develop  
"Skills for Life"**



**Scouts**  
**27th Lincoln**  
**Thorpe-on-the-Hill**

**For further information on this  
exciting opportunity email:**

**Oliver Chapple - [oliver@27thlincolnscouts.org.uk](mailto:oliver@27thlincolnscouts.org.uk)  
Ray Twell - [ray@27thlincolnscouts.org.uk](mailto:ray@27thlincolnscouts.org.uk)  
Fran Firth - [fran@27thlincolnscouts.org.uk](mailto:fran@27thlincolnscouts.org.uk)**

**Make a New Year's resolution to volunteer some time**



## Willoughby

This is our dog Willoughby. He was almost 16 years when he left us. He did lots of exciting things with us. We love our Willoughby.

From Harriet xxx



## DRAM

I said "Goodbye " to Dram on 22nd February. He was 11 and a half years old.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all his many village friends (both human and canine) who helped to make his life a truly happy one. I count myself very lucky to have found him all those years ago, in dubious stables somewhere beyond Bradford. He was the cheapest Border Collie puppy on the internet and proved to be worth every penny!

Thank you all.

Annie Houghton

Memories of Dram by Caroline and Tony Magri

Dram was our favourite dog and the perfect neighbour. He was a regular visitor to our house, occasionally staying overnight. He quickly made it clear that he slept on the bedroom floor and not in the kitchen. He would sometimes be staying with us when we had family visitors. They were always amazed at how intelligent and well behaved he was. Most of us would meet a dog like Dram only once in a lifetime, a village legend. We miss him



Memories of Dram by Sylvia

Dram will always be part of my positive memories of Thorpe.... living across the road from him, and always saying hello to me when I passed his home. He was always ready for a play or a cuddle, welcoming me to his home so Annie had to make me a cup of tea



# Our Church

A Village Church in Lincolnshire  
Upon a hilltop small  
Commands a view of homes and trees  
Its flag upon the flagpole  
Blowing gently in the breeze.

The roses by the pathway  
Give off a fragrant smell  
The garden in the corner  
Looks very swell  
Its wooden bench is just the place  
To sit and have a rest  
And in the springtime sunshine  
Watch the birds prepare their nest

It's quiet and peaceful in the Church  
With plaques from World War One  
Young village lads who gave their lives  
To ensure the war was won  
The cross upon the altar stands  
By candles flickering light  
The pedestal bears flowers of pink and mauve  
With pulpit at its side.

Whilst the lectern font and pews  
Within the nave abide  
The organ came from Swallowbeck  
St George's to be true  
But now played most beautifully  
By a lady - you know who.

The ancient Norman tower  
Rises to the sky and on one of face it has a clock  
That each day chimes the hour  
It also has six bells that ring out with all their might  
When the ringer pulls the ropes  
On every Tuesday night  
Outside the grave's midst tended grass do lie  
No finer rest place than this beneath the stars, the moon and sky.

# St Michael and all Angels



Hello,

The difficulty with writing in advance of publication is that you have to stop and think forward. So I am sat in my study mid March, just after hearing the first Chiff-chaffs, 10th March, but thinking about what I would say for just after Easter. I know someone will be thinking why does the date of Easter change every year. Put simply, because the story of Easter is set around specific events, that can be dated we then simply translate it into our calendar, which is based on the rotation of the sun. Whereas the calendar in use at the time of Jesus was luna.

At the heart of the story, whenever it occurs is that there is hope. Not a rose tinted ague wishing for nice things, but a realisation that in the midst of destruction love can glimpse through and change things.

If we think about it, our news is full of despairing items, the genocide in Gaza, environmental decay, abuse of fellow human beings. Yet in the midst of these items we hear of acts of love that bring new perspective, new possibilities, that is hope in action. Celebrate those glimpses, be shaped by those glimpses as they are linked to the hope of Easter, that love can and will overcome hate and destruction.

As ever

Andrew



# St Michael and all Angels

## Our Church Wardens

*Felicity Jenkinson on 07949654855 and Bob Sheldon on 685810*

## Our Treasurer

*Chris Abrahams on 698208*

We are now pleased to say that all administration for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals is being dealt with at North Hykeham.

*Please contact:*

*Sally Long, Parish Office (Monday to Friday 9am - 12pm)*

*North Hykeham, Lincoln. LN69AB Tel: 883100*

*Tel: 883100 or email: [sallylong@nhallsaints.co.uk](mailto:sallylong@nhallsaints.co.uk)*

## Bell Practice

Tues Evening Bell ringing lessons 7.30pm - 9pm

Please contact: Sandra Underwood on 07710 762458

**We look forward to welcoming you to any of these services irrespective of which village you live in.**

<b>7th April</b>	<b>11.00 morning Prayer</b>
<b>14th April</b>	<b>16.00 Evening Prayer</b>
<b>21st April</b>	<b>19.00 group Communion at Swinderby</b>
<b>5th May</b>	<b>11.00 Morning Prayer</b>
<b>12th May</b>	<b>16.00 Evening Prayer</b>
<b>19th May</b>	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b>

Dear Friends,

As you know we have a great team who work very hard in maintaining our churchyard as a place of beauty, and where families can go to remember loved ones who have gone before. Our aim is to make the churchyard one that honours the departed, but is also a symbol of new life and hope, hence the tremendous work on the wildflower meadow.

Part of this work also involves maintaining the churchyard within the guidelines set by the Church of England, guidelines that we are expected to follow. In reviewing these recently we realised, that, with all that has been going on over the past 2-3 years these have slipped a little and in the coming months we will need to get on top of these.

The main areas that we need to address are:-

1. Artificial flowers are only allowed between October and March, and must be cleared by the end of March. From next March any such items that are not removed, we will remove from graves.

2. A number of people are leaving ornaments, mementos on graves as a semi-permanent memorial. Sadly, unless they are ones that have appropriate permission, either via myself, or a Faculty signed by the Diocesan Chancellor, technically they are not allowed. However, we do recognise that so often it is important to express our love for a departed loved one, that we accept such outpourings are important. To facilitate those expressions of love we suggest that any mementos be removed after two months from the funeral, again if family are unable to do so we will remove those items, obviously with respect and dignity.

Please could you help us with adhering to these regulations we are guided by, so that we can maintain the churchyard as a special place of beauty.

# Thorpe on the Hill Bowls Club



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**To arrange your FREE introductory session, please contact:**

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Presentation of Freedom of the Parish to Mr Bob Sheldon by Nick Lyons at the beginning of December 2023. This was awarded in recognition of Bob's many years of service to the Parish

**Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished Lao Tzu**

In Chinese Medicine we are entering the time of year of *Wood* energy. This is characterised by movement up and outwards – think buds bursting in to life - and is quite feisty. Balanced *wood* energy supports healthy joints. It can help you look forward and plan for the future and also be assertive in your decision making. We have been holding our class in the church whilst the Oliver Roper work was ongoing. During April we are alternating between Monday and Friday, so please get in touch to check when we are meeting.



It has been a joy to hear the chiffchaffs and green finches singing as we move! It is a wonderfully peaceful space.

**We will be holding our next Self-Care Saturday on June 1<sup>st</sup> 10 -12.00.**

In this session we will be thinking about flexibility and healthy joints and one of the things we will be doing is some adapted makka-ho stretches. We do them seated or standing and the six movements support all your joints and meridian pathways – a very gentle but powerful workout.



We hope to be back in the Oliver Roper on May 13<sup>th</sup>. New class members are always welcome and we have a spot at the end for experienced folk who know the forms and want to practice in quiet reflection.

Come and try a session – all are welcome.

Classes are at Oliver Roper Mondays 10-11.00

For more information contact Barbara 07733 396891 [bbshiatsu@gmail.com](mailto:bbshiatsu@gmail.com)



# Thorpe on the Hill - Parish Council

## Thorpe on the Hill Parish Council

### Parish Councillors

Cllr Bindley (Chair)

Cllr Bramford (Vice chair)

Cllr Ives

Cllr Sheldon MBE

Cllr Williams

Cllr Owen

Cllr Lyons

Parish Clerk: Kerrie Vickers

Parish Council email: [tothparish@gmail.com](mailto:tothparish@gmail.com)

Parish Council website: [www.thorpe-hill.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.thorpe-hill.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

### – Portfolio holders

Whisby Quarry Liaison meeting - Cllr Lyons and Vacancy

Whisby Nature Park Steering Board – Cllr Sheldon MBE

Finance - Cllr Bramford

Allotments - Cllr Lyons

Tennis Court – TBA

Staffing Committee - Cllrs Lyons, Bindley and Vacancy

Lake Management Committee—Cllrs Lyons, Sheldon MBE, Bindley and Vacancy

## Parish Council Meetings

All Parish Council meetings will be held at the Oliver Roper Parish Centre commencing at 7pm. The dates are advertised on the notice board and via the Parish email circulation list. If you are not on the list please email the Parish Clerk and request to be added. You can ask for your email to be removed at any time.

Local Police and District and County Councillors are also invited to attend. The agenda and minutes of the current meeting are available on the Parish Council website and, on request, from the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council welcomes members of the public to ask questions or make short statements to the Council during public time at the start of the meeting.

## North Kesteven District Councillors and County Councillor

NKDC, Mitch Elliott email: [cldr\\_mitch\\_elliott@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:cldr_mitch_elliott@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

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## Oliver Roper Recreation Tennis Court

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# Thorpe on the Hill - Parish Council

There have been two meetings since the last issue of VFTH. Full minutes for all meetings are available, when approved, on the PC website.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17th JANUARY 2024**

The latest financial report was approved.

- Fosse Green Energy: It was agreed that, following the public meeting, a further meeting of interested residents would be arranged to determine whether a local action group was viable.
- Repairs to the Bowls Pavilion are progressing on schedule.
- It was resolved to set the Precept for the financial year 2024/25 at £25350.00 which is an increase of 1.33% for a Band D property which equates to £1.24.
- It was resolved to transfer £50,000.00 (fifty thousand pounds) to the new savings account with Unity Trust Bank to comply with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.
- It was resolved to adopt the Publication Scheme as circulated to all Parish Councillors.
- The contract for the ORPMR extension has been awarded, pending the receipt of references, to The Todds Group which is a local company.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th MARCH 2024 (Minutes not yet formally approved)**

A member of the public asked what the council's position was on potholes in village roads, as a visitor to his house had suffered considerable damage to his vehicle by driving through a deep pothole concealed by recent rainfall. The Chair explained that village roads were not a direct responsibility of the PC and that, therefore, no official position had been adopted. The resident stated that all village matters should be of interest to the PC. Local Councillors from NKDC and LCC confirmed the direct responsibility was with LCC highways and offered the resident advice on compensation claims.

The latest financial report was approved.

- An application will be made to add an additional Parish Councillor to the Unity Trust Bank list of authorised signatories.
- The amended allotments risk assessment will be circulated for discussion and adoption at the next meeting.
- The allotment terms and conditions as circulated to all Parish Councillors were adopted.
- The name of The Oliver Roper Parish Meeting Room will be changed to The Oliver Roper Village Hall.
- The PC will apply for a free portrait of King Charles.
- The Publication Scheme was adopted.





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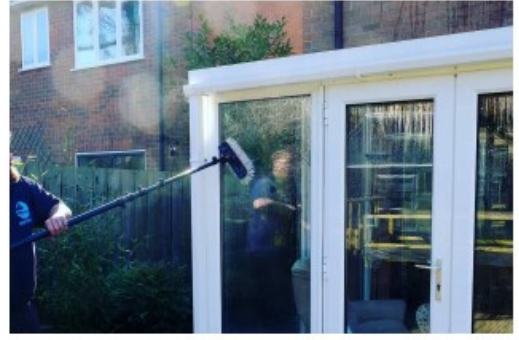
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