

View from the Hill

Thorpe on the Hill News

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The next edition will be at the beginning of **October** and any contributions are welcome. Cut off date for **submissions will be Friday 20th September**. Anyone who would like to contribute to the magazine please do so through viewfromthehillpub@gmail.com or, if you wish to place an advert, then email Chris.abrahams@btinternet.co.uk .

From the Editor

Hi Everybody!

It's school holiday time!!! Let's hope the weather stays warm and sunny for the next month.

Page 12 has details of extra events at Whisby Natural World as well as all the regular activities available for children to enjoy.

Also remember we have the field down Station Road for youngsters to hang out and maybe play football.

Unfortunately as you will see on page 4 there is no August Umbrellas Community Cafe. I am already looking forward to the September date. A massive thankyou to Umbrellas for putting the cafe on each month, and the amazing cakes and sausage rolls.

I asked Alec and Julie Perkins to provide more information about Jamie's Legacy which is on pages 14 to 16. Contact details are shown on page 14 if you would like to find out how you can support the Legacy.

From the 8th of August the village is going to enjoy the benefit of a visiting butcher at the Railway Inn, see page 11 for details.

Plus keep August 25th free for the Annual Air Ambulance fundraiser at the Railway Inn. See page 10.

Next village newsletter will be in October. Please see p39 if you fancy making a contribution or a photo which can be used for front or back cover. Thanks for all the contributors and Steve for putting it together.

Sylvia

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P.S. By the way, if you walk to Eric East Lake from the top of Station Road on the footpath across the fields, the lower field will soon have a magnificent display of sunflowers for us all to enjoy

Jenny and Lawrie Poole



Jenny and Lawrie Poole have lived in Thorpe on the Hill for more years than we can remember, but probably around fifty! In those days, in addition to their own family, they were very much involved in fostering children, opening their home to give them the best start in life that they could. Lawrie taught at North Kesteven School, eventually retiring as Deputy Head and Jenny when not 'raising her families' taught at our village school.

During their long time in the village, both have been stalwart members of village life, always there to help, advise and be part of the community. Lawrie's musical abilities know no bounds, being a regular performer with clarinet and saxophone at their Church, St George's, Swallowbeck – and who can forget his multi-tasking on the various instruments as part of Thorpe's very own 'Over The Hill' (the band members of which certainly weren't!) performing regularly at village events (and around the area, where they raised quite a few thousand pounds for charity). Jenny, too, has been very much part of the scene, with her quiet and re-assuring presence and charm.

Like us all, time is moving on and they have decided that it is now sensible to move to live closer to their family in the Nuneaton area – not so far away and certainly within a distance that they can come back to see us all on occasions!

Over the recent years, the village has seen quite an influx of new residents who, it is to be hoped, will enjoy living in Thorpe on the Hill as much as Jenny and Lawrie obviously have. We can do no better than quote one such 'new' resident, now a well-established one, who first came to Lincolnshire from the South-east with a view to relocating. After looking at a property in the village, which they liked, they thought they would have a walk around the village to 'sus' it out. They encountered Jenny and Lawrie in their front garden and stopped to have a chat, thinking what a lovely village it was and with such nice people – and hence they chose Thorpe on the Hill!

Good – bye and good luck, Jenny and Lawrie, we wish you and yours all the best in the future!

From all your friends in Thorpe on the Hill.



Umbrellas Community Café

**There is no Café in August
Please join us on September 6th**



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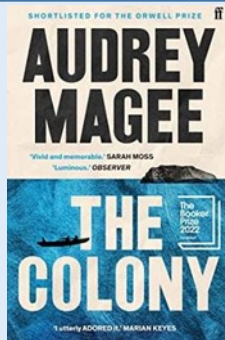
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Love your Parish – ThReds Book Club

Book 59

The Colony by Audrey Magee (8.1/10)

(7th June, 2024)



This book, chosen by Shirley, was very popular with the group (8.1/10) and there were many positive comments made during our discussion. It covers themes of small communities, colonisation, family, loss of language, loss of a way of life, having to adapt to survive, tourism, the Troubles and more. It is set on a tiny, unnamed island off the west coast of Ireland.

James and his mother, Mairéad (locals) were the most compelling characters, while Mr Lloyd and Masson (the visitors) were universally disliked because of their selfishness, arrogance and manipulation of the islanders (the Colony) for personal gain.

The book has an unusual structure but is beautifully presented, well written and imaginative. The descriptions of the island are vivid and the characters are well drawn. It was an excellent choice.



Avoiding the fish (or rabbit), cabbage and potatoes which dominated every evening meal in the book, Shirley provided an imaginative table of refreshments based on the more palatable parts of the islanders' diet. Jam sandwiches and scones figured prominently on the island and were very popular at the meeting. (When did you last have a jam sandwich?). There was a lot of whisky drinking too, but only by the islanders, not at our meeting. Thank you, Shirley, for your excellent hospitality and generosity.

Our next book, the 60th, is Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.

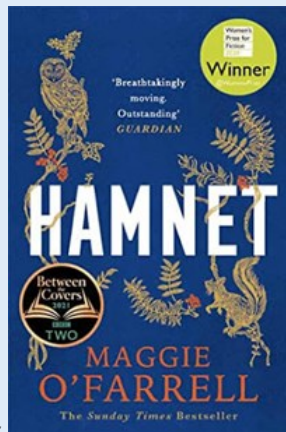
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Love your Parish – ThReds Book Club

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

(8.2/10)

(19th July, 2024)



Farewell to Old Friends

This meeting was a cause for celebration (it was our 60th book) but it was tinged with sadness as we said goodbye to Lawrie and Jenny who have been stalwarts of the book club for many years. We send our very best wishes for their next chapter in their new home. We will miss their enthusiasm, friendship, good humour and valuable contributions at our meetings.



Os-car Wilde said "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go." Jenny and Lawrie, you are definitely the former.

Hamnet

Waterstones web site summarises the book as follows:

Hamnet is a novel inspired by the son of a famous playwright. It is a story of the bond between twins, and of a marriage pushed to the brink by grief. It is also the story of a kestrel and its mistress; a flea that boards a ship in Alexandria; and a glovemaker's son who flouts convention in pursuit of the woman he loves. Above all, it is a tender and unforgettable reimagining of a boy whose life has been all but

forgotten, but whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays ever written.

(The names Hamnet and Hamlet were interchangeable in Elizabethan times.)

I read this book a few months ago following a recommendation from Zoe. I really enjoyed it and thought it would be the perfect book for our 60th meeting. Was it?

Well, almost. Of the 11 contributors to the discussion, including one from a swimming pool in sweltering France (such dedication to Book Club!) the majority had nothing but praise for the book. "Well written"; "vivid descriptions"; "interesting characters (some compelling, others unpleasant)"; "it was as if you were there"; "very imaginative" were regularly used to descriptions.

For those who didn't enjoy the book it was confusing, tedious and disjointed. There was no happiness.

As I've often said, it's the opposing opinions that make Book Club so enjoyable, and the themed refreshments.

Although there wasn't a lot of eating in the book, there were enough culinary references to provide the basis for book-themed snacks. We had chunks of home-made bread and regional cheeses wrapped in cloth. There was a bowl of apples and pears, apple juice, a camomile infusion and wildflower honey. The star was a spiced honey apple cake.

As yet, we have no date or book for our next meeting.



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Making Room for Wildlife Wildlife at the Eric East Lake

The last one I'm not sure about. Any ideas?

Butterflies and bees

Where are they?

Swallows, swifts, house martins and cuckoos

Eventually, we did see small numbers of swallows above the house but no more than 3 swifts. The cuckoo eventually made itself heard, with calls coming from the area of Whisby Nature Park and the Eric East Lake.



Crumble Recipes

Dig out those crumble recipes. The flowers on the brambles indicate that there could be a bumper crop of blackberries.



Wildflowers

The following are some of the wildflowers on display at the moment. Most of the photographs were taken around the lake. There's bird's foot trefoil, knapweed and mallow.



Love your Parish



Grass Cutting

It is now clear that the dream of having some wildflower areas at the lake would only be possible with a huge programme of cultivation and planting - raking over the ground and scattering seeds hasn't worked. We have neither the finances nor the healthy young volunteers (we have many healthy older volunteers!) for such a programme. As a consequence we have been rethinking the grass cutting at the lake. At the moment, we have simply cut a wide path around the whole area, leaving all other areas, apart from those managed by the Featherbenders, to develop naturally. There have been large numbers of flying insects in these areas and some wonderful peacock butterfly caterpillars on the nettles (Photo). Sadly, I haven't seen any peacock butterflies yet.



It is planned to do a full cut of the grass at the end of the growing season.

Trees and Saplings

I'm pleased to say that a volunteer has been looking after some of the trees as they became overrun with grasses and brambles in this unusually prolific growing season. He is no longer able to do this so we'll probably need a volunteer morning to free the saplings and the more established trees from the competition.

For more information contact:

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Events Coming Up

Hedgehog Book Folding Workshop: **Thursday 1st August at 10.30am**

Ideal for over 8's. Each child will be shown how to fold the book pages to create a hedgehog. Once they have created your hedgehog, they can embellish as they wish. . £10.00 per child

Green man Printing Workshop with Louise Earnshaw **Friday 9th August at 10.30am**

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Love your Parish - Jamie's Legacy

Jamie's Legacy... what do they support?

We were approached by VFTH asking if we could share broader detail on the activities that Jamie's Legacy coordinates in our son's memory to help deprived children in Uganda as Sylvia had only learnt about them having recently sponsored a child.

Having sadly only grasped just how many children Jamie's 'JP24GM' YouTube channel had touched globally after he tragically passed away our aim with the Legacy was a simple one. Whilst keeping our son's memory alive we wanted Jamie to continue to make children smile.... this time those who had been born into extreme poverty & have nothing through no fault of their own.

Providing the school sponsorship scheme has evolved over the past 3 years with 75+ children now being supported with education & daily nutritional hot meals. 12 of these are through TOTH residents & our village church.

So, what other support does Jamie's Legacy provide? Jamie's Helping Hand Club provides families in most extreme difficulty that are unable to feed their children with essential groceries. Currently 3 different families are supported each month & we have 7 kind ladies in the JHH club donating £10 a month making this possible.

Multiple fresh water pipes have been installed around the slums plus 2 large water tanks into local schools ensuring children & families can access fresh water rather than the local stream that causes disease.

New mattresses supplied as children sleep on the floor with rugs or old pieces of foam. Children experience birthday parties & cakes for the first time in their lives & the Legacy provides toys & funding for an annual party at Christmas.

The Jamie's Legacy Football Tournament is held each year & funds provided to arrange a day trip to the zoo & lake beach for disabled children who rarely leave their homes.

Families in appalling living conditions (that flood) have been re-homed & a number of families have been supported to start up micro businesses (ie food stalls, soap making) so they become self-sustainable to support their own families.

'Jamie's Legacy room' has been set up where single mothers graduate with training after six months and then are presented with a sewing machine to start up their own businesses. Equipment & instructions have also been provided for the production of reusable sanitary pads. This skill is being shared with women & girls in the local community & schools to reduce the use of unhygienic rags currently being used by young girls as sanitary wear.

Breakfast Clubs are held to feed children in the slums that cannot afford to attend school.

Jamie's Legacy have also funded improvement to bridges & roads in the slums where children to regular exposed to flooding. In their single room homes, that have no water, electricity when it rains the families have to stand up & hold what belongings they have...imagine this at night.

The new boarding school that opens in Feb' 25 will be amazing providing 300 children the opportunity to grow up in a safe countryside environment away from the slums. Jamie's Legacy has partnered with UK charity Helping Ugandan Schools to make this possible & the library that looks out across the countryside is being named 'Jamie's Library' in our youngest son's memory.

If you would like to know more do visit our 'Jamie's Legacy supporting Cefovid' Facebook group or contact with Alec or Julie (07921 582828 - 15 Fosse Lane, TOTH).

We would like to thank everyone who has supported Jamie's Legacy over the past few years... it is very much appreciated by our family & all the children whose lives have been made just that little bit happier.

Love your Parish - Jamie's Legacy



The new school - opens Feb'25



Zulufah's mother new micro business food stall

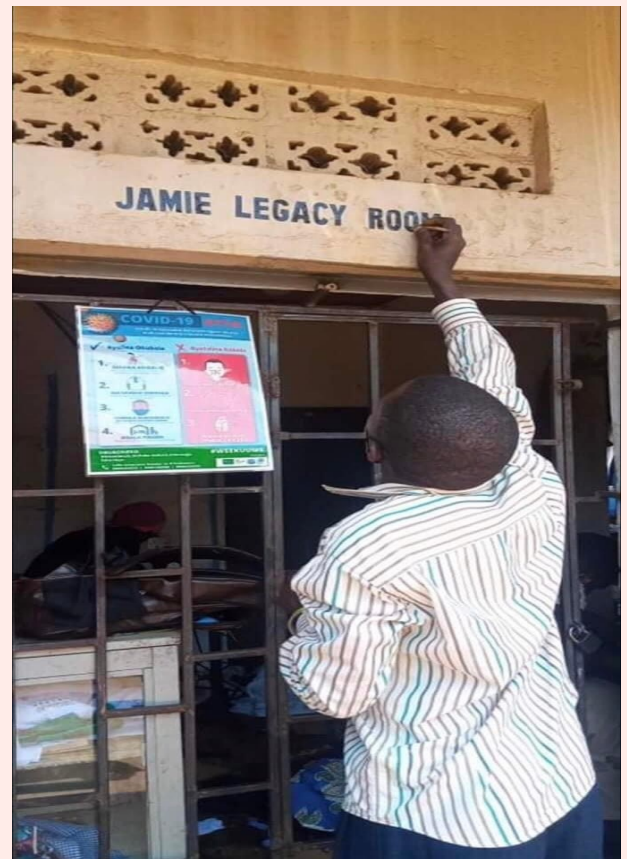


Joan & Dixon delight receiving a food parcel from Jamie's Legacy

Love your Parish - Jamie's Legacy



Children at the Jamie Legacy Christmas party with their toys



Love your Parish - Mini St Michael's



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Mini St Michael's

Whisby Nature Reserve and Education Centre

Gulls and Orchids

It's been an exciting month for us on the reserve, with lots of wonderful things going on. Firstly, our Black-headed Gull colony returned to Whisby for breeding this year after Bird Flu in 2023. You may remember that last year the variant of Bird flu hit Black-headed Gull colonies particularly hard, the year before it was Gannets and other seabirds, each year brings a new strain that has the potential to target another group, last year it was the turn of Black-headed Gulls across the country. From our normal 720 nesting pairs we dropped to 228 nests in 2023 with fewer still surviving to fledge young, the reserve was eerily quiet for those of us used to the cacophony of the Gulls. However, they have returned this year, bouncing back with 541 occupied nests and plenty of youngsters making their voices heard in the soundtrack of Whisby. We are curious as to if these birds were away from the colonies last year and didn't contract the virus, if they contracted it and have survived, or if some of them have natural immunity, we're sure there are scientific studies going on to explore these issues as there were in Gannets in the past few years - did you know that Gannets who have survived Bird Flu have black irises instead of vivid blue?



Mediterranean Gull chick and parents

Photo by G.Hopwood

Photo by N.Roberts

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But the most exciting event in the Gull colony this year isn't just a good recovery from Bird Flu, we've had some unexpected visitors. Mediterranean Gulls are amber listed birds in the UK, and we know that we have a small number of them around Whisby, dropping in from time to time. These birds don't like disturbance and will often nest well out of the way of humans, but a pair have chosen to nest on the Islands on Thorpe Lake. This in itself is not surprising, they've attempted to nest here before but have abandoned the nest long before the eggs hatch. However, this year we had an unexpected sighting, our Wildlife Barn Volunteers spotted a chick late in June. This chick has done well on the islands and is currently as I type (9th July) about 2/3 the size of its parent and molting into juvenile plumage. We hope to observe this chick fledging in a few weeks, we've already made history with this pair hatching a chick, hopefully we can cement it with junior flying off into the world.

Whisby Nature Reserve and Education Centre

It's also been a bit of a bumper year for some of our Orchids. Southern Marsh-orchids had a disappointing season, but the Bee and Pyramidal Orchids which followed, flowering in June had another story to tell. Around the reserve Bee Orchids have lined the paths, especially on Magpie Walk. We will wait until we are sure that all these plants have mature seed before we think about cutting the verges, did you know that each orchid seed pod can hold thousands of minute seeds? And some of our Bee Orchids have up to 10 pods, that's a lot of seed to spread around!



Our Pyramidal Orchids have had a record-breaking year, going from a single plant in 2003 to 292 in one meadow in 2024. The increase in these plants shows that our habitat management is having the desired effect, they wouldn't grow if conditions weren't right for them. There's also a fair amount of luck involved, the soil and its fungal populations have also got to be right for orchids to even germinate, let alone flower. Because the seeds are so small they don't have the parcel of energy that other seeds have to jump start them into germination, instead they form a relationship with a particular fungus which provides the seed with the nutrients it requires for growth, so that these orchids are spreading shows the good conditions of our soils and the presence of their preferred type of fungi.

We've also had one Pyramidal Orchid pop up in a new location, maybe in 20 years the reserve will be covered in these showy orchids.

Emily Summerlin
Assistant Warden

Fosse Green Solar Farm

Proposed Development of Sub-Station at Navenby



Bicker Fen sub-station near Boston (similar size to the proposed Navenby project)

Around 200 people, largely residents from the cliff villages, attended the Public Meeting at The Venue in Navenby on 8 July 2024 to discuss the proposed development of a Sub-Station linking the outputs from Solar Parks at Springwell and Fosse Green. The sub-station, if approved, will be sited on Navenby Heath approximately 1km from houses, off Green Man Lane.

A short series of presentations was followed by a lively Q&A. A copy of the main presentation can be accessed through this link: <https://thorpe-hill.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

The proposed sub-station is critical to the feasibility of the two proposed large solar farms. Without its approval the schemes will be unable to connect to the grid and thus export power. The sole justification for the sub-station is to provide an electrical connection for these proposed developments. The Groups who oppose the solar farms therefore recognise the imperative of opposing the sub-station, because if it is approved, it will in all likelihood become near impossible to oppose the solar farms.

The chief concerns are the impact on Landscape, Habitat, Environment, Agriculture, Scale of Development and comparisons with Bicker Fen (see photo). Additional points were raised by residents including: security of food supplies, safety & environmental issues, the new Government's policy approach to renewables and the potential impact on this development.

The Next Steps include testing out community reaction, developing next set of actions, and attending National Grid's proposed consultation event on 27 September 2024 – further details to be provided when confirmation received.

Rekindling the Fire - Barbara Bond



The other day I went off to a class and heard someone remark that it was more like January than July – it was indeed a grey, mizzly morning and we were in our woolly jumpers. In Chinese Five Element theory, this is the season associated with Fire, the most yang time of the year. This theory also explains imbalance by the relationship between different elements and would say that too much water puts out the fire. So, it's not that surprising all the unseasonable wet weather has the power to dampen the spirits – those things we take for granted, like long summer evenings in the company of friends, enjoying joy and laughter surrounded by nature in its fullness have become rather precious. Perhaps the silver lining is that it makes us more aware of those moments, and more grateful for them.

The sound associated with the fire element is laughter – shared laughter can bring people together in pleasure and enjoyment. Much is written about the health enhancing properties of laughter – and you don't need good weather as Neil Sedaka pointed out! Even if you are not able to do anything else a good “belly laugh” can expand your lungs, boost your immune system and relieve stress. Connection with others is so important – latest thinking is that being lonely is as bad for your health as smoking.

The outdoor qi gong class at Sincil Bank has been rained off once, but we have also been treated to rainbows, beautiful cloudscapes and the petrichor that follows a heavy shower.

Our village qi gong class will resume after the summer break on **September 9th**

Self-care Saturday, with a focus on finding your grounding centre, is on:

September 21st 10-12.00

Barbara Bond

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St Michael's Church of England Primary School

It has been a term of achievements and experiences! We are extremely pleased to announce that we won first prize at the Lincolnshire Show for the School's Challenge for our entry to create a habit within our school grounds. The Year 5 children led on this and worked exceptionally hard to involve our whole school community. The judges were so impressed with their ability to articulate the work that they had done and the confidence they showed in speaking to adults about their work.

We are also very proud to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Some of our children have had the opportunity to visit Wimbledon – unfortunately rain stopped a lot of play but it was still a super experience! Year 1 have been to Doddington Hall to learn more about wildlife linked to their sci-

ence work. Year 3 have just got back from a residential trip to Rand Farm where they were involved in farm jobs every day as well as learning about different types of farming – ice cream testing is still the most popular activity! We also got to use all of the fun facilities there! We have had our Sports Day too where Yellow team were victorious!

A highlight of the term was our Music Miscellany – an outdoor music concert where all of our children get to perform either in a class or individually if they play an instrument! We were even fortunate enough to have a fly by from the Red Arrows. This is our biggest fundraiser and we raised over £3000 which is going towards our new outside area – more details in September!

We still have much to look forward to this term with a reward breakfast to Hickory's, a whole school beach trip, carnival week with dancing as well as very own talent show. Let's hope for fantastic weather for the beach!

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 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



St Michael and all Angels



Hello,

Well at least normality starts again this month with the football season starting, and 9 months of following Lincoln City's fortunes shape our family's week.

After we have rested there is always a sense of expectation, and this summer will be no different. Rest will help us focus on the tasks ahead. This is true for the whole of life, and we also face this in the life of the church. The big question is how are we faithful to following in the footsteps and way of Jesus. Faith is not about assenting to a series of doctrines, but quietly discerning what Jesus way means for our life here and now, how are we faithful to his call of love.

That love faces up to the challenges, does not view life through rose tinted glasses, but engages accepting the challenges and difficulties to be faced.

I hope that during August we can all find refreshment for this task of loving our fellow human beings, the natural order, and that this brings flourishing to all our communities.

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.

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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.

4th August	1030 - Holy Communion - North Scarle
11th August	1030 - Holy Communion - Swinderby
18th August	1030 - Holy Communion - Thorpe on the Hill
25th August	1030 - Holy Communion - Eagle
1st September	0930 - Holy Communion - North Scarle 1100 - Morning Prayer - Thorpe
8th September	0930 - Holy Communion - Swinderby 1100 - Morning Prayer - Eagle 1830 - Evening Prayer - Thorpe
15th September	0930 - Holy Communion - Thorpe 1100 - Morning Prayer - North Scarle 1800 - Evening Prayer - Eagle
22nd September	0930 - Morning Prayer - Swinderby 1100 - Holy Communion - Eagle
23rd September	1830 - Harvest service and supper - Swinderby
27th September	1830 - Harvest service and supper - Thorpe on the Hill
29th September	1030 - Holy Communion for St Michael & All Angels Thorpe on the Hill (Patronal Festival)

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

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Parish Council website: 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

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NKDC, Peter Overton email: cldr_peter_overton@n_kesteven.gov.uk

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A £10 deposit for the key is refundable. Please note the court can only be used for tennis, not other ball games.

Thorpe on the Hill - Parish Council

There have been two meetings since the last edition of VFTH

Parish Council Meeting May 29th

- Councillor Lyons proposed Councillor Bindley to be elected as Chair, which was agreed by all, and the declaration of office signed.
- Councillor Bindley proposed Councillor Lyons to be elected as Vice-Chair which was agreed by all and the declaration of office signed.
- District Councillor Peter Overton gave his report of the last 12 months discussing the solar farm project, new relief road, climate change and housing. NKDC had no further updates regarding the solar farm application.
- Finance reports were approved.
- Councillor Lyons recommended forming a working group to discuss the future of the bookings for the hall and determine its purpose and whether it should predominantly be for use by parishioners or if the hall should be utilised as a potential income generator. It was agreed to carry on with the working party formed during the renovation discussions.

Parish Council Meeting July 10th

- Finance reports were approved.
- An order has been placed for a new projector for the hall.
- An order has been placed for a larger combined waste and dog waste bin, following a parishioner request.
- There was a discussion on creating a new position for the gate into the playground. Decision deferred until the September meeting.
- There sound reverberations in the hall were discussed. There is clearly an unforeseen problem which is creating an echo effect, making conversation in a full hall difficult. The Chair and Clerk were asked to investigate solutions and bring a costed proposal to the September meeting.
- There was a discussion on the possibility of creating an annual community award scheme. It was agreed that the parish council would not pursue this idea.
- Councillor Lyons and Councillor Sheldon updated the meeting on the ongoing development of the environmental connectivity scheme they are pursuing with Doddington Hall and other interested parties.

Fosse Green Energy

The Parish Council survey showed that most residents are opposed to the Fosse Green Energy Solar development. The fact that the new Secretary of State, Ed Miliband, has already approved three enormous solar power stations, Sunnica, Mallard Pass and Gate Burton, is therefore not good news. But the Parish Council will continue to do everything it can to oppose the FGE development and, even if it is granted consent, fight for mitigations in the design and a proper community compensation fund.

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