



# 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 23rd 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

## *Welcome to edition 151*

Thank you to all the contributors as always and to everyone in the village that organises and runs groups and events. Congratulations to the Railway Inn for being given The Community Champion Award!!

Despite some days of dull weather it has been lovely seeing all the flowers blossoming in and around the village. Thankyou Rosemary Trotman for the cover photo of your garden of full of snow-drops.

There are lots of dates for your diary in April and May, and also some advance dates for June which will be detailed in the June edition, but they are worth putting in your diaries now. This is as well as all the regular weekly and monthly activities.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** is on the 12th April, details page 12

The next **Village walk** is on Wednesday 16th April, meeting at the Oliver Roper centre at 10.00. Page 16

The **Easter Egg Run** is on 20th April, an opportunity to donate books and Easter eggs for children in hospital. Page 10

Come and join the **Jamie's Legacy Social night** at the Oliver Roper centre on 29th April. Details page 8

**VE weekend** will be commenced at Umbrellas on May 2nd at the Oliver Roper centre (page 3).

The **Plant Fair** is on May 3rd, details page 15.

These events run alongside all regular social gatherings, mini St Michael's, live music at the Railway Inn, Thorpe Craft and Natter and Knit and Natter, Thorpe book club, village Qi Gong, Yoga. Details of all are in the newsletter. Hope I have missed nothing out.

Finally reminders for some important events in June.

- June 7th **Jamie's Legacy** fund raising event p8
- 14th June, **Jayne's** 2nd annual 10k walk p5

**Sylvia**



Charity No. 1177444  
**Umbrellas**  
Supporting children, young people and adults  
with additional needs and their families

**Umbrellas Community Café**  
**Please join us from 09.30 on**  
**the first Friday of each month.**  
**Friday, 2nd May will be a VE**  
**themed cake extravaganza!**





# Love your Parish - Letter Boxes

**Do we have a Woolly Delinquent in our village? Or a Yarn Bomber?**

You will have seen the post box toppers appearing on top of the post box at the east end of Lincoln Lane. Post box toppers are designed as a tribute, commemoration, or just for or public enjoyment. During the pandemic they were used to pay tribute to NHS and Postal workers, and since then for [Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee](#), and in September 2022 as a tribute upon [her death](#).

A spokesperson for the Royal Mail said "We first began to see these toppers in 2012 over the festive season, although this soon spread to other key times of the year such as Easter.



In March 2023, the journalist Jan Moir branded those who make post box toppers as "Woolly Delinquents," a label that the topper community, also known as "Yarn Bombers", has embraced.

Seasonal toppers for Christmas and other events are particularly popular as we have seen.





# In memory of Jayne Keenan

## My Story

My beautiful Jayne finally lost her 14 year battle with breast cancer on 20th January 2024. She fought it all the way never ever complained about all the procedures and treatments. She showed such courage and dignity until the very end. Her strength was immeasurable, a true fighter.

It gives our family such strength to know she had such caring and loving friends and work colleagues who supported her until the very end, especially at The Railway Inn which gave Jayne a new lease of life and new life long friends.

Jayne to us was a wife a mum and a nanny and she always put all of us first. We are all lost without her. Each year for Jayne's birthday, we want to do a 10k walk in memory of her and to raise money for breast cancer research.



**Join us for Jayne's 2nd annual 10k walk on Saturday 14th June.** We will be meeting around 9am at The Railway Inn pub, Thorpe on the hill, to set off at 9.30am.

Everyone is welcome including dogs and children, the walk is flat and accessible for pushchairs. This is a relaxed and enjoyable walk for all abilities. After the walk if you have time please join us for drinks at The Railway Inn, the pub serves food from 12pm till 2pm.

Last year we raised £3557.63 hopefully we will smash it again this year with your support.

Donations can be made by using the QR link:



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# Mini St Michael's

## A Warm Welcome Back to Mini St Michael's!

It's been a fantastic few weeks at our Church Mums and Toddler Group, and we're so excited to share what we've been up to! Our group is a friendly and welcoming place where parents, grandparents, and carers can bring their little ones for fun, friendship, and support.

We've made some wonderful upgrades to our active and sensory area to keep things fresh and engaging for the children. We now have a cozy quiet/calm tent, perfect for little ones who need a bit of downtime, as well as balance beams with different textures to explore. Practicing balance helps toddlers build core strength and boosts their confidence as they learn to move with control. Our new sensory tiles are a big hit too, offering a fun and interactive way for babies and sensory seekers to explore different textures and colours. Plus, we've added a peanut exercise ball, which helps children develop their posture and strengthen their core muscles while having lots of rolling fun! To keep playtime exciting, we've also invested in some new toys, making sure there's always something fresh and interesting for the little ones to enjoy.

With Easter just around the corner, we've been having a wonderful time learning about this special time of year. The children have been busy crafting and listening to some of the most loved Bible stories, including Noah's Ark, Palm Sunday, and the Last Supper. It's been a joy to see their faces light up as they get creative and learn about these important moments in such a fun way!

We know how important it is for little ones to try different foods, so alongside our usual biscuits, we'll now be offering a piece of fruit at snack time. It's a great way to introduce new

flavours and encourage healthy eating habits from an early age. And of course, there's always a hot cup of tea or coffee waiting for the grown-ups too!

We'd love to welcome new families to our group! If you're looking for a friendly place for your child to play, explore, and make new friends, or if you just fancy a cuppa and a chat with other parents and carers, come along and join us. **We meet every Monday during term time from 9:30 to 11:00 am at St Michael and All Angels Church** in Thorpe-on-the-Hill. There's no need to book—just pop in and say hello!

A massive thank you to all the wonderful families who continue to support and be part of our amazing community. And of course, a special shout-out to our incredible volunteers, who give up their time to make this group such a lovely space for everyone—we couldn't do it without you!

If you'd like more information, please contact check out our **Facebook page @ministmichaels**. We can't wait to see you and your little ones soon! (suggested donation £1.50)

Katie x





# Mini St Michael's





# Jamie's Legacy - Social Night



**Tuesday 29th April**  
**Oliver Roper Centre 7pm,**

free entry (bring your own food & drink)

An informal social night for child sponsors & those interested in learning more about Jamie's Legacy & child sponsorship

Jamie's Legacy now supports 95 vulnerable children in Uganda that have been born into extreme poverty with education & daily nutritional food in a brand new boarding school that opened in February this year. 14 of these children are kindly sponsored by residents in our village so we are getting together to have a little social evening (as we appreciate not everyone knows each other).

We would also be delighted to welcome anyone who would be wishing to learn about Jamie's Legacy or child sponsorship (a video will be shown that provides an overview on Jamie's Legacy & various activities we support).

It isn't a fundraising activity (that's **on Sat 7th June @ Railway marquis & beer garden**) nor will it cost anything to join us....but more like a social 'show & tell' evening with friends in the village...so do pop along as it would be lovely to meet new faces.

Many thanks

Alec, Julie & Sam Perkins

Mob: 07921 582828



# MUSIC

LIVE  
2025

8PM

BAND NIGHTS @ THE RAILWAY INN

22  
Mar

*"Disco Inferno"*

26  
Apr

*"The Hicksville Bombers"*

7  
Jun

*"Naughty Step"*

26  
Jul

*"The Other Country"*

24  
Aug

*"Outside In"*  
5pm Annual Fundraiser

27  
Sep

*"The Motown Review"*

25  
Oct

*"11th Hour"*



**HALFWAY  
HEROES  
M.C.C**

# EASTER EGG RUN

Sunday 20th April 2025

MEETING FROM 9AM AT  
THE RAILWAY INN, STATION ROAD  
THORPE-ON-THE-HILL. LN6 9BS  
LEAVING AT 9:30AM TO VISIT

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL  
RAINFOREST WARD

Please bring Easter Eggs or  
Colouring/Sticker Books for the  
Children



Please feel free to drop any easter eggs or colouring books at The Railway Inn

## ***The Railway Inn @ The Lincolnshire Business Awards 2025***



### **The Community Champion Award**

It is with immense pride that we would like to share with you, the news of our recent achievement.

Receiving this prestigious award recognises our commitment in ensuring The Railway Inn is a welcoming pub where the community can come together and enjoy various events.

This accolade is not just a testament to our efforts, but a reflection on the unwavering loyalty and support from each one of you, and to our fabulous team of staff. Their hard work and enthusiasm are what holds us all together.

Looking ahead, we remain dedicated in continuing this journey with you all.

**Dave and Mike**





**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

**PRIZE FOR  
EVERY ENTRY**

**SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025  
TIME 1PM – 3PM**

**STARTING AND FINISHING AT ST MICHAEL  
AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH  
THORPE ON THE HILL**



**£3 PER  
ENTRY**

**TEA &  
CAKE**

# Love your Parish - Craft and Natter

**We are a group of local ladies** who meet once a month at the Oliver Roper Centre and do exactly what the name says ... more nattering than crafting usually though



Why don't you give us a try .. the first meeting is free .. try before you buy... and then £3.00 to cover hall hire and refreshments.

Between us we cover a wide range of crafts.... knitting, crochet, needlework, leatherwork and we even have a spinner.

So, if you are already a crafter or a beginner come and join us.

**Where... Oliver Roper Centre**

**When: 7pm -9pm**

**April 28th**

**May 19th**

**June 30th**

**July 28th**



For more info, contact:

[julesmurray123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julesmurray123@yahoo.co.uk)





# Love your Parish - Knit and Natter

**St Michael's Knit and Natter group has just marked six months since we started.**

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1.30 to 3.30 in the church.

You don't need any level of skill, although there is a wealth of expertise on hand to help and advise. We even have needles, patterns and wool of all sorts thanks to generous donations.

If you are new to knitting or crochet, any squares you make as you develop your skills can be used for making blankets - our group has already been recognised for their support to the blanket bank, which is run by the Centre for Reconciliation and has donated 156 handmade blankets since they started in 2023, along with mittens, hats and baby clothes.

It feels very homely and welcoming to be chatting with a cuppa whilst also making something. Do come along - a warm welcome awaits you. Bring a friend or come along and meet a new one.

**We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 1.30 -3.30 in the Church  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

contact Sally Crust 07854 802576 or Barbara Bond 07733 396891





The background of the entire page is a detailed embroidery of various flowers, including daisies and lilies, in shades of pink, white, and yellow, set against a light pink fabric. The flowers are arranged in a dense, repeating pattern.

**SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025  
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**



# Love your Parish - ThReds Walking Group

## Walk 68

(A Valentine's Day Walk with Kissing Gates, Friday, 14th February, 2025)

When I chose the date for this walk the challenge was to find a route with Kissing Gates.

If you're not familiar with these gates, they allow walkers through but not livestock. The gate in the picture, hinged on the left, moves between the two posts and "kisses" these at each end of its travel.



I managed to find a circular route of almost five miles which took us from the Doddington Hall Car Park, out towards Harby, back towards Skellingthorpe and then back to Doddington. We crossed 3 Kissing Gates. If you're able to walk on the Doddington estate you are likely to encounter the wonderfully coloured Lincolnshire Red cattle and, possibly, a small herd of Exmoor ponies. Although the Lincolnshire Reds are raised for beef they're allowed to behave like a wild herd, as are the Exmoor ponies, as part of the rewilding process happening on the estate.



As you can see from the photograph, we had a good time and many of the group went on to enjoy a hearty lunch at the Railway.

**The next walk is on Wednesday, 16th April.**

ThReds (Thorpe Residents) was started in 2015 ie 10 years ago. The Walking Group is part of ThReds and we'll be celebrating our 10th anniversary on Wednesday, 11th June. We will be 'Beating the Bounds' by walking part of the historic and current parish boundaries. There will be a route of a couple of miles which can be extended to 5 for the more energetic. Hopefully, this will suit all abilities. We will have a celebratory lunch at the Railway following this anniversary walk.

For more information contact: [tonymagri949@btinternet.com](mailto:tonymagri949@btinternet.com)

# Love your Parish



## The Eric East Lake

### 200 Blue Tits

The 6 blue tit nest boxes were first put up in February 2021. Every year, in January, I take the top off each box to see if it has been used and then, if necessary, clear out the old nest for hygiene reasons. So far, every box has been used every year and there has been very little evidence of chick mortality. Given a typical blue tit brood size (8-10), it would be reasonable to assume that we've raised 50 blue tit chicks each year, making 200 in total. Obviously, many will not have survived their first or second year but 200 is a good starting point to maintain a healthy population.



### Spring Bulbs

It has been another successful year for the spring bulbs, with snowdrops, Tenby daffodils and aconites putting on good displays. At the time of writing the wild garlic, bluebells and wood anemones are making their presence known. I couldn't resist including another aconite picture. This one just opened itself up to the full sun.



### Wild Flower Meadows

We have planted thousands of wildflower seeds over the years with zero success. The dream of having two or three small wildflower meadows has failed.

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## Community Orchard

I made a successful application to NKDC for 5 fruit trees with stakes, ties and biodegradable guards, all of which have been made available through the Coronation Living Heritage Fund. The bare rooted trees arrived in early March and were planted by volunteers who have each adopted a tree. They agreed to plant and water their tree and generally keep an eye on it over the first few years. These trees have formed a small community orchard on the eastern side of the lake in an open area which



was originally earmarked to be a wildflower meadow (see above). We have planted an Ellison's Orange apple, a Bramley apple, a Conference pear, a Beth pear and a Czar plum.

Thank you to all the tree-adopters.

### Single Specimen Tree

I also made a successful application for a single specimen tree from the same fund. The tree, an oak, will be planted in the smaller area intended for wild flowers but I have not yet received details of collection from Metheringham. Presentation to Eagle and Swinethorpe Parish Council

On Thursday, 20th March I made a presentation to our neighbouring Parish Council to explain what we did as a WFC. I was asked to forward my slides to a member of the PC and another member asked if I was prepared to make the presentation to a wider audience of residents. Obviously I agreed to both of these things and I saw this as a positive outcome. Fingers crossed.



# 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 books. We also made reading dens to get snugly in and share our books!**

We have entered many sporting events this term including cross country and swimming galas – our boys team won the B final which is a great achievement.

We have started to sort our school garden out and get ready for spring – lots of tidying jobs and planting seedlings. We hope that we will have an abundance of crops at harvest time.

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 have just had our first residential of the year...Year 3 have been to Rand Farm for three days and had 'the best trip ever' according to many of them! It is amazing how much they pack in during the stay including ice cream tasting, making food for dinner, farm jobs, finding out about the farm in different seasons as well as having time to play! The highlight this year was actually seeing a lamb being born.

**Are you still looking for a school for your child? Did you know that our Reception class has at least three fulltime adults, an enclosed large covered outside space and there is access to Breakfast Club every day from 7.30am and after-school care until 5.30pm – all of our children love Breakfast and After-School Club!**

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





# St Michael and all Angels



Hello,

As I sit in my study writing these notes it is a misty March morning, after a week of unseasonably bright and warm weather this was a shock to the system.

At the end of April we will celebrate Easter, as I explained a few months ago Easter moves because of the differences in solar and lunar calendars.

Easter for me is about a hope that knows no bounds, that even death can nor extinguish that hope. So often we turn hope into a wish list, "I hope for a new car", "I hope for 3 points for the Imps" etc. However, Easter hope is something more than a wish list.

It enables us to confront the reality of life, remember undeservedly we are precious and from that new life can flow. This means we don't see life through rose tinted glasses, but see the realities, and recognise we are called to respond with sensitivity and love.

The whole Holy Week and Easter story sums that up. Jesus is betrayed, crucified, died and yet at the end of it all his disciples were called back to the sense of giving love, not vengeance.

So in our world where geo-politics appears to be on a precipice, the environment fragile, economic wealth unfairly distributed love calls us to name, confront and seek new possibilities. This is based on giving love and not some form of imperialism of state, or a mix of faith based nationalism.

I pray that as a society we can discover this resurrection hope that brings new life for all, knows NO boundaries, and sees flourishing and sharing and not control and domination as the true goals for society.

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*

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30	Holy Communion – <b>Thorpe on the Hill</b>
	11:00	Morning Prayer – North Scarle
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30	Palm Sunday Palm Procession & Communion – Eagle
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	Monday of Holy Week – Night Prayer - Swinderby
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	Tuesday of Holy Week – Night Prayer - <b>Thorpe on the</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	Wednesday of Holy Week – Night Prayer - Eagle
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday - Communion and stripping of altars
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00	Family Service & Hot Cross Buns - North Scarle
	2:00pm	Hour before the Cross - Eagle
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30	Group Communion – <b>Thorpe on the Hill</b>
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer – Eagle
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00	Holy Communion – Eagle
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10:00	Holy Communion & Coffee – Eagle
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30	Holy Communion – North Scarle
	11:00	Morning Prayer – <b>Thorpe on the Hill</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30	Holy Communion – Swinderby
	11:00	Morning Prayer – Eagle
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer – <b>Thorpe on the Hill</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30	Holy Communion – <b>Thorpe on the Hill</b>
	11:00	Morning Prayer – North Scarle
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer – Eagle
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00	Holy Communion - Eagle

**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.**



# Love your Parish – ThReds Book Club

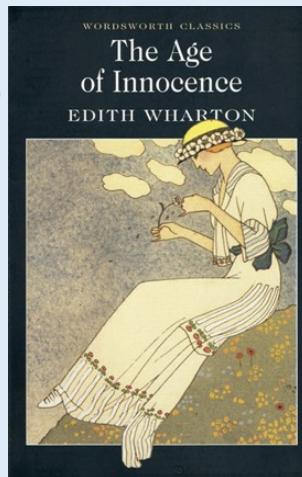
## ThReds Book Club

### Book 63

## The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton (7/10)

Friday, 31st January

It was agreed some time ago that we should read “a classic” and, after a few failed attempts at choosing a title, we finally decided to read Edith Wharton’s ‘The Age of Innocence’. The following summary of the book is from the Wordsworth Classics website



*“Widely regarded as one of Edith Wharton’s greatest achievements, The Age of Innocence is not only subtly satirical, but also a sometimes dark and disturbing comedy of manners in its exploration of the ‘eternal triangle’ of love.*

*Set against the backdrop of upper-class New York society during the 1870s, the author’s combination of powerful prose combined with a thoroughly researched and meticulous evocation of the manners and style of the period, has delighted readers since the novel’s first publication in 1920. In 1921 The Age of Innocence achieved a double distinction – it won the Pulitzer Prize and it was the first time this prestigious award had been won by a woman author.”*

One member of our group said:

“For a novel set in a claustrophobic and stilted world of stuffy plutocrats, a world with which I am entirely unfamiliar, and to which I’m not in the least attracted, and without any real mystery, plot twists, sex, violence, or blasphemy, this novel was revelation. I thought it was exceptional and thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Overall rating: 9**

(10 needs to be reserved for the very small handful of books that are truly exceptional)”

But this was not the general view at the meeting.

Personally, I had to start the book 4 times before I got into it. I found that the unfamiliar vocabulary and the number of characters meant that the book didn’t flow.

Others said

“I struggled with it and haven’t finished it”

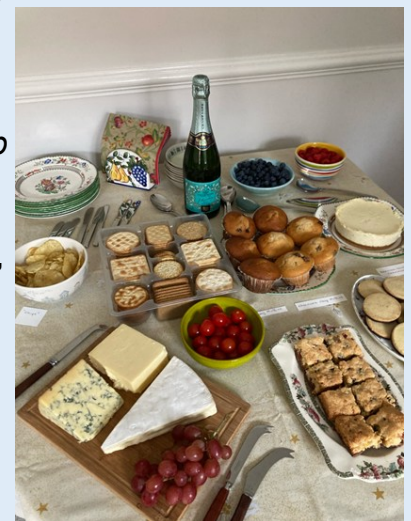
“It was difficult to get into”

“I didn’t enjoy it”

“An odd book. I liked it but didn’t like it. I had no emotional attachment to it.”

All appreciated the quality Edith Wharton’s writing.

The book was chosen by Shirley who enjoyed the book more when reading it for a second time. Shirley also hosted the meeting and rose to the occasion by providing a glass of champagne on arrival to chime with “the backdrop of upper-class New York society during the 1870s”, and delicious, American themed food (New York cheesecake, muffins etc). Thank you Shirley.



**ThReds (Thorpe Residents) was started in 2015 ie 10 years ago. The Book Club is part of ThReds and we’ll be celebrating our 10th anniversary on Friday, 6th June.**

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# Rooted, Strong and Flexible

In Five Element theory we are entering Spring, a time of new growth, creativity, of purpose and possibility. We are moving from the yin energy of the winter through the rising yang of spring towards the maximum yang of summer – already the days are lengthening, birds are active and we are seeing buds everywhere.



For me a marker of spring is the return of ospreys, stunning fish eating birds of prey, which had been hunted to extinction in Victorian times for hat feathers, and thanks to hard work from Wildlife Trusts across the UK, now travel from Gambia each spring to nest here. The day Maya, the resident female at Rutland Water, returned to her Manton Bay nest, we learned the “Osprey” form.

Thorpe on the Hill was represented at a world first in February, when I took part in a Shiatsu Symposium in Brussels. There were 60 delegates representing 22 European countries, all sharing skills, knowledge and experience in raising the profile of shiatsu. One interesting fact is that at one thousand hours of learning our UK practitioners top the table in terms of training – so far its only Austria who has a degree programme. The meeting was conducted in English, but before we came home we joined a qi gong class in Flemish. It was translated for us and I was very amused that even in different languages the qi gong jokes are the same!

We have Shiatsu Awareness month (SAM) coming up in June – this year the focus is on “Grassroots” shiatsu – which is exactly what we do at Selfcare Saturdays. If you were able to attend all five during the year you would have learned 15 acupuncture points to use to support the health of you and your family.

Thanks to SAM SelfCare Saturday on May 31<sup>st</sup> will be a free event – watch out for the posters!

Village Qi Gong is on Monday 10-11am

contact Barbara on 07733 396891 [bbshiatsu@gmail.com](mailto:bbshiatsu@gmail.com)

**Our village qi gong class continues on Mondays 10-11am.**

**Oliver Roper Meeting Room**

**All are welcome.**

**Pop in or contact me on 07733 396891 or [bbshiatsu@gmail.com](mailto:bbshiatsu@gmail.com).**





# A WARM WELCOME AWAITS

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

## Boardwalk Cafe

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

Follow us on social media for What's On  
and exclusive offers



[WWW.NATURALWORLDCENTRE.ORG](http://WWW.NATURALWORLDCENTRE.ORG)







# Events Coming Up

## NKWF Fathers Day Breakfast Walk

Sunday 15th June 2025

Breakfast served at 9.30am, walk at 10.30am

**£12.50 per person**

Treat your Dad (or Grandpa) to a delicious breakfast followed by a walk around Whisby Nature Reserve with our NKWF Walk Leader.



## NKWF Wellbeing Walk & Gong Bath

Sunday 22nd June 2025

Walk commences at 3.00pm, gong bath at approx 4.15pm

**£25.00 per person**

A gentle wellbeing walk around Whisby Nature Reserve with our NKWF Walk Leader, followed by a Gong Bath in the Cygnet Suite.

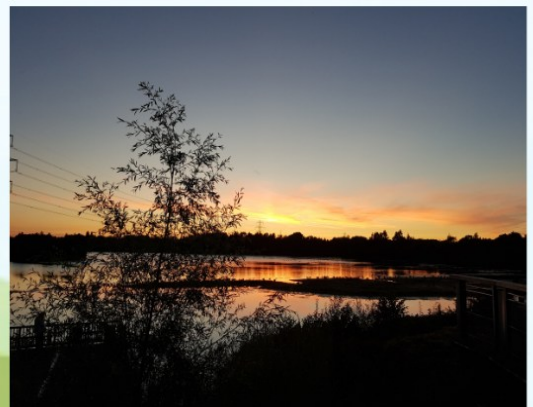
## NKWF Whisby Evening Walk

Sunday 29th June 2025

Meal served at 5.15pm .Walk commences at approx 6.15pm - 7.15pm

**£12.50 per person**

Join us for a jacket potato meal with refreshments. Then along with our NKWF Walk Leader enjoy a wonderful walk around Whisby Nature Reserve.



## Book online:

[www.naturalworldcentre.org](http://www.naturalworldcentre.org)

[WWW.NATURALWORLDCENTRE.ORG](http://WWW.NATURALWORLDCENTRE.ORG)





# Thorpe on the Hill - Parish Council

## Thorpe on the Hill Parish Council

### Parish Councillors

Cllr Lyons (Chair)      Cllr Bramford (Vice chair) Cllr Ives

Cllr Sheldon MBE Cllr Williams Cllr Owen

Vacancy

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, Vacancy and Vacancy

Lake Management Committee—Cllrs Lyons, Sheldon MBE, 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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# Thorpe on the Hill - Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 05/03/2025

## Summary of minutes

- District & county Cllrs in attendance commented on the Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Project which is currently examining options. More details will be provided once they emerge.
- Cllrs also commented on the forthcoming Mayoral elections in May; residents should expect to receive details directly through the post.
- A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was approved and signed.
- The Financial Report was agreed and signed. A review of village hall bookings will be prepared and presented to the PC early in the new financial year.
- The plans for VE Day celebrations were discussed and it was agreed that Umbrellas Café in early May will adopt a VE day theme, and the PC agreed to waive the hall hire fee for the occasion to support the event.
- Village Hall:
  - The PC agreed to repaint the wall in the hall and to install a bumper strip to prevent chair backs from marking the walls in the future.
  - PC also agreed to clean the solar panels to try and boost their output.
  - There are still imperfections in the newly laid flooring and members of the PC will meet with the contractor to establish a way forward.
- Tarmac, who own the quarries to the northern side of Eagle Lane, are exploring an option to site floating solar panels on the now dis-used lakes that they own in order to generate power, largely for their own use. A consultation meeting was held in the village hall recently to explain these proposals. A copy of their planning application can be found on LCC website.
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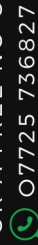
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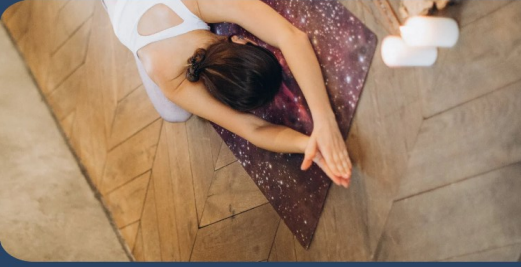
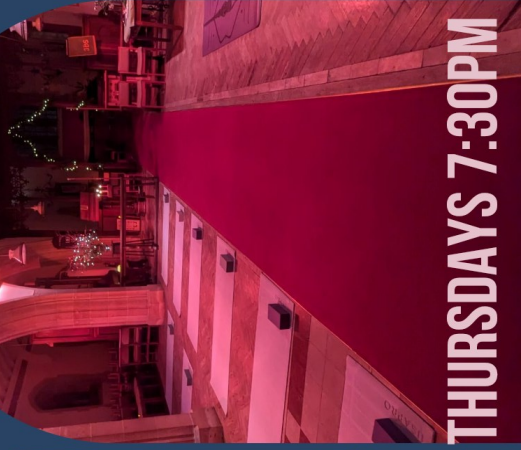
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