

View from the Hill

Thorpe on the Hill News

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Ron Bradford MBE

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The next edition will be at the beginning of August and all contributions are welcome.
Cut off date for submissions will be Friday, 24th July. 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

Welcome to edition 158

Hope you are all enjoying the summer weather, even though it's been a bit hot at times....

On the front of the magazine is a photo of Ron Bradford, a gentleman well known to residents in the village who have been here for several years, a person who was a very active member of the village community. He passed away earlier this year and thank you to Gordon Kobish for writing a summary of his great contribution to village life.

As usual there is a timetable of village events to which all are welcome. The games night on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month is open to all ages and is a lovely social evening and lots of fun.

Chair of the Parish Council, Nick Lyons, has provided a brief update summary of the Fosse Green Solar Farm situation on page. Please continue to show your support for the work that is ongoing to oppose the application.

Thankyou to all the contributors. The next couple of issues may come out a little later than normal due to family commitments, but will appear sooner or later!

Sylvia



What's On in Thorpe-on-the-Hill

	What	Where	Time	When
1	Mini St Michaels	The village Church	0930 - 1100	Every Monday (Term time only)
2	Umbrellas Coffee and Cake Morning	Oliver Roper Meeting Room	0930	1st Friday of the month
3	Village Walk for Jayne	The Railway Inn	6 th June 1000	chrisgkeenan@hotmail.com 07890 381222
4	Village Book Club	As arranged	Email tonymagri949@btinternet.com for details	
5	Knit and Natter	The village Church	1330 - 1530	Second Tuesday of the month
6	Tea and Cake		1430	Third Wednesday of the month
7	Gentlemen's Night	The Railway Inn	1930	First Wednesday of the month
8	Ladies' Night	The Railway Inn	1930	Third Wednesday of the month
9	qi gong/shiatsu	Oliver Roper Meeting Room	1000 - 1100	Every Monday
10	Candle lit yoga	The village Church	1930	Every Thursday (Term time only)
11	Yoga	Oliver Roper Meeting Room	0930 - 1030	Every Tuesday (Term time only)
12	Games Night	The Village Church	1930	4 th Wednesday of the month
13	Village Walk	Oliver Roper Meeting Room	1000	Email tonymagri949@btinternet.com for details

Would you like your event included in this list? Email:
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Community Café
On the first Friday of the month
At
09:30

Next meetings
Friday 5th June &
5th July



JAYNES ANNUAL WALK FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH!

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.

Every year we are having a walk from The Railway Inn and around Whisby lakes. We stop for an ice cream and enjoy the sunshine.

Join us for Jayne's 3rd annual walk on **Saturday 6th June**. We will be meeting around **10.00 - 10.30 am at The Railway way Inn pub**, Thorpe on the Hill. 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 you are also welcome to pre order food. If you do pre order food just mention it's under Jayne's walk.

<http://www.railwayinnthorpe.co.uk/>

Last year we raised nearly £4000 hopefully we will smash it again this year with your support.

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Ron Bradford MBE

At the beginning of April, Thorpe on the Hill lost a real stalwart of the village with the passing of Ron at the ripe old age of 96. Over his long life, most of which he lived in Thorpe, Ron had a great impact on our community in the village where he was known, loved and respected by many.

Ron was a local lad, born and bred in North Hykeham, coming to Thorpe when he married his beloved Beth where together they raised five children in their bungalow on Lincoln Lane and from where they both played such a part in village life.

From this early age, Ron was very much part of the village community, a characteristic he retained for his whole life. He liked nothing better than when he was involved with something or other – and most events were usually at his instigation! Often, he was hatching up the next thing before the current one was over!

In earlier days, he was a leading light in the activities, quizzes and such, at the Village Hall which was then shared with the School Hall. Nor must the Friendly Club where the elderly of the village were entertained regularly at Ron & Beth's bungalow with cakes, a cup of tea and company be forgotten. In fact, Ron and Beth's bungalow was a meeting place, especially afternoon tea-time most days – “pop in for a natter and a cup of tea” was the adage!

Their legacy survives in the village – Ron's ideas and enthusiasm for the War Memorial at the Village Green, (and the consequential Remembrance Services) the daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops planted over the years, the toilet at the Church, the memories of the wonderful village events and parties held over the years at the Village Hall and

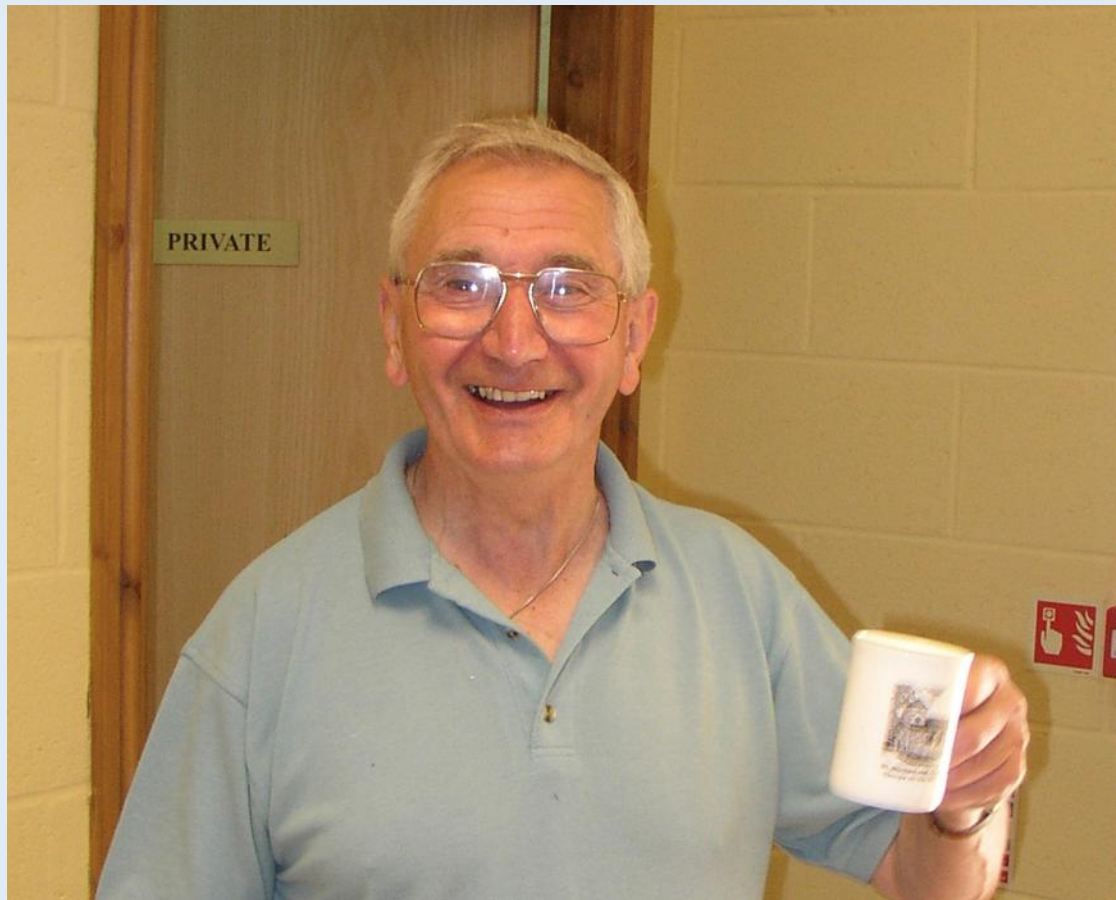
the MBE (*'Member of the British Empire'*) in the New Years' Honours list which he received from the then HRH Prince Charles, Prince of Wales now HM King Charles III at Buckingham Palace for 'Services to the Community'. More recently, Ron met His Majesty again when he received the gift of 'Maundy Money' at Worcester Cathedral, having been recommended for this by our Vicar, “for services to the Church and Community”.

In recommending Ron for the MBE, the Parish Council had referred to him as the 'indefatigable' Ron Bradford – and 'indefatigable' he certainly was!

Ron Bradford MBE



Ron leads the Lincoln Scout Band with classic and vintage cars in a procession around the village on a Family Fun Day.



Ron – Does that cheery smile suggest that he's just thought of the next 'Village Do'?

Thorpe on the Hill

a Wildlife Friendly Community (WFC)

Making Room for Wildlife

Bees. One day in early April I encountered a huge swarm of honey bees around the trees on the south bank.



(Photograph from the British Bee Keepers Association)

This was possibly the result of a colony dividing into two which is normal when a colony becomes overcrowded. There were probably several thousand bees in the swarm and the BUZZ was very loud. By the time I'd walked round the lake and returned to have another look at them, they'd gone. Where to? Who knows?

Deer. Deer numbers seem to be increasing at the lake with roe deer and muntjac now being seen more often. This is both good and bad. Obviously, increased biodiversity at the lake is a good thing but, as I've reported in an earlier issue of VftH, the deer can damage trees by stripping the bark. One of the new fruit trees is a recent casualty.

Fox. A fox has been spotted by an early morning dog walker. Unfortunately, it had a duckling in its mouth. It could explain why, early in the season, a brood

of 15 ducklings was quickly reduced to low single figures. Survival rates for ducklings is very low - commonly between 10% and 30%.

Reed Warbler. It was pleasing to hear the reed warbler again this year.

Water Level. This photograph was taken on 13 May before the daily rain later in the month.



Elsewhere

If you've walked, cycled or driven in the local area recently you may have noticed different crops in some of the fields. The most striking for me has been the fields of purple flowers with some vibrant red flowers mixed in. There are some along Clay Lane and one on Eagle Lane opposite the houses.

It seems that the purple flowers are Lacy Phacelia, also called purple tansy and fiddleneck. The plant is used as a cover crop to suppress weeds, and the flowers attract pollinators, particularly bees.



Love Your Parish – Eric East Lake



The plant with the vibrant red flowers is crimson clover. It has the ability to reduce synthetic fertiliser costs (it is nitrogen fixing), suppress weeds, and attract pollinators.

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Tony Magri



The final photograph was taken in the Whisby area.



The Railway Inn



We were delighted to welcome two lovely weddings to The Railway Inn in April, and what wonderful celebrations they were for everyone involved. Imogen and Marcus enjoyed a fun and relaxed day with Afternoon Tea, garden games and plenty of Pimm's, all set in a beautifully decorated sage green marquee.

We also had the pleasure of hosting Simon and Stacey Richardson's special day, with the marquee looking absolutely lovely thanks to our very own village florist, The Floriferous Garden. Tables were dressed with hessian runners and the chairs with charming hessian sashes.

It was a real joy to see the Inn filled with such celebration, and we were proud to play a part in creating memories for two very special couples.



May has also brought plenty of activity outdoors. We are delighted to have secured a grant from NKDC towards the installation of two new toilet and shower rooms on the campsite. One of these will also include a baby changing unit and a disabled-accessible toilet which will be a welcome addition not only for campers but for pub visitors and families too.



These improvements are an exciting step forward for The Railway Inn and for the wider community, and we look forward to seeing the work take shape over the coming weeks.

Back to our Roots!! CAR SHOW & SHINE

@ THE RAILWAY INN

Thursday 14 May 2026

Thursday 18th June 2026

Thursday 16th July 2026

Thursday 20th August 2026

Thursday 10th September 2026

arriving from 5pm



Everyone Welcome

St Michael and all Angels Parish Church



Dear Friends,

Well, the Vaughan household are still on a high after Lincoln City securing promotion, as Champions, to the Championship. This will be the first time in over 60 years Lincoln have been in the second tier of English football, and for many fans something they would have never dreamt of.

One of my favourite theologians notes that wherever we experience any form of love there we experience God. So often we think of divine love as being something precious and so otherworldly. Whereas if we took the Christmas and Easter stories seriously then it is the ordinary where we experience love is of God.

This sense of being open to love is perhaps something our world needs right now, with wars and rumours of wars all around us; with our world facing massive environmental challenges. Just perhaps we need to be opened to love in the ordinary, that is for everyone, and there will find the seeds of global change. Seeing the precious and beautiful as close by, leading to realisation that domination and superiority are not the real answers.

As ever

Andrew

St Michael and all Angels Parish Church

Trinity 1 – 07/06/26

- 09.30 Holy Communion – North Scarle JP
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Carlton le Moorland AV
Preach & Preside/ YM Deacon
- 11.00 Morning Prayer – Thorpe PB/BB DD Preach

Trinity 2 - 14/06/26

- 09.30 Holy Communion – Swinderby AV
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Carlton Le Moorland JP
Preside/YM Preach
- 11.00 Morning Prayer – Eagle JR lead/LJ Preach
- 18.30 Evening Prayer – Thorpe YM

Trinity 3 – 21/06/26

- 09.30 Holy Communion – Thorpe JP
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Carlton le Moorland AV Preside
& Preach/YM Deacon
- 11.00 Morning Prayer – North Scarle – PB/BB
- 18.00 Evening Prayer – Eagle JR

Trinity 4 – 28/06/26

- 10.30 Parish Partnership Holy Communion for Yola's First Eucharist - Bassingham
- Followed by Partnership Picnic?
- No Family service all welcomed to above service

St Michael and all Angels Parish Church

There's a welcome.....

Lots of activities are going on in the church during the month

On the **second Tuesday afternoon, the Knit and Natter** group meets. Everyone is welcome, whatever your level of skill – and nattering is an important skill too. We have wool, needles, crochet hooks and even patterns which have been donated to us so all you need to bring is yourself!



We have just completed a wonderful project within our group of parishes. Thorpe is known as the "Flower Church". This is a celebration of that and a link to the people who worked on the Millennium Hanging, celebrating the village, that hangs in the choir



On the **third Wednesday from 2.30 its Afternoon Tea**. Its a lovely opportunity to catch up. If anyone is thinking of moving to Thorpe, they need to know that between this the cake capital of Lincolnshire is often a birthday to celebrate



On the **fourth Wednesday evening we have an all age Games Night**. Everyone is welcome and we have a mix of young and not so young people playing all sorts of board games. There is a brilliant atmosphere – lots of fun and no screens! And there's cake!!

The recent **Plant Fair** was a great success. Our amazing growing team led by Felicity, Elaine, Sally and Mark had a wide range of plants on offer with plant donations from lots of people. Our refreshments, kindly supported with cakes from Rachel, kept our visitors deliciously sustained and it was warm enough to sit out.



The church is open daily during the week from 9.30 – 5pm.

Fosse Green Energy Solar Farm - Update

The Planning Inspector will complete the formal examination process by 15th June and will then submit a recommendation and accompanying report to the Secretary of State for a decision within a further 6 months.

At the point of writing this article, several key outstanding issues remain as the Planning Inspector seeks to find satisfactory answers to the questions he and others have raised. However, his task is to reach a balanced decision based upon the range of information available at that time even if open issues, questions, and points of controversy remain.

The planning application for the Navenby sub-station, which is an essential pre-requisite for the solar farm, has been received by NKDC but not yet published on line. Local opposition to these

schemes, including those in our village and the Cliff Villages Solar Action Group (CVSAG), intend to mount a vigorous campaign to oppose this application. A series of fact-based arguments is being prepared in anticipation of the application going live. A web-based response system to make it easier for residents to express their opinions will be available. It is hoped that this will make residents' responses more powerful as they will be linked to key facts, precedents, and planning policy.

If you would like to receive further information, support the opposition, and have not previously registered your email, please contact:

clerk@thorpeonthehillparishcouncil.gov.uk

At Whisby Quarry, we know how important it is to keep our neighbours and local communities informed about our work.

As a long-established local quarry, we aim to communicate openly about day-to-day operations, future plans and our involvement in the local area. This article provides a short update on recent activity at Whisby Quarry, including a new Quarry Manager, the proposed extension and the local events we will be supporting this year.

New Quarry Manager at Whisby

We are pleased to confirm that Ashley Gillard has been appointed as the new Quarry Manager for Whisby Quarry.

Ashley has been in post since the beginning of 2026 and is also Quarry Manager at Besthorpe Quarry, a position he has held for a number of years. In his role at Whisby, Ashley will be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations at the quarry and ensuring that the site continues to operate safely and responsibly.

Ashley will also be involved in future liaison group meetings, providing local representatives with an opportunity to hear directly from the site team, ask questions and discuss any matters relating to the quarry.

Planning application update

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to engage with our public consultation at the end of 2025 for the proposed Eagle Hall extension to Whisby Quarry.

We are continuing to review all of the comments received and are using this feedback to help inform final amendments to the planning application before it is submitted to Lincolnshire County Council.

Once the application has been submitted, it will be available to view through the Council's planning portal. We will provide a further update at that stage, including details of how people can view the application documents and make comments directly to the Council.

Supporting local events

As part of our commitment to being a good neighbour, we are continuing to support local events and community activities around Whisby Quarry.

This summer, we will be:

- Sponsoring the Swinderby Fete on Sunday 31 May
- Sponsoring the North Scarle Village Fair on Saturday 18 July
- Attending the Collingham Show on Saturday 19 September



The team at the Swinderby Fete in 2025

These events are an important part of local life as they help to bring residents, community groups and local organisations together. We are pleased to support them and look forward to speaking with people over the coming months.

Staying in touch

We will continue to keep you updated as work at Whisby Quarry progresses, and if you would like to find out more about Whisby Quarry, or have any questions, please contact our community liaison manager, Che, at che@eqcommunications.co.uk.

QiGong - What's the point?

I am of course referring to an acupressure point – and we explore energy channels and therapeutic movement in our weekly class on Mondays at Oliver Roper 10-11am.

All are welcome

QiGong – or nurturing your life force, is a recognised part of East Asian Medicine. In Japan, certainly since 20th century, this knowledge of energetic pathways was widely applied as shiatsu. Its a bodywork common in supporting family and friends with everyday wellness.

A German physio and shiatsu practitioner, Karin Kalbantner- Wernicke, spent some years working in Japan alongside the traditional midwives, learning how they applied the East Asian medicine understanding of energetic development and brought back to the West a programme for a more embodied approach to child development than we currently use. She called it the Samurai programme because as well as being strong and brave, the Samurai had a very strong morality, were creative and the Samurai tradition had equally important roles for men and women.

Karin and her husband, Thomas, a Doctor also noted that for older people – especially those who lived in care settings, connecting with others via touch could be very restricted. And so a programme for Adults came into being.

In conjunction with U3A, I will be running a

Samurai taster session (details below) as part of Shiatsu Without Borders, a europe wide initiative. We will be exploring working in pairs on each others hands, arms, back and shoulders. The whole session is seated and both the “giver” and the “receiver” benefit from the routine. We will swap so you can experience both roles.

The session will equip you to do doing relaxing bodywork on your family and friends. If you know any one who is a carer, this is particularly supportive for them.

Samurai Shiatsu Workshop

June 26th 11-12.00

Rustons Newark Rd LN6 8RN

Free for U3A QiGong Group members

Non QG group members welcome £5

Barbara Bond bbshaistu@gmail.com

07733 396891



Love your Parish - ThReds Walking Group

Aubourn Stepping Out Walk Walk 75 (Thursday, 2 April, 2026)

This walk of about 4.7 miles started and finished on the one way system in Aubourn. The first part of the walk involved walking along the side of the busy Harmston Road but we were soon into open countryside and on very good footpaths. The forecasted chilly breeze was never really a problem and the sun shone for the whole walk. Perfect.

The next walk will be a picnic walk and is on 25 June. The route is normally longer than normal with a picnic break around the half way point.

For more information contact me at tonymagri949@btinternet.com

Tony Magri



Compare this to the photo from the last walk.



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

What a busy term so far...we've had so much going on and lots of visitors into school including authors and faith groups to help us understand more about different faiths during our diversity week. The highlight for Year 6 was their visit to the Greek Orthodox church in Lincoln. We had a whole school parade and picnic at the church as part of St George's Day celebrations too!

We are extremely proud of our NFL team who represented Lincolnshire in the regional finals in Nottingham – although we did not win, they all did such an amazing job and have firmly put St Michael's on the map for NFL!

Year 2 and Year 5 had a very successful trip to Lincoln Castle and enjoyed their wall walk as well as dressing up in medieval costumes – they reenacted a banquet too! Our Reception class have enjoyed using their outside space this week and loved finding out about transport. Year 4 travelled to York to learn more about the Vikings and had a brilliant day!

The week of writing this, Year 6 are getting ready to take their SATS – they have all worked exceptionally hard and we wish them well next week. I am sure that they are looking forward to the fun activities we have planned to celebrate their hard work.

Great news – we still have some space available in our Reception class for September 2026, so if you are not sorted yet then please get in touch. We are offering stay and play sessions too if you are still looking or starting to look for September 2027.

Stay & Play Sessions

Come and discover what makes our school special! Join us for a relaxed and friendly session where you and your child can: take part in a fun outdoor activity, enjoy a drink and a story together, explore our outdoor learning environment, meet key members of staff and ask questions. Parents stay with their child throughout.

Please get in touch with school to book. **10:00–11:00am** in our **Outdoor Area**. **Limited places available – booking essential**

Dates:

-  11th June
-  24th Jun
-  15th July

We have recently launched a Facebook page where you can find out more about our school...

<https://www.facebook.com/share/14YiqQbLq4c/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

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



Love your Parish - ThReds Book Club

ThReds Book Club

Book 71

Operation Mincemeat by Duff

Cooper

**(scores ranged from 6 to 8.5 with
an average of 7.2/10)**

Friday, 27th March, 2026

Background to the book.

Operation Heartbreak by Duff Cooper was originally published in 1950, republished in 2004 and again in 2025 by Penguin Classics. The most recent publication prompted an article in the Times which said "Duff Cooper, one of Churchill's closest political allies, wrote this 1950 novel about a secret plot to fool Hitler. Operation Heartbreak is short, surprising and a joy to read." It is only 140 pages long and the ending is loosely based on the successful Second World War Operation Mincemeat.

The protagonist is an ageing cavalry officer, Willie Maryngton, whose one wish in life is to fight for his country. Too young in 1918, too old in 1939, bewildered by both the mechanisation of cavalry regiments and the "modern" girl,

Maryngton has his wish only after his death from pneumonia.

In discussion, the book was described as interesting and an easy read with clear, uncomplicated writing. It was summarised as the desire of one man who wanted to go to war when no-one else did. The ending was thought to be "bitter sweet" and a surprise.

Willie Maryngton liked dining out and drinking champagne although we never really discovered what he liked to eat. To recognise his drinking habit we started the meeting with a glass of fizz. For our post discussion nibbles we chose things that were patriotic (English cheeses) and things we could remember (Battenburg cake, Swiss roll, Tunnock's tea cakes biscuits and cream crackers)



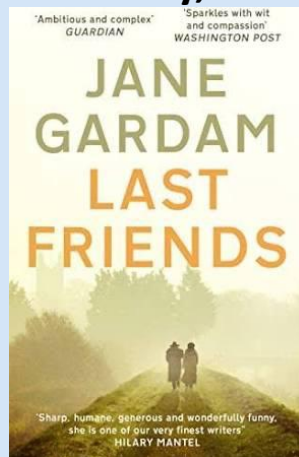
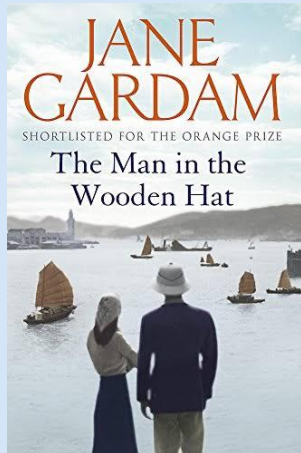
Love your Parish - ThReds Book Club

ThReds Book Club

Books 72 and 73

The Man in the Wooden Hat and Last Friends by Jane Gardam (scores ranged from 6 to 9 with an average of 8/10)

Friday, 22th May, 2026



These two books are part of a trilogy based on the lives of Edward Feathers (Old Filth, which we discussed in July last year), Betty Feathers (The Man in the Wooden Hat) and Terry Veneering (Last Friends)

Elizabeth Lowry wrote in the Times Literary Supplement that the trilogy was Jane Gardam's masterpiece.

The author has managed to write three books, each of which could be read in isolation, and rather than continuing the stories of the three main characters, she develops and reworks them to give us a much better understanding of these lead characters. She cleverly covers the same events from different viewpoints.

In the group the set was described as 'a treasure', complex and sometimes confusing, very well written and worthy of being reread. Some in the group had already read the books two and three times, gaining more with each reading.

Themes in the book include the impact of a difficult childhood on adulthood, loneliness, social mobility and ageing. Some of the writing is also very funny.

Zoe provided excellent, themed refreshments, including a menu showing where the food appeared in the books. Very clever.

Food for thought

Fruit cake	Betty's funeral (OF)
Tiramisu	Judges' Hotel (OF)
'Cress' sandwiches	(MWH)
Battenburg cake	(MWH)
Tonic water	(MWH)
Flapjacks	(LF)
Cheese	because we are the Group

Once again, it was a very enjoyable meeting. Thanks Zoe



Our next meeting is on 3 July when we'll be discussing Precipice by Robert Harris.

For more information contact me at tonymagri949@btinternet.com

Mini St Michael's

Big Fun for Little Ones!

Hello everyone,

As another lovely half term comes to an end, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Egg Hunt and Plant Sale. Thanks to your generosity and support, we've raised lots of valuable funds for the church, we really appreciate it!

We would also like to give a very warm welcome to all the new families who have started joining us this term. It's been wonderful getting to know you, and see the baby mat busy, we're so happy to have you as part of our group. This half term we've celebrated two special birthdays and enjoyed some delicious cake together, always a highlight for the children (and grown-ups too!).

During our sessions we've been learning about the story of Abraham and the children have loved joining in with songs, crafts and activities linked to the story. We even managed to get the parachute out for some energetic games and a fun round of Follow the Leader!

We will be starting back on 1st June for our final half term before summer. We're looking forward to making the most of the warmer weather with plenty of outdoor play sessions, and we're hoping to host a Sports Day and a special Graduation Ceremony for our preschool children moving on this year.

We would also love to welcome any new families with babies or young children who may be looking for a friendly and relaxed activity for a Monday morning. Please do invite friends along and help us spread the word!

Term time Monday 9:30am- 11am. No booking required

Recommended Donation £1.50 per child

Thank you again for being part of such a lovely community. We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you soon!

For more information, please find us on Facebook at @[ministmichaels](#)





Mini *Retreat* Yoga



ESCAPE TO TRANQUILITY
AUBOURN HALL 19TH JUNE 7-9PM



Mini Yoga Retreat Evening

Join us for an evening of gentle yoga, restorative yin, Yoga Nidra and healthy treats in a beautiful, peaceful setting.

A cosy candlelit space to rest, recharge and leave feeling calm, grounded and deeply relaxed.

CONTACT KATIE TO BOOK:
PEACEANDPURPOSEYOGA@GMAIL.COM

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25 Years!



OPENING TIMES
10.00am-4.00pm

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with Dog Friendly tables in the reception, shop area

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areas

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27th Lincoln Scout Group – St Barnabas Hospice

Lincoln Cubs learn life-saving skills with St Barnabas Hospice

Cubs, aged 8 to 10, from the 27th Lincoln Scout Group, received an engaging First Aid session from St Barnabas Hospice last month. The cubs were introduced to basic first aid skills in a fun, interactive way, helping them understand how they can respond in an emergency and look after others.

Becki and Sarah, from the St Barnabas Education Team, used a range of wound moulage scenarios to bring the learning to life, including burns, bleeding, an unconscious casualty, the recovery position, and even a dramatic cut-off finger scenario. Each situation was approached with curiosity, enthusiasm, and a real willingness to learn.

Lindsey, Cub Leader, shared: “Cubs had a great evening with Sarah and Becki. We were learning about first aid, including some very realistic-looking made-up wounds. Cubs were taught when and how to call for help and shown how to deal with basic first aid emergencies. Huge thanks to Sarah and Becki!

“Pretending to be an unconscious casualty, I lost count of the number of times I was put into the recovery position!”

Becki, Digital Education and Projects Lead at St Barnabas, says: “The Cubs were fantastic to work with and really embraced the activities, asking great questions, and

getting hands-on with the practical elements of the training.

“We also demonstrated CPR and gave them the opportunity to have a go themselves. It was a great way to help them understand just how physically demanding CPR can be, while reinforcing an important message: at their age, the most important thing they can do in an emergency is get help quickly and alert an adult or emergency services.

“It was a brilliant opportunity to support young people in building confidence, and learning life-saving skills at an early age. A big thank you to the leaders for the warm welcome – and well done to the Cubs for getting fully involved!”

St Barnabas is passionate about providing gold standard, evidence-based education in Palliative, End of Life and Health Care, as well as within non-clinical settings.

Benefitting patients, individuals, organisations and communities, their educational training courses cover a variety of topics – from navigating challenging conversations around bereavement to incorporating emergency First Aid as standard.

The vast range of courses can be delivered at your place of work or at St Barnabas Hospice buildings, matched to your workforce needs. For more information, email the Education Team at education@stbarnabashospice.co.uk or call 01522 785 706.



Thorpe on the Hill - Parish Council

Parish Councillors

Cllr Lyons (Chair) Cllr Bramford (Vice chair), Cllr Ives
Cllr Sheldon MBE Cllr Williams, Cllr Owen, Cllr Koenen, Vacancy

Parish Clerk: Kerrie Vickers

Parish Council email: tothparish@gmail.com

Parish Council website: www.thorpe-hill.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Portfolio holders

Oliver Roper Village Hall - Cllrs Lyons, Ives, Owen

Whisby Quarry Liaison meeting - Cllr Lyons and Vacancy

Whisby Nature Park Steering Board – Cllr Sheldon MBE

Finance - Cllr Bramford

Allotments - Cllr Lyons

Oliver Roper Play Areas - Cllr Owen

Staffing Committee - Cllrs Lyons, Ives, Sheldon MBE

Lake Management Committee - Cllrs Lyons, Sheldon MBE, and Bamford

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.

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PC Minutes 14th May 2026 – Summary of key points

Annual Parish Meeting

Public time:

- The PC agreed to a proposal to investigate establishing an archive of village photographs so that these remain available for wider use once the current owners are not available.
- Concern was expressed about the deteriorating grass verges on Clay Lane. It was agreed that contact will be made with main agricultural users of the lane.

Annual PC Meeting

- Cllr Lyons was re-elected as Chair of the PC and Cllr Koenen was elected as Vice Chair. Cllrs thanks Cllr Bramford for his work as vice-chair for the last 2 years.

District/County Council Updates

- At a district level, issues around the proposed solar developments and associated sub-station and battery storage systems continue to absorb considerable time and energy in the last financial year. In addition, the pending Local Government Reorganisation has featured heavily in the last 12 months.
- LCC recently won an award for best authority dealing with waste management
- LCC have also recently approved a major investment in new and updated Fire & Resue equipment which will be phased in over the next few years.
- Work on the North Hykeham Relief Road has begun
- A crisis and resilience fund has been set up to provide emergency support to eligible residents with details available on LCC website.

Formal PC Meeting

- A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was approved and signed.
- The Financial Report and list of payments was agreed and signed.
- Following the recent audit, the Accounting Statement for 2025/26 was signed off.
- The range of Standing Orders was reviewed and approved.
- A new Equality & Diversity Policy was adopted

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