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WELCOME TO THE JUNE ISSUE OF BLEASBY NEWS

June is likely to be an exciting month! On 11th June, of course, we have our Open Gardens and Open Church event when twelve gardens will be open, plus a traditional hay meadow (maybe we should call it the Mayfield) and an artist's studio. A lot to see and to partake of with teas at the Village Hall and plants for sale at Alligin. Now is our chance to welcome our visitors as well as enjoy the day ourselves. Also in June, the Best Kept Village Competition judges will be visiting to assess our village as a contender. Tidying up will be the order of the day! We know we have some less than attractive areas - some we can do something about – others are a bit more difficult. We'll all do the best we can to make a good impression!

Unfortunately we have lost a few significant trees in recent months: Bleasby has been scheduled for tree work by the County Council so there will be a few more losses, but this is mainly removing branches not whole trees. It would be wonderful if we were able to always plant replacement trees when a tree had to be felled – trees as we know are good for the environment, for air quality and, of course, for the soul. *Plant a tree for all to see!*

We always look forward to receiving your articles, photos, ideas, news etc so please send plenty for the August/summer edition to:- Rachael Andrew, Sutton House, pran@suttonhs.fsworld.co.uk or Barbara Cast, Little Dower House, barbaracast@btinternet.com by Wednesday 12th July – a little earlier this time due to impending school holidays.

Your Editors, Barbara and Rachael

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bleasby's Annual Parish Meeting was, as always, attended by a Village Hall capacity audience on the evening of 2nd May and proved to be of particular significance in that residents were able to express their dismay over the apparently evasive operations of Vodaphone/Telefonica's agents in their efforts to erect a telecommunications mast without proper consultation. After having once moved the proposed site from Sycamore Lane to Orchard Close, a final application was made for the previously rejected site at the BT telephone exchange, literally on the boundaries of four encircling homes at the centre of a 250m radius which would include ninety homes as well as the whole of the village's central conservation area of church, Glebe Field, Waggon and Horses, Bleasby Hall and associated houses and gardens. The fears voiced ranged from uncertain and long-term health implications, potential interference with electronic devices such as pacemakers and cochlear implants, visual intrusion and depreciation of property values – quite apart from it anyway being inappropriately sited. It was felt that the choice of site appeared to be driven by their convenience and cost rather than by finding a mutually acceptable and yet effective one. Unfortunately, particular grievance was felt in that, owing to a programming error on the part of Newark and Sherwood DC's Planning Department, consent was given by

that Council before the closing date for objections, meaning that a number of the objections could not be considered in the decision making process. Leader of NSDC, Cllr Roger Blaney, a keen supporter of our parish, made a public apology for this administrative error in the planning process but also made it clear that newly introduced legislation respecting such installations meant that objections could only be made on the grounds of siting and appearance – this is to speed through the government’s intention to provide at least 4G strength coverage nationally and to ensure that rural communities are not disadvantaged. The Parish Council has formally objected twice to the shifting proposals and, like the local residents, has sought to meet, discuss issues and suggest more appropriate alternative sites within the parish, but all to no avail. One resident actually offered a site at the APM and at least two others seemed practical alternatives such as EE’s own solution of fixing apparatus to a pylon on the transmission line towards Morton.

Reports were presented at the APM by representatives of the School, Church, Village Hall, Parish Plan Steering Group and Women’s Institute. These will be available on the Community website. Many thanks to all such contributors & to villagers who were able to support by their attendance. The Chair’s report you can read from page 30.

On other matters please look out for the arrival of the Parish Plan Questionnaire at your door during June with a two-week return date when completed copies will be collected should you not have handed them in or chosen to fill them in online. As has oft been stated the questionnaire returns will form the major foundation on which the Parish Plan will be constructed and used as a basis for the future progress of Bleasby Parish. The Aircrew Memorial project discussions between the Council and its project group has prompted a recognition that its unveiling and commemoration may well become an affair of significance not only locally but at national, if not international level. Its current proposed siting could become problematic for the management of what might be a major event involving potentially hundreds of people, dignitaries and overseas representatives. In order to resolve such logistical complications alternative sites are being considered and the Parish Council has already agreed that a site on the Glebe Field close to the Church could be made available.

Residents will be pleased to hear that there will be improved transport services with trains running directly, with stops at Bleasby, between Lincoln and Nottingham on Sundays and, we are told, our temporary Medilink bus service to Southwell MAY be replaced by a modification of the current bus service to Newark to include Southwell on its route on certain days. This will only be if current usage of the Medilink service is at least maintained and ideally increased so PLEASE USE IT whenever you can find the excuse as well as a reason to do so! USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Many thanks to all those stalwarts of the parish who continue to support us all in their often unrecognised and unseen efforts and work that keep us enjoying the most agreeable lifestyle and opportunities here in Bleasby.

Peter Cast, Chair, on behalf of the Parish Council

FROM THE REVD PHIL

Dear All

There used to be an old adage in Church circles about politics: '*conservative in theology, liberal in giving and labour night and day*'. But this won't help much on June 8th. How are we surviving the political argie-bargie? Have we fallen out with the neighbours yet?

Do you like me find pronouncements of certainty irritating? Certainty is overrated.

We all hear that – "Conservatives will deliver 'strong and stable leadership' and a wonderful set of Brexit negotiations to make Britain great again; Lib Dems will want to reverse it all; the only certainty about Labour is they will never put into practice whatever they say; SNPs are certain that they will win a second referendum and bring a prosperity to Scotland that has eluded them for 350 years; Tony Blair is just certain"!

And as for you and me? I barely know what I'm having for dinner tomorrow never mind what will happen with our next government.

I love election night, it's exciting and full of uncertain foreboding. Life's like that. We try to hang on to our certainties but we have no guarantees about anything.

But surely "you Christians should be certain about a lot of things" - I hear it said. Or "I wish I had your faith", as if it's a certainty. I have a lot of uncertainty about lots of things but the scales are balanced by just a tiny bit of faith. To experience God as a loving, gracious presence seems more of a necessity than a certainty. Certainty is overrated. Faith is required. Who knows what election results will bring....

Blessings anyway

The Revd Phil

p.s. I have an e-copy of the Archbishops' pastoral letter on the General Election released on 5th May and subsequently commented on in the press. Email me for a copy if you want one.

phil_07@btinternet.com - www.westtrentchurches.co.uk - 07720010066

The Revd Phil is contactable as above or via the administrator for the West Trent Group: Paula Carlin on 07419 176021 or at beneficeofwesttrent@gmail.com

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CHURCH NEWS

Easter Week

This year Easter Day coincided with the third Sunday in the month when we hold our benefice service. We were pleased to hold the service at St Mary's and even more pleased and surprised that a congregation of about a hundred arrived for the service, filling our church. It was an uplifting experience to be among so many worshippers at such a joyful celebration. All of us who work week by week to keep the church alive, not least Revd Phil, found it unexpectedly gratifying. There had been other successful events during the week, including the poetry cycle, "Voices in a Mystery", which those who came to this performance in St Mary's found arresting and thought-provoking; and the Good Friday Walk which provided the fifty or so participants with opportunities to walk and talk with old friends and new, the pleasure of walking in the countryside in good weather and resulted for some of us in a sense of achievement and tired legs!

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We met in church on April 20th when the annual report was presented and officers for the coming year elected. There were no changes to the composition of the PCC.

Churchyard Working Party

Volunteers have met twice during April to carry out work identified by the tree survey carried out earlier in the year. Rev Phil, who is a qualified chainsaw operative(!), Ali Sutherland and other more or less willing supporters have taken on work identified as essential that didn't need an expert's attention. This included removing undergrowth, seedlings, dead and diseased wood and clearing the lower branches from the yew trees that overhang the car park. Other less energetic volunteers provided tea, cake and encouragement. Our thanks go to all the volunteers for the work done which will substantially reduce the eventual bill for tree work.

Open Church

The PCC is pleased to join with the Village Hall Committee in promoting the Open Gardens and Open Church Day on Sunday 11th June. Village organisations have been invited to display items of interest and/or a floral arrangement for the enjoyment of visitors.

The West Trent Benefice

The seven churches in our group, Bleasby, Halloughton, Hoveringham, Morton, Rolleston, Thurgarton and Upton will become a legal benefice in the near future. A service of celebration to mark this event will take place at Thurgarton Priory Church on Sunday June 18th at 10.30 am when Bishop Paul will be celebrant and preacher. This will be followed by lunch. All are welcome.

Organ Convention

The British Institute of Organ Studies will be holding a convention for their members in St Mary's on Saturday July 8th. The venue has been chosen to acknowledge the importance attached to the rediscovery by the BIOS members of our 18th century organ and to enable delegates from far and wide to hear it played. Much excitement has been generated by the organ cognoscenti concerning this historic instrument. We hope they enjoy their day.

Diana Temperley and Rachael Andrew, Churchwardens



It was inspirational to have a full church on Easter Sunday!

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE – BLEASBY SUPPORT

Over the last two years we have hosted two girls, Dasha and Nastya, through the local branch of the Chernobyl Children's Life Line charity. Both girls come from Molotkovichi in Belarus. During the first three weeks of the summer holidays, the children live with a host family, go out on daily excursions, visit the seaside for the day as they have never seen the sea, and are treated to a healthy diet, a vitamin regime, dental treatment and eye testing. For some children this will be the only time they will leave their village.

This year our family will be hosting Yana who is 11 years old but she is smaller than an 8 year old. She has been raised and cared for by her Grandmother as her parents abandoned her and her brother at a very young age. The Chair of the charity and his wife during their visit to select the children for this year's visit were approached by the head teacher of the school. He specifically asked them to make an exception to bring Yana to England as she was outside of this year's age group. Following a visit to her family home, the local charity organisers could see why the Head asked for their support. All three sleep and live in the one room. There was no running water, indoor plumbing or heating. A short film showed the cockroaches running through their wooden shack. Following her 3 week visit to England this summer, the charity will

continue to support the family. This will give clear financial benefits to her, her brother and grandmother.

The benefits to the children are clear. The same short film showed Dasha (visited 2015) and Nastya (visited 2016) at home with their families. They looked happy and healthy and seemed very pleased with the photo-book we put together for each girl to remind her of her visit. Small gifts of clothes and art packs were sent to the girls.

We are appealing to you all again this year to donate generously. Any clothes, shoes and warm coats for girls and boys, suitcases or holdalls for the children to take home, all are needed. Most of the children will come to England with very little, just one outfit and shoes that do not fit. The host families will send them home with two suitcases, as much as they can carry. Ideally these need to have wheels so that they can pull them easily through the airports. Any items not used are fed through to the host families during this visit for the other children, or back through the charity to raise money for the following year's visit and excursions.

Any items can be dropped off at our house at 7 Hawthorn Close or contact us at janineandchris@tiscali.co.uk or 07870 928233 and we will happily collect any items from you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chris and Janine Barnes

BLEASBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

In April we held our annual meeting when the committee and officers were elected. To support us at this meeting we were pleased to welcome Helen Forester, our WI Advisor. Monica Richardson, who has been a dynamic and greatly appreciated President for many years, stood down and Christine Sharpe was elected to replace her. We thank Monica for all her efforts on our behalf and wish her a happy "retirement". She leaves the WI in good heart, with a growing membership involved in many areas of WI life and supportive of each other. Monica will be a hard act to follow but we know that we will have an equally exciting year ahead with Christine's leadership. So congratulations to Christine who will bring many skills and a different perspective to the role. Most of the present committee were happy to stand again and we thank them too for all they do for members and the wider community. We also thank Trish Johnson and Carole Dewhurst who have stepped down.

The outgoing President's report showed what a busy year we had enjoyed – interesting talks, visits and lunches, plus carol singing, sports and games. Visits to The National Memorial Arboretum and Averham Theatre to see "The Witches" are planned for June. And back in October we had organised a County Walk which was very well attended. Our WI also continues to be active at local, county and national level with some of our members enjoying a holiday in Torquay and who will be involved at the Newark Show, a croquet event and the WI County Quiz.

The WI is invariably involved in village events and members will soon be baking cakes in preparation for Saturday, June 11th, when it is the Open Garden and Open Church event, when we hope many visitors will be coming to enjoy our gardens and our teas in the Village Hall. We have great pride in our village and, in the run up to the Best Kept Village Competition and Open Gardens, we are undertaking litter picks around the parish.

Nationally, the WI has a long history of campaigning on a wide range of issues important to women. These have, over the years, brought about changes in legislation and government policy. Every resolution passed throughout the WI's 101 year history has stemmed from grassroots concern. This year 82 resolutions were submitted by members nationally and these have now been narrowed down to two. These resolutions, selected to go forward to the National Conference in June, to be held in Liverpool, are "Alleviating loneliness" and "Keeping microplastic fibres out of our oceans". Lively discussions around these resolutions took place at our May meeting – both were supported but members were clear that there was an urgent need to move on the microplastic fibres issue. So little is known of the massive problem these minute particles are causing – most come from the washing of clothing made of artificial materials and they form 85% of the terrible plastic rubbish problem in our seas – public awareness of this must be high on the National Federation of WI's agenda.

We meet in the Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30. Why not come along and give the WI a try.

Rachael Andrew

GOLD FOR FREDDIE!

More success for speed skater Freddie Polak at the National Championships where he won gold in the short track speed skating in the Pee Wee 2 category. Freddie, aged 10, is a pupil at Bleasby School. Once again, congratulations to Freddie.

LOWDHAM COLTS GIRLS FOOTBALL

Lowdham Colts Girls Under 13s Team have had much success over the season. They reached the final in the Nottinghamshire County Cup, being beaten by Nottingham Forest. They also recently played another final in May. This is truly remarkable for such a small club. They were the first girls' side established at Lowdham Colts, and since then more girls sides at Lowdham have been formed. Furthermore the parish of Bleasby has been well-represented with Katie Edinborough, Cassidy Haigh, Alice and Freya Andersen playing for the team with another local team member in Lucy Cook from Fiskerton. It is a real local effort. Freya has now gone on to the Forest Academy side and remains their captain. Well done to you all.

RETIREMENT OF HEAD CHORISTER



Whilst fourteen may seem very young to retire, the career of a chorister is a short but busy one. With the impending vocal changes along with additional school work in preparation for GCSEs, choristers generally leave as they approach Year 10 of school.

Charlie Smith of Hawthorn Close retired on Easter Sunday as Head Chorister of Southwell Minster, after five years of singing with the Choir there.

Whilst at times the schedule has been a challenge, Charlie has gathered some amazing memories and friends along his journey with the choir, recording and singing live on BBC Radio, touring Budapest, singing with the BBC Symphony Orchestra included. He is now very much looking forward to some free time to pursue other activities.

For anyone interested in joining the choir details can be found here

<http://www.southwellminster.org/cathedral-choir.html>

Katherine and Ian Smith

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

Our Village Hall is suitable for all kinds of events. Coffee mornings, meetings, family parties, lectures, classes etc all take place in our well-appointed and attractive hall.

The hall is equipped with plenty of modern tables and chairs plus lots of crockery and cutlery.

The cutlery, crockery (including loads of mugs), wine and champagne glasses and equipment including electric and thermos tea urns can also be hired separately to the hall and there are also about forty plastic chairs and some tables for hire which can be used out of doors.

The hall costs £8 per hour to hire, fully inclusive - for parties we ask for a deposit. Information on how to book and for hire rates for equipment contact Vivienne Mayfield, on 830929 or email vivmayfield@aol.com.

Bleasby Open Gardens

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BOOK GROUP

At the April book group meeting we discussed “Don’t Let Me Go” by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Unfortunately we were few in number but nevertheless a lively discussion took place. The book was intended to be light relief after the rather heavy choice for March - “Harvest” by Jim Crace. “Don’t Let Me Go” proved to be a warm story and, although it deals with some dark issues, there is growth and healing. The range of characters added interest to the story and whilst it strayed from the believable at times it held the attention to the end.

We meet once a month in the Waggon. Books are usually drawn from library stocks designed for reading groups. Our May book choice was Australian, Hannah Kent’s, debut novel “Burial Rites”, shortlisted for The Guardian First Book award and for the Baileys prize for fiction in 2014. We don’t always agree about the merit of prize winners but this one sounds promising. Set in Iceland in the 1820s it is described as “a gripping narrative of love and murder that inhabits a landscape and time as bleak and unforgiving as the crime and punishment that occurred there.”

Bernice McGrath



LITTLE RUDSEY FARM

We are indebted to Juliet Elliott (Little Rudsey Barns) for much of the information included in this article and also for the photo which shows Little Rudsey in the 1950s.

Little Rudsey Farm sits on the brow of the hill at the end of the first lane off High Cross Hill as you leave the Southwell to Nottingham Road. It is bounded by the A612, High Cross

Farm and Halloughton Dumble. There are wonderful views over Halloughton and Southwell. Like Rudsey Farm, Little Rudsey once belonged to the Church Commissioners but was apparently purchased by John Norman early in the 1950s. It seems likely that the Rudseys were once a single farm. Typical of its time, Little Rudsey consisted of farmstead (built in the mid to late 1800s), barn and outbuildings set around a central crew yard which would have been used for overwintering stock. John Norman had been farming there since 1901 - he hailed from Wicken in Cambridgeshire. On the 100 acres the Normans would have grown cereal crops and

probably roots, and also kept animals. There was a substantial orchard producing apples, pears and especially plums: this was grubbed up in 1980.

John Norman's son, Henry, continued to farm there, followed by Henry's son Cecil. In later years, tragedy struck the Norman family twice. Cecil lost his life through electrocution in 1965 when his ladder apparently caught overhead cables whilst pulling plums. His widow Gwenda (nee Watkinson from Halam) carried on farming with her two sons, Graham and John. One of the sons, John, was also electrocuted while he was repairing an electric drill. It was then that Gwenda entered a farming partnership with Richard Elliott of Halloughton until the land was sold in 2008. The farm buildings were also sold and converted in 1988 and, in 2016, the farmhouse was also sold.

It is interesting to note the names of previous farmers at the Rudseys and the links between them. In the 1841 census William and Mary Aldridge, and their son Charles, were named as resident at Rudsey Farm and the family was still there in 1861. By 1871 the family's fortunes seem to have changed as Charles, then aged 49, was a labourer in an iron works at Ripley, living on Alfred Street with wife Ann and sons Charles, James, Walter and Dennis – the eldest 2 boys also in the same job. The youngest was then 8 and all were born in Bleasby. During the census periods 1891 to 1901 Joseph Pentelowe was the farmer at Rudsey Farm. His son, Adalbert, then took over as recorded in the census 1911.

Other farming families associated with the Rudseys were the Heathers (also based at what became Station, then Granary, Farm) the Linneys and the Marsons.

IS THIS THE BEST PLACE TO PUT A 45 FOOT MOBILE MAST?



Of course it isn't – there are at least three better alternatives.....

Newark and Sherwood District Council has given permission to Vodafone/O2 to erect an unsightly 15 metre high mobile mast in Sycamore Lane three days before the end of the consultation period.

Furthermore, Vodafone/O2's developers have refused consistently to meet with residents to hear their concerns, despite at least three viable

alternative locations having been identified.

On 3rd April, Newark & Sherwood District Council issued letters concerning the proposed development. Despite its impact on the wider village, the District Council chose to inform only the six properties immediately adjoining the site. A deadline of

24th April was set for comments. However, at 08.35 am on Saturday 22nd April, nearly three days before the end of the consultation period, the District Council announced that the development was approved, apparently without the knowledge of Roger Blaney, our District Councillor.

Arqiva, the developer of the installation, appeared initially to make an offer to meet with residents. However, they have been very evasive and, following the District Council's premature approval, immediately withdrew the offer.

Residents are considering taking legal action for Judicial Review of the District Council's decision, on the basis of the acknowledged failure in the process by the planning office. The purpose of this action would not be to reject the installation of a mast in Bleasby, but to pause the process to facilitate appropriate consultation with the relevant parties, and consideration of alternatives that the village could then support.

If you are concerned about this planned development, and about how the consultation has been handled, there are a number of things that you can do. You can write to our MP, Robert Jenrick (robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk), and our County and District Councillors, Sue Saddington (cllr.susan.saddington@nottsc.gov.uk) and Roger Blaney (roger.blaney@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk).

Template letters are available on the village Facebook page and also on a 'Bleasby Telecoms Mast' Facebook page that has been set up by concerned residents. However, if you prefer, please contact Arwel Griffiths who can send you a copy (contact details below). There are also petitions that you can sign in the Waggon, the phone box, Hazelford nursing home and at Gibsmere camping. If you want to find out more or are able to volunteer to help in our campaign to achieve a better outcome for the village, please join our Facebook page or contact Arwel Griffiths arwel_griffiths@hotmail.com or 07786 171133.

BLEASBY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our new annual programme started in with a most interesting and memory provoking talk by Peter Lyth on "The History of Brackenhurst" for which we had a very large attendance. In May it was "The Hallaton Treasure" by Peter Liddle; this by an eminent archaeologist and again a popular and fascinating talk, the site lying just out of the county into Leicestershire.

The next talk will be "200 years of Bromley House Library" on 27th June – one of Nottingham's best kept secrets, and on 23rd July we visit Moor Ponds Wood in Papplewick.

You are most welcome to attend our talks – members free and £2.50 for visitors. Talks start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Barbara Cast - President of Bleasby Local History Society

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KATHARINE MORRIS'S ACCOUNT OF HER VISIT TO RUDSEY FARM IN 1934

21st June 1934 – A rainy blowy day: I go up to see Rudsea Farm. Along the lane; past a bean field from which the flowers are mostly fallen and the small black beans already come on the plants: past a hay field on one side, down the hill is the line of black looking pine trees, white through the large moon-daisies – ruddy with the tint of sorrel; past fields of green corn, tall and swaying and already heavy with unripe grain, past a crop of tares half scythed. The windmill is turning down by the dumble for a high wind is blowing. And so to the farm; the farmer is hoeing his cabbage patch and his dog, an enormous cross-bred collie, springs barking to meet me.

I knock at the shut kitchen door and his wife opens to me. I go through the parlour living room, upstairs to the bedroom to leave my hat and coat. The stairs are steep and narrow, and on the turning halfway up is a glass case with three stuffed French pheasants in it that had been shot on a neighbouring estate and presented to them by the squire on his leaving when they were tenants. The bedroom window looks down on a piece of grassy orchard where there are several hen-coops occupied by hens and chickens. The fireplace is built in with little square black hobs on either side, like a miniature kitchen range. (For convenience in confinements and so on?) It has

a faded ruched silk screen in front. One little room has a small square window in the door with four panes with old prints varnished on one side to resemble painted glass. A butler's pantry down below has a similar door with simple designs varnished on, through which you enter and down a flight of lime-washed steps to a little sink where the glassware was washed up in the old days. A fox's mask is fixed over the drawing room door. A number of texts are hung up throughout the house in prominent positions.

The drawing room (the never used room) is very clean and cold, with frail looking pictures - similar to those in the best bedroom – everywhere, and another faded ruched silk screen stands in front of the fireplace. A very solid twisting stone stairway leads down from the back bedrooms (into which you stoop through low doorways up and down steps) to the main kitchen: this is a large, low-beamed room where a ham and a flitch of bacon hang drying from hooks. A gun lies in brackets along the main beam; a great many coats on a stand just inside the door. There is one large white table covered by a cloth; and another in the window. We go down another step into the back kitchen – equally large with numerous hurricane lamps hanging from some of the innumerable hooks in the beams. Besides the old brick oven (now bricked up) a bitch lies with two-day puppies in a basket – terriers. Here is the wringer, the sink and countless other workaday articles of furniture. A kettle is on the fire for tea. In the other kitchen a big oil cooker stands in front of the range. Up a step from the main kitchen, the living room is comfortably furnished with cushioned chairs and a horse-hair sofa covered in chintz-covered pad and more cushions. In the kitchen and this room are picture calendars illustrating farmyard subjects and here, besides one or two family photographs and groups, are more pictures of cattle – highland or sentimental. There is a wireless set and a cage of love birds on the sideboard with its long cover and china ornaments. The hearth is whitened and furnished with polished fire-irons.

. Beyond the Dutch barn in the stackyard (under which is the engine which pumps the water when there's no wind to turn the mill; the tractor [dutch blue painted]; binders; several carts, one mophry) is a very old cart hovel – wooden pillars support a little roof under which lie a mowing machine as well as several old carts. Behind this, the son of a former tenant ("after some words") committed suicide by shooting himself.

. Tea is set on the solid mahogany table in the living room: bread and butter (the latter with faint, cheesy odour) several cakes on high glass stands, strawberries (no cream) and fresh made, bitter-strong tea.

Katharine Morris lived at Little Dower House from the age of 8 and, apart from periods working away, it was her much loved home until her death in August 1999

JUBILEE PONDS – ANOTHER CELEBRATORY YEAR!

The Jubilee Ponds exist as a result of the parish's desire to commemorate in some permanent way the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 when a trio of us, with the support of the Parish Council, set about negotiations with Hoveringham Gravels to acquire, initially on a peppercorn rent, their worked out land to become "an area of gentle recreation and nature conservation" for the use of parishioners. That was forty years ago, whilst in 1987 – ten years later – the land was finally bought from Hoveringham Gravels by the Parish Council for the handsome sum of £1!

Much has happened in the ensuing years and the management of the site has been driven by those two initial objectives – "gentle recreation and nature conservation". Invariably there has been a constant need to try to balance the differing interests of people using the area and those charged with managing it. Because the fishing rights are owned separately, and were sold at the same time as the Ponds were acquired by Bleasby, cooperation between the fishermen and villagers has been a critical component from the outset to try to ensure that all parties can safely enjoy the Ponds as they would choose – and especially as they are entitled.

Bleasby Carp Syndicate own the water, whilst the Council owns the land. The fishermen have rights of access to all banks, are allowed to manage bankside vegetation and are entitled to fish without hindrance. The Council manages the land with its two major foundation objectives in mind, whilst also considering the advice offered by the Jubilee Ponds Management Group, along with the observations of users. These rights and arrangements are simple and very reasonable but complications can occur when, for instance, the management of bankside vegetation does not fit with the objective of "nature conservation" and when the "gentle recreation" of dog walking impacts on "fishing without hindrance" when, as examples, dogs are encouraged to retrieve objects from the water or allowed to interfere with fishing equipment. There is a real risk to dogs if they become entangled in line as a recent incident demonstrated and it was thanks to the actions of a fisherman that the dog did not drown. For forty years compromise, agreement and cooperation have prevailed and the JP Management Group continue to this day to attempt to maintain this equilibrium.

Whilst I was walking the Ponds recently two dog walkers, both with dogs on the lead, highlighted the management complication of 'conflict of interest' when one owner, before actually seeing it but hearing the other dog, anxiously scooped up her own dog lest the unseen dog might be loose and attack her dog. In this case there was clearly no problem but it does illustrate that dog owners themselves realise the need for "close control" of dogs as required by the Management Plan. In the past children and adults have been frightened by the sudden, unexpected arrival of loose dogs which, in their excitement, have sometimes actually knocked them over. Obviously this is something that would be a concern to all parties and why certain expectations for Ponds users have to be set out.

The prolonged dry period (the driest for twenty years) has itself created additional management complications for the meadow. Having initially been too wet to cut in order to control deep-rooted weeds like dock, its growth is now too advanced (with the flowering of such plants as the lovely red ragged-robin) to give the planned post-winter cut intended to control the growth of more vigorous grasses. The meadow is itself becoming a mosaic of differing grassland habitats according to the varying soil and water conditions prevailing and this, one could well argue, makes it all the more interesting.

This year the may (hawthorn's namesake) was fully in flower around the Ponds by May Day itself. This may be as one might expect, but this is actually more often not the case north of the Trent! Attention now, in late May, is more readily captured by the flowering of the red campion and the white-headed massed 'umbrellas' of cow parsley. On Holme Dyke, and on some of the margins, the yellow iris beg attention together with the accompaniment of the rather demure but, when closely viewed, delicate and discreet crimson water figwort, whilst water lilies spread out their saucer leaves prior to their summer flowering.

Warblers are now to be heard in good song with the chiffchaff still calling amongst the scrub, along with its less monotonous calling cousin, the blackcap. Along the banksides with reasonable cover, can be picked up the occasional calling sedge-warbler whilst the reedbed seems filled with the calls of at least three singing male reed-warblers, including the mid-May call of a cuckoo. Coot, with very young chicks are to be seen, as are the predated eggs of mallard. It is now that nesting birds and their eggs and young are very vulnerable to free running dogs as well as other natural predators – hence another reason for close control.

To mark this special Jubilee Ponds Anniversary Year we hope to find a place to plant two standard native trees. An oak and an ash were suggested by two of the Group who are members of long-standing village families and who, as boys, knew the Ponds as cow-grazed fields known historically as Borrowbread Close, Goss Close, Sick Close, Little Tornings and Sheep Close. Perhaps we will have to get those sheep or cows back to help manage the meadow?

Peter Cast

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Bleasby Diary of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 3 rd June	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Sunday 4 th June	10.30am	Service of Morning Praise for Everyone	St Mary's
Monday 5 th June		School resumes after half-term holiday	
Thursday 8 th June	7am till 10pm	General Election	Village Hall for polling station
Friday 9 th June	evening	BSFA Family Night at the Dogs	Nott'm Greyhound Stadium
Sunday 11 th June	9am	Service of Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sunday 11 th June	1pm till 6pm	Bleasby Open Gardens and Open Church	Gardens etc around the parish
Monday 12 th June	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council	Village Hall
Sunday 18 th June	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Sunday 18 th June	10.30am	Bishop Paul presides at inauguration of the West Trent Benefice	St Peter's Thurgarton
Tuesday 20 th June	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby WI with Colin Deeley on Gunby Hall, Lincolnshire	Village Hall
Friday 23 rd June		Bleasby School Summer Fair	Bleasby School
Tuesday 27 th June	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Local History Society with Geraldine Gray on 200 years of Bromley House Library	Village Hall
Saturday 1 st July	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Sunday 2 nd July	10.30am	Service of Morning Praise for Everyone	St Mary's
Saturday 8 th July		Organ Convention	St Mary's
Monday 10 th July	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council	Village Hall
Wednesday 12 th July		Deadline for the summer edition of Bleasby News	
Sunday 16 th July	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs

Tuesday 18 th July	7.30pm	Bleasby WI Barbecue	Gibsmere Farm
Wednesday 26 th July		Summer school holidays start	
Sunday 5 th August		Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs

June Church Services in the West Trent Group

	Bleasby	Halloughton	Hoveringham	Morton	Rolleston	Thurgarton	Upton
Sunday 4 th June	10.30am MPE		10.30am HC	9am HC	10.30am MPE	10.30am MPE	10.30am HC
Sunday 11 th June	11am HC	6pm EP	6pm EP	10.30am MPE	10.30am MPE	9am HC	10.30am MPE
Tuesday 13 th June							10am HC
Thursday 15 th June							4pm Zip Bam Boo
Sunday 18 th June						10.30am HC Bishop Paul	
Sunday 25 th June		9am HC	10.30am MPE	10.30am HC	10.30am HC	10.30am with Methodists	10.30am MPE

July Church Services in the West Trent Group

	Bleasby	Halloughton	Hoveringham	Morton	Rolleston	Thurgarton	Upton
Sunday 2 nd July	10.30am MPE		6pm EP	9am HC	10.30 MPE	10.30 MPE	10.30 HC
Sunday 9 th July		6pm EP	9am HC	10.30am MPE	11.00 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 MPE
Tuesday 11 th July							10.00 HC
Sunday 16 th July		10.30am HC					
Thursday 20 th July							4.00 Zip Bam Boo
Sunday 23 rd July	11am HC		10.30am MPE	10.30am MPE	9.30 HC	10.30 with Methodists	10.30 MPE
Sunday 30 th July				10.30am HC and lunch			

HC = Holy Communion MPE = Morning Praise for Everyone
EP = Evening Prayer

SUMMER

The sun creeps slowly into the sky and spreads
Its golden tendrils across the hard-baked earth
Bees buzz drowsily as they take up sweet nectar
And the air is heavy with the scent of summer.

This is the season of life and warmth, birth and growth
This is the time to walk and take in the humble pleasures
That Mother Earth has brought forth,
To marvel at the simple beauty of a lily
Laden with exquisite jewels of the morning
This is the very essence of summer
Of life at its most benevolent.

Justine Andrews: written at the age of 17

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BSFA FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DOGS

Friday 9th June

Family evening at Nottingham Greyhound Stadium.

The BSFA have been allocated a 'trap' for the evening for 6 races.

We will be competing against the other traps and the team with the highest score at the end of the races will be invited back to compete again with the ultimate winner being announced at the end of the year.

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FLOOD ACTION GROUP

The prolonged period of dry weather experienced locally throughout the winter and spring has meant that the water-table has remained low, the Trent has been at summer levels and the risk of flooding has been more one of flash pluvial flooding caused by the rapid flow of heavy rainfall over hard-dried fields and gardens and increasing areas of impermeable surfacing around our homes.

House gutters are vulnerable to blocking as accumulated bud scales from the springtime opening of tree leaves are added to winter roof accumulations which are washed down by the first significant rainfalls. This can then block downpipes and cause overflows on to external walls of houses. Your friendly window-cleaner can help undertake this task if you are unable to manage it yourselves.

Bleasby Flood Action Group

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS – KEEPING WATCH AND KEEPING SAFE

At our recent meeting with local parish representatives and our designated PCSO Keith Crowhurst, we are glad to report that crime in the area is currently very low but, unfortunately, we do have to report that, for once, Bleasby is the exception owing to a break-in which took place while the residents were on holiday. Remember to take extra care and precautions to ensure that you are not ‘advertising’ your absence, that your property is as secure as possible and that you have alerted your neighbours so that they can be particularly vigilant while you are away.

PCSO Crowhurst emphasised how effective inserting a commercially available mini-camera system into your door, with a linked sound and visual image to your mobile phone, has proved to be as a monitoring and deterrent system. It has already been proven to be effective here in Bleasby and, in his view, has proved to be a most effective crime prevention development.

Concerns about computer and telephone scams are still high on the local agenda and at least one family in the village has, thank goodness, been refunded hundreds of pounds which were lost after them having been taken in by a very convincing, but entirely fictitious bank fraud squad telephone enquiry about unusual activity on their bank account. This could so easily happen to any one of us so please remain on your guard, treat any money/bank/personal detail enquiry with suspicion, give nothing away and check the supposed source of the enquiry before taking any action which might cause a loss of money, privacy or security.

Derek Whitman and Peter Cast

PAIN

Pain –

An evil, many-headed monster,
A hydra, waiting to claim its next victim.

The effects of physical pain can be allayed by drugs and alcohol.
They can be numbed, and suffering can be replaced by sweet oblivion.
But drugs and alcohol create a false environment -
they lead one to a fantasy land where nothing is as it seems,
and cursed reality is only a few hours away.

Most pain passes – the agonies of childbirth fade into insignificance and are forgotten,
until the mother feels them rack her swollen body yet again.
The ill, the injured, enduring sudden or long-lasting pain,
all benefit from medical advances.
Relief of pain is a blessing for those who need it.
Pain management is now an art, a balancing act of chemicals and common sense -
of care, compassion and professionalism.

But pain, both physical and mental,
inflicted purposely on others
Is an obscenity, an outrage against humanity, incomprehensible and indefensible.

Mental pain is felt in quite a different way.
The dark depths within the soul cannot be reached by anything.
A blackening of outlook, an unremitting ache that tears strong men apart,
Reducing them to empty shells that see no joy.
There is no easy release from the hell that encompasses their every thought.
This is no mere 'chemical imbalance' – the soul is beyond such platitudes.

The child, abused for years by those who should be trusted,
feels pain impossible to visualise, and however one aches to help and soothe the pain
away,
too often they remain untouchable, unless a key can be found to unlock their hurt,
and draw them gently from their agonies.

The anguish of the loving family who can no longer reach the sufferer of pain,
is real and potent, powerful and destructive.
In a way, it is almost as painful as the primary pain,
as being powerless to help, the onlooker does nothing,
but watches helplessly as the struggle rages.

Where does the strength come from to help us overcome this pain?
'My faith' says one person: 'Sheer bloody mindedness' says another – 'Obstinacy' says a
third.

'Love' says the last. 'Both giving and receiving'.

Ben Morgan

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NEWSLETTER – May/June 2017



Family Evening at Nottingham Greyhound Stadium on Friday 9th June 2017.

The BSFA have been allocated a 'trap' for the evening for 6 races with 100 discounted adult tickets at £4 each (children are free).

Everyone is welcome and it's a great family night out. If you would like tickets, please contact Bethan in the school office, Nicola Bennett, Max Meaden, Jordanna Morris, Roxy Vickers or Jen Whiteside.

Recent Purchases:

Over the last few weeks, with your continued help and support, the BSFA have helped to fund:

Guided Reading Books for all year groups - £1600

Art supplies including paint and brushes - £60

Directors Pack for the KS2 Summer Performance - £75

Thank you

End of Year School Party

The end of year school parties will be taking place on Friday 21st July at Southwell Rugby Club.

Please let us know if you would be available to help out at this event. We'll need volunteers to help us set up and clear up, sign children in, help with games and serve refreshments.



Don't forget to bring in your used stamps and foreign currency (look for the boxes outside the school office)

Table Top Sale – We Need Your Help!

Would you be interested in supporting a Table Top Sale at Bleasby School? At £5 per table, a Table Top Sale could help raise much needed money to help fund school necessities whilst at the same time helping you have a good old clear out at home before the summer! The BSFA are a small committee and we are looking for volunteers to help run such an event one weekend before the Summer Holidays. If this is something you would be interested in, please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

The May Good Cause Giveaway

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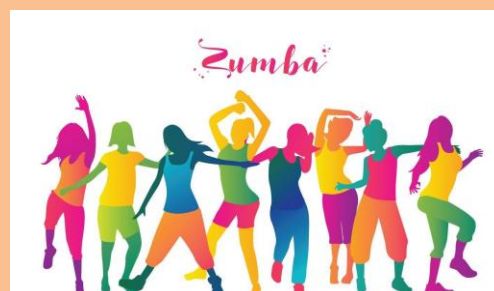


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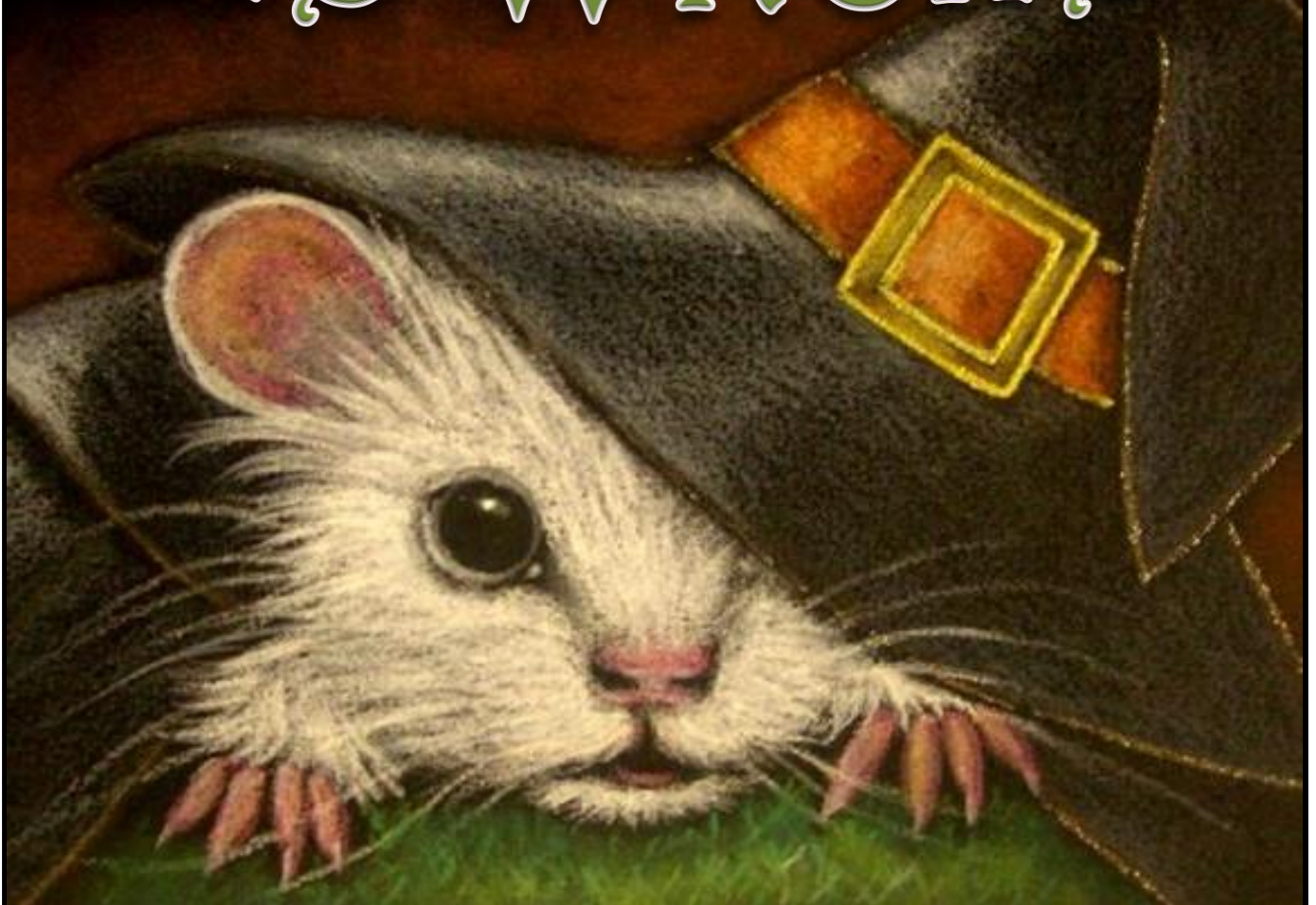
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Chair's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting May 2nd 2017

In recent conversations with people who have lived in Bleasby for two or three years it has been rather worrying and revealing when I am asked "What does the Parish Council do?" I even wonder this myself sometimes!

This query highlights a number of issues which the Council is endeavouring to address.

1. Communications – it is no good having all the ideas in the world and yet nobody hears about them.
2. Information – it's no good having communications unless the necessary information is available and accessible.
3. Involvement – it's no good receiving the information if it is not relevant, inviting/appealing, interesting or engaging enough.

The Council's commitment to the production of a Parish Plan – with its avowed commitment to being community led – should enable it to find the most effective means of communication to deliver the relevant information to the relevant people in a way that is engaging and conducive to promoting community spirit.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the parish, not of the Parish Council itself – it merely initiates and facilitates the meeting on behalf of the parish.

I will, therefore, try to communicate the necessary information in as concise and interesting way as possible in the hope that you will all better understand what the Council has achieved this year.

To improve village awareness and engagement At its monthly meetings the agendas this year have been reorganised so that the most recent, relevant and important issues are placed early on in the agenda in order to encourage greater attendance, involvement and contributions by parishioners, whilst the more tedious, bureaucratic but necessary Council tasks are put towards the end of the agenda. This has allowed and encouraged much better attendances since the part of the meeting open to public query and contribution immediately precedes this, thereby allowing the Council and the public to be better informed and become more involved.

Similarly to ensure that local interest is sustained, the agenda then focuses on the Council's assets such as the Glebe Field and the Jubilee Ponds which have strong community links and involvement.

Planning issues would then normally follow on as these often have local implications in regard to privacy, intrusion, visual impact, flood risk etc. Meetings which have prompted a large local response, such as the proposed development near the station, the loss of a bus service to Southwell and the planned erection of a telecommunication mast, have proved to become the catalyst for parishioner involvement.

Planned village events and developments normally follow next on the agenda and these, like the past years' Queen's Birthday, May Day and Carols and Lights events promote village involvement and community spirit. Projects such as the ongoing programme to raise funds, arrange works, plan unveiling etc of the Aircrew Memorial, provide opportunity for longer term sustained input and commitment by the village.

The Parish Plan development report then highlights the Council's desire to produce a strategic development plan to guide the PC's progress and focus for the next 5 to 10 years and attempts to meet the expressed aspirations of parishioners.

To maintain village assets During this year Richard Covill was appointed as the village lengthsman and contractor and is tasked monthly to undertake works around the parish, supporting the input of NCC Highways and maintaining, according to an agreed management plan, land owned by the

Council or where Council property is sited. This he has been doing since the autumn and, having once completed one annual cycle, will be able to more routinely address areas currently being tackled for the first time. The Jubilee Ponds working parties have continued to work voluntarily to keep the Ponds attractive, safe and accessible to wildlife and residents alike. The kiosk now housing the defibrillator has been professionally repainted and continues to also serve as a book exchange – sincere thanks to Ali Sutherland, supported by Jenny Sterland, for keeping the equipment in readiness and accessible, and the books tidy and orderly and not hindering access to the defibrillator. The final acquisition of the land called Ferry End at Hazelford will be made by August this year after 12 years of investment and maintenance by the PC.

To monitor and support parish services Following the removal of the previous bus service to Southwell, the introduction of the new Medi-link bus service came about through the efforts of residents like Ann Woolder and the Council, with support from our County Councillor, Roger Jackson. Much support was also necessitated in following up a previous Parish Council's initiative to improve the level crossing due to the complexities of its construction and consequences following its completion.

Speeding through the parish remains a concern and much time has been spent by the PC endeavouring to find a solution of sorts. The County Council met the request for speed tubes to be laid to check speeds but, owing to a vehicle being perpetually parked near the bend just after these tubes, vehicles were obliged to slow down anyway. Similarly the results of a speed-check van parked near the level crossing on at least 3 separate occasions was constantly affected by parked vehicles and working trackmen and, as a consequence, neither of these revealed any significant speeding patterns. The latest plan to be introduced has received support from a sample of residents and this will be to produce 30mph stickers to be attached to our refuse bins. Their design will be based on the ideas of Bleasby schoolchildren.

There has been some work done by Western Power to improve the reliability of our electricity supply by the burial of vulnerable cables. Gas supplies have continued without interruption.

Our water and sewerage systems, however, have proved yet again more problematic with two mains water bursts – one with flooding consequences, a number of pump failures on the sewerage system – one being potentially more serious – and blockage and back flow problems at a number of sites in the village, causing the closure of the school and much inconvenience and unpleasant experiences for householders. The PC continues to press Severn Trent to undertake a full assessment and subsequent improvement to the sewerage system which is so evidently unable to cope with high water table and heavy rainfall, let alone flooding. Households are urged to follow the Severn Trent “3P only” mantra and also to avoid installing impermeable surfaces in their gardens and drives.

Support in emergencies The incident of a van catching fire with gas cylinders aboard being abandoned at the level crossing highlights certain vulnerabilities that we could face as a parish and how critical it is that we should all take a responsibility for the safety and welfare of one another.

Thankfully we have a very effective Flood Action Group made up of 4 flood wardens and 20 or so village ‘reservist volunteers’ who work to help inform, warn and support residents regarding flooding risks. Fortunately we have had a dry winter and spring and the water table and Trent have remained low. Wardens attended a very informative Community Flood Resilience Conference where natural measures to slow down water flow within the landscape was highlighted. The Council has made representations to our MP about the unfair property insurance demands or plain refusals of insurance made despite the Government Flood Re initiative designed to ease the insurance situation. Robert Jenrick needs actual numbers to make his case so it is hoped that residents will

be willing to come forward if they are being unreasonably treated, seemingly purely on the basis of postcode.

We are actively looking for a new home for a flood equipment store. Can anyone help?

Our Resuscitation Support Group is still very active with Ali and Jenny taking key responsibilities but with a large group of interested as well as medically experienced villagers attending and supporting the training and refresher courses being run.

The Safer Communities Group is still represented by the parish but a few recent burglary incidents suggest that we should revive our Neighbourhood Watch Group formally or informally. We are also looking for a village response to the idea of numbering homes to assist emergency service vehicles (and delivery vans) find where incidents have occurred as quickly as possible.

In summary The Parish Council acts as an official conduit between parish and successive tiers of government beyond our boundaries – being the local “correspondent” on the ground, on the front line and open to “collateral damage”!

The PC looks forward to greater engagement with its parishioners for here lies, sometimes hidden by modesty or reserve, a wealth of talent and expertise which can be utilised for the benefit of all and the potential of establishing a real parish-wide identity and community spirit. This can be achieved by the active and creative involvement in a full completion of our Parish Plan Questionnaire. This will greatly assist the PC to fulfil what is probably its most productive and important role in, as far as it is able, **meeting the needs and aspirations of local residents**.

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Lowdham Station Rd near the station		1014	1224	1349
Caythorpe Main St	0906	1017	1227	request
Hoveringham Main St/Boat Ln junction	0910	1021	1231	request
Thurgarton Bleasby Rd	0917	1028	1238	request
Bleasby Main St	0921	1032	1242	request
Fiskerton Main St near Post Office	0926	1037	1247	request
Morton Main St	0929	1040	1250	request
Southwell Church St by Minster	0933	1044	1254	
Southwell Ropewalk by Medical Centre	0935	1046	1256	

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Southwell to Lowdham bus timetable - Tuesdays and Thursdays			
Southwell Ropewalk by Medical Centre		1135	1300
Southwell Church St by Minster		1139	1304
Morton Main St		1144	1309
Fiskerton Main St near Post Office		1147	1312
Bleasby Main St		1153	1318
Thurgarton Bleasby Rd		1156	1321
Hoveringham Main St/Boat Ln junction	0953	1203	1328
Caythorpe Main St	0957	1207	1332
Lowdham Station Rd near the station	1001	1211	1336
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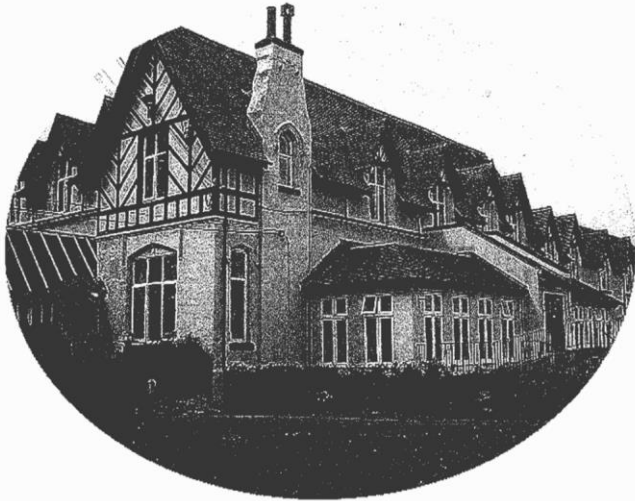
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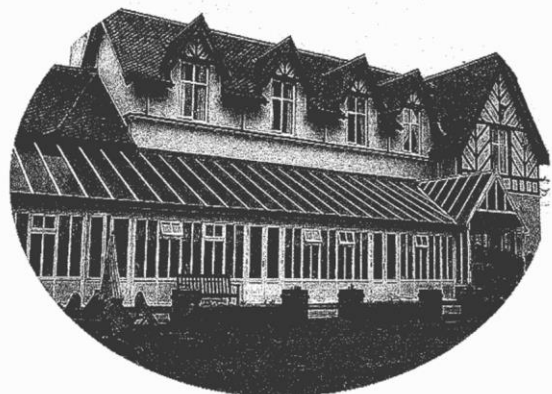
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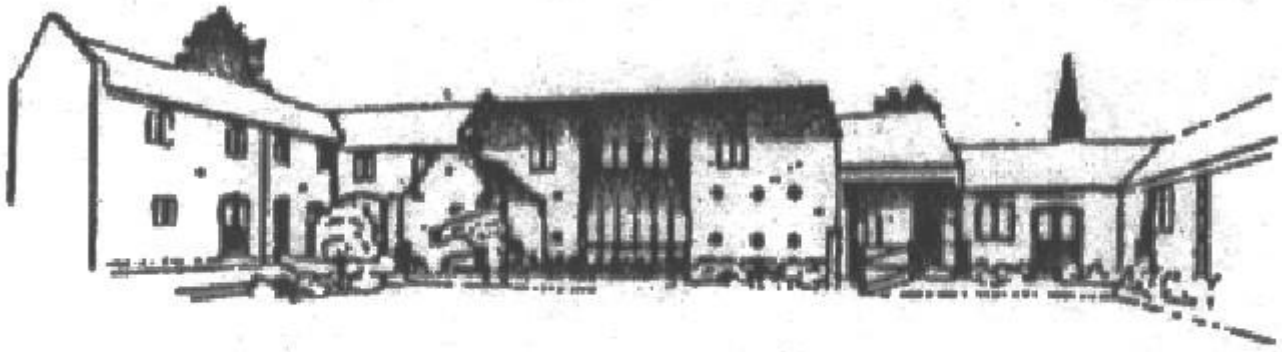
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Up and Coming Events

Burger Night, Thursday 8th June

5.30pm to 9.00pm

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Live Music with Robert Perry, Friday 9th June

7:30pm onwards

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Waggon BBQ, Saturday 10th June

12.30pm onwards

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Father's Day Lunch, Sunday 18th June

12:30pm to 4.00pm

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Waggon Summer Party, Saturday 24th June

7.00pm onwards

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Curry Night, Thursday 29th June

5.30pm to 9.00pm

Weekly Events at The Waggon

Sunday Lunch - 12.30pm to 4.00pm

(Booking highly recommended)

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Takeaway Wednesday

Pizza, Kebabs, Fish/Scampi & Chips, Steak Pie

Served from 5.00pm to 8.30pm - ***(Normal menu also available)***

Food Available - Wed 12:30pm until Sunday 4.00pm

QUIZ NIGHT every Sunday at 8.30pm

NEW FOR THE SUMMER

Wednesday & Thursday Lunchtime - 2 courses for £10.00

To reserve a table call 01636 830283



The Waggon today - see the previous page for menus, events and contacts for our friendly pub, the Waggon and Horses



The Waggon and Horses circa 1910