

Laceby Village  
Council News  
Winter 2024

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Laceby  
Village Newsletter!



For more information, contact the Clerk or check out the Village  
Council Website

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With thanks to everyone who contributed photos, time, and information to  
produce this newsletter. Submission date for Spring Newsletter is 21/1/25.

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## Laceby Village Council

### Council Round up:

- LVC continue to liaise with NELC regarding the highway concerns raised by concerned residents.
- Financial Accounts for 2023/24 have been audited and can be viewed on the LVC website.
- On behalf of Residents, LVC has written to NELC and Stagecoach to improve the reliability of the bus services to the village.
- The footpath between Bishops Grange and Butt Lane Playing Field has been constructed and LVC are currently working with NELC to reduce the speed limit to 40mph for pedestrian safety.
- Following complaints from residents about dog fouling, LVC has worked with NELC with signs placed across the village & enforcement patrolling the area.
- LVC have been planning the Christmas tree lighting and carols singing event.
- The St Francis Grove soft flooring has been thoroughly cleaned and the lichen and dirt removed. This was followed by repairs to the soft play surface which were completed in November. Unfortunately, there continues to be damage to the equipment, and the Council have had to remove some equipment due to the damage and for safety concerns.
- The lights on the Church Clock were replaced.
- The Council has purchased bleed kits for the Butt Lane Playing Field and Stanford Centre Defib boxes for use by the community in emergencies.
- Working alongside the Laceby RBL and St Margaret's Church, LVC have organised the Remembrance Sunday Parade and supported the event.
- The Council has written to the Portfolio Holder Cllr Swinburn to offer suggestions of how to improve road safety on Grimsby Road.
- The council has raised concerns with NELC regarding road safety on Butt Lane & Caistor Road.
- The Council is working with NELC regarding verge parking across the village.

### Village Council Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 @ 7.30pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 @ 7.30pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 7.30pm

All Council documents, including the contact details for your Councillors are on the Laceby Council Website – [www.laceby-parish-council.net](http://www.laceby-parish-council.net)

**All meetings are held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby.**



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## Your Community Groups

# Christmas at St Margaret's Parish Church

### Christmas starts with Carols around the Tree

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 5pm

Refreshments served in the Church and everyone welcome!

### Wild Church

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 3pm

A great time for families to celebrate Christingle and have lots of fun together!



### The Sunday before Christmas

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 5pm

Please join us for a traditional Carol Service on the Church for the village community, starting at 6pm and followed by refreshments.

### The Crib Service

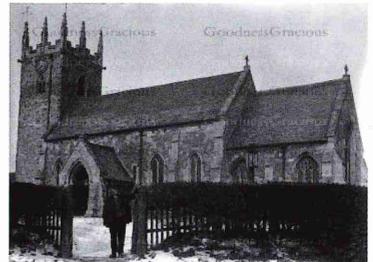
Christmas Eve at 4pm

For children and their families, it is a wonderful way to start their Christmas!

### Coffee and a Chat

Every Thursday from 10.30-12noon in the Church  
You will be more than welcome, and we would love you to join us.

For Further Information and details of services at St Margaret's please see the noticeboard on the Church gate.



The Rector and Church Wardens wish you all

A Very Happy Christmas  
and

A Peaceful New Year

## Your Local Policing Team

### Why you should always report a crime

If a crime is not reported, the police and other authorities may not be aware of it, or indeed of what is going on in your community. So, by reporting crime, we can all work together to help prevent crime occurring.

There is more than one way to get in touch with the Police:

1. In an emergency call 999
2. In non-emergency situations call 101
3. You can report crime online [www.humberside.police.uk](http://www.humberside.police.uk)
4. You can report anonymously without providing your name or contact information to **Crime Stoppers**, an independent charity. Call 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)
5. You can report cyber-crime (e.g., online fraud, crime using computers and online scams) to the **Action Fraud** website [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.
6. If you feel unsafe in a particular area, you can report this to **Street Safe** reporting where and why you do not feel safe in that area - [www.police.uk/pu/notices/streetsafe/street-safe](http://www.police.uk/pu/notices/streetsafe/street-safe)

**Victim Support** are there to help anyone affected by crime. It doesn't matter when the crime took place, or whether you've reported it to the police. You can get help at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, either online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or by calling freephone 0808 1689111. Victim Support are independent from the police, and support is free and confidential.

**Operation Snap** allows members of the public to submit evidence/dashcam footage etc in relation to driving offences they witness (does not replace 999/101 in terms of road traffic collisions etc).

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/police-forces/humberside-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/operation-snap/>

**Operation Yellowfin** is the force response to criminality & ASB committed on nuisance motorbikes (ongoing).

## Your Local Policing Team



### Make The Right Call



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There is a danger to life

A crime is in progress or has just happened

A dangerous incident on the roads

Suspicious incident that needs immediate attention

Immediate action is required to save lives, stop injury or catch criminals

**101**



To report a crime NOT ongoing

Give us information about crime or concerns in your local area

General enquiries

To discuss anti-social behaviour or other non-urgent matters

**ONLINE**



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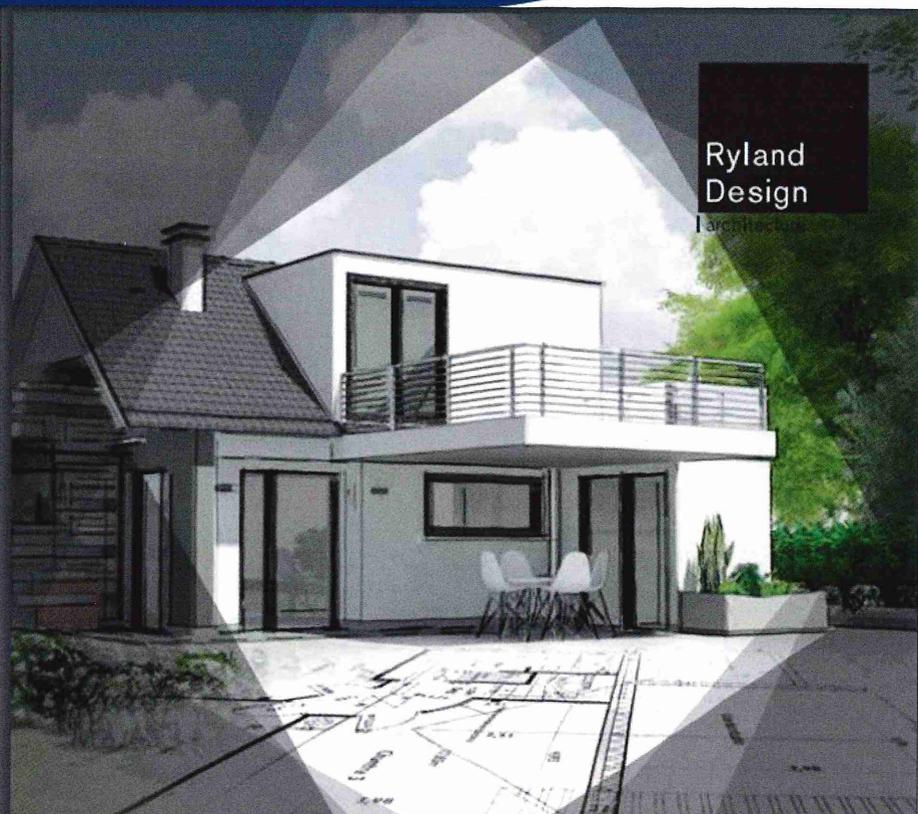
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# Children's Quiz Time!

## CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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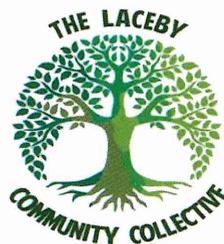
### Word Scramble!

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RATS	.....	SUEJS	.....
ROCAL	.....	NASAT	.....
GLINJE	.....	YOFSTR	.....
MTSHCISRA	.....	RNEREIDE	.....

## Your Community Groups

### The Laceby Community Collective

As we turn into winter months and the outside of the building is nearing completion our focus will be on the inside. Subject to funding our hopes are to get the main function room up and running, the kitchen installed and 3 new bathrooms fitted in the hope that 2025 will be the year we are ready to open.



We cannot thank our funders enough.

Our volunteers have been invaluable whether that is selling teas on match days or helping fill skips it is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Laceby FC for their continued support; they now have 8 teams playing including a new girls' team who play on Saturday mornings. Their support is vital in helping pay our monthly outgoings and in turn giving over 80 children benefits of the use of our facilities and valuable outdoor time. Here is to a prosperous 2025 for everyone!

#### Events:

- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024** - Christmas Market
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025** - Laceby Dog Show
- **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025** - Easter Eggstravaganza
- **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025** - The Summer Social
- More events to be confirmed!!



THE LACEBY COMMUNITY  
COLLECTIVE PRESENTS

# LACEBY SUMMER SOCIAL

SATURDAY 19TH JULY 2025

MUSIC  
FOOD  
ACTIVITIES

MUSIC LINEUP

JADE 1:00-1:45PM  
BRAD ARLISS 2:00-3:00PM  
YAZBAND 3:20- 4:50PM  
JADE 5:05- 5:50PM  
DECOY 6:10-7:40PM  
ERASURED 8:00-9:00PM

BUTT LANE PLAYING  
FIELDS, LACEBY

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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## Membership & Volunteers

We are continually looking for help, whether this be in the form of joining our **membership scheme** ->, volunteering, or funding. Once the building is up and running, our aim is to cater for, and be exclusive to, everyone in Laceby, so please come to our meetings and let us have your input. ALL members have free entry to the Summer Social!



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Why not follow us on Facebook or Instagram for the latest events!

Visit our website at: [www.thelacebycommunitycollective.org.uk](http://www.thelacebycommunitycollective.org.uk)

Or Email us at: [info@thelacebycommunitycollective.org.uk](mailto:info@thelacebycommunitycollective.org.uk)

## Your Community Groups

### Laceby Wellbeing Walks

Start the new year off with a spring in your step by joining our free Laceby Wellbeing Walks.

We will meet in the Co-op car park every Thursday from 2nd January at 9.30am.

The walk will last between 30 and 90 minutes (adjusted according to need on the day) and is followed by refreshments (small charge).



Look out for the posters and flyers in the village soon. Find our Facebook page called '**Laceby Wellbeing Walks**' for further information.

### The Brooks Trust

The Robert Brook's Trust is a little known Laceby Trust which currently has a sum of money available to distribute in the form of grants to individual women, or groups of women aged over 40 years, who are in need, hardship or distress.

The grants could be made for items, services or other facilities but recipients must either have attended the Stanford School or be resident in the Parish of Laceby.

The Trustees would welcome applications for a wide range of services such as 'lifeline' type phones, talking books, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, aids for disabled people, hospital visiting expenses, funeral expenses, medical, dental and optical costs, housing repairs, crime prevention measures etc.

For more information, please contact, in confidence:

- Cllr Metcalf - 7 Cemetery Road, Laceby
- Cllr Turner – 10 Grimsby Road, Laceby
- Jenny Chambers – 142 Caistor Road, Laceby

## Your Community Groups

### Laceby Royal British Legion

A coffee morning is held every other Friday morning from 10.30am to 12pm at the Royal British Legion Club on Austin Garth; with coffee/tea and biscuits/cake for only £2 it's great value. A warm welcome awaits you and a friendly atmosphere allows for local and national topics to be discussed and friends to catch up with each other.



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## Your Ward Councillors

If you need to raise an issue or have a problem with a service provided by NELC, then you could contact your Ward Councillors for the Wolds Ward:

- Councillor David Hasthorpe – [David.hasthorpe@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:David.hasthorpe@nelincs.gov.uk)
- Councillor Henry Hudson – [henry.hudson@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:henry.hudson@nelincs.gov.uk)

For more information go to [www.nelincs.gov.uk/your-council](http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/your-council), or contact Democratic Services via email [democracy@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@nelincs.gov.uk) or telephone – 01472 313131.

## North East Lincolnshire Council

If you have any concerns or issues around the Village, then you can raise the following issues directly with NELC via their portal <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/report-it/> or by ringing them on 01472 313131.

- Highways and Footpaths
- Roads and Road Safety
- Parking issues
- Buses
- Overhanging bushes and shrubs
- Bins – uncollected household waste and overflowing litter bins etc
- Noise and nuisance behaviour including anti-social behaviour
- Planning
- Keeping the area clean – dog fouling, street lighting repair, graffiti, fly tipping etc

### Answers to Word Scramble!

Elf, Toy, Bell, Sled, Snow, Tree, Start, Jesus, Carol, Santa, Jingle, Frosty, Christmas, Reindeer

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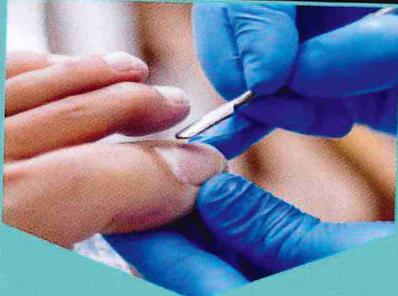
### Laceby Newsletter

Do you have some spare time?

Would you be interested in helping to distribute the Laceby Newsletter?

Laceby Village Council publish the Laceby Newsletter every quarter, and need an army of people to help us distribute it to every household in Laceby.

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## Laceby History

### A glimpse of Laceby's Past; Christmas 1955

The stars shone above in the cold night air and Christmas tree lights twinkled in many windows up Caistor Road as the carol singers moved along to their next stop.

This wasn't any group of singers, this was the Laceby Church Choir in 1955 led by the newly appointed Rector, the Rev. Lionel Bacon 'doing the village' the week before Christmas.

After collecting their books from Church, they sang down a different road each night and this particular night it was Caistor Road's turn to benefit from the well-rehearsed, perfect pitch of the choir.

Each choir member supplied their own torch and to add to the illumination and atmosphere, a storm lantern which had already seen 60 years' service in a cowshed at Ulceby, was carried by the men in turn.

After a few uneventful stops, the choir stopped outside of one house and were happy to sing to a very newly engaged couple. In fact, the girl had just received the ring five minutes before. The couple stood at the lighted doorway while the choir sang for them alone. The ring was duly admired by all and after many congratulations on all sides, the choir passed on. The couple who are happily married now, have never forgotten their unusual engagement night.

The next stop was at Kingsfield where Mr and Mrs Osmond were impressed by the volume of noise the choir produced. Mr Osmond, who was a Grimsby Town Director must have been greatly impressed as he came to Church later in the week to record the choir singing carols and promised to relay them over the loud-speaker system at Town's ground on Christmas Day.

He was as good as his word and those members of the choir who went to the match on Christmas Day heard their own voices sounding loud and clear in the interval.

A less successful stop that night was made at a house at Laceby Crossroads. The carol chosen was 'Christians Awake'. Now if you recall the tune you'll realise there's a rather high note in it. Well, they pitched the first note a bit high, consequently when they got to the top F sharp it turned out to be a top A flat and quite unattainable. A piercing scream rent the night air, the choir collapsed in laughter and hadn't the courage to

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knock on the door so ran straight through the rose bed and out of the gate before the householder could come and see what the row was.

So, after a week of enthusiastic singing, many mince pies, drinks of sherry and coffee, laughter, right notes and wrong notes, they were all in their places in church at on Christmas Eve for the first midnight communion, which has now become a regular part of Lacey Christmas.

**Written by Mrs Brenda Anderson, Published December 1975.**

### New Years Eve 1948

With most of the village 'talent' now demobbed or home on leave the New Year's Eve dance to be held in the Church Hall promised much excitement.

Coupons had been bought and sold to provide new dresses for the girls – there were no long dresses for teenagers in those days. The young men had pressed their demob. Suits and borrowed their father's pre-war ties to appear well-groomed on this the night of nights.

The band – or rather the three gentlemen who were to provide the music, arrived promptly at 8 o'clock and were playing by five past. There was no electric amplifiers etc. to fix up, they merely propped up their sheet music and began.

There were very few dancers to start with as Lacey folk liked the floor to be aired before showing off their latest Victor Sylvester steps and in any case most of the men were downing two pints of 'Dutch Courage' across The Square.

However, by 9.30 the girls had been joined by the boys and the Hall floor was throbbing with the energetic dancing and the rhythm of the pulsating music.

Quickstep followed waltz which was in turn followed by an Old Tyme dance to keep the older ones happy. The tango, which had recently been introduced into the village drew only two couples onto the floor but many admiring eyes followed them round the room as they executed the intricate steps recently learned at the Jim Stevenson dance studio.

As midnight approached, the band played 'The Conga' and the extrovert leader led the dancers out into The Square. There were no cars about to hinder the process of the

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dancers. Petrol was rationed and cars were a rare sight in Laceby. The noise of the merry-makers attracted more revellers from The Nags and The Waterloo and the whole company formed a huge circle round The Square. As St Margaret's clock struck midnight everyone sang an uninhibited 'Auld Lang Syne'.

'Happy New Years' and kisses were exchanged by friends and strangers alike before the gravel-throated, footsore villagers slowly dispersed. Another year had begun and with it, resolutions and plans for the future. I wonder how many of them came to fruition ...

**Written by Mrs Brenda Anderson, Published January 1976**

## The Man who was Father Christmas

In the thirties there was very little spare cash to spend on children's presents at Christmas. But there was a man who made Christmas merry for scores of village children – he was Mr Brocklesby of The Rookery in Grimsby Road.

At around nine o'clock on Christmas morning a steady stream of children could be seen making their way to Mr Brocklesby's home alongside the Beck.

On arriving the children were mustered into groups of eight to ten by one of the maids and asked to sing a carol. Mr Brocklesby listened from a window. They then made their way to the side door and when their turn came were ushered into the house by Mr Len Holland. What a sight met their eyes – a great Christmas tree, full of presents, toys of all kinds. Indeed the whole room was full of toys. Each child told 'Father Christmas' (Mr Percy Rickells) what he wanted. It was very difficult to know what to pick, so great was the choice. Dolls and nurses uniforms and sewing sets for the girls, table tennis sets, guns, books, box games for boys – there were hundreds of presents.

On leaving each child was given a new sixpence (a fortune in those days), an apple and an orange. What a great Christmas!

Mr Fred Partner recalls that he was one of the children who went to Brock's. He remembers the very great pleasure he gave the children in those very hard times. For some it was the only toy they received for Christmas. It was all parents could do to feed and clothe them.

**From the Laceby Chronicles, Jubilee Edition 1977.**

**With thanks to the Laceby History Group for the articles**