

BLEASBY NEWS

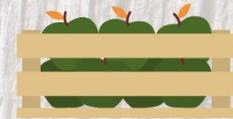


A Keen Bike Fest Participant

OCTOBER 2019



Saturday 12th October
1pm til dusk



APPLE PRESSING

Come along and join the Blue Barrel Cider experts to have a go at scratting and pressing apples to produce fresh juice

Apple Bake Off - Judged by Bleasby W.I. Members

Apple Themed games and activities for all to enjoy

Cake & Snack Stall

Hempsall's Heritage Orchard display and tasting

Hot & Cold refreshments available in the Church



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WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER EDITION OF BLEASBY NEWS

Autumn is on us with all its glories and also its change of weather! The summer in Bleasby has been full of activities, many held in the centre of the parish, our lovely Glebe Field. And there's more to come – see the Diary and various articles for information on what's coming up.

As always we will be pleased to receive all types of articles, pictures, ideas and news etc – send all your items for the December edition by **Monday, 18th November**, to Rachael at prandrew74@outlook.com or Barbara at barbaracast@btinternet.com

Bleasby News editors, Rachael and Barbara

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL – WHAT IS BLEASBY?

When we speak of “the village” are we all speaking of the same thing? Conversations with local people reveal widely differing views – to some it refers only to Bleasby Village and not to other named places within the parish. To others it implies Bleasby and Gibsmere together, whilst for some it includes Goverton, Gibsmere and Bleasby – leaving out Hazelford at one end and Rudsey at the other!

Historically, of course, the ‘village’ developed in the Trent floodplain as small settlements sitting atop the raised gravel beds, keeping them comparatively dry underfoot and less vulnerable to river flooding. One such hamlet, Notown, (much later appearing than the other parts of the parish) has now ‘blurred’ into the original Bleasby settlement. Whilst another, Goverton, has now morphed into two parts – Upper and Lower Goverton, the former settled first because of its safely elevated position above the floodplain. Even within these named areas further social communities have been forged by common need and neighbourliness - as well as by geographical position and building developments. The one unifying factor is, however, that we all live as parishioners of the same parish of Bleasby and it is for the whole area of land, defined in the Saxon Charter of 956 AD, that the Parish Council is responsible.

This ‘dispersion’ of parish communities causes the Council complications in terms of such matters as village signs, development boundaries and planning constraints, as well as effective communication and community cohesion. Importantly, also for the Council, district environmental factors play on some areas of the parish more than others – take flooding risk, sewerage management, street parking, the effects of traffic, agricultural operations etc as examples – each of these impacting upon different areas in different ways.

In order to ensure that all feel included we have to speak of the parish and we residents as parishioners – even though the terms may seem archaic to our ears. Our Parish Plan attempts, therefore, to be as inclusive as possible and this objective constantly exercised the minds of the Steering Group at the time of its devising. Consequently the basis for the Council's most recent initiative of improving, streamlining and combining parish-wide communication systems (listed as the top

priority by the Steering Group) has been in order to ensure that no individual, group or area within the parish need be denied contact, be overlooked or be without opportunity for local news, exchange of ideas or involvement in the life of the parish. Please, therefore, sign up for our community website alerts by emailing bleasbycommunity@outlook.com

Our parallel focus on road safety and traffic management (listed as a high priority) is attempting to address the widespread concern about such matters as expressed in responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire and Consultation meetings. Whilst this will be a forever ongoing process, the better road markings, roadside reminders, interactive speed signs and, very recently, trialled road surface improvement have gone some way to improve conditions and to discourage speeding drivers - all to the benefit of us all.

At recent meetings the Parish Council has been focussing on more localised projects in the parish which help to address other PP objectives. Accordingly, discussion to locate a more central village focal point (to help replace that served by our sadly lost shop and post office) resulted in recognising that the open area created at the junction of Main Street and Orchard Close (with its bus stop, informal noticeboard, newspaper 'kiosk', central position to main areas of population and the area least vulnerable to flooding) was already functioning in this way. Consequently the PC realised that this piece of old 'Notown' could be further improved by the addition of seating, planters and small trees to create an attractive place for people to meet informally and comfortably while waiting for a bus, collecting a newspaper or getting up to date with information on the noticeboard. Such roadside features within a village have proved to help slow down traffic as well as to foster a sense of community identity, pride and social interaction.

A second focus of parish discussion has long been the improvement and enhancement of the environment of the Conservation Area which embraces the majority of properties and land within the 'old' Bleasby village including the Old House, Bleasby Hall, St Mary's Church, the Glebe Field, the Waggon and Horses, the Old Vicarage and the Village Hall. The PC hopes to pursue improvements in this area including drainage, road safety, traffic and parking problems, verges, surfaces, gateways, landscape features and the better conservation and appeal of this area.

In order to keep up to date and to be able to be involved in these parish development plans, it is hoped that you will stay in touch via noticeboards and the website, now so greatly improved. Unfortunately, due to the website improvement process, access to updated Parish Council material was lost over the summer period and, as a consequence, we must apologise that online information on agendas, minutes and financial information was not available. This is all now easily accessible for public inspection. However, anyone who wishes to view paper copies of the financial accounts during a 6 week period of public inspection from October 1st until November 5th, as is your right, can make arrangements with the Parish Clerk, Karen Green, on 07926 124442 or email bleasbyparishcouncil@outlook.com .

Thanks to the Parish Events Group, the WI and Bleasby School, the Glebe Field and area have been well used during the summer and early autumn with a particularly successful Bike Fest, the first of a possible series of Table Top Sales and a Family Fun Dog Event. Next to come, on Saturday, October 12th, our very own Apple Festival - to which you can contribute your excess apple crop and be involved in apple-themed games and activities, the apple themed Bake-Off and learn more about fruit growing and uses. Thank you everyone for your part in making these events such an important component of parish life.

We are always seeking support and volunteers to help in these parish events which were eagerly sought as shown by the feedback to the Parish Plan Questionnaire, so please help us realise your own aspirations by throwing in your lot! For, after all, the Parish is whatever **you** make it!

Peter Cast, Chair of Bleasby Parish Council

FROM THE REVD PHIL

Dear All

When I take a wedding (one of the privileges of my job) I always ask that photography is suspended during the vows, so as not to distract from the meaning. Photographers are not always happy with me for this!

Perhaps like me you have albums of old photographs that occasionally you dip into and renew special memories? A photograph can capture a moment in time and transport us back there, or say something important. It can also appear to show things that are not necessarily reality. The US sailor kissing the nurse on VJ Day in Times Square is a good example! We have special/sacred moments in our lives that can never be truly encapsulated in a photograph, can they? What comes to mind? A moment spent with someone we love, something said, something not said? A special/sacred joy, a poignant sense of loss, a feeling of being at one with the world and oneself? There are special/sacred moments where our lives change irrevocably - receiving the envelope of exam results, the end of a job interview, a pause for reflection in a particular location, where we were when something momentous happened!

I remember visiting Mount Sinai for the arrival of dawn. A special/sacred moment/place that I mostly remember for the several hundred camera shutters going off in a great crackle. Mine included I confess! Sometimes now I try to put the camera down and use my senses to experience and 'remember' the special/sacred moment. The special/sacred moment, can it not be full of transcendence? An awareness of there being more to life and human relationships than what we see, hear or touch? Is that what a 'God' moment really is? Saying marriage vows is surely one of those sacred moments that surpasses the photo paper memorial?

Blessings and sacred moments, The Revd Phil

PS. I've had the occasional sacred moment in Bungoma (West Kenya) in the past and I'm visiting over 10 days at the end of September, taking with me a gift for the orphanage from the Benefice. Thank you.

CHURCH NEWS

Rev Hilary Smart

We were pleased to welcome Hilary to lead our Communion Service in early August when Rev Phil was on holiday. Hilary, who has family in Bleasby, is happy to stand in when there is no ordained priest to take services. This happens from time to time and we are very grateful to her. We look forward to seeing her again in October.

Swifts

During August Vanessa Johnstone and Edmund Salter explored the church tower to study its potential for positioning swift boxes there. Swifts are becoming a rare sight these days and we are happy to do what we can to encourage them to breed in Bleasby. Boxes have been placed in other churches in the county, attracting birds which have raised young successfully.

Open Church

The regular opening of the church is going well thanks to the many volunteers who act as key holders on a weekly basis. It would be good to have more volunteers to see us through the year. Please let us know if you can help. Those who have taken on a week haven't found it a chore and we have been surprised to receive visitors from Australia and Canada as well as from places nearer to home, who otherwise might not have gained entry. On warm days we have been able to leave the door open and allow air to circulate, benefitting the building.

Women's Refuge

We are supporting the charity on a long-term basis. Thank you to those who have left large donations of children's clothes in the church porch and added to the basket of toiletries. These were delivered to a representative of the refuge on 10th September. The charity is not able to accept other items except by special arrangement. Asda vouchers are always welcome and can be left with churchwardens.

Bleasby C of E Primary School

The children of Apple Class and their parents were welcomed to school and to St. Mary's at the beginning of the school year for a service on 12th September. It was lovely to see all those eager faces.

Ride and Stride and Working Party

On Saturday 14th September we made sure that there was a welcome for participants of the cycling and walking event supporting the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. At the same time a willing band of helpers turned out to do various odd jobs within the building and outside to keep everything looking ship-shape. There was an interesting flow of visitors to church from the Table Top Sale organised by the WI on the Glebe Field and also from the working party to the Table Top Sale.

Harvest Supper

There are still tickets at £10 available for this event at the time of going to press. Please contact Monica Richardson on 830231 or Diana Temperley on 830314 if you would like one or more. Church and WI are working together to put on a supper in the

Village Hall on Saturday 5th October for all to enjoy in celebration of a bountiful harvest.

Diana Temperley and Rachael Andrew, Churchwardens

LIFEBOATS AND BLEASBY FRIENDSHIP COFFEE MORNING

The Calverton Lifeboat Fundraising Group invite you to a Coffee Morning in Bleasby Village Hall on Friday October 25th 2019 from 10.00am until noon. There will be a souvenir stall selling Christmas cards and calendars, a raffle, a tombola and a cake stall.

The Bleasby Friendship Coffee morning is held on the last Friday of each month so we have decided to combine both events. Please come and join us to meet with friends and to support Lifeboats on the coast and Lifeguards on the beaches.

Thank you, Ann Buckley

BLEASBY APPLE FESTIVAL 2019

If you've not already heard, the first ever Bleasby Apple Fest will take place on 12th October 2019 on the Glebe Field. Kicking off at around 1pm, come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and festivity with friends and family including pressing apples to make juice, apple themed games and activities, judging of the Apple Bake-Off entries, live music and refreshments. The Waggon will be laying on a barbecue (alongside their normal menu) and teas and coffees will be available in St Mary's Church.

A team of local volunteers, together with Leo and Emma from Summerwood Community Gardens will be ready to accept your apple donations to scrat and press into juice. Everyone is welcome to help out and glean some advice about pressing your own fruits and making juice and cider at home. Leo and Emma have been making their own Blue Barrel Cider for many years, which is sold to raise funds to support their community garden project in Clifton. At the end of the Apple Fest they will take the freshly pressed juice for that project, but some will be returned to Bleasby next year as pasteurised juice and cider.

If you don't have any fruit to donate, that's fine, there will be plenty on the day, so please still come along and get involved. To arrange collection/delivery of larger quantities of apples (more than 25kgs) please contact Sue Parkinson at pinkysue2@yahoo.co.uk.

John Hemsall, from Hemsall's Heritage Orchard in East Markham where he grows hundreds of varieties of apple, will also be there with a display of apples (some for tasting) and to help you with apple identification and advice on growing.

Everyone is encouraged to enter the 'Apple Bake-Off' under the categories of 'Funniest Bake', 'Most Creative Bake' and 'Tastiest Bake' (looks aren't everything). Please drop your creations off at the Glebe Field by 1pm on the day for judging by the WI. Sweet or savoury bakes welcome but they must contain **apple**! To keep you

entertained, there will be live acoustic music organised by The Eternal Youth Group throughout the afternoon - music may continue into the evening under cover of the pub roof.

It's hoped this will become an annual event for Bleasby with scope for people to learn more about growing apples and other fruits and hopefully to start making their own juice and cider. So please come along to enjoy the day with friends and family, even if you don't have any apples. For queries contact bleasbycommunity@outlook.com

Bleasby Events Team

COMMUNITY WEBSITE UPDATE

Since launching the new community website (www.bleasbycommunity.uk) in July the subscribers to email alerts have steadily been increasing. However, there is still plenty of scope for more people to sign up and we would like to encourage you to spread the word to neighbours, friends and family. The site publishes regular news items and information about future events open to the community. Once added to the site these are automatically emailed to subscribers to help keep them informed about what's going on – news items are emailed just once on the date of publication and events are emailed one month, one week and one day before the actual event.

The site is now receiving an increasing number of requests from local residents and groups to publicise their events, such as fund-raising activities, events on the Glebe Field and activities taking place in the church, pub or village hall. If you would like to add your event or news item, please email bleasbycommunity@outlook.com.

If you have not already subscribed, please take two minutes to visit the website and sign up – you can do this from any page by clicking in the “sign up for our Email alerts” blue box on the right-hand side.

Finally, a new section was added to the website in September called “Memory Lane”. It contains photo albums from events and happenings around Bleasby – at present there are only three albums covering Bleasby Bike Fest, Bleasby in Bloom, Bleasby Open Gardens and Church and Bleasby Past, but if you have ideas for new albums or photos you would like adding, please get in touch – and enjoy visiting the site!

Mike Fryer

MARGARET STRETCH 1926-2019

Margaret grew up in Arnold, at that time a village, and there developed a love of the countryside from her father. He was a miner and took Margaret with him on long walks as an antidote to the hours he spent underground. He was passionately interested in politics and Margaret absorbed his ideas and those of his fellow workers through their discussions in the evenings. Margaret's mother was a strict Methodist, playing the organ in chapel and organising musical evenings where her father would sing.

Margaret spoke of his lovely voice, and although he enjoyed singing hymns, he didn't share her mother's attachment to the chapel. Politics remained a strong talking point for Margaret and her love of music developed into a talent for dancing. She knew how lucky she was to have dancing lessons when family finances were tight, benefitting from being an only child. The obvious musical, dancing and athletic talents of her family, including grandchildren and great grandchildren were a source of pleasure for her.

When she left school Margaret trained and worked as a legal secretary until her marriage and the arrival of her three children. After the family had grown up, Margaret moved to Orchard Close in Bleasby with her second husband, Geoff, and worked as a teacher of dance and drama with the learning-disabled, a job she loved. Her interest in drama led her to set up a group in the village that put on an annual production in the village hall to sell-out performances. The group was an offshoot of the WI, Margaret being a member for many years. She was also to be seen taking neighbours on weekly shopping trips to Newark. As a member of the Parochial Church Council she put her secretarial ability to good use as PCC secretary for many years.

After having looked after Geoff through his declining years with Parkinson's disease, Margaret continued to be an active member of the community until her own health began to fail. Having made the decision, a hard one, to move into Moorfield Court in Southwell, Margaret continued a fairly active life, maintaining her friendships in Bleasby and continuing the shopping trips. When the time came to give up her car, she used the 100 bus to take her into Southwell regularly and to Nottingham occasionally. Gradually as her health declined further she had to make do, reluctantly, with short walks and keeping in touch with friends and family by phone and letter, never forgetting the birthdays and anniversaries of her growing family. Always grateful for the love and care extended to her by her family, to the very end she talked of how she missed Bleasby and how she appreciated that friends kept in contact though visits and calls.

Margaret died after a few days in Queen's Medical Centre, having been admitted with breathing difficulties.

Rachael Andrew

MARK GOODMAN

Mark was an exceptionally talented artist of Lower Goverton who died on 18th August. His was a cheerful, helpful nature who was much loved and respected by his friends and fellow artists. He had hoped to paint our church of St Mary's but, unfortunately, his illness prevented that ambition being achieved. However, he leaves many beautiful watercolours, one of which appears in this edition of Bleasby News. He will be much missed by all those who knew him.

Barbara Cast

JUBILEE PONDS – BIRDS OF A FEATHER?

The fact that “birds of a feather” do stick together was illustrated when, in the second week of September at first light, rooks and jackdaws began to arrive and perch, small group by small group, on a single cable strand strung high aloft between two strutting electricity pylons with their feet firmly planted on parish turf. Over a period of a quarter hour they progressively assembled, ominously quietly, in an increasingly denser line abreast, gathering until 110 individuals were arrayed in a black – almost military-like rank – the thin black line? Often seen as an evil portent in the past, this assemblage may have put latter day villagers into a panic but, with purpose unknown, they left almost as one without a sound, leaving only reflections in the mind behind. These local birds were possibly residual evidence of the supposedly folklore rooks’ council at which judgments are made and offending birds dispatched by a closing circle of birds - as happened not far from here some years ago.

There is no doubt that members of the crow family are very intelligent, persistent and determined as is illustrated by the extraordinarily ingenious ways they steal food from birdfeeders designed to frustrate both squirrels and large birds from taking more than their share and their past predation on game chicks and eggs has seen them indelicately strung by the neck and arrayed along gamekeepers’ gibbets. The activities of carrion crows and magpies on the young and vulnerable bird population of the Jubilee Ponds is much less significant than on such places as grouse moors, where the population is bolstered to an unnatural level. However they are part of the natural ecosystem and their inevitable presence ensures that, like the pike in the Ponds themselves, the sick, weak and inexperienced are removed from the system – a sort of recycling!

The early morning walker will still testify to hearing the songs of the territorial robins and the tetchy irritations of the wren ‘chirring’ to goodness knows what at the break of dawn - as well as the flight of bats taking prolonged feeding excursions into first light in order to boost their preparations for a hibernating winter ahead. There are always surprises and joys to encounter on the Ponds, even much later in the day – one such being the discovery of a late, somewhat secret brood of four young cygnets which must have been brooded in the Ponds area without the knowledge (or with the approval) of the resident ‘cob’ who, with his mate, has proudly and openly raised four young, and who would surely have driven off any competitor attempting to breed within his domain. Or is it a case of bigamy? Certainly there was no male accompanying the female ‘pen’ discreetly feeding with her downy young in the most densely shrouded and uniquely smallest of the handful of smaller ponds on site. Perhaps even the more strongly territorial and aggressive of birds such as the swan can, like the swans of Abbotsbury, learn to co-exist and stick together as “birds of a feather”.

The few remaining swallows and house martins are still ‘sticking together’, taking pre-migratory feeds upon the still large flying insect population sustained by the warm and dry days of the closing weeks of September and, as yet, there are no signs of flocks of ducks from the north – just our regular tufted ducks and mallards which are also

'sticking together' as family groups in the case of the latter and, in the former, as a flock of twenty or so, still scruffily moulting, tufted ducks.

Research by the British Trust for Ornithology confirms that those 'glued-as-one' long-tailed tit families travelling through the village, garden to garden, and their sometime associate goldcrests, are both demonstrating at least a 10% increase in population as a result of changing climatic trends whilst, for the same reasons, the populations of cuckoos, little owls and reed warblers are at least 10% down – exemplifying our own observations around the Ponds and parish.

Tasks such as meadow and hedgerow cutting, footpath clearance and the removal of fallen or dangerous timber that have to be undertaken this autumn are being partly accomplished by village volunteers but we are especially reliant and indebted to the Bleasby Carp Syndicate for their very significant support and major input into the good and safe maintenance of the Jubilee Ponds site - which they are under no obligation to do. It would be very much appreciated, therefore, if, in the interests of good relationships alone, dogs were not encouraged to enter the fishing waters and were kept on a lead, especially on confined footpaths and waterside walks. Under the constitution dogs are required to be kept under strict control. This was included to ensure that children, as well as anxious or elderly parishioners, were not alarmed, frightened, knocked off balance or hurt by dogs running loose. It also assures the owners of small or timid dogs that their pets will not be vulnerable to more aggressive ones. Please help us to support the interests of all.

Peter Cast

MEDITATION ON BEING 90

For some reason I have been given extra time to think about life and to cope with mental and physical deterioration. It's hard to make this time meaningful and useful but I know how grateful I am to have had such a wonderful family who have supported me loyally through all my trials with empathy and consideration. Thank you, all of you, for your ability to forget about personal issues and to work together.

The more you learn of other families' problems the more you realise how complicated life can be for other people. I am so grateful that you have wider horizons than self-promotion and self-advancement. I am so appreciative that you share so much with me and keep me in touch with real life. Your support and the comforts provided by the staff at Southwell Court have given me a quality of life that escapes many of the elderly.

Thank you to everybody, *Phyllis Hastings*

BLEASBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

After some hectic months, things have been a little quieter in July and August for Bleasby WI members. Our August meeting found us listening to a talk by John Hope

from the Museum of Timekeeping at Upton Hall. He took us through a whistle stop tour of timekeeping from the earliest sundials to the latest atomic clocks.

In September Lesley Taylor, the Recycling and Education Officer at Veolia, the Mansfield Recycling and Materials Recovery Centre, on the work of the company and how we can ensure that our own recycling efforts are successful. A few things she said stand out:-

- It takes 17 trees to make a ton of paper, and good grade uncontaminated paper can be recycled 4-5 times
- Plastic bottles can be easily recycled but less than 50% are
- In this county general waste doesn't go to landfill but to green power stations (ERF) which only emit steam
- Dog waste bags should go in the general waste bin (green)
- Using biodegradable bags for dog waste is regrettable in that it encourages some people to leave them in the countryside where they will not degrade
- Veolia welcomes visits from school classes and pays for the bus!

A visit to the recycling plant is scheduled soon to see at first-hand what happens to the contents of our silver bins. A most useful talk, particularly with the current emphasis on reducing plastic and waste generally.

A group visited the Japanese Garden at North Clifton on a beautiful end-of-summer afternoon. This is a garden designed for calm reflection and meditation and was appreciated by all who visited. The owner and creator of this space gave us a short talk as to how the garden grew from being purely a meditation centre to a mini-version of a Japanese garden.

Also in September the WI held a table-top sale on the Glebe Field to raise funds for our chosen charities. There were about 10 tables selling everything from cakes, plants, children's toys and books to general household goods and bric-a-brac. Again the sun shone and visitors were able to browse and find the bargains.

Our Ladies to Lunch group visited The Manners Arms at Knipton and The Thatch at Bottesford for their monthly meals. At both venues they were well looked after and well fed!!

Our October meeting will be our annual birthday party when members will be enjoying a meal at Tom Brown's at Gunthorpe. In November our speaker will be John Ellis with a talk entitled Tomorrow's Text.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Sheila Lewis

BLEASBY BIKE FEST GETS KIDS OFF TO FLYING START

Around seventy children attended the second Bleasby Bike Fest at the end of August when they enjoyed time in the sunshine with friends and family to help learn and develop their cycling skills in a safe and traffic free environment.

The concept behind the festival is to provide a safe and supervised environment for anyone wishing to ride a bicycle for the first time or to hone their existing skills. To this end, the whole of Gypsy Lane was closed which allowed a traffic free on-road experience - the residents of the lane are to be thanked for their patience at any inconvenience caused. The Glebe Field was laid out with various obstacle courses for those wanting to test their balancing skills, all in the knowledge of having a relatively soft landing!

After the success of the Bike Fest last year, fingers were crossed for a repeat of the good weather and another high turnout. Bobbie Debruslais led the event organisation; "I could not have wished for more! The support from village volunteers has been magnificent and, along with the Waggon providing a fantastic barbecue and the Village Hall where Bleasby WI supplied light refreshments and homemade cakes, we have managed to create a wonderful community day for all to enjoy". The organisers would also like to thank Mr Bike, Bleasby Bikers, CycleLive, the Handicentre, British Cycling, Bleasby Parish Council and the residents of Gypsy Lane for supporting the event.

A number of photos from the day can be viewed on the Bleasby Community Website (www.bleasbycommunity.uk), just look under the Memory Lane section.

There is now a lot of enthusiasm to run the event again in 2020. To keep informed about this and other things happening in Bleasby, please sign up to our community website email alerts and follow us on Facebook @bleasbyvillage.

Bleasby Events Team (email: bleasbycommunity@outlook.com)

WELCOME TO BLEASBY

We are very pleased to welcome the Blunden Forrester family who have moved into May House, the King family now in the Old Coach House and, at the Spinney, the Hall Davis family.

We look forward to meeting the newcomers around the parish or at one of the events being held.

If anyone knows of a new resident who we may have missed, please let the editors know or, even better, Ali Sutherland at alipetebleasby@gmail.com who will present them with a copy of the Welcome Booklet which has details of all the organisations in Bleasby and lots of other useful information.

COUNTRYSIDE AND FOOTPATHS GROUP

Since our last report the Group has ventured into mid-week walks as well as our regular 'third Sunday afternoon in the month' programme. As always our walks have been filled with all the seasonal progression of the farming cycle and with the captivating sights, sounds and smells of our Trent Valley countryside.

We have extended our valley walking domain now as far downstream as Hoveringham and as far upstream as Averham, embracing in the process a ten mile stretch of the Trent Valley Way in a series of loops, back and forth, to include all our local villages. Our September walk to monitor the management of our own parish footpaths proved to be particularly interesting as it was filled with the fascinating personal recollections of two of our born and bred members, one of whom took us back to the War years, the 1947 flood and the 'pre-gravel pit' era of country life in Bleasby. We all looked back wistfully to a time when children just roamed the fields at will and joined in with the rural farming pattern, hitching lifts on horse-drawn tumbrels and mophrey carts down the Bleasby main street!

BLEASBY BIKERS

Bleasby Bikers, your local road cycling club, now has sixty nine members, with almost half this number riding on a regular basis. Weekly rides leave the Waggon and Horses most Sundays, organised via WhatsApp. The 'Easy Riders' leave the pub at 9am and enjoy a social ride of 20-30 miles at a moderate pace, always punctuated by a decent coffee and cake stop (and 'fizz' when it's someone's birthday!). The 'Roleurs' leave the Waggon a little earlier, at 8.30am, and ride between 40 and 70 miles at a faster pace.

This year club members have enjoyed various 'sportives' (large organised non-competitive rides for amateurs) including major events in Staffordshire, Rutland, Nottinghamshire, London and Derbyshire and this year's annual meet gathered in Ledbury, near the Malvern Hills. In May a number of club members tackled the hills of Portugal, enjoying hot weather and some demanding routes. Our annual 'Pub Ride' took us down to Woolsthorpe, near Belvoir Castle – a great day out, tempered only

by heavy downpours on the return leg. And, most recently, we were delighted to assist in the highly successful Bleasby Bike Fest for the youngsters.

We continue to cater for all levels of experience, and if you're interested in joining us please contact Colin at bleasbybikers@btinternet.com for an information pack.

Colin Stump





THE BLEASBY
APPLE BAKE OFF



Saturday 12th October



Categories are;

FUNNIEST BAKE

MOST CREATIVE BAKE

TASTIEST BAKE (looks aren't everything!)



Sweet and savoury bakes welcome but must contain apple!

Please drop off your creations by 1pm on the day for judging by Bleasby W.I.



For more information;

-  www.bleasbycommunity.uk
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With thanks to Bleasby W.I.

Bleasby Diary of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday & Sunday 28 th & 29 th Sep	9am until 6pm	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	Jubilee Ponds
Saturday 5 th October	7pm for 7.30pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall
Sunday 6 th October	10.30am	Harvest Service	St Mary's
Saturday 12 th October	1pm until dusk	Bleasby Apple Festival	Glebe Field
Monday 14 th October	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 15 th October		Bleasby WI's 97 th Birthday Party	
Sunday 20 th October	10.30am	Benefice service of Holy Communion	St Peter's Thurgarton
Sunday 20 th October	2pm	Countryside and Footpaths Walk	Look out for notices & emails
Monday 21 st October		School half-term holiday starts	
Tuesday 22 nd October	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Local History Society with Chris Brooke on 'What's hidden in our Parish Churches'	Village Hall
Friday 25 th October	10.30am- 12noon	RNLI and Friendship Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Sunday 27 th October	10.30am	Morning Praise for everyone	St Mary's
Monday 4 th November		School half-term holiday ends	
Saturday 9 th November	From 6pm	Diwali Dinner and Dance in aid of Bleasby School funds	Hoveringham Village Hall
Monday 11 th November	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council	Village Hall
Sunday 17 th November	10.30am	Benefice service of Holy Communion with thanksgiving for loved ones	St Mary's
Sunday 17 th November	2pm	Countryside and Footpaths Walk	Look out for notices & emails
Monday 18 th November		Deadline for December's Bleasby News	

Tuesday 19 th November	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby WI with John Ellis on 'Tomorrow's Text'	Village Hall
Saturday 23 rd November	7.30pm	Southwell Choral Society concert "Choral Brass"	Southwell Minster
Tuesday 26 th November	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Local History Society with Pete Smith on 'Christmas decorations through the Ages'	Village Hall
Friday 29 th November	10.30am- 12noon	Friendship Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Thursday 5 th December	3.30pm until 5pm	School Christmas Fayre	Bleasby School
Saturday		Christmas Lights	Glebe Field

Church Services in the West Trent Benefice (HC = Holy Communion, MPE = Morning Praise for Everyone, EP = Evening Prayer)

October	Bleasby	Halloughton	Hoveringham	Morton	Rolleston	Thurgarton	Upton
Sunday 6 th	10.30am Harvest service		4pm Harvest service and supper	9am HC	10.30am MPE	10.30am Harvest service	10.30am HC
Tuesday 8 th							10am HC
Sunday 13 th	10.30am HC	6pm Harvest service	10.30am HC	10.30a m Harvest service	10.30am MPE	10.30am MPE	10.30am Harvest Service
Sunday 20 th						10.30am Benefice HC	
Sunday 27 th	10.30am MPE		10.30am MPE	10.30a m HC	10.30am HC	10.30am with Methodists	9am MPE or HC
November	Bleasby	Halloughton	Hoveringham	Morton	Rolleston	Thurgarton	Upton
Sunday 3 rd	10.30am MPE		6pm EP	9am HC	10.30am MPE	10.30am MPE	10.30am HC
Sunday 10 th	10.30am Remembrance Service	10.30am Rem'br'nce Service	10.30am Rem'br'nce Service	10.30a m Rem'br' nce Service	10.30am at Morton	10.30am at Hoveringh' m	10.30am Rem'br'c e
Tuesday 12 th							10am HC
Sunday 17 th	10.30am Benefice HC and thanksgiving for loved ones						
Sunday 24 th	10.30am MPE		10.30am MPE	10.30a m HC	10.30am HC	10.30am with Methodists	9am MPE or HC



Lincoln Cathedral by Mark Goodman

MARK GOODMAN – A TRIBUTE FROM HIS MOTHER

Very sadly I have to announce that my dearest son, Mark, passed away peacefully on the 18th August 2019, aged 51 years.

He was brave, kind and talented, with a big personality and great sense of humour. He filled every day with joy.

Mark was a talented artist and was Secretary of the Newark Art Club. His passion was watercolour and he loved the old architecture of Newark which formed the subject of many of his paintings. His picture “Town Hall and Little House” is on permanent display in the Newark Town Hall Museum.

God bless him – all my love, Dorothy

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Following a meeting of representatives of a number of local parishes our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) asked us to remind folk of the following advice based on recent incidents in the Southwell area – one of which occurred in our own parish.

- Do not leave car keys on display or even in an obvious hiding place – break-ins have occurred recently, keys taken and cars stolen.
- Do not feel under pressure to accept offers of help in the garden or around the house from unknown callers and, especially, do not part with money for payment to such people before a job is started or not completed to your satisfaction.
- Look out for neighbours who may be vulnerable to pressure from salespeople, handymen/gardeners, conmen etc who you are aware are, or have been, operating in the neighbourhood.
- Ring 101 if you think that anything suspicious is happening – 999 if you believe you are witnessing a crime taking place.

It would seem that the theft of catalytic converters has re-emerged. But the good news is that the individuals which broke into Oxtun Post Office have been arrested and that the mobile telephone/camera/doorbell system has again proved invaluable in Bleasby and, indeed, that most parishes had very little to report to police during the summer period.

Peter Cast



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LUNCH CLUB

There are spaces for a few more members if anyone is interested in joining us. The club meets on Thursdays at 11.50am at the Manor Farm Tea Shoppe where Caroline and Andrew Goodwin and their staff go to great lengths to make sure we are all comfortable and well-fed. When birthdays come up members are presented with delicious birthday cakes so that we can all celebrate together. The cost of the two-course meal especially prepared for us, plus tea or coffee, is currently £7. If you would like to know more please contact Rachael Andrew on 830296 or the Tea Shoppe on 830316. Photographs of the lunch club in action can be viewed on the community website.

TRENT CHURCHES CHOIR

The re-established Trent Churches Choir is now on its third Choral Scholar – no, it doesn't scare them away or make life so difficult for them they quit! It's just that the Minster recruits a new organ scholar (usually a new graduate) each year to support the Rector Chori and the Assistant Director of Music with music in the Minster. As part of the outreach work it was agreed that the Organ Scholar should add to his remit leading the Trent Churches Choir. After two successful years with Ben and with Anthony, we now have James as our very energetic and motivating Director and we are making plans for future singing events, including Christmas services and hopefully concerts.

We have a good nucleus of members but could do with more singers, especially, as ever, men. It would be lovely if we could be joined by some of you – the only real needs are to be able to read music and to like singing. It would be excellent to have people from the seven villages with churches in our Benefice, but your singing friends within easy reach of the Minster (where we practise) would be most welcome too.

Contact Barbara Cast for details 830284

MARGARET LAMBERT 1950-2019

Margaret died in July after a long illness. She taught at Bleasby School for many years, having fought a vigorous but unsuccessful campaign to prevent the closure of Hoveringham Primary School. There will be many former pupils and their parents of Bleasby School who remember Margaret with affection, and her lively and engaging teaching style and happy classroom.

St Mary's Church and Bleasby School Harvest Appeal

Would you like to help us buy a £48 sack of maize and a £77 sack of beans?

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BLEASBY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

What's been happening at BLHS! Our talk and demonstration in June based on the supreme genius of Sir Isaac Newton inspired us to arrange a visit to Woolsthorpe Manor, his birthplace and residence for some of his creatively scientific life. It was a most enjoyable and enlightening visit on a lovely sunny day. We especially enjoyed operating the exhibits in the Science Centre – great for children and fascinating for adults too! A must visit if you have never been – a National Trust property at Woolsthorpe cum Colsterworth.

In September we were pleased to welcome back James Wright, archaeologist and Doctoral Researcher at the University of Nottingham. He has been engaged in a major project at Tattershall Castle. The main feature now remaining of the castle is the amazing brick tower, which was part of the castle built for Ralph, Lord Cromwell, Treasurer of England, in the 15th century. James' talk was about the Castle and its builder and proved to be fascinating. A visit for members to the castle seems a likely prospect! Another wonderful NT property not to be missed.

Our talks in October and November are sure to be extremely interesting – on October 22nd we have Dr Chris Brooke, an expert on mediaeval churches, who is going to answer the question "What's hidden in our parish churches". And, on 26th November, we will be preparing to be seasonal with a talk by Pete Smith, late of Historic England, on the subject of "Christmas decorations through the ages".

All are welcome to come to our talks in the Village Hall – 7.30pm start. Members free (for a small annual fee) and visitors just £2.50. Do come along!

Barbara Cast, President of BLHS

MONT BLANC TREK FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

The team and I would like to say a BIG thank you to those Bleasby residents who kindly supported and donated to our recent Mont Blanc Trek in aid of Children In Need. As mentioned previously, we embarked upon an extremely physically demanding challenge in September. The four day trek on foot covered over 55 km through Italy, France and Switzerland and brutally tested our stamina. Seven hours each day navigating steep vertical cliffs, crevassed glaciers, waterfalls and forested tracks. We did our best to share photos and videos along the way so people could see what we were experiencing. I wanted to remind everyone that Bleasby will have a unique opportunity to join Pudsey Bear down at the Waggon and Horses at 7:30pm (before Pudsey's bedtime) on 10th November. The Waggon has kindly agreed to fundraise as part of their Sunday evening quiz night. Entry will be £2 instead of the usual £1 and Pudsey will be there on the night to greet people as they arrive. Or donations can be made through JustGiving

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/badmothertrekkers?utm_source=Whatsapp

Janene Scurfield



NEWS FROM THE BOOKCASE AT LOWDHAM

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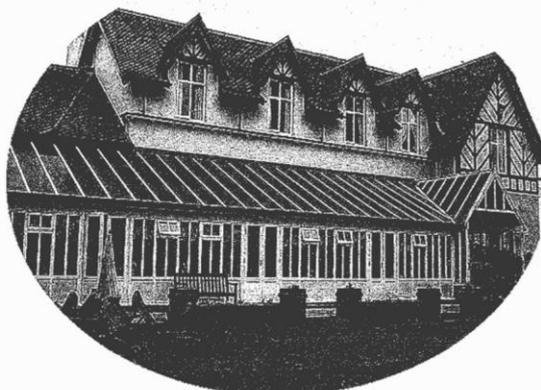
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Outgoing stopping point	1st service	2nd service
Lowdham, Epperstone Road	09.30	12.30
Lowdham, Magna Carta	09.33	12.33
Lowdham Station	09.34	12.34
Caythorpe, Main Street	09.37	12.37
Hoveringham, Main Street	09.41	12.41
Thurgarton, Bleasby Road	09.48	12.48
Bleasby, Main Street	09.52	12.52
Fiskerton	09.57	12.57
Morton, Main Street	10.00	13.00
Southwell, Church Street	10.04	13.04
Southwell, Ropewalk	10.07	13.07
Upton Main Street	10.15	13.15
Newark bus station	10.39	13.39
Returning stopping point	1st service	2nd service
Newark bus station	10.43	13.43
Upton Main Street	11.00	14.00
Southwell, Church Street	11.08	14.08
Southwell, Ropewalk	11.11	14.11
Morton, Main Street	11.17	14.17
Fiskerton	11.20	14.20
Bleasby, Main Street	11.25	14.25
Thurgarton, Bleasby Road	11.29	14.29
Hoveringham, Main Street	11.35	14.35
Caythorpe, Main Street	11.39	14.39
Lowdham Station	11.42	14.42
Lowdham, Magna Carta	11.43	14.43
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Saturday	06.17;07.14;08.19;10.11; 12.15;15.12;17.11;18.09;21.43
Sunday	9.51;11.51;14.57;17.47;22.49
	From Newark Castle to Bleasby
Monday to Friday	06.08;06.42;07.39;09.39;11.39; 14.39;16.39;17.39;17.56;22.55
Saturday	06.10;07.41;08.43;09.38;11.39; 14.39;16.38;17.39;17.54
Sunday	9.29;11.42;14.48;16.46;18.34;22.38

** journey time approx 15 mins

Summary Train Timetable - May to December 2019

	From Bleasby to Nottingham *
Monday to Friday	6.21;6.55;7.52;9.52;11.52; 14.52;16.52;17.52;18.07;23.05.
Saturday	6.22;7.54;8.55;9.51;11.52; 14.52;16.51;17.52;18.06
Sunday	9.41;11.54;15.01;16.58;18.46;22.50
	From Nottingham to Bleasby
Monday to Friday	05.54;06.53;07.56;09.49;11.51 14.50;16.50;18.17;19.19;22.26
Saturday	05.55;06.53;07.58;09.51;11.53; 14.50;16.48;17.48;21.24
Sunday	09.30;11.30;14.35;17.27;22.28

*Journey time approx 25 mins

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