



Dear All,
Our Rector (Reverend Christine) is enjoying a well earned break and it falls to me to say a few words about what is happening at the Church.
In response to several enquiries as to what is happening regarding services I can only state the following. Until further notice we are obliged to follow the Covid regulations as laid down by the Government, in that we are currently limited to a maximum of 30 people per service . We are not allowed to sing and face masks must be worn whilst indoors and a full booking service is required to attend a service. Anyone wishing to attend the service should contact Gill Green on 01636 626635. Our next Sunday service is 9am on May 23rd , and it is planned to have a monthly service at our Church for the foreseeable future . Please note that there is still the availability of a zoom service every Sunday at 10.30am for those who cannot or do not wish to attend an in Church service. We all pray and hope that regulations will be eased further in the very near future .

The Parochial Church Council are still actively seeking quotes to restore the tower clock to full working order, and having to satisfy the requirements of the Diocese who require us to take out a faculty (licence). The wheels of officialdom turn very slowly but we will get there eventually. We are also seeking quotes to replace the wooden gates at the entrance of the church yard which are looking rather worse for wear. Again, the same delays will be encountered !. But these are minor problems when compared with the one we have to face regarding the future of our Church.

The Diocese of Lincoln, has for many years been financing its work from reserves, but these reserves have now run out , and we have to face the fact that the status quo cannot continue .The Diocese has proposals to reduce the number of full time clergy from 143 to approximately 100 . This will mean that individual clergy would be responsible for more parishes than is currently expected of them. Therefore it is inevitable that many Parishes will receive less services than is currently the case. As part of this Diocesan wide consultation our P.P.C. has discussed this, and has decided that our best chance of survival is to become a (Festival Church). This would mean that we would remain open for weddings, baptisms and funerals plus four services a year, which in all probability would be Christmas , Easter, Harvest festival and Remembrance Sunday. The category below this is a closed church . After so much time, effort and money have been spent to get All Saint's up and running after it's last period of closure, we are all determined to do everything we can to remain open .With your support we will.

With my best wishes, Mark Leggott Churchwarden

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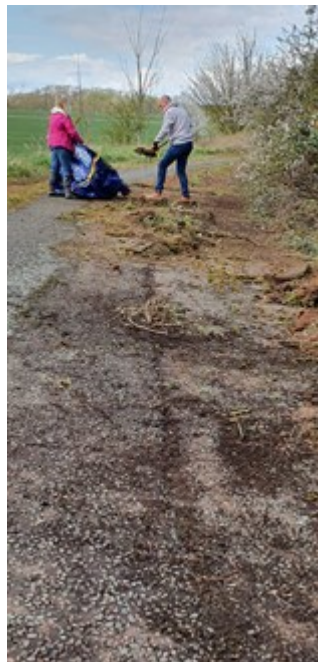
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Social Club News - June 2021

Greetings to all Club members who must be wondering when the Club is going to reopen. Your Management Committee agreed that it would be too onerous to open with most of the social distancing rules in still in place, including a requirement for table service only, the need for serving staff to wear masks and control numbers present and their seating arrangements. We have therefore decided to go for a **“big Bang” opening on 26th June**; the first Saturday following what we hope will be the removal of most of the current Covid regulations on 21st June. This is of course dependent on the Government’s timetable set out in the current “Road Map” being adhered to, and as this is being written some clouds are gathering on the horizon.,



The Committee will be meeting shortly to plan the details and a forward programme of events. Further details will be sent to members by email and displayed on the village website and notice board outside the village hall,

Date for the diary: Saturday 26th June, probably including afternoon and evening

WELL DONE FRIENDS OF THE OLD A17

Grateful thanks to those village residents who spent several Saturday mornings and also weekdays cutting back the shrubs and trees on the sides of the old A17 beyond the river and clearing vegetation from the road surface. We now have an accessible, level walk, still keeping its rural feel with views across to Barnby and beyond

Our village was not included in the Domesday Book so the best starting point is the 1841 census to see what we looked like. This 1841 census merely asked for our address, whether you were born in the county of residence or not, gender, age and finally your occupation. The ages of people over 15 years old were usually rounded down to the nearest 5 years. It covers “All that part of the Parish that lies south or north of the Turnpike Road leading from Leadenham to Newark”. No one in the village was recorded as not being from Lincolnshire and the predominant occupation was “Ag Lab”, agricultural labourer, there being around 270 people living in 84 houses, of which 27 had less than 5 rooms. The following decade saw a growth to 470 people, mainly born in the village but showing signs of social mobility with incomers from surrounding villages as well as Newark and a visitor from Cheshire.

The pattern continued over the decades with greater information being provided progressively. The most common occupation was still that of Ag Lab as would be expected in a rural location. Other ones of note, Proprietor of Houses (a landlord), Bricklayer, Shepherd, Dressmaker, Plumber, Barmaid there were 2 pubs, Baker, Blacksmith, Carpenter, Postmaster, Grocer, Besom Maker (a broom like a witches broom), Rector, children were generally Scholars and from one end of the social scale, Annuitant, someone living off private means, to the other end of the scale, Pauper, someone living off Parish Relief. A large percentage of residents had been born in the village.

The final “Census” that is available is the 1939 Register. Taken on September the 29th 4 weeks after the start of the 2nd World War it was in effect a snapshot of the population and was used to issue Identity Cards and in 1940, Ration Cards. The Register lists everyone in the country, their address and their actual date of birth. No entry in the Register meant no Ration Card, no ID Card. The Register was used as the basis for the formation of the NHS in 1948 and the continuing issue of ID cards until their withdrawal in 1952. (I still have mine, just in case)

So in case you can’t get access to a Census, there is always Google, LinkedIn, Facebook etc., etc.

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The 2021 Census

So the census arrived and passed off without any notable problems and whether we like it or not we have subject to censuses for a long time.

The census of Quirinius was a Census of Judea taken by the Roman governor of Syria, in 6AD. The Gospel of Luke uses it as the narrative to establish the birth of Jesus (Luke 2 :1-5), a probable error, but Matthew places the birth within the reign of Herod who died 9 years earlier. The next significant Census for us here was the Domesday Book ordered by William the Conqueror, in the Midwinter of 1085 to be finished in 1086.

Why a Census? Dress it up how you like, but “them in charge” like to know how many there are of us and therefore how much they can tax us, as is explicitly stated in the Domesday Book.

The English government took its first national Census in 1801. A Census has been taken every ten years since that date except in 1941, though the first genealogically useful Census was not taken until 1841, when names were recorded. Enumeration forms were distributed to all households a couple of days before Census night and the completed forms were collected the next day. If the head of the house was illiterate or had any problems completing the form the enumerator would assist as much as necessary. All of the details from the individual forms were later sorted and copied into enumerators' books, which are the records we can view images of today.

A Census return is not made available to the public until 100 years have passed, based on the premise that by then most on the list will have deceased and therefore there is no problem revealing their information. In the days of social media it is probable that you can find out more about anyone on earth than is concealed in a Census. A review as to there being a 2031 Census will be determined in 2023, the cost of the last Census is reported to have been £1 billion.



Q.....What can we do about potholes

Answer 1....Persuade the Parish Council to buy a JCB Pothole Pro with the claimed ability to repair a pothole in 8 minutes!!



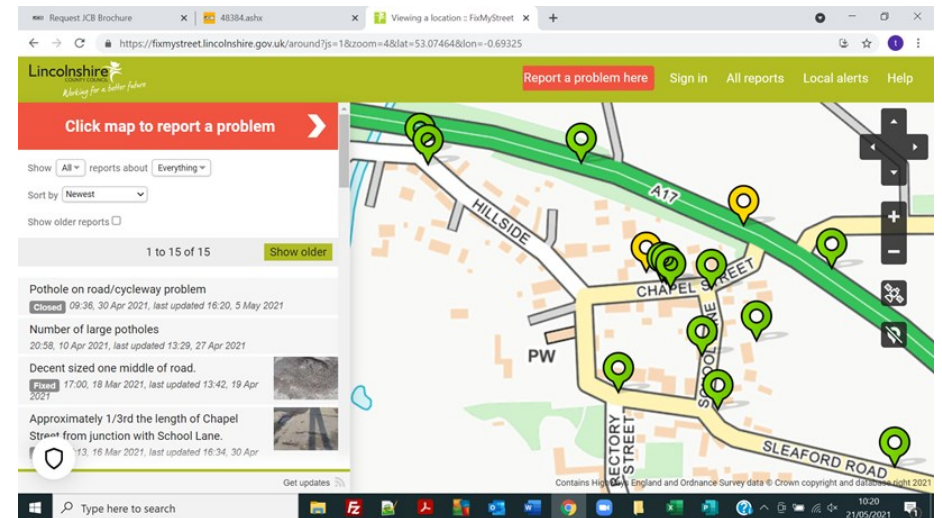
The only problem is that they cost £165000 ... which is 13 year's worth of Parish Council precept

So this is probably not an option?

Answer 2..... To the Parish Council??

Obviously Parish Councillors will listen and sympathise but the Parish Council does not possess any statutory powers in this area and so they are limited to complaining on your behalf to.....

Answer 3 ..To Lincolnshire County Council Highways via the FixMyStreet website at <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>



All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome The deadline for the next September 2021 issue is August 21st 2021

Meet our new lengthsmen.....

My name is Neil Gratton and I've been working in commercial and domestic ground maintenance for around 25 years.

I am a football fan and like to go to watch the occasional Lincoln City match!

I have a two younger children who go to school locally and two grown up children, one of whom studies at the University of Lincoln.

As a family we like to spend time with away in the caravan.

I want to work in the local area and community to make spaces pleasant for myself, my family and others to enjoy.

I loves growing vegetables down at the allotment. And I am happy to be contacted if anyone sees anything that I can assist with in the local area.

Last I am willing to take on private work if anyone is in need of someone reliable and trustworthy.



Ps Clerk..... what is a lengthsmen?

*The term **Lengthsman** was coined in the 1700s in a concept rooted in the Tudor Era as far back as War of the Roses and enclosure. Originally, it referred to someone who kept a "length" of road neat, tidy and passable in the middle ages, with particular emphasis on boundary marking. (Wikipedia)*

Many schemes are now afoot to employ again a local lengthsmen. Sometimes this is down to the initiative of the Parish Council who see no option but to assume the responsibilities which they think are being neglected by bodies higher up the food chain. Sometimes it comes from a County Council initiative to delegate more responsibility to parishes. Nearby Nottinghamshire County Council is one of the latest to embark on such a scheme.



I would like to introduce myself Inspector Mark Hillson as the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector. I took over the role last year having most recently worked in response and control room positions, also as an inspector. I have a primarily operational background, so neighbourhood policing is a new chapter in my career.

Over the last three months, crime calls account less than a quarter of the demand in NK at 22%. This continues to highlight the relatively low levels of crime experienced in the area. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is reported at 18% of calls. This occupies a larger proportion than would be expected for this quarter, however, the figures also incorporate calls for service associated with the COVID pandemic. I believe the figures also highlight the significant demand placed on the service in seeking to assist vulnerable members of society including those in need of help on our roads. In the last quarter one of our priorities in North Hykeham revolved around cycle thefts. There had been a significant rise in thefts of high value bikes. The team conducted some engagement events for bike marking and crime prevention. When restrictions prevented these the team engaged on-line and even delivered cycle packs to homes in the area on request. The investigation side highlighted that offences were also occurring in neighbouring areas and in a joint operation an offender was identified. A successful prosecution resulted in a custodial sentence.

Another issue identified during our last meeting was ASB and damage offences within Wellingore and the surrounding villages. Following some incredible detective work by the beat manager we were able to identify a series of connected incidents stretching from Grantham to the North of Lincoln. There were over 60 crimes reported spanning several months. The suspects have been identified and arrested with a file currently with CPS for appropriate charges to be laid.

