



Hello everyone, as you know we bid farewell to Rev. Chris who has gone to the east of the county to take on her new mission. She will be missed a great deal. Since her departure things are in a great state of flux which means I will be writing the All Saints article for The Bugle, I'm Gill Green, one of the churchwardens.

The first thing to say is The Church of England's latest initiative of becoming more sustainable and cutting costs has just been launched. This means the grouping together of more churches. We've become part of the Loveden Central Local Mission Partnership along with 11 others. One Vicar, yet to be appointed, will be responsible for them all. This is still in its very early stages and I think much tweaking will be necessary until we achieve the right balance of services between so many churches. At the recent LMP meeting the vicar responsible for working out the rota had several attempts to get it right then fine tuned it with everyone's help.

Given that most of us don't relish big changes, there is an air of dismay or even despair at having to adapt but adapt we must. Which means now that we have the right tools for the job, we keep calm and carry on.

We will continue to have one service a month taken by Rev. Valerie, Vic or myself. This will be a said Morning Prayer – no hymns, short sermon, or in my case an appropriate piece of writing- it will probably be on the third Sunday of the month and will start at 9-30am. We will put a notice on the church gate as soon as we know for certain. Come and join us, you'll be very welcome.

As far as day to day matters are concerned I think it's time we had another of our churchyard clearing sessions. There's ivy and weeds to pull up from around the graves and general tidying up to be done but the best bit is scraping the moss off the gravestones and revealing the inscription beneath. You could even take the moss home and make moss balls for the garden. Volunteers will be provided with tea and buns just bring your own tools. We will sort out a date and let you know.

I don't know if I've done too few or too many words but thank you for your time, take care of yourselves and one another. God bless.

Gill.

# The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle



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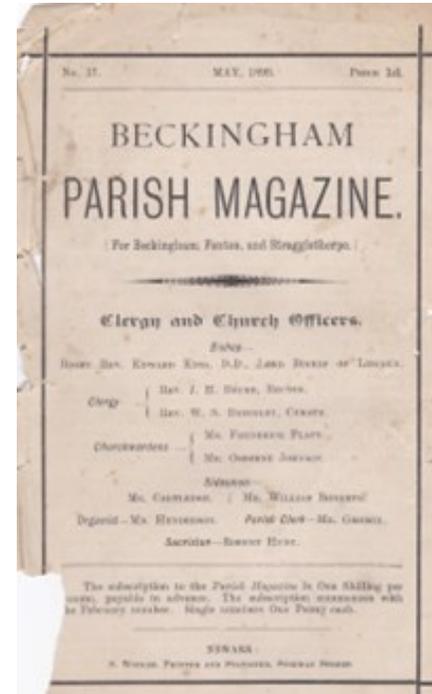
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**KING'S CORONATION 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**  
**A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE**  
**Scott Toomer**

On Sat the 6<sup>th</sup> May I had the privilege of being part in a once in a generation experience, Their Majesty's Coronation. It was a day that will stay with me forever and to say I am proud to have been a part of this historic day is an understatement. However, it wasn't just a case of 'pitching up on the day and getting on with it', a lot of hard work, sweat (and for a select few, some very big blisters) went into getting us ready for the big day!

Training began at RAF Halton near Aylesbury on the 27<sup>th</sup> April with the recruits who are usually based there told to go on holiday for 2 weeks (lucky for some). So there we were some 450 RAF personnel from all over the RAF including regulars and reservists, looking slightly bemused at having to live once again in large barrack blocks (there were 7 of us in our room) and wondering what the next 10 days had in store for us. There was no gentle lead in for us. By 0800 the next day we were all on the parade square being sized (apparently it looks good to have everyone in certain height order when marching) and having their uniforms checked (there was a lot of breathing in those first few days).

What preceded was 9 days of practising our formalised walking (some call it marching but in those early days it is probably better to call it walking with style...) and trying to remember our lefts from rights. To be honest all of us had been practising prior to arriving and by the end of day 1 we had most of the parade memorised. What most of us didn't realise, or remember, was just how steep the hills are at Halton. Up to 5 times a day we marched from the top of the camp to the bottom and then back. I checked my fitness app when I got home and we were doing about 12 miles a day.....walking a dog around our beautiful village will never be a problem again...



**Election of District Councillors for  
Navenby & Brant Broughton Ward  
on  
Thursday 4 May 2023**

I, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the persons whose names appear below are duly elected District Councillors for Navenby & Brant Broughton Ward.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)
HAGUES Lucille	The White Cottage, 12 The Square, Leasingham, Sleaford, NG34 8LA	The Conservative Party Candidate
OVERTON Marianne Jane	Hilltop Farm, Welbourn, Lincolnshire, LN5 0QH	Lincolnshire Independents

Dear Sir or Madam,

Temporary traffic restriction: Beckingham/Brant  
Broughton/Stragglethorpe/Leadenham

Please note it will be necessary to impose a temporary restriction as detailed below.

Organisation responsible for restriction: Lincolnshire County Council

Reason for restriction: Carriageway surface testing

Nature and location of restriction:

Road closure Order -

A17 (Between Woodgate Lane, Beckingham & Newark Road, Leadenham)  
High Street (Between A17 & a point 300m North), Brant Broughton  
Stragglethorpe Lane (Between A17 & a point 300m South), Stragglethorpe  
Newark Road (Between A17 & a point 100m Northeast), Leadenham

Period of restriction:

05/06/2023 - 30/06/2023

Monday to Friday overnight (19:00 to 06:00) only

(Restrictions to be implemented for 16 days as and when required during this period, signage detailing accurate dates and times will be displayed on site in advance)

**Planning Appeal by Landowners of Plots 1-17 at Land off A17 adjacent to the River Witham Beckingham**

**Proposed Site:** Plots1- 17 Land off A17 adjacent to the River Witham Beckingham

**Planning References:** 22/0081/FUL, 22/0083/FUL, 22/0084/FUL, 22/0085/FUL, 22/0086/FUL, 22/0088/FUL, 22/0089/FUL, 22/0090/FUL, 22/0091/FUL, 22/0092/FUL, 22/0093/FUL, 22/0094/FUL, 22/0095/FUL, 22/0096/FUL, 22/0097/FUL, 22/0098/FUL and 22/0099/FUL

**Appeal References:** APP/R2520/W/22/3300464, APP/R2520/W/22/3300490, APP/R2520/W/22/3300497, APP/R2520/W/22/3300505, APP/R2520/W/22/3300513, APP/R2520/W/22/3300520, APP/R2520/W/22/3300522, APP/R2520/W/22/3300527, APP/R2520/W/22/3300540, APP/R2520/W/22/3300559, APP/R2520/W/22/3300567, APP/R2520/W/22/3300580, APP/R2520/W/22/3300586, APP/R2520/W/22/3300594, APP/R2520/W/22/3300606, APP/R2520/W/22/3300612, APP/R2520/W/22/3300619.

I now have further details to share on the Public Inquiry for the above mentioned applications. **The Inquiry will now start on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 10am.** The Hearing will be held at the New Life Centre, Mareham Lane, Sleaford, NG34 7JP. The Public Inquiry is currently scheduled for 8 sitting days, the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July. The inquiry does not sit on a Monday.

As the days wore on we marched more and more. This led us to do a full daylight rehearsal at RAF Odiham which is the first time we were joined by the Army, Navy and Marines. To see so many people all together (some 4700 people) was quite a sight. To be honest this was just the tonic we needed after long days. For the first time it seemed real and the (tired) buzz home on the coaches was palpable. More training continued until we completed the overnight rehearsal in London on the Tues before the event. To march through London, best uniform on, medals and sword worn, and Colours (our posh flags) flying was a special moment. We were ready, well just about. More training until the final day.



The final day started at 0230. Yes 0230. Breakfast at 0300 and then we left for Waterloo train station at 0445. After marching to the holding area we finally marched off in the drizzle to Trafalgar Square to await their Majesty's departure. When the time finally came we moved as 1 long giant snake towards Buckingham Palace. I have been asked what it was like and to be honest I say very little (I had this large flag in front on my face) and couldn't hear anything over the sound of the bands. What I do remember is the sense of pride, not just in myself but of being a part in this incredible occasion.

The Royal Salute in Buckingham Palace was something special and although I couldn't raise my voice in the 3 cheers (it isn't allowed while protecting a Colour) the sound was deafening and to be there was, well noisy. The rest of the day was a blur and went by far too quickly. We finally returned to RAF Halton wet, tired but aware we had been a part of history. The proudest day of my RAF career.

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next September 2023 issue is August 18th 2023

## re the proposed reduction in PCSOs in the North Kesteven District.....

Dear Mr Brown

Further to my email of 19<sup>th</sup> April, I have continued to be in constructive but tough talks with the Home Office regarding policing in Lincolnshire, and as soon as I have a conclusion to those talks I will let you know.

To provide a bit of background, when I took on the role of Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire in 2016, the then Chief Constable was clear that the Force was all but bankrupt and that the circa £112m budget was insufficient to deliver the service he wished to see across the County. I have worked hard to see the funding for Lincolnshire Police increase year on year and am pleased to have presented the Chief Constable a record budget this year of £146m – up from £135m last year.

It is always the case that policing is changing and must respond to the evermore complex challenges placed upon them as well as attending to the perennial issues of meeting a growing demand for service. It is right that as the operationally independent head of Lincolnshire Police the Chief Constable must decide how those challenges will be met and I have confidence that he has taken sound strategic decisions to do just that within the limits of what is affordable.

His spending plans include:

- Prioritising warranted police officer numbers to ensure crime can be prevented and tackled.

- 9 police staff in the Safeguarding Hub to ensure effective safeguarding, management of the Domestic Violence disclosure scheme, information sharing with relevant partners and swift referrals into the Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) Unit

- 12 additional detectives in the PVP unit to protect the most vulnerable children and adults in our communities

- 15 call takers into the Force Control Room to improve the 101 call handling service

- Investing in the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit to improve the safety of Lincolnshire's roads and delivery of justice to victims

- 3 additional officers and 2 police staff in the Professional Standards Department to increase community confidence

- 13 additional Community Beat Managers who are warranted officers going into neighbourhood policing teams

- Investing in Learning & Development to ensure our officers and staff are equipped with the skills needed to deliver high quality services to our communities

- Following a review of the Officer Deployment Model, investment in a revised model to place more officers on duty in peak demand periods thereby improving incident response times.

Despite the increase in funding made available, the Force is not immune to the same pressures all households, organisations and individuals face – growing inflation, escalating cost of fuel and power and overall rising costs.

The Chief Constable needs to make strategic choices based on his expert knowledge and experience to ensure he has the right resources in the right place to keep communities safe and it is right to allow him the flexibility to adapt his workforce to meet the challenges of tackling crime in the modern world.

The only way these investments and improvements in service for our community can be achieved is by delivering a balanced budget. It is rightly a matter for the Chief Constable who needs to use his operational judgement to keep our communities as safe as possible and to decide the balance between unwarranted staff roles and warranted officers.

The following link leads to the Force's Summertime Policing Plan which was developed recently by Lincolnshire Police and provides further detail on how the Force is bolstering resources in the area: <https://www.lincs.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/images/lincolnshire/campaigns/2023/2023-03-summertime-policing/summertime-policing-plan-2023.pdf>

Yours sincerely

**Marc Jones**