



Dear all

Well as many of you might already know by the time you read this letter I will have left for pastures new. I would like to take this opportunity to say it has been a privilege to serve you as your Rector for the last four years and we will miss so many of you as Rick and I leave for North East Lincolnshire.

My new role has quite a long title 'Rural Missioner for the NE Lincs and oversight incumbent of the Wolds Gateway group', and my guess is the workload will be equally challenging in both roles but it's exciting and we are both looking forward to it. It is a great opportunity as well as a challenge as it is a brand new role and mine to develop with the team there, building on all we have done whilst serving the group of churches here.

I will be working with the team there looking for opportunities for mission, new ways of being church and sharing the gospel in creative as well as fun ways, hoping to reach those who maybe prefer a different way to worship We have had a wonderful time here and will be sad to leave obviously. We take with us so many wonderful memories of all that we have experienced here and of so many of you who we now call friends.

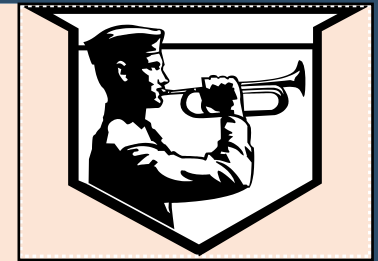
As we leave we know all the churches in the group will be facing a lot of change as the Time to Change Together programme within the diocese continues in its second year and will affect how the churches are looked after and how they will work, including services.

I would like to say a special thank you to my amazing Churchwardens Mark and Gill who have done so much to keep All Saints going as well as Rev Valerie and Vic Rampton and the rest of the PCC. Under the new changes All Saints church will become a festival church which means it will not have as many services but I urge you to help and support where you can as it is always needed and appreciated to keep the church doors open.

May God bless you all richly until we meet again!

Rev Chris

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Happy Easter everyone

For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk

Every four years.....

Every four years parishioners in Beckingham have the right to vote for their Parish Councillors.

Every four years parishioners in Beckingham have the right to stand as a new Parish Councillor for four years (subject to certain conditions being met).

You can exercise these rights in the forthcoming Local Elections to be held on 4th May

Key Election Dates

- **16 March** - time from which nominations for North Kesteven can start to be submitted.
 - **4pm Tuesday 4 April** – deadline to submit nominations /deadline to withdraw as a candidate
 - **Monday 17 April midnight** – deadline to apply to register to vote
 - **Tuesday 18 April 5pm** – deadline to apply for new postal vote and proxy postal votes and to make changes to existing postal or proxy votes
 - **Tues 26 April 5pm** – Deadline to Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate
 - **Thursday 4 May 7am-10pm** – Polling Day (where elections are contested)
 - **Friday 5 May** – expected count of votes
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It's that time of year when the central heating is switched on, and fires lit, helping us keep warm over winter. Why don't you join us at the Village Hall on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to just over 4pm? The wood stove is lit and the lights switched on, drinks are served and we have a good old talk with one another about anything and everything!."

These Wednesday afternoon sessions are hosted by the Social Club and members are welcome, non members, people who have never attended before, newcomers to the village etc. are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by a Social Club Member who will sign them in. This is necessary to comply with the conditions of the current Premise Licence.

"Harvest Lunch: we would like to thank all of you who kindly attended our Harvest Lunch on Sunday 16 October. It was so good to see you all tucking into the home cooked food on offer - and there wasn't a lot for us to take back home at the end of the day - always a good sign that you enjoyed the food and company around you!

With the amount from the raffle we made £272 to go to the Church running fund. Huge thanks again!"

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Jean Martin

Use it—don't lose it

Rush to get historic public rights of way registered is underway

The Deregulation Act 2015 received royal assent on 26 March 2015. A small but an important part of the act in Schedule 7 concerns public rights of way.

On 1 January 2026 the government intends to close the definitive maps to the claim of historic paths which existed before 1949 (section 53 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW Act)), with the aim of providing certainty to landowners about what highways and other rights exist on their land. Earlier this year DEFRA said they may drop the 2026 deadline, but it has not introduced legislation to do it.

Organisations such as the Open Spaces Society, The Ramblers Association have long-standing campaigns to get as many pre-1949 public rights of way identified before the deadline. In 2020 it was estimated that there was over 49,000 miles of missing footpaths and other rights of way that need to be added to the definitive maps.

In Lincolnshire it was estimated that there could be 1,500 miles missing. Signs that there might be an historic right of way could be a footpath or bridleway coming to an end at the parish boundary, at a field boundary or when it meets a road. The process of putting the definitive map together after 1949 relied on local parishes having records, or local memory of past routes which may have been lost (after the impact of the First and Second World Wars) and local landowners (who may have been councillors at the time) being willing to agree to put information forward to the County Councils doing the survey. Some parish councils were more willing than others.

Volunteers and local groups are checking historic maps and documents to identify the public rights of way that have not been added to Lincolnshire

Keep up to date with the latest news from your County Councillor Marianne Overton.....



February News
from
Marianne Overton MBE
Lincolnshire County Council
LCC and North Kesteven
District Council NKDC

Wishing you a happy and successful 2023.

News is emerging about the earthquakes of Turkey and Syria. You may want to help the British Red Cross, among the organisations [here](#).

This is my personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you. Let me know if I can help with anything.

Voting in April and May 4th 2023
Both District and Parish Council Elections May 4th

Voter ID: Despite widespread objections from the Electoral Commission and councillors, the Government has decided to require photo identification at the polling stations. I have argued against this at all levels, and continue meetings with the ministers this week to try and improve how it is implemented. Fraud in person is very rare, whereas significant fraud has been found in the postal votes, so this new requirement is more of a barrier than a help. Nevertheless, we need to either get a postal vote or bring photo ID on the day. A bus pass, photo driving licence or a passport will be OK.

Supporting our Neighbourhood Policing PCSO's to reduce from 91-50

We wanted PCSO's because they are neighbourhood based, with the purpose of heading off incidents and avoiding criminal actions. PCSO's build trust and relationships and give community reassurance. They deal with victims of anti-social behaviour, help guide and keep young people in schools and clubs on the straight and narrow, despite pressures. As we know, if smaller crimes are not dealt with, they develop into bigger crimes. The PCSO's also attend road traffic accidents to manage the traffic, and support vulnerable people to help avoid scams, and in cases of mental health concern.

Much of this preventative work does not register as incidents, but is nevertheless vital to our communities. Some were recruited last October, have just completed their training and are now facing redundancy.

More police are being recruited, but they do not replace the PCSO's. PCSO's are committed to our local areas. Lack of PCSO's and their neighbourhood policing leads to a disconnect with communities, making any police response much less effective.

I was instrumental in the introduction of an additional £3m County-funded extra 59 PCSO's in Lincolnshire some years ago. PCSO's are to Policing what care is to the NHS – essential prevention of crime. PCSO Sarah Lingard was first appointed in 2003, twenty years ago and does a great job. <https://thelincolnite.co.uk/2023/01/celebrating-20-years-of-pcsos-in-lincolnshire/>

You will always find a copy at



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

Photo ID needed to vote in elections on May 4

Anyone wishing to vote in person at the local elections to be held on May 4, to elect District and parish or town councillors, will need to take with them a form of photo identification. This is a change being introduced by the UK Government for all of England and will apply across all of Lincolnshire's local district and parish elections.

Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

International travel

Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Driving and Parking

Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)

A Blue Badge

Local travel

Older Person's Bus Pass

Disabled Person's Bus Pass

Oyster 60+ Card

Freedom Pass

Scottish National Entitlement Card

60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card

Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card

Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Proof of age

Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Other government issued documents

Biometric immigration document

Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)

National identity card issued by an EEA state

Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland

Voter Authority Certificate

Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.



If you go down to the Woods today.....

(with apologies to Henry Hall)

If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise

If you go down in the woods today,
you'd better go in disguise
For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain because
Today's the day the teddy bears have
their picnic

