



Dear all,

Firstly, I have to say a huge thank you to you all whilst I have been off for your prayers, messages, cards and gifts which have been overwhelming. I am now back fully fit and ready to go as we start re-opening our churches and adjusting to a 'new normal'.

Services have now begun in each of the churches and it is wonderful to sing hymns once again. We are still being careful and asking for social distancing where possible as well as allowing people to make their own decisions in how comfortable they are during a service with regards to masks etc but to see real people in real pews and chairs in church and interact with them normally is just such a blessing. Some of you I know, will have joined in our Zoom services over the last 18 months and we intend to start those again as soon as we are able to sort internet out in as many churches as we can.

I hope you have managed to have a break this summer, either at home or away somewhere and feel refreshed. As everything is opening up again, it is a good time to review the last year and a half as well as look to what the future holds. In the book of Ecclesiastes the writer tells us that, 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven' and this is a key time for a review of the church in Lincolnshire.

The Diocese of Lincoln has been struggling to cover costs and recruit clergy over quite a few years due to the decreasing numbers attending church and the money that is given to help with all the costs and has therefore launched a restructuring plan called, 'A Time to Change Together' or otherwise known as 'Resourcing Sustainable Church'. This will involve a reduction in the number of priests in the county as well as discernment as to which church fits into what category going forward, recognising that not all churches are the same. The five categories are Key Mission, Local Mission, Community, Festival and closed. The beginning of the process sits with church councils who are all being asked to prayerfully, realistically and with openness and honesty to consider a number of factors about their church and identify its particular calling and what it sees itself offering in partnership with others in growing the church in the county. This means identifying which of the five categories of church it fits best. These are difficult conversations as the buildings are much loved by all as you can understand. Whilst many of you are not regular visitors to church, these changes will have implications for each of our churches and the type of ministry that each village will receive in the form of Lay or Ordained (a vicar/rector) in Welbourn, Leadenham, Brant Broughton, Beckingham and Stragglethorpe which is why I am letting you know.

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The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle



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Social Club News - September 2021

After a very frustrating few months, waiting for the removal of most of the COVID restrictions, the club finally reopened on Friday 23rd July. As we had been closed since September last year, your committee was uncertain how quickly members would get back into the habit of visiting the club. We therefore decided to restrict opening to Friday nights for the time



being, with special events to be held on Saturdays. The Committee will be meeting shortly to review this in the light of experience since re-opening. Further details will be sent to members by email and displayed on the village website and notice board outside the village hall. In the meantime two Saturday special events are planned. These are:

Saturday Sept 11th: The deferred gentle ramble around the newly created Woodland Walk in the Parish Playing field incorporating a “treasure hunt”, starting at 4 pm outside the village hall followed by a barbeque again outside the village hall offering burgers and bangers (veggie option available) for £1. each. The Bar will open at 4.30 pm and remain open until 11pm

Saturday October 9th: Quiz Night commencing 7.30 pm. Bar open 7pm -11pm

Please also try to attend the **Club's AGM on Wednesday 1st September** in the village hall commencing 7 pm. Apart from the usual formal business it will provide an opportunity for you to feed in any ideas you have for future events and opening hours. This is a members' club and your thoughts for its future are most important.

The Village Hall is not open for private bookings until further notice.

A Facebook page has been started for the village residents for local news and information at *Beckingham and Sutton cum Beckingham, Lincolnshire* Contact Helen Lamont <helenlamont@hotmail.com> for more information



Latest News on the Parish Playing Field.

When the Parish Council commissioned the tree planting scheme in the playing field, it wanted to create an area where nature could flourish in abundance. It is hoped that this will attract a wide range of plant and insect life and provide opportunities for villagers young and old to see some things not so frequently seen, as well as enjoy a walk in the woodland area. This will be enhanced by the provision of a notice board highlighting things to look out for and regularly updated with the changing seasons. It effectively means that the playing field will be divided into three sections consisting of a play park area containing the play equipment, a middle section for general recreation and picnicking and the newly created woodland walks.

With this in mind the Parish Council have agreed in principle to the following actions, subject to suitable funding being available:

- ★ Fence in the play park area with an access gate wide enough to allow entry of a mower and for maintenance
- ★ Provide a notice board indicating that dogs on leads are allowed outside the play park and to provide a waste bin for dog waste near the entrance
- ★ Provide three picnic tables, one in the play park and another in the recreation area and a circular one in the middle of the woodland walks
- ★ Provide a lectern style notice board at the beginning of the woodland walk with regular updates on the things to see. These will be provided by Hill Holt Wood Rangers who manage the woodland on the Council's behalf
- ★ Provide a new timber climbing frame within the play park and change one of the swing seats to a “baby seat”.
- ★ Create a new wheelchair friendly gated access via the existing blocked northern entrance with a marked path to the beginning of a woodland walk
- ★ Create a meadow area to lead into the woodland walk

The Council sees this as an important step in opening up the woodland walks to responsible dog owners, by separating the play park area as well as enhancing the experience of those visiting the former playing field. Further developments will follow in the light of user experience.

Ragwort: This common wild plant with pretty yellow flowers, is frequently seen in large quantities on roadside verges during Summer.. It has an abundance of pollen which attracts an interesting selection of butterflies and insects. However it is also classified as an injurious weed, because of its potential danger to grazing livestock. Following representations the Parish Council has agreed to ensure that any ragwort in the woodland walk is removed before seeding to minimise spread to adjoining land.

All Saints Beckingham Clock

It is time to give an update on the progress that has been made in the project to restore the tower clock on our village church.

It was necessary to get permission for the work from the diocesan authorities. Our first efforts were unsuccessful. We had proposed to bypass the early 19th century mechanism with a direct electrical drive. We are not permitted to do this. The diocesan clock advisor wanted us to restore the original mechanism.



We approached another clock restorer who was recommended by Long Bennington parish where he maintains their tower clock. He has surveyed the clock and has said that he can restore the old mechanism. He would fit an electrical auto-winder and an electrical regulator. The auto-winder means that the clock does not need to be wound by hand and the regulator adjusts the movement of the pendulum to keep the clock in time with the MSF radio signal. The regulator will also adjust for summer time by stopping the clock for an hour or eleven hours at the appropriate dates. The auto-winder and regulator will only be clipped to the old mechanism so that the historic movement is preserved undamaged. The clock restorer is Wayne Francis of Clockwise Restorations. The wonderful extra is that in 2022 he will have been in business for 30 years and he wants to mark this by treating Beckingham's clock as a special project and give us a very large discount.

The diocesan authorities are satisfied with this proposal, which comes within the available funds, and they have given permission for the work to be done.

The working clock will serve as a memorial to David Webb and as a commemoration of Wayne Francis's 30 years in the clock repair business.

The diocesan authorities have added a condition to their permission that, for health and safety reasons, we should install lighting on the church tower stairs. We need to find £697 for that. We do not currently have that amount, but are doing what we can to raise it. If there is anyone who had intended to give to restoring the clock in memory of David, but didn't get around to it, then perhaps you would consider helping us to get through this last stage to a working clock!

Vic Rampton

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next December 2021 issue is November 10th 2021

Brown Wheelie Bin Garden waste
Your garden waste is composted in Lincolnshire

NO BAGS
Take additional waste to your Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)

Hedge trimmings/cuttings | Grass cuttings | Flowers and plants
Leaves and bark | Twigs and branches

No thanks

- Grass sods and turf
- Soil
- Food waste
- Plastic bags
- Animal waste
- Large planks/pieces of wood
- Rubbish/stones

If you would like to sign up to the garden waste collection scheme visit www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/gardenwaste or telephone 01529 414155

Information correct at time of print.

This leaflet contains really important information. Alternative versions in Polish and Lithuanian are available at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling

Šiame laikraštyje yra labai svarbi informacija. Nėra kitos versijos nei po lietuvių kalbą, spausdintys lietuvių kalba www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling

Ta užkla paveria barbuo wašre informacjo. Aby zobacžyc jst lietuvi versioj pofila, pascio odobacžyc, žiuroj www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling

Thank you for playing your part. 89% of you regularly recycle.

Please note all bins need to be presented for collection by 7.30am on your collection day.

NO SIDE WASTE will be accepted. Any side waste will need to be disposed of at your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre. Details can be found at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste

To receive waste and recycling alerts subscribe at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/stayconnected

Did you know North Kesteven District Council operates a collection service for bulky domestic and electrical items? Find out more at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/bulkywaste

If someone takes your waste without the relevant licences it may end up fly tipped and you could receive a £400 fine or face prosecution. Suspected fly tipping cameras until they've proven themselves legitimate and always make sure you obtain paperwork from them. You can check their registration details at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register> or by calling 03708 506 506.

Section 46 notice - LEGAL NOTICE: In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 46, North Kesteven District Council gives notice that from Monday 08 September 2021 you must not put paper and card into your green-lidded wheelie bin recycling bin. A notice must be presented inside the appropriate bin for collection. Failure to comply with this may result in your bin not being collected and/or other enforcement action taken.

RIGHT THING, RIGHT BIN

A simple guide on what to do with your waste and recycling at home

Lincolnshire recycles North Kesteven District Council

www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling

Purple-lidded Wheelie Bin Paper and cardboard
Processed at a dedicated paper mill

CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE
Anything wet or damp please place in black bin

Paper (no glue/tape) | Cardboard tubes/boxes | Food packaging (no grub)
Cardboard egg boxes | Envelopes with/without plastic windows | Junk mail
Newspapers/magazines | Household packaging | Greeting cards (no glitter)

No thanks

- Takeaway pizza/food boxes
- Shredded paper
- Tissues/kitchen roll
- Books
- Cigarette packets
- Wrapping paper (glittery/foil)

Green-lidded Wheelie Bin Recycling items
Processed at a recycling plant in Lincolnshire

CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE
Squash cans and plastic bottles

Glass bottles and jars | Metal cans/tins | Foil aerosols
Plastic bottles | Cleaning product bottles | Toilet paper
Plastic pots, tubs and trays | Cartons | Bottle lids/tops

No thanks

- Paper and cardboard
- Batteries or electrical items
- Crisp packets or plastic bags
- Polystyrene
- Clothes/textiles
- Food pouches
- Black or brown plastic food trays
- Hard plastics e.g. old toys

Black Wheelie Bin General waste
Majority turned into electricity in Lincoln

NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS
No electricals

Food waste | Crisp packets/food pouches | Plastic bags/food wrapping
Cigarette packets/butts | Nappies/soiled tissues | Takeaway containers
Hard plastics, metal/plastic pots and pans | Shredded paper (bagged) | Polystyrene packaging/bubble wrap

No thanks

- Batteries
- Electrical items
- Hot ashes
- Hazardous waste e.g. gas cylinders, asbestos

The green, green grass of home.

Or rather the grass within the confines of Beckingham Village that the Parish Council maintains. A brief history of grass cutting, the County Council were at one time responsible. They in the passage of time passed the responsibility onto District Councils, as that was a good plan, the Districts then passed on the money that the County paid them and passed this small amount of money onto Parish Councils. Trivial amount that it is. During this period it was possible to see on one day, contractors cutting for the County and the District.

We, the Parish Council decided that we will improve on the service that we were given and take full responsibility for the Village, apart from the Village Green which belongs to NKDC and they flatly refuse to let us cut it.

The PC started with a local man who, being local had a vested interest in the appearance of the Village. This went well, the Contract was rewritten in the light of experience and retendered, the same man winning. Another two years passed and the process was repeated, exactly. However at the beginning of the season, the successful tenderer was unable to fulfil his obligations and withdrew his offer. The PC was sympathetic, being aware of his reasons.

This left us in a bit of a quandary, as we were left with very little time to find a suitable replacement, especially as the Contract calls for the grass cuttings to be removed as the grass is cut. So we had to compromise and go with what we could get.

The result is that we are now in a position whereby the Village had become used to a high standard of care and it is now obviously not being delivered. Quite a few complaints have been delivered in passing to Councillors, culminating in the issue being raised by a Parishioner at the latest PC meeting, he claiming that he could do a better job himself if given the opportunity. We explained the position to him and apologised to him and the rest of the Community for our failings.

However, we would like to address the situation for next year by our approach. What has worked in the past is being looked at and the salient points are to be included in a new Contract. Previously a prescriptive contract called for x number of cuts per year for areas marked on a map. The weather does its own thing, dry spells with no grass growth, wet spells with sun, lots of growth.

A local person or persons given the task of, words to the effect of "keep the Village looking tidy" would be able to self motivated enough to decide whether or not the grass needs cutting, decide that the verges need a different type of cut to grass that abuts a residential property as well as a different frequency, that perhaps different locations need to be given special care, etc. Different cuts to the different areas in the Playing Field.

So the PC is open to any resident that considers that they would like to be considered for the work to make their position known to any Councillor or if preferred to the Clerk to the PC and the PC will be delighted to consider them. Certain conditions will need to be met, such as Insurance and the adherence to certain H & S requirements.

Through this action the PC hopes that we can all return to tidy, verdant areas in the Village that are a joy to behold.

Lawrence Tatton



For more information please go to www.lincoln.anglican.org/ttct or give a call and I can chat it through with you or answer any questions or concerns.

We will, in the future months, be looking at schemes such as 'Friends of' for those who wish to financially support their village church going forward in relation to maintenance and ministry costs as well as inviting those who do to join a planned giving scheme. No matter how small amount you feel you are able to give it will help keep the church in a condition that it can still be used in each village, even if only for weddings, baptisms, funerals and festival events. More information on this will be coming out over the next few months.

Your church needs your support so please consider coming and joining in at one of our services. You will find a warm welcome and fellowship wherever and whenever you come! The church has been centre of village community for years so let's not lose that. If you are musical maybe you could help in leading our choir who are ready to start up again? If you have a gift that you think we could use, don't be bashful, we need you!

In Christ Rev Chris