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Belated Happy New Year Fulbeck!

As we emerge from a very chilly patch I know we're all looking forward to spring in our lovely village, although there have been some gloriously sunny frosty mornings to keep the spirits up.

Moving forward into Spring there are new families arriving in Fulbeck— welcome all ! Also new businesses popping up in the Craft Centre, as well as some of the old regulars. More in later pages.

A local election is due on 17th February & if you are on the electoral register you will get a card. Please try and vote for either of our 2 local candidates, historically we have low turnouts so it would be nice to change that! Details within.

As ever looking forward to getting out & about a bit more please stay safe by still taking precautions in crowded places—seasonal bugs are around if nothing else.

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Caythorpe and Fulbeck LIVES responders

As there are a number of LIVES responders currently living in the village, I thought it might be interesting to write a bit more about the LIVES organisation, what the Charity's aims are, and a bit more about the role of the responders.

LIVES was set up in 1970 and was initially run by a couple of GPs based in Horncastle. Since then, the charity has grown tremendously, attracting a wide range of volunteers from medics and paramedics, to complete novices with no previous medical experience.

While LIVES HQ is based in Horncastle, they have responders dotted across the whole county, including North and North East Lincolnshire. They have around 500 active responders who could be called to duty in the event of a major emergency- the last such call was to support flood victims near Wainfleet: or alternatively, be asked to log on duty when the ambulance service is experiencing a high call volume.

LIVES (Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Services) is a charitable based organisation, which is dependent on locally sourced funding. Its aim is to support an 'army of highly trained and dedicated volunteers who get to their neighbours fast to deliver initial care in those first critical moments of a medical emergency'.

The organisation has diversified since set up: it specializes in training, particularly around First Aid, Health and Safety, Moving and Handling, and Mental Health First Aid courses, plus courses for its Responders at various levels of competence. It also specialises in pre-hospital Emergency care, with specialized teams providing Emergency care at home to avoid hospital admissions, Medics who are skilled at responding to and treating patients at Road Traffic Collisions, and there is also a Falls Response team which responds to calls for assistance when a patient falls at home. Two of these have now become commissioned services within Lincolnshire and have prevented around 2,000 unnecessary admissions to hospital, using alternative pathways to support patients staying at home.

The Responders have a variety of skills, from basic CPR plus some First Aid, to being able to maintain the airways in an unconscious patient and assist EMAS staff with assessments prior to admission to hospital. Most importantly, they are able to give support and reassurance to family members whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive in an emergency situation.

The LIVES responders in Caythorpe and Fulbeck normally respond within an 8 mile radius. There are currently 3 Responders living in this area, plus another who helps with the cleaning and maintenance of defibrillators across this part of the county. This small number impacts on the amount of cover provided locally, which is normally 1-2 days a week.

We both joined LIVES around 5 years ago and have progressed from being First Responders with basic First Aid knowledge and Basic Life Support skills including CPR, to working full-time on one of the Falls Response vehicles (learning new skills at our age is always good!). Linda however, has been a LIVES responder for over 10 years, and regularly books 'on duty' for the area, so will be known to a lot of local people in this role, whilst husband Tony is the supporter who cleans and maintains the defibrillators.



Most Responders want to provide support for their local community, which is why we joined initially, and they also like to be involved in supporting Fundraising in their area, and to support local Gala days.

Look out for the new Emergency Care vehicles driven by the Falls and Emergency Care teams- resplendent in bright yellow and blue stripes.

If anyone is interested in learning more about responding with LIVES, or wishes to make a donation please visit www.LIVES.org.uk/donate or please let me know. Thank you for your support. Alison and Simon Nash



FULBECK CRAFT CENTRE

Changes afoot in Fulbeck!

Thank you to all those who made Manor Stables Craft centre such a central resource and for all the support you have given the community of Fulbeck over the years. Fulbeck Craft Centre aims to continue this important role going forwards.

So the changes.... We are so excited with all the building improvements and repairs that are currently underway to allow us to reopen on our intended date of March 1st, with the reinstated opening hours of Tuesday - Sunday 10am-4pm, plus Bank Holidays.

The kitchen is being fully refurbished and Fulbeck resident Alison Allwood-Gates is taking up the challenge to provide a new menu whilst continuing to do "the best breakfast in Lincolnshire". Whilst the inside and menu will be similar, they are new and refreshed, and the outside is being refurbished to provide more seating. Alison has considerable experience in the catering trade and we are so lucky that she is coming to cook for us here – a real treat (but affordable!).

Mark Bushell, whilst relocating to a new unit, is continuing his outstanding Master Saddlery and leather craft, using the skills he has now employed at the Craft Centre for 30 years!

Elizabeth Hunt is continuing in her workshop, when not working in her other prestigious roles (on television or designing jewellery for well-known brands). Elizabeth will be also providing jewellery courses in our new teaching room.

New to Fulbeck Craft Centre are:

Graeme Woods, Bois Art; a highly talented artist who works with all mediums but specialises in pastels, Lincolnshire views and pet portraits.

Katheryn and Trena, Sprinkled with Love, are bringing their candle making skills and their gorgeous gifts to Fulbeck.

Derek Williamson, Assynt Pens & Crafts, is our new resident woodturner, who produces large and small items on his lathes, and is going to also be offering. Woodturning courses and demonstrations in his unit.

The Store in the Coach House will be an ethically sourced retail space with gifts, crafts, cards, accessories and other goodies. The Store also will incorporate a new environmentally conscious food store, specialising in local products.

The aim is to provide courses in our newly refurbished training room in many different creative skills. The events of the last couple of years have created a great interest in learning new skills, particularly creative ones, we hope to meet this new 'need'. The first course will be an event creating a special flower arrangement for Mother's Day, more details to be announced shortly...

Fulbeck Craft Centre aims to be an original retail, learning and food experience within this visitor attraction. The centre is aiming to promote craft, craft production and artisanal skills in an ethical and environmentally responsible way.

We look forward to welcoming you when we are open again and hope you will give a warm welcome to our new crafters and businesses, and you will continue to support the established members of our community. ALIX FANE

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On behalf of Asparagus, could I thank all of you who attended our Christmas Carols at The Hare and Hounds. It was an excellent evening, despite a new Covid scare.

The Macmillan Raffle raised a remarkable £800, for which Zena is extremely grateful, and the 'Bucket' collection raised £150 for 'Lives'. You were very generous!

I would also like to express personal thanks to Anna, Spen, Gwyn and the Singers for the way they coped with very last-minute changes, and did it so well.

June 4th., this year, will be Asparagus' Tenth Anniversary. We hope to celebrate this by singing somewhere, possibly linked into the Platinum Jubilee. No firm details as yet.

If there are new singers who might be interested in joining us, particularly Tenor and Soprano, please get in touch. (01400 272926)

Best Wishes for a Very Happy New Year. David Nelson

Village Hall & Playing Field Report by
Iris Morison, Secretary, VH&PF Committee.

The Christmas lights and decorations looked lovely this year and thanks to everyone (especially Lorraine) who contributed towards making our village look so festive.

The Village Christmas Party took place on Saturday, 11th December and was attended by 53 partygoers, plus the band and their wives. The "Spirit of the Sixties" were excellent as usual, and a really good time was had by all. Some wonderful sixties outfits and amazing dancing made the evening particularly memorable. Looking forward to the next time!


The fencing at the far end of the playing field has been replaced and the badgers appear to have left, which is really good news.

You may have seen a collection box for aluminium cans in the village car park. John Asher on behalf of the Rotary Club applied to the VH&PF committee to place a blue box with Rotary markings in the car park. This was agreed and it is now in place, together with one in the Hare & Hounds car park. Hopefully this will be well used by villagers and lots of money raised for charity.

Exciting news! The VH&PF has been successful in obtaining a grant from SKDC's Community Fund for a new seat on the Village Hall Green. This has been requested by many villagers as it is at the top of the hill, in the centre of the village, and an ideal meeting place. John Lord from Hough-on-the-Hill is making us a bespoke half-hexagonal seat in English oak, and it will be a commemorative seat to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Hough-on-the-Hill Church has many examples of John's wonderful work and he recently exhibited in Lincoln Cathedral, so our seat is in very good company! Photo below of John and team measuring up.

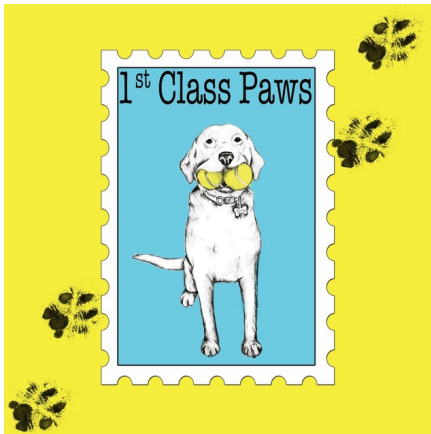


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Election of a Parish Councillor

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for the election of a councillor for

Fulbeck Parish

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Name of Proposer (*) and Secunder (**)	Reason why no longer nominated
ELTON Gill	Gardeners Cottage, High Street, Fulbeck, Grantham, NG32 3JT		Siddans Sylvia D A * Siddans Andrew R **	
WATLER Anne Elizabeth	Jenkinsons Yard, High Street, Fulbeck, Lincolnshire, NG32 3JT	Independent	Bonnor James A * Bell Teresa **	

The persons above, where no entry is made in the last column, have been and stand validly nominated.



Church News

Services for
St Nicholas Church Fulbeck
Feb/Mar 2022
part of the
South Cliff Village Group

Our services in February and March are on the 20th February and 20th March, they are both services of Holy Communion and are at 10.30am. The service in the 20th February will include the baptism of Tristan John Cottingham within the service

There is not much actual news, but as we move into 2022 we are looking forward to the annual display of crocuses and other spring flowers in the churchyard, and hoping and praying that this is the year when we can get back to safely worshipping in some sort of normality.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is being held in the church on Wednesday, 16th March at 7.00pm, and if you would like to get involved with your church this would be a good opportunity to come along and maybe also volunteer to serve on the PCC. It's really not at all onerous.

Either of us, or our PCC Secretary, Iris Morison would be very pleased to give you any information you would like.

And lastly, this is a good opportunity to thank all those who contribute to the life of our village church, especially the flower arrangers and cleaners, the bell ringers and the choir, and an especial thank you to Colette and Peter Hughes who faithfully unlock and lock up the church every day so that it is always open to those who need it or just want to find a bit of peace and quiet.

With very best wishes -Geoff and Tony
Churchwardens

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**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

Baptism -19/12/21 Autumn Mavis Dykes (Fulbeck )

**May They Rest in Peace:**

13/12/2021: Valerie Irene Elizabeth Brandon (Fulbeck)

23/12/2021 Freda Mary Little (Fulbeck – interment of ashes)

04/01/2022 Sheila Johns (Fulbeck)

05/01/2022 Terence / Terry Elsom (Caythorpe)

21/01/2022 Charles Frederick Michael Gilman (Fulbeck )

Geoff Cottingham -01400 272379 or email [geoffandjennycott@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffandjennycott@btinternet.com)  
or Tony Kingston -07792 738532 or email [tonyk809@gmail.com](mailto:tonyk809@gmail.com)

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**20 mph Speed Limit Policy in Small Rural Villages by Iris Morison.**

Over the past few months, the Parish Council and Cllr. Alex Maughan have been approached by Nigel Brown and myself to discuss reducing the speed of motorists on Rectory Lane and around the village. We understand the Speed Limit Policy is to be reviewed in 2022 and 20 mph in small rural villages will hopefully be considered.

I met Alex in December to walk around the village and discuss various options.

**Speed Limit Policy** - 20 mph through villages. Alex stated there are hundreds of villages in Lincs. who would like 20 mph but LCC do not have the funds. Many other county councils have managed to adopt the policy of 20 mph through small villages which makes sense for the safety, mental health and wellbeing of villagers. Also, Fulbeck must have priority as not many villages have narrow lanes with steep banks, no footpaths and blind driveways. As the LCC Highways Speed Limit Policy is being reviewed this Spring, I feel we should push strongly for 20 mph. At the present time LCC's policy is based on accidents/fatalities.

**Speed Humps.** Alex stated that he did not think these would be considered as suitable in a conservation village used by heavy farm equipment, particularly from a noise point of view.

**Road Markings and Signs.** Alex suggested that road markings work very well. The PC have asked for 30 mph roundels on the A607 as you enter the village from both directions some time ago and we are still waiting so I do not hold out much hope of a quick solution. We are also awaiting "Fulbeck" signs as you enter the village on Brant Road and South Heath Lane but, despite promises, we are still waiting.

I understand that this is on the Agenda for the Parish Council meeting on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

## CAYTHORPE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2022

|                                    |                                                       |                                                                                |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *FEB. Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>         | Karen Gimson, BBC Radio Leicester<br>Gardening Expert | “365 Days of Colour in the garden”                                             |
| FEB. Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>          | Rita Bateman' Garden Visit, Wellingore 3-5 pm         | Snowdrop display. Teas And cake.                                               |
| *MAR. Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>         | Mark Schofield , Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust          | “Gardening with Wildflowers”                                                   |
| *APR. Tues<br>12 <sup>th</sup>     | Andrew Jones, Head Gardener,                          | “Deene Park Gardens”                                                           |
| *MAY Tues<br>10 <sup>th</sup>      | Peter Williams, Gardener                              | “Propagation for Grown-Up Gardeners”                                           |
| JUN. Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>         | The Nicholson's garden. Frieston, 6.30pm              | Members Evening Social, Drinks provided,<br>bring a plate of food              |
| JUL. Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>          | Summer Outing: Breezy Knees Gardens, York-<br>shire   | Coach 9.30 am from Caythorpe Pavilion,<br>9.40 am from Fulbeck Hare and Hounds |
| *JUL. Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>        | Geoff Hodge, TV and radio presenter and author        | “Gardening in Dry and Drought Condi-<br>tions”                                 |
| *AUG. Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>         | Jim Handley, Grimsthorpe Castle                       | “Topiary and tree planting”.                                                   |
| <b>AUG. Sat 20<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>ANNUAL SHOW:</b> open to all.                      | <b>Caythorpe Village Hall</b>                                                  |
| SEP. Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>         | Gill Lewis' garden, Hough-on-the-Hill, 2.30 pm        | Afternoon social with tea and cake.                                            |
| *OCT. Tues<br>11 <sup>th</sup>     | Andrew Willocks, Specialist, Harlow Carr              | “Biodiversity covering wildflowers”                                            |
| *NOV. Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>         | Dr Andrew Ward, Norwell Nurseries                     | “The Joy of Geraniums, Foliage, Form and<br>Flower”                            |
| DEC, Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>         | Christmas Celebration                                 |                                                                                |
| JAN, Tues 10 <sup>th</sup><br>2023 | AGM, 7.45 pm                                          | Carlton Scroop Village Hall                                                    |

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## **Report and Comment for the Newsletter on the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 by Iris Morison, reporter for Fulbeck Communications.**

(This is not the Minutes of the P.C. Meeting which can be seen on the Village website.)

1. This meeting was to consider and approve the budget for the precept for the financial year 2022-2023. After discussion it was agreed that the precept be set at £8,774.
2. Also, for the election of chairman following the resignation of Cllr. Simon Caunt. Cllr. Ann Sampson was voted in as chairman which left a vacancy for vice-chairman. Cllr. David Morison was voted in as vice-chairman.
3. The Parish Clerk has also resigned and Mrs Carol Tointon, who has previously acted as Fulbeck Parish Clerk, has taken on the role temporarily until a new Parish Clerk is appointed,

## **Report on the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 4th January 2022.**

**1. Vacancy for a new councillor** following the resignation of Cllr. Caunt.

As ten people have requested an election, this will take place on the 17th Feb, 2022. Nominations should be made to SKDC by 21st Jan. Full details will be placed on the village website. Peter Langford of LALC has been appointed to set-up the website and he is very helpful and efficient. It was hoped that there would be other council elections at the same time so the costs could be split. Unfortunately, it appears this is not the case, and the P.C. will have to bear the full costs of approx. £2,000. It was therefore agreed to increase the precept by £1,000 to £9,774 (additional costs to be taken out of reserves). Last year's precept was set at £9,000.

**2. Seat on High Street Village Green.** This is not the time of year to install a new seat so it will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

**3. 20 mph Speed Limit through the village.** CC Alex Maughan and Iris Morison met to discuss this issue of speeding traffic on Rectory Lane and around the village as previously reported by Nigel Brown who sent his apologies (see separate report). It was agreed that Alex would contact Nigel Brown to discuss further.

**4. New HGV signs and moving the 30 mph sign on Pottergate Road.** CC Alex Maughan stated that this is being left until the bridge on Station Road, Caythorpe, which is owned by National Highways, has been repaired. It is unsafe for HGVs at present. He has a further meeting to discuss later this month.

**5. Deer Warning Signs on the A17 in the area of Fane's Gorse.** Cllr Morison had reported there had been several accidents recently involving collisions with deer and badgers with dead carcasses being left on the verge. CC Alex Maughan will report this to Highways and arrange for deer warning signs to be erected.

**7. War Memorial on Stragglethorpe Lane.** Cllr. Hodcroft reported that she has been in contact with Peter Hare who is replacing the damaged hedge and bushes with a small Yew hedge. This will cost £132. There is also the cost of painting the memorial. DC Penny Milnes stated she has some funds available which could be allocated to this project and will send the necessary grant application form. There has now been some fly tipping on the site, which has been reported.

**8. Citizens Advice Consultation.** Cllr. Hodcroft attended a very interesting Consultation. The CA South Lincs. has moved to Finkin Street and needs more volunteers urgently. Training will be given. Details to be placed on Facebook and in the Newsletter. Cllr Fane stated there are small Charity Funds in the village for people in need to cover illness, funerals, etc. and Collette Hughes, secretary, can be contacted.

**9. Policy for dealing with matters between meetings.** Cllr. Morison had circulated a model PC email policy, and this will be placed on the Agenda for the March meeting. Clerk will circulate details of an on-line course.

**10. Collection Box for Aluminium Cans in the village car park.** John Asher on behalf of the Rotary Club applied to the VH&PF committee to place a blue box with Rotary markings in the car park. This was agreed and it is now in place, together with one in the Hare & Hounds car park. Hopefully this will be well used by villagers and lots of money raised for charity.

## **11. D.C. Report – Planning Applications:**

**Gypsy site on Bulby Lane.** The Appeal Hearing date has been scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> March at The Guildhall, Grantham

**Affordable Housing on South Heath Lane, and Manor Stables/Craft Centre**-still pending

**Third Quail Shed on South Heath Lane** – further information required.

(14.1.2022. Manor Stables/Craft Centre ref. S21/2255. Planning Application approved.)

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**12. C.C. Report.** Cllr. Alex Maughan stated that it has been agreed County Council Tax will be increased by 3%.

**13. Village Hall & Playing Field Report.** Bonfire and fireworks took place on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. which was a great success. Bob's bucket collected an amazing £687.31. Refreshments made £405. Total profit: £242.07.

The village Christmas party was very enjoyable. The Village Hall is ticking along with bookings, despite the pandemic.

**14. Next P.C. Meeting** to be held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**N.B. This is not the Minutes of the P.C. Meetings which can be seen on the Village website.**

**It has been cleared by the Parish Clerk and the Chair as required by the P.C. Communications Policy (Serial 3).**

Not From the Rectory: In Journeyings Often

The report on BBC news last autumn of a family rescued from South Australia's remote outback after being stranded for four days when their campervan became bogged down in mud brought to mind a book which I had been reading by the Reverend G W Lovejoy and telling of the 5 years he had spent in the Australian Bush as a member of the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd at Dubbo Today's family called for help but were told a land rescue could be weeks away due to flooding in the area and so with searing temperatures forecast, a rescue helicopter was sent in to fly the family out. No such rescues were possible in the 1930's/1940's!

Lovejoy entitled his book 'In Journeyings Often' in turn recalling St Paul's descriptions of his own missionary journeys in 2 Corinthians 11:26 The BGS ministered to an area of 67,000 square miles taking Word and Sacrament according to the rites of the Church of England to the people in the outback. Lovejoy was inspired to this ministry by the chance reading of 'A Parson in the Australian Bush' and in 1934 set out from Victoria station in London to Newhaven bound via Paris and Milan to Venice where he sailed via the Suez Canal for the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean eventually arriving in Sydney where he would travel on to Dubbo in the Diocese of Bathurst and eventually reach his destination at Brewarrina some 232 miles further on! Time was split between the town and the Bush and the small number of those attending the Sunday service after a Saturday evening dance made the writer reflect that here - as with us today 'Christ came to his own but his own received him not'. There was frequent trouble with car journeys being bogged down in mud - although a week's leave in Sydney held the promise of walking in the Blue Mountains and of surfing!

Back at Brewarrina the next Bush trip took 6 days to travel 76 miles due to getting bogged down in creeks after the rains! In a parish consisting of 18,000 square miles a Sunday service was something of a luxury and many churches in the bush would have only 2 Sunday visits per annum plus 8 week-day visits - Brewarrina saw their rector on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month with the time in between spent on travel in the Bush. The small number attending worship caused him much despair - of such services at Christmas or Good Friday he writes that 'nothing stirs in them' - it is 'just another day' - but here and there scattered about are pious and devout souls - 'God's remembrancers' On the wearing of the clerical collar when in the parish he says it conveys a message no matter who you meet - the Church is about and the Church is at work and as long as you wave - not necessarily stop - all's well - but wave you must for you are a Lord's Remembrancer!

Lovejoy's 5 years came to an end early in 1940 but, in the conclusion to his book, he wrote that a constant supply of priests is needed for the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd carrying the Church's ministry to the people of the Australian Bush: the normal period of service was 3 or 5 years during which time priests agree to remain unmarried and to work on a stipend of £40 per annum plus their keep. Priests in England would get their passage paid to Australia at the outset and their passage home at the end of their period of service. Today the BGS is no more but you can read more in Neville Shute's novel 'In the Wet' where the narrator is a member of the Bush Brotherhood and provides a fictional account of the life of one of these itinerant priests who have been described as a band of men who could 'preach like apostles' and 'ride like cowboys'. With every good wish -Stuart

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