

# Parish Newsletter

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## Royal Garden Party

I was very privileged to be invited to King Charles Coronation garden party representing National Coast-watch. Myself and Mark Tidy, a keeper from the Isle of Wight, attended the party at Buckingham Palace, we didn't get to meet any of the royals but we got very close! In the afternoon we were offered tea and sandwiches of chopped seaweed and mint, plus chicken. When King Charles arrived he was



accompanied by Queen Camilla and various other Royals.

*Gordon Leesley*

## W.I Events

We have some interesting excursions and evenings to look forward to at Maltby le Marsh W.I. Future meetings include a talk and demonstration of spinning and weaving and excursions to Chocolate Drop, Afternoon Tea, Fiddle Diddle Craft workshop and the Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch at the Dower House in Woodhall Spa, (note a culinary theme going on here). We have recently enjoyed an evening out to see Joseph at the Louth Riverside Theatre, resulting in two members offering their free time and now volunteering in front of house and costume department.

If you would like to join us one evening and come as a visitor, we meet on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. You would be very welcome .

*Angie Emmerson*

## Village Hall News

Harvest Supper and Auction Morning,

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7th

Remembrance Day Coffee Morning,

Saturday November 11th 10am -12pm

A grant has been secured from E.L.D.C for £1000 towards improvements to the village hall.

## Parish Council Annual Meeting

### Chairman's Report.

The Police van continues to make regular appearances. The Turks Head pub is open Thurs/Fri/Sat contrary to some published reports. A litter picking event in early May organised by the Village Hall committee proved very successful. After enquiry, the footpath behind Stoneleigh Farm through to Hodgetoft Lane is not maintained by LCC and they will not provide sign-age. A start to development behind Stoneleigh Farm has been made and we need to keep an eye on proceedings. The Chairman thanked Sandra Harrison for her help to the community after losing her seat in the District elections and thanked Cllr. Williams for her many years service as his Vice-chair (and Chairman before that). After a struggle we have finally managed to open a new savings account for the Anne Bolles Educational Foundation with Skipton BS.

### Election of Chairman.

Election of Chairman. Cllr. Whitehouse was nominated for Chairman, proposed, seconded and resolved.

### Delivery of declaration of acceptance of office.

All councillors present signed their declarations of acceptance of office and Cllr. Whitehouse signed the declaration of acceptance as Chairman, witnessed by the clerk.

**Election of Vice Chairman.** Cllr Gray was nominated for Vice Chairman, proposed, seconded and resolved.

## Don't Bin Batteries

Batteries and electrical items can cause a real fire risk if they're not disposed of properly.



Battery recycling points are found at most supermarkets, and you can also recycle electrical items and batteries,

including car batteries, at local recycling centres. In the last few months there has been a fire in a lorry caused by an electrical item and a fire at Sleaford recycling centre caused by a battery.

### Another Service Leaves the Village

It is a sad reflection on the situation that only a few people are aware that a long standing traditional service came to an end recently. Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> March saw customers in Maltby-le-Marsh and the surrounding area receive their last doorstep delivery of their milk.



There was a time when most people in the country had their milk delivered daily. Various factors over the years caused the customer base to reduce so rounds contracted as only a small number of people continued to purchase their milk in this way. As well as depots closing, rounds were combined so that one person had two rounds to look after. One would be delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the other on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

A depot in Mablethorpe covered deliveries in this area for many years but as business reduced customers around here were catered for by a depot at Skegness. "The writing was really on the wall" when Skegness depot closed and our deliveries were based at the depot in Boston. The ever rising costs over the last couple of years has been the final straw. To quote the company letter, "It is with deep regret that we must inform you that we will be ceasing all doorstep deliveries. It has been a difficult decision, but due to rising costs such as energy, fuel and suppliers' costs, we no longer feel able to sustain these deliveries." The remaining customers of the now closed business have had to make other arrangements to obtain their milk.  
*Gordon Pack.*

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### 100 Club Winners

May No. 15 [Trevor Hardwick](#) £37,  
No. 64 Nancy Ness £19 Village Hall £19 total £75 ,  
June

No. 90 [Sheila Millson](#) £37  
No. 43 John [Peel](#) £19 ,Village Hall £19 total £75

### July

No. 22 Jamie Edmonds £37  
No. 20 Lesley Reeves £19  
Village Hall £19 Total £75

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### Your Parish Councillors

Cllr. Mr D. Whitehouse..01507 450811 (Chair)  
Cllr. Mrs J.Gray.....01507 450372 (Vice Chair)  
Cllr. Mr A. White.....01507 450392  
Cllr. Mrs B.Williams.....01507 450246  
Cllr. Mr S.Hill-Andrews..01507 451843  
Parish Clerk Mr G Simpson 01754 880131

### Council Meetings

11<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> November. 8<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings prior to their commencement

### Summertime Blues

With harvest looming the crops are looking well but so do some of the weed infestations! I know that ideally most of us farmers and gardeners would rather not use chemicals to control the weeds, bugs and disease but without them many people would be starving as yields would be massively reduced. The problems for farmers is the fact that the Government has removed many of the chemicals that actually worked and replaced them with others that don't and are more expensive! In order to reduce the use of chemicals we have to try and use crop rotation, spring crops and even fallows (leaving the fields empty) for a season, which allows us to keep working the land over to kill the weeds off as they keep germinating.

The weather is sometimes problematic as we seems to get blocks of dry and then a period of constant rain (global warming?) My dad used to say that the best way for weather to work for farmers would be for it to rain half an inch every Saturday night then you could have Sundays off and it would be dry enough to get back on the land on Monday. That would be the ideal world! Much is being said about the cost of living crisis especially about the cost of food which seems to garnering much of the headlines.

The truth is that food hasn't gone up much in price for decades especially the price farmers gets. When Joanne and I got married in 1987 the price of a house was 4 times the average wage e.g. wages are approximately £10,000 and you could buy a house for £40,000. Now a house is over 10 times the average wage but this fact seems to be overlooked. On top of that The Bank of England keep putting up interest rates to curb inflation but inflation has been largely caused by the energy crisis and not people's overspending. I don't know who these financial experts are but they don't seem to understand how things work in the real world because high interest rates still stifle business and house buyers, as if things haven't been tough enough in recent years! Maybe I should be careful what I say or I may be "cancelled". What a weird country we live in.

By the time this appears in the Newsletter we will had the Lincolnshire Show and the summer solstice, so downhill to Christmas from here!

Enjoy the summer and maybe things will look a little better in 6 months time, general election anyone?

*Anthony White*

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### Fast Traffic

The speeding traffic through the village is still a problem so if want a Slow Down sticker or replace the old one to make the motorist aware of the speed limit, get in touch with David Whitehouse on 01507 450811 who a supply of them.

### Have you an Interesting News?

If you any news, anniversaries, interesting hobby's or local history that you would like to share in the newsletter, email me [john.alldridge771@gmail.com](mailto:john.alldridge771@gmail.com)  
Your input would be appreciated.