

# Parish Newsletter

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## Best Kept Garden Winner

It's beginning to be a regular occurrence for John and Rosemary Clark to win the Best Kept Garden competition but they have done it again, Woodthorpe Hall Garden Centre was



impressed by their garden and after much deliberation awarded them the Anne Graves Cup and a voucher donated by the Garden Centre of £25.

## W.I. News

Maltby le Marsh WI continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm, you are very welcome to come along and join us for an evening, we love to meet



new people. We recently hosted a coffee morning for St. Barnabas Hospice at the village hall, we enjoyed some delicious cakes and good company and raised over £200 for this wonderful charity that we are blessed to have in Lincolnshire. Finally all the members at Maltby le Marsh WI would like to wish

one of our members Linda Mullen, a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Angie Emmerson*

## Beesby Curch

Busy times at St. Andrews, Beesby, when we welcomed visitors at the church's Open Weekend with refreshments, stalls and our display of past and present church and village records.

Hearty singing with the Alford Silver Band for our Harvest Festival, interspersed by our guest who provided thought provoking and humour in their chosen pieces.

Remembrance Sunday, Evensong with Baptism and our Carol Service are all being arranged.

Do try to join us, all welcome.

*Pearl White*

## Breakfast and Auction

The October Coffee Morning this month was something a little different, a full English breakfast was served up to residents who

wanted it at a very reasonable price. In the kitchen cooking the breakfast was Graham and David from the Louth Hotel, who also donated £50 towards the Village Hall funds. Many thanks also to the girls in the kitchen, Pearl and Brenda, making the tea or coffee



and Anne for being the waitress. Later in the morning a fund raising Auction, also for the Halls funds raised the sum of £60. A very enjoyable morning with a difference.

## Anne Bolles Educational Foundation

Nominations are invited from local families for grants from the foundation to help towards educational expenses for school aged children and any grant applications will be considered at the next committee meeting on Monday 7pm. 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Cllr. David Whitehouse. Tel:- 01507 450811

## Tidying Up

Appreciating the tidying up of the village, I would like to say thank you to Janet and Tom Pratt for taking time during their walks to pick up the litter in the village

*Gordon Leesley*

Maltby le Marsh W.I.  
Annual Christmas Concert

Featuring the  
**Withern Singers**  
7.30pm. 4<sup>th</sup> December  
in the Village Hall  
Buffet plus raffle  
£4 for non members

## Autumn Watch

This year's harvest has been challenging to say the least! Rain, wind, more rain and more wind! We finally finished harvest when it dried up in early September. We are still drying the wheat in the shed a month after harvest and waiting for the price to rise as it is currently £100 per ton less than last year against higher input cost of fuel, machinery etc., The good side of all the rain is the grass, the cattle have summered well as the grass has grown well meaning the cattle have grown well. The beef price held up because apparently there is a shortage of cattle. Ours will soon be coming back to the yard for their winter housing so we are busy preparing the crew yard which takes longer every year as the buildings are now getting old and in constant need of repair.



As we start the planting and growing of crops again I ask "How do you attract pigeons from a 10 mile radius?" Well apparently you just need to sow Oil Seed

Rape!! The day the tiny plants appear through the soil the pigeons do their best to eat every single plant and if they don't get them then the 'Flea Beetle' will!!! We used to be able to use a seed dressing on the Oil Seed Rape to protect it from 'Flea Beetle' but this was banned by the Government. We've managed to keep growing the crop but with varying success. Now the 'Flea Beetle' has established itself so well that it almost impossible to grow Oil Seed Rape, this years thousands of acres have been destroyed already and have left farmers looking for an alternative break crop The result of this is that processors are buying their Oil Seed Rape from Europe where the seed dressing is still being used (so much for a level playing field).

These kind of problems don't just apply to Oil Seed Rape. Dairy products, meat products and fruit and veg production is being exported abroad because successive governments have failed to support British Farming just when we need to be more self sufficient in this more unstable world.

We recently went to the Lincolnshire Artisan Market at Stourbridge Estates near Baumber which proves there are many good local food and drink producers (craft too) in our county. Many of the stalls were sold out hours before the event was due to finish which shows good quality food is always popular. I believe we should support these small local businesses as the produce is (in my opinion) much better than the factory mass produced stuff that fills the supermarket shelves and the income that gets stays in the local economy.

Finally, our family 'herd' grew over the summer when in the middle of harvest Jack & Harriet welcomed their 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Rueben. I wonder if he will be into farming? Despite all the difficulties it can be a very rewarding way of life.

*Anthony White.*

## Goodbye Landlines

Since the advent of the mobile phone the guidance has been "do not rely on a mobile phone to operate in an emergency" Providers are now moving over to a new digital service whereby the telephone runs off the broadband system rather than the original land-line system which has worked so well for many years. One of the problems with the digital system is that if there is a power cut or the broadband is down it is not possible to make calls, including 999 calls. It is now recommended "that a mobile is available always, kept charged, for use in an emergency situation". Ironic or what? Another problem is that some telecare and burglar alarms will not work on a digital system so replacement and obviously expense is involved. Where no broadband connection to the premises is present the situation is uncertain.



*Gordon Pack*

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

### Coffee Morning in

STRUBBY, BEESBY & MALTBY VILLAGE HALL

ON

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

10 am until 12 noon

SOUP AND ROLL AVAILABLE £2.50



## 100 Club Winners

### August

No. 39 Val Wright £37 No. 43 John Peel £19  
Village Hall £19. Total £75

### September

No. 1 Russel Hildred £37. No. 79 Steve Hill-Andrews £19  
Village Hall £19. Total £75

### October

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

## Council Meetings

13<sup>th</sup>. November 8<sup>th</sup>. January 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Members of the public are welcome to attend Meetings prior to their commencement

## Your Parish Councillors

Cllr Mr D. Whitehouse	01507 450811 (Chair)
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