



**Lincolnshire County Council LCC  
North Kesteven District Council NKDC**

News from your local, Independent Councillor,  
**MARIANNE OVERTON MBE**

***Supporting our Communities***

**Carlton Le Moorland New Village Hall**

The Old Village Hall is now closed and it is hoped that the new one will be completed in April 2019. Huge thanks to everyone who has helped in the fantastic effort of fund-raising. Thanks to Andy Sceney, managing a delicate mosaic of grants, John Clarke managing the building side and the whole team. Final grant responses come back in June, when we hope a small public works loan will not be needed!

Thank you all for your support and for all you do for our communities. Let me know if I can help further.

**High Flight** by John Magee Jr



Wellingore Parish Council is chaired by author Roger Coles and includes District Councillor Catherine Mills. Together with volunteers from Wellingore, Navenby, the RAF and Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage, good progress is being made on the planned memorial to the pilot and poet John Gillespie Magee Jr. to be placed in the Millfield Park, along

the A607. It is part of our heritage explored in Roger's book, *High Flight*.

**Lancaster Bomber Memorial Permission Granted**

Permission was granted on 24<sup>th</sup> April for a full sized replica Lancaster Bomber on the A46 at Norton Disney to form the gateway to Lincolnshire. Higher than the Angel of the North, wider with a 31m wingspan and heavier than a real



Lancaster, being built of durable steel, not light aluminium. It is a fitting commemoration of 100 years of the RAF and the contributions made by people of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. The artistic tribute (without the poppies) reflects Lincolnshire's long-standing contribution to engineering, agriculture and aerial defence. Almost a third of the £100,000 needed has already been raised. The application came with a huge list of supporters and an excellent speakers.

**Celebrating the Armed Forces**

The Lincolnshire Independents have raised this as a big year to celebrate the Armed forces, with the opening of the International Bomber Command Centre and to mark 100 years since armistice day and 100 years of the RAF. To perform at our big event on July 1st, book a ten-minute talent audition at the NKfest in Navenby on May 26<sup>th</sup> [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/NKFEST](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/NKFEST)

**Business Opportunity**

The District Council will promote discounts offered by your business to Veterans and Armed Forces personnel. Deadline May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NHS GP facilities not coming to Witham St Hughs**

The application for 1250 new dwellings at Witham St Hughs went through planning last week. A high-powered representative of the NHS was there. The NHS five-year plan of March 2017 is to "Strengthen access to high quality GP services and primary care, which are far and away the largest point of interaction that patients have with the NHS each year."

I made the case for residents in Witham St Hughs, with a high proportion of young families. I asked for a local facility like Navenby where doctors move between surgeries, making it easier for patients. The CCG speaker replied that buildings cost money and they would rather spend the money on services. They have, however, built at North Hykeham and the money is now allocated to build at Bassingham too.

Centralising services may be easier for the NHS but can be very difficult for residents. I also called on the District Council to ring-fence funding for Witham St Hughs.

I believe this is an opportunity missed. I proposed a more imaginative solution, led by the District Council using the £500k promised by developers as a base. This demonstrates to me how we are asked to take large amounts of housing without providing the matching services or facilities.

## Listening to you

### How many new houses for Leadenham?

Many of you kindly responded when I was consulting on the Local Plan for Central Lincolnshire, which identifies how much and where new housing would be acceptable. I objected to the total increase of 37,900 new dwellings, which comes with a significant unfunded shortfall in facilities. As you will have noticed, our public services are already severely struggling, including roads, NHS hospital and GP's, police and ambulance services.

To enable some growth but without swamping local services and to keep the village character, small villages like Leadenham were allocated 10-15% growth between 2012 and 2036. 15% for Leadenham was in line with your comments to me and I supported this on your behalf at the public Inquiry. That would mean a further 20 dwellings in total over the 25 years, either new or from conversion of houses into flats. The plan also requires an incremental growth of "about 4 dwellings" in each application and the use of infill or brownfield sites first.

Heyford Developments, however, are asking for 36 houses on the green paddock on the A607 in front of the small industrial site. If all the housing comes at once on one greenfield site, then there is no allowance for anyone else, however small. On the plus side, over ten dwellings means a small contribution to our communities should be due and a larger contribution towards the Lincoln Eastern Bypass. The risk is that this is not always forthcoming, as we have seen elsewhere. Once permission is obtained, the land can be sold, and plans changed, so now is the time to carefully consider what you think is right.

Likewise, NKDC seeks 25% of houses to be "Affordable", but we often do not get it in the end. For the record, "government affordable" means 85% of market value.

Housing over and above the allocation can only get permission with community support.

The developer's consultation is on May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. These are often run by professional public relations people who do a smooth job and keep your comments to make their case. Please let Catherine Mills and me who sit on the planning committee, know your views so that we can properly represent you, and keep to the rules.

When the developer is ready, they will submit the application to the District Council who will collect your comments directly via the planning on line website.  
<http://planningonline.n-kesteven.gov.uk/online-applications>

### Petition

There was huge debate at the District Council last week as the Conservative leader put forward a change of branding for the Council, without identifying the full costs to change vehicle markings, uniforms etc. A third of the Council are Independent and almost all spoke with conviction against the imposition of a new identity. What do you think? If you would rather the money was spent of services, there is a petition at <https://democracy.n-kesteven.gov.uk/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

### Broadband in Brant Broughton

Link up at <https://communityfibre.openreach.co.uk/>  
You can also test whether broadband is now available in your area using a post code or landline number. Community Schemes are available, where residents pay for their own cabinet, with some grant assistance. There may be places where it comes to this, but I am also pushing the County Council to use their £40m public pot to benefit rural areas, not raising already fast speeds.

**Carlton Le Moorland** has a Young People's Trust open to applications 07943 760 155. Below: Carlton Le Moorland Spring Show organised by Paul Hubbard and the team was an excellent event once again, thanks to impressive show entries and hard-working volunteers. New hall next time!



## May Events

6<sup>th</sup> Coleby Boot sale  
6<sup>th</sup> Harmston Spring Walk and Bear Hunt 2-5pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Wellingore U3A AGM 10.30am  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting Welbourn Village Hall 7pm  
8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Bassingham Lunch Club in Hammond Hall £5 book 789935 Noon  
10<sup>th</sup> Navenby Friendship Club Meth' hall. 2.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Gardening Club *Hostas* Colin Ward 7.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Boothby Graffoe Parish Meeting 7.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea Party for Dave & Jane Budd to work in Shri Lanka. 2a Newark Rd, Bassingham 1-4pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Books and Butties Wellingore Mem' Hall 10-12  
12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Artists of Navenby St Peter's 11-4pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Northend Rhythm and Blues Leadenham Vill. Ha. 7.30  
15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Bassingham lunch club £5 789236 Noon  
15<sup>th</sup> Navenby Archaeology Group Hannah Sylvester (The District Herbalist) on Lincolnshire Medicinal Plants; Past and Present Navenby Methodist Hall, 7.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Bassingham School Fashion Show £5 7pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Carlton Le Moorland Art Group at the Enterprise Centre in Aubourn. Gareth Watling demonstrating use of acrylics for amazing bird paintings 01522 810843 10am  
19<sup>th</sup> Temple Bruer Work Day (inside and out) 10-12, 2-4pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Bassingham PTA Plant Sale & Forest Area Visit 1-4pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Old Hat Jazz Band Harmston Memorial Hall 7.45pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Aubourn Heritage Room Open 2-4pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Carlton Le Moorland Lunch Club in Norton Disney Village Hall LN6 9JU £3.50 Please book early 788303 1pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Iron age and Roman Archaeology at Potter's Hill, Norton Disney, Village Hall 789630 7.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Leadenham Developer's consultation Drop-in, Village Hall 3-7.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Garden Group, Tower Room, Bassingham Chrysanthemums by Bill Croft £3 7.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Witham Staple AGM, Norton Disney 7.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> NK Fest Audition of performers for Armed Forces celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Sleaford Recreation Ground. Register for your own ten-minute slot nk-fest@n-kesteven.gov.uk Navenby Venue 10-4pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning Methodist Church Hall 10-noon  
27<sup>th</sup> Harmston Big Breakfast Memorial Hall 10-12  
29<sup>th</sup> Teas in the Garden Thurlby Corner LN5 9EQ £1, 2-4pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Carers Support Group Wellingore 10-4pm  
31<sup>st</sup> plus 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June Act Two Theatre Company present *A Bottle of Sherry* and *A Red Herring* £12 incl. supper from Greens Store in Bassingham.

## Walking

Navenby Strollers The Venue, Fridays 10.15  
Bassingham Five Bells every Wednesday 10.30am  
The U3A group <http://u3asites.org.uk/wellingore>

## Comedy Nights at the George

The George Hotel, Leadenham Friday May 4th 7.30pm  
Tickets £12.00 online or £15.00 at the door  
Supper included. The line-up is the George Hotel Web Site. Paul Mutagejja will be back as MC for the night, dragging along some excellent stand-up comics. Tickets from behind the bar or via the website  
<http://thegeorgeatleadenham.co.uk/big-leadenham-comedy-night-fri-may-4th/>

## Chat and activities for Babies and Toddlers

Mondays 9am-noon Bassingham Hammond Hall For all Mondays 9.30-11 Wellingore at First Timers, Fourwinds Farm, The Heath 01522 810003  
Tuesday Navenby Methodist Hall 10.30am 811684  
Wednesdays 10-11.30am Brant Broughton Village Hall  
Wednesdays Hammond Hall, Bassingham, alternating from 9.30am on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 1.30pm on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Fridays term-time 10-11.30 Coleby Village Hall

## Friday Happy Hours

Harmston Memorial Hall 6-9pm and Witham St Hughs

## Cutting of the sod

Lancaster installation start is at Brills Farm, Norton Disney, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2-3.30pm [www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk](http://www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk)

## June Events

2/3<sup>rd</sup> Art Exhibition and Sale, Aubourn Enterprise Centre LN5 9FD 12-5pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Welbourn Book Sale  
3<sup>rd</sup> Coleby car Boot Sale for Mums and Toddlers and Village hall  
6<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Music Appreciation Society St Chads 7pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Char and Chat Welbourn Village Hall 2-4pm  
9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Coleby Soapbox Challenge, racing from 10am  
Live bands Sat eve at the Tempest, Hog Roast on Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Scarecrow Festival "The Musicals"  
10<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Open Gardens start Hammond Ha. 2-6pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Church Vision Day 10am-1pm  
16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Thurlby Church Rose Weekend St Germain's Church, Thurlby LN5 9EG  
16<sup>th</sup> Musical evening by Cantores mobile £6 incl. wine and canapes 7.30pm 788258  
17<sup>th</sup> Special service in St Germain's, Thurlby with tea afterwards 3pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Poets and Puds at Temple Bruer Church Schoolroom, next to the Church. Tickets £8 incl. wine. Bring a poem to read. Kathy Blake 01522 811828  
23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Fete at Bassingham Care Centre noon-3pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Carlton Le Moorland Gala Day, The Old Vicarage 2pm



## Useful Information

### Parish Offices for local support and information

Navenby Venue Tuesday to Friday 10-noon  
Witham Office at Bassingham in the Hammond Hall,  
LN5 9HQ 01522 789758 Open Mon, Wed, Thurs 9-1pm

### Transport and Travel

Call Connect 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm  
Saturdays Ring to register and book 0345 234 33 44  
or online at [www.lincsinterconnect](http://www.lincsinterconnect) text 82727  
Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door  
Car-sharing [www.lincshare.co.uk](http://www.lincshare.co.uk)  
Trains [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)  
Local Plan [www.central-lincs.org.uk](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk) 01529 308084

### Planning on line

See and comment on applications to get your voice heard.  
Search "planning on line north Kesteven"

### Village websites

[Withamstaple.com](http://Withamstaple.com); [nocton.blogspot.co.uk](http://nocton.blogspot.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/) Navenby  
and Wellingore business  
<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/NavenbyincSkinnand/>  
[www.harmston.info](http://www.harmston.info)  
<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Bassingham/>  
<https://dunstondossier.org.uk>  
Branston <http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times>  
Branston Library 01522 880426  
[www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Potterhanworth](http://www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Potterhanworth)  
Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby have sites on LCC

## A few April Happenings

The International Bomber Command Centre Opening Ceremony was momentous, despite the cold. John Bickers 91, and his son were among the veterans from far and wide who had made it to the event.



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## Waddington Pipes and Drums.



Below: Our Wildlife Watch Leaders enjoyed a sunny day of refreshment training at Horncastle. Wildlife Watch is the junior part of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. We enable children to have fun learning about local wildlife, with a view to keeping it in the long term. Last month, our group discovered what owls eat and next is bee-keeping. Events calendars are available from me or Jean Martin on 01636 626176 or [jcmartin0448@gmail.com](mailto:jcmartin0448@gmail.com)



## PS Potholes!

### Please keep reporting potholes

I asked for the historical records to see the trend in road investment: £175m in 2008/9 and £150m in 2017/8, despite a significant increase in traffic. We have growth, but not the matching services, leading to disrepair. Despite delays and half-repaired roads, we are beginning to make headway with some notable repairs at last. I am seeing the Highways officer in our villages again on 16<sup>th</sup> May and escalating those holes that are overdue and dangerous. The best way to report is via the Lincolnshire County Council website, with photos if possible. With or without pictures, please choose "report a fault", and follow it through. Or phone 01522 782070 or e-mail [cschighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:cschighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk) Reporting is the gateway to getting them repaired.