

## SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

### Summer Events

Thanks to all the organisers who put so much into the many events we enjoyed over the summer.



Above: Harmston's own Kerfiffles at Harmfest

## SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

Congratulations to all our young people on the results of their hard work this year and good luck on their next steps. If anyone is interested in work experience in our Councils locally or in my national Local Government offices in Westminster, please get in touch.

GCSE Grading has changed this year, but only for English and Maths. Forgive me if it sounds confusing, but the minister for education, Justine Greening has made changes that families and employers will want to understand. Scores in English and Maths are now on a scale of 1-9, where grade 9 is the best and grades of 4 or more are a "pass". About half Lincolnshire's GCSE pupils have achieved the new threshold, a "strong pass" grade 5.

Other subjects remain on A\* to C pass grades. Performance in five subjects is slightly improved for Lincolnshire children doing the European baccalaureat courses. Other children will be scored overall on eight GCSE's. On this, it seems we have a roughly similar performance to the previous year, but more news is awaited.

### Pre Schools

We are fortunate excellent pre-schools locally which offer 15 hours a week free for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds, funded by the Government. There is some useful information about all kinds of childcare on the County Council website, including what questions to ask and how much to pay, and what you can claim from the government if you are working.

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



## SHARING INFORMATION

### Energy for Less

The County and District Councils are teaming up to get the best price again this year. You need to register your electricity and gas cost online or by phoning before 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Energy suppliers then bid for our custom. You then get a letter inviting you to switch to the cheaper supplier. You do save money, but you need to check again the next year as prices do change. Ring 0800 048 8439 8am-5.30pm or register through the LCC website.

### Community Grants

"Just to remind everyone, Welbourn and Navenby are the Community Champions (sharing with Navenby) for three months at the Navenby Co-op. If you could pass this message on to all and sundry reminding them to use their Dividend Card to their own and our Project's advantage – at the Navenby Co-op – certainly for September, October and November." Maureen Lunn

The County and District do not do the big community grants any more, but still offer some support to communities seeking funds from other sources. At LCC, we have Wendy Moore on 01522 552223 [wendy.moore@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:wendy.moore@lincolnshire.gov.uk)  
At NKDC, we have Anne-Marie on 01529 308267 [Anne-Marie\\_Shepherd@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:Anne-Marie_Shepherd@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

**European Funding for rural projects is still unspent;**  
European funding for improving rural economies.  
[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/funding](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/funding)

### Highways

Thank you for helping our communities by reporting dangerous potholes. Many are being filled within the required 28 days, let me know if not. Once the road surface is made safe, we can work on getting the worst roads properly resurfaced. Please continue to report deep potholes (approx. over a golf ball in depth). Online works best at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting).

### Lost Dogs

Two dogs were found on the Pottergate recently. The finder asked at all the local houses and together we rang others. We rang the District Council out of hours and got the dog warden who agreed to the finder looking after the dog for a week whilst the owner was sought. It is also a legal requirement to ask a vet to check for a microchip, so it is worth keeping that up to date.  
[www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk) for more

## SUPPORTING LOCAL EVENTS

### Wildlife Watch, Junior part of the Wildlife Trusts

Our Wildlife Watch Group (WKWW) meets monthly for children to meet the natural world at first hand. Our August Summer Camp went very well. Next is our Apple Day in Welbourn on the 17<sup>th</sup> making juice and pies from old varieties. Yum! Any children interested, please let me know or Jean Martin 01636 612176 or [jcmartin0448@gmail.com](mailto:jcmartin0448@gmail.com)

**Whisby photographic competition:** We'll be taking part in the competition before 11<sup>th</sup> September, are you? 01522 688868 or email [whisby@1life.co.uk](mailto:whisby@1life.co.uk)

**BIG Leadenham Comedy Night:** Just a quick heads up to say the Comedy Night is back again on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm start. Food is included in the ticket. Tickets are £11.00 in advance or £12.00 on the door. Due to the fact that this nearly always sells out completely and we have to use a crow bar to squeeze the odd extra one in... best book tickets soon! [www.thegeorgeatleadenham.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeatleadenham.co.uk) We have a special treat this time DAVE THOMPSON and STEVE RIMMER will be double headliners! Dave is a highly respected standup who has also appeared in films and TV and is also an Ex Tellytubby!!

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 9<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Village Fete and Sports Day (Now combined to leave 10<sup>th</sup> free) 3pm onwards.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Books and Butties at Wellingore Memorial Ha. 10-12
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Ride and Stride for Churches
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Ball Judy Robertson 789423 7pm-1
- 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Scampton Air Show 01522 738361 7am-7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Lincolnshire Heritage Weekend, almost all venues are open and free of charge!
- 12<sup>th</sup> WI Phoenix Meeting in Metheringham Vill Ha. The brilliant Heather Marie is singing 50' and 60's songs Vintage dress optional £3 7.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Coleby Library and Coffee Morning 10.30-12.30
- 13<sup>th</sup> Wellingore U3A Nigel Burn on the History of Lincoln Castle Wellingore Mem' Ha. 10.30am-12, Coffee 10am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Fashion Show for SOS Tanzania Team at North Kesteven School £5 Ring 07791 629 695
- 14<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Gardening Club 7.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Spires and Steeples walk from Lincoln Cathedral to St Denys in Sleaford [www.spiresandsteeples.com](http://www.spiresandsteeples.com)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Fun Dog Show and Open Day, Halfway Home Dog Rescue 07808 003 152 from 11am
- 17<sup>th</sup> WKWW Children's Apple Day in Welbourn 10am
- 17<sup>th</sup> Battle of Britain Service in Lincoln Cathedral 3pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Carlton Le Moorland Lunch Club in the village hall Book 01522 788303 £3.50 for two courses 1pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Lunch Club. Book 01522 788427 Noon
- 19<sup>th</sup> Navenby Archaeology Group Bob Garland on British Hillforts @Navenby Methodist Church 7.30pm

- 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Knights on display in the Castle before being auctioned in the Cathedral to raise funds for the Nomad Trust to help the homeless.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Filmshow at Navenby Methodist Church Hall 2pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Tea at Wellingore Memorial Hall 2.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Murder Mystery Eve at Wellingore Memorial Ha.£7 incl. supper. Tickets from 810365/811244 7.30
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Fashion Show and Clothes Sale, Hammond Hall, Bassingham £5 incl. wine 7 for 7.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Brant Broughton Village Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Potterfest, Potterhanworth Pavillion and field 2-6pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bassingham Harvest Supper, St Michael's 7pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Murder Mystery Evening at Hammond Hall £13 incl. supper. Tickets from Greens Store, Bassingham
- 24<sup>th</sup> All Saints' Wellingore Harvest Festival 4pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Community defibrillator Seminar, Carlton Le Moorland Village Hall 7-9pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Cliff Cluster Parish Councils, Navenby Venue 7pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> An evening with Anne Boleyn at St Peter's Navenby 7.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Science Expo: University of Lincoln [www.lightsexpo.org](http://www.lightsexpo.org) Teachers wishing to bring a school group to LIGHTS should email [lights@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:lights@lincoln.ac.uk) or call 01522 837 180
- 29<sup>th</sup> MacMillan Coffee Morning at Leadenham Village Hall 10.45-12.15 and Harvest Supper at 7pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Crafts for the Labrador Lifeline Norton Disney Village Hall 07985 257 548 10am-12.30
- 30<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper All Saints', Harmston £10 722588 6pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper at St Mary's, Carlton Le Moorland £7.50 incl. wine tickets from 01522 788461 7.30pm

### OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Harvest Festival All Saints, Coleby 4.30pm and cooked supper 6pm at Tempest, Coleby £9/adult, Book 01522 810 030 [devonald@btinternet.com](mailto:devonald@btinternet.com)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning at Hammond Hall 10am-noon. Help or donations of items are welcome 788459
- 7<sup>th</sup> Brownies Coffee Morning at Bassingham Church 10-12
- 7<sup>th</sup> "Over the Hill" concert in St German Church, Thurlby £6 to include wine and nibbles, tickets 01522 788325
- 7<sup>th</sup> Witham St Hughs Farmers Market & scarecrow trail. From 9am For a stall ring Louise Read on 01522 869312
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest Witham St Hughs Village Hall
- 12<sup>th</sup> *Harp & a Monkey* award-winning folk and storytelling trio Ashby de la Launde Vill Hall LN4 3JQ 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Last Night of the Proms Foss Dyke Band St Michael's Bassingham, £10 incl. finger buffet tickets from Greens or Roger Hales at Hammond Hall 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Murder mystery £12 incl supper. Potterhanworth Memorial Ha, 01522 797875 6.30pm for 7pm start
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jazz in the Marquee Coleby £10 [devonald@btinternet.com](mailto:devonald@btinternet.com) 8pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Collingham Show and ploughing Match
- 20<sup>th</sup> Big Leadenham Comedy Night £12 7.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> McMillan Coffee Morning 10am-4pm at Purple Holly Home Gifts, Chestnut Industrial Estate, Bassingham
- 21<sup>st</sup> Coleby Autumn Ball [guyglaves@outlook.com](mailto:guyglaves@outlook.com) 7.30pm

## USEFUL REFERENCES

### Access to Wellbeing Services and care

The Carers service 01522 782224  
carers\_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk  
Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

### Roadworks

roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk  
To receive info' on twitter #lincscs\_roads

### Help save lives and keep countryside clean

Report Potholes 01522 782070  
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting  
Or use www.FixMyStreet.com  
Report Litter 01529 414155  
customer\_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk  
Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or  
ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk  
The Wellbeing service will help set up and people in a vulnerable position with finance, transport, support groups etc. 01522 782140  
Lincs 2 Advice are on 0300 303 8789  
Non urgent health 111, Police 101, fraud 0300 123 2040  
Grants community\_lincs@n-kesteven.gov.uk

### Transport and Travel

Call Connect 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143  
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article  
Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door  
Car-sharing www.lincshare.co.uk  
Trains www.thetrainline.com  
Local Plan 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"

### Grants

<http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/lincolnshire/>

### Village websites

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

**Have you found the same?** It has been a good summer for our local wildlife; diverse wildflowers in our field, a covey of 11 English Partridge and a hedgehog is back.

## AND FROM ME...



Nationally, I am working on getting a better deal for councils and in particular, fairer funding for rural councils like Lincolnshire. With the Autumn Statement looming, we are asking for return of the other half of our business rates and payment for the additional burdens imposed by central government legislation. I am also working closely on getting amendments to the EU waste regulations which Britain will be adopting and on getting the best we can for from the Brexit negotiations. Locally, it is highways, housing and planning that are currently top of the agenda. I look forward to seeing you out and about over the Autumn. Let me know if you would like help, or like to help, with anything!

*Marianne*

**Marianne Overton MBE**

Thanks to councillor colleagues, Lincolnshire Independents in shared or adjacent areas. Peter Lundgren, Catherine Mills and Steve Clegg

