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From the Editorial Office - - -

As I write, the outlook in these strange times is just beginning to look ever so slightly more positive. Vaccinations against Covid-19 are on a roll, the government is looking at a cautious lifting of some aspects of lock down and the snow and frost have gone – well, the latter for the time being maybe!

Have to say I found the organisation at The Meres (Grantham) when attending for my first vaccination jab brilliant. It seems to me the reason it works so efficiently could be due to the number of volunteers who are marshalling, checking paperwork and cleaning down the vaccination area between each patient.

But let's face it, we are British and one thing we are good at is queuing patiently and volunteering in a crisis - on many levels.

I think it's time we told ourselves – well done. Let's Keep Calm and Keep Going!

And that is precisely what we are aiming to do with the Magazine.

We cannot thank those of you who are supporting us in sending items for publication enough. Please keep it up. It is your magazine and anything you send us will be most welcome.

Email to: threevillageseditorial@gmail.com

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The next issue (April) will be celebrating Easter but you will find information in this issue concerning access to Easter Celebrations and Services further on in this issue.

Meanwhile – stay safe and well everyone.

Hilary Proctor



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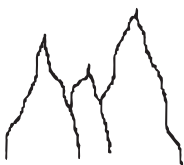
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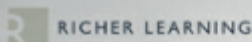
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Flower for riding a tandem?

Mrs Bucket (pronounced Bouquet, *please*)

Shy girl at the dance

Popular and apt name for cows

Evaporated milk

Vermin on your hand

Sweep the floor with this

Edna's favourite flower

This man is a shrub

Part of the eye

He loved his own reflection

It ought to have a Government health warning

Alternative to young goat

Facial parts

Shrinking flower

Bulb for Miss Black

By any other name would smell as sweet

Cathedral peal

Part of the orchestra

Sounds like a lot of frogs with us

Colourful clanger

Did the shepherds watch these

(answers next month)

Travel to Vaccination Centres

If you can't get to a vaccination site and are not classed as extremely clinically vulnerable, there is a network of local voluntary car schemes that could be an option to help get you there.

For more information call 0345 456 4474 or visit: <https://lincsbus.info/accessing-lincolnshire-transport/vcs/>

Information from: [Lincolnshire Resilience Forum](#)

Welbourn Reading Group – in limbo

It was on Monday, the 23rd April 2018, when it happened.

As we raised a glass to William Shakespeare, I announced that I would be writing the book review each month. Fortunately, this took place in a room with real people. Zoom had not been invented, otherwise 'bossy boots' could have been deleted at the push of a button, (which appeared to happen to some parish councillors in Cheshire).

Modern technology has passed me by, although I did see some Zoom action recently. As I am in my daughter's bubble. I spent a few days at Christmas in Cheshire. "It is the office party on Wednesday 23rd," she says. Office being the shed in the garden. (See Magazine for December 2020). Wearing my new Christmas jumper, plus antlers on my head, I attended the office party. It was good, albeit very surreal. Nine others attended the party. When I say attended, it was not in person but by Zoom. Someone had organised a pub quiz, another a game of bingo. The bingo cards arrived via the photocopy machine. George Orwell and 1984 springs to mind. Being a stranger to zoom, I sat with a question mark on my head, not antlers.

Shakespeare and George Orwell have had a mention and that is as far as I go regarding books. I have developed reader's block. Writers get writer's block, therefore I have invented reader's block. Perhaps someone from the reading group would tell us about the books they have been reading during lockdown. Unless that happens you could be reading about my life in lockdown 1939-45.

Ruth Burton.

(I think that would be very interesting, Ruth).

Liz Bull)

WELBOURN ST CHAD'S 100 CLUB REPORT

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LEADENHAM NEW YEAR QUIZ ANSWERS

Section 1

1. Fact
2. Fiction
3. Fact
4. Fact
5. Fiction
6. Fiction
7. Fact
8. Fiction
9. Fiction
10. Fact

Section 2

1. Ant and Dec
2. Delboy and Rodney
3. Tom and Gerry
4. Torvill and Dean
5. Wallace and Gromit
6. Morecambe and Wise
7. Scott and Charlene
8. Fry and Laurie
9. French and Saunders
10. The Two Ronnies

Section 3

- North Carolina
South Carolina
North Dakota
South Dakota
New York
New Jersey
New Mexico
New Hampshire
West Virginia
Rhode Island

Section 4

1. Katherine Parr
2. 1912
3. Royal Air Force
4. Lord Louis Mountbatten
5. Ken Livingstone
6. It was sunk by the Royal Navy to avoid it falling into enemy hands
7. Treetops in Kenya
8. Macedonian
9. Tea-making facilities
10. Prunes

Section 5

1. This author was actually female
2. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
3. Charlie Chaplin
4. The Louvre
5. Campbell's
6. Agatha Christie
7. Mary Poppins
8. Little Women
9. Baker Street
10. The Bee Gees

Know your sweets answers

1. Wobbly infants
2. Edible fasteners
3. Sports of Princes
4. Posh Address
5. Big Cat's Pub
6. Locals from Malta
7. Tipple without teeth
8. Talk quietly
9. Various alcohol grains
10. Ten Cent Pub
11. Songs
12. Carrier of dairy produce

- Jelly Babies
Chocolate buttons
Polo
Quality Street
Lion Bar
Maltesers
Wine gums
Whisper
Liquorice Allsorts
Dime Bar
Tunes
Milk Tray

Plant for the Planet!

It's been so fantastic to see such a positive response from across our villages to the idea of planting trees and other green spaces. We're having the initial get together (virtually, of course) in the second half of February with the aim of sharing some ideas and making plans for the year ahead.

Why plant?

There's a range of reasons people want to be involved: to increase biodiversity and reduce species decline; tackle climate change; prevent flooding and simply that trees and nature make us smile!

What could we plant?

Wildflowers, hedgerows, trees - or allow areas to rewild.

Where can we plant?

This is where everyone can help. Do you know any pockets of land that might be good areas to plant?

It's possible to apply for free trees from the Woodland Trust. To be eligible, it needs to be public land, the size of a tennis court or larger. However – we are looking for all kinds of spaces.

Smaller areas could be planted with wildflowers or allowed to rewild. Private land could be planted with trees.

And of course, don't forget your own garden. Can you have a small area for wildflowers or plant a tree, perhaps a small pond or water feature? We can offer advice on these if you are interested.

How can you get involved with the group?

- **Outdoors** – we'll need help preparing land, planting and ongoing care, mostly over the summer and autumn.
- **Planning** – we will approach landowners such as councils, highways, schools and secure funding by applying for grants, so please let us know if could help with these tasks.
- **Keeping in touch** - It would be great to have the views of as many people as possible, so sign up for our 'Keep in touch' newsletter and we'll tell you about the latest plans and progress in each village and ask for your feedback. In addition, if you go ahead with anything in your own garden we'd like to know for our records.

Next steps

1. Send us suggestions of land that might be used.
2. Sign up for the 'Keep in touch' newsletter.
3. Join the group, its early days, we've only had one initial get together.

(Continues on next page.)

Interested? Send your name, village and contact details to me,
Ann Broadbent
3 High Street Welbourn Tel. 01400 273363 email
broadbent@me.com

THE STARVERS

At considerable sacrifice by my parents, who were not well off, I was sent in 1945 to the ancient and posh boarding school of Winchester College, founded in 1490 by William of Wykeham.

The school motto was “Manners Maketh Mann”. Apart from the seventy scholars, who lived in the historic buildings and wore a special uniform, the “Gentleman Commoners” lived in ten different houses nearby with about forty men in each house. We were always called men, never boys. We had a greater loyalty to our house than to the school as a whole. My house, called Toyes, was known for being good at sport but less intellectual than the other houses. We wore straw hats, each with a different band, but no other uniform but, for the formal part of the day – a tweed coat, and grey flannel trousers, a suit on Sundays with a waistcoat and a tie.

I suppose food was short in 1947 but my house had a “frugal lunch” each Thursday, consisting of a piece of cheese and a banana. This was known as a “Starvers”. As soon as lunch was over, most of us had to rush round to the tuck shop to have two cream buns and an ice cream.

When I first joined the school in September 1945, I spent most of the afternoons of my first week there picking potatoes on the golf course. It made my father wonder what he was paying fees for but it was part of the school’s agricultural project. Many years later, on holiday in Italy, I met a man called Tim Watt. It turned out that we were in the same house in the same school, but he had left the term before I arrived. It further turned out that he had been in charge of planting the potatoes in the Spring of 1945 that I had been harvesting six months later.

Jeremy Ware (Brant Broughton)

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John Maclean

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It is with great sadness that I announce the death of my husband, John Maclean. He was 59 years old.

John died on 20th January 2021 at Lincoln County Hospital. He went into hospital on the 2nd December 2020 as a walk-in patient. John had recently been diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis and was having a flare up. He was told that he needed an operation but, whilst waiting for the operation, he contracted Covid 19. We had been careful as a family but my husband caught this virus in hospital and not in the community.

John had his stoma operation on the day it was confirmed that he had Covid 19. His health deteriorated and he was transferred to ICU on Christmas Eve. He fought so hard to get well and come home. He was fighting the Covid and trying to get over the stoma operation. Sadly, he became very poorly and on New Year's Day he was placed on a ventilator. He finally lost his battle on 20th January 2021. He did everything he could do to get well but it was all too much.

We moved to West House in April 1999 and we created a very loving family home. John adored the Village and treasured all his friends and village life. Home was his happiest place.

I, along with my children Rory and Tilly, thank you all for your love and support over the last few weeks. People have been so kind and thoughtful at this difficult time. Thank you for the cards, letters, food and gifts. They have been a comfort and help.

I also want to thank you all for the prayers that have been said on our behalf. This has been greatly appreciated by us and all of John's family.

Thank you again.

Rachel Maclean
West House

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With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lincolnshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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PHOTOS NEEDED

Leadenham Parish Council is calling all photographers!

Leadenham Parish Council's new website is well under way. But we need your help! The opening page has a picture banner, which was supplied with the website...but we think it would be great to have some pictures from around the parish to add to the site and we invite you to take a snap and send it in.

The images need to be suitable to be cropped to fit the banner space. They also need to be of a high resolution, 6000 x 4000 pixels. Have a look at the banner to get an idea of the shape your image will be cropped to.
[Homepage – Leadenham Parish Council \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](http://lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Ideally, we are looking for lovely views from around the village to celebrate the beauty of Leadenham. Please don't include people, as this creates data protection/privacy issues. All pictures used will have a credit to the photographer.



Celebrating Easter In Welbourn

23rd March On the anniversary of the first lockdown, 23 March will be a day of remembrance for all those who lost their lives to COVID. There will be one cross near the Village Hall wrapped in netting. Anyone is invited to thread a ribbon into the netting as an act of remembrance and love.

From 23rd March painted donkeys will be placed around the village. They are a symbol of suffering and service. We have all experienced some of this during the pandemic. Most of the donkeys will have a feedbag around their necks and there will be instructions on blackboards explaining how you can participate.

1st April Yarn bombing in the area around Castle Hill. If you have been busy knitting, crocheting, making pom-poms or hearts or anything, come along to decorate trees, gates, railings any time after 4pm. The leaflet through letterboxes should explain all!

2nd April – 4th April There will be three crosses as is traditional for Easter. The centre cross will be wrapped in netting. Anyone is invited to thread a daffodil into the netting. We hope that, by Easter day, the cross will be covered in flowers as a symbol of new life and a celebration of life overcoming death and the resurrection of Christ.

Organised by St Chad's PCC

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – January 2021.

NEW CLERK FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Firstly, all the Councillors and staff at Leadenham Parish Council would like to thank Hilary Proctor for all the hard work and dedication to the community that she has given as Clerk to the Council for the last 25 years. Hilary has a wealth of experience which will be missed.

The new clerk, Ruth Keillar, took office at the start of the year. Ruth has been a clerk for around 6 years and is looking forward to getting to know the community. Ruth lives in Coleby and is employed as clerk/RFO (responsible financial officer) on a part-time basis.

There are new contact details to reach the clerk and Parish Council:

Email - leadenhamclerk@btinternet.com

Telephone – 01522 813821 (there is an answering machine as the phone isn't manned full-time).

NEW WEBSITE.

Parish Council websites are provided free of charge by Lincolnshire County Council. They have recently re-vamped the sites and it is fair to say that there are a few little 'teething troubles' whilst all the clerks get to grips with the new system. Leadenham's website is : [Homepage – Leadenham Parish Council \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](http://Homepage – Leadenham Parish Council (lincolnshire.gov.uk)) It is still being updated and so please bear with us whilst this work continues.

MEETINGS.

Due to the ongoing Covid situation and following Government advice, Parish Council meetings are currently held remotely via Zoom. It is likely that this arrangement will continue for some time and in fact the advice is that remote meetings or hybrid meetings, continue as 'the new norm'. This is all new for many of us and a few comical situations will probably occur for many Parish Council Zoom meetings. We all enjoy seeing attendees' dogs, cats and bookshelves, giving a little insight into the interests of others!

Meetings continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm. The agenda is posted onto the website and the notice board and will have the Zoom link included. You don't need a Zoom account to join in, just click on the link and follow the instructions.

PLAY AREA.

Government advice, at time of writing, is that Play areas may stay open during lockdown. Residents using the Play area are asked to adhere to the latest Government advice whilst using the area and to remember to keep sanitising/ washing hands after using equipment. The Parish Council is required to advise that those using the Play area do so with the understanding that a previous user may not clean the apparatus after use - be safe everyone!

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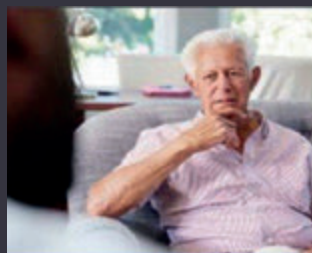
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Belton House

PLEASURE AT BELTON HOUSE

When, for various reasons, I first applied to be a volunteer with the National Trust at Belton House I declined the invitation to become a Room Guide because I thought standing there for hours would be boring. {How wrong I was!)

After enjoying some time as a buggy driver ferrying visitors about in the grounds which enabled me to discover the comradeship of the volunteer community and the general ethos of the way the House operates in addition to becoming very familiar with the grounds and the many interesting features and stories they embody, I eventually applied to become a Room Guide in order to stay in the loop. Now I am so glad I did:

After an initial vetting interview, I was allocated an experienced mentor who showed me what is involved and watched me in action. Room guiding involves being there to enhance visitors' experience by answering questions about the house and its history and contents. If one takes this seriously, one can become a talking encyclopaedia on two legs, with the added bonus of operating in

above-average surroundings. That for me was the pleasure and reward for “just standing there”.

Since the House has its origins in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and was a family home for 11 generations of the same family for over 300 years and contains precious artefacts and works of art from each generation, there is considerable scope for much to learn and know, ranging from Collyweston slate to porcupine quills, not to mention the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the nature and source of lapis lazuli. Each room has its own treasures to extoll and exploit. There are 17 rooms!

As part of my participation in the role, I have read some Plato, tried to describe in French the purpose and use of a punt gun, taken greater interest in Edward VIII's abdication, discovered Marc Brunel's tunnel boring machine and learned a little about the cloisonné process as well as coming to understand the development of the English Country House. All against the wider background of English history since the mid 16th century.

Mastery of who's who in the family tree is very useful also. It's not a skill I have mastered but one guide I know can name them all from their portraits, knowing exactly where he or she belongs in the story. There are many portraits!

Using an on-line facility volunteers selected the days on which they wished to participate and duly came in and find which room (or rooms!) they were hosting that day. Such a system helped to maintain one's interest and mental agility and added to the fun of it all.

Not every visitor wants a dissertation on each topic but some really enjoy being entertained by new knowledge and a good story. One has to pick one's audience; not always successfully, I must admit, but it's tremendously enjoyable all round. Sadly, Covid has suppressed all this. No-one yet knows whether this entertainment will be possible in the future but one can hope. We are a very adaptable and resilient species and history and bricks and mortar do not go away.

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RECTOR'S LETTER



Dear All,

In the church calendar we are now in the season of Lent as we pick up our crosses and walk with Jesus to the cross. At this time especially I am always reminded of Mel Gibson's controversial film, 'The Passion of Christ' which featured one powerful scene which portrays a bloodied and weakened Jesus, on the way to crucifixion, falling beneath the weight of his cross before his mother Mary. Through their shared pain and suffering Jesus looks up at his mother and says, 'behold, I make all things new'.

Mel Gibson is quoting Revelation 21:5, where the risen, glorified Christ speaks from the throne of heaven, but his use of artistic licence reveals Gibson's grasp of the truth, Jesus is not a victim but the victor. The resurrected Christ changes the cross from an instrument of torture into a symbol of victory. The victory of the cross makes all things new.

Lent for many is seen as a time to be morose or to give things up that we crave all the 40 days we do so. But I like to see it as a time for reflection, renewal and space to grow my relationship with Jesus. One of the ways I do that is in prayer and most of you will now have received the booklet which we have posted through your doors just before Lent encouraging you to pray even if you've never tried before. Why not give it a go – you never know what might happen.

Also there is an invite to 'come and tie a ribbon on the church gates' which will symbolise something different for everyone; maybe remembrance, thanksgiving, hopefulness, or a certain prayer you want God to hear.

As we walk through Lent with our eyes firmly fixed on the cross of Good Friday, we can also get a glimpse of the empty tomb not too far in the distance. Through the cross we enter into new life and a new relationship with God and with one another. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the old order has passed away and a new order, a new light, a new life, has come into the world. God calls each one of us to share in this new life.

The true meaning of Easter, the gift of new life, is so easily lost amongst the gifts of chocolate eggs, bunches of flowers and pretty cards. The spiritual message of Easter is often forgotten by the distraction of other matters going on in our world at this time.

But during this time I urge you to take some time out, set aside some time for spiritual reflection and prayer on the true meaning of Easter. Look beyond the hype and pressures of commercialisation to the real message of this season. But if you do, be warned, it could change your life. Jesus Christ is still making all things new!

Rev Chris

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Our churches are still open for individual private prayer at this time so please feel welcome to come and sit awhile: St Swithun's - Thursdays 10-4pm / St Chad's – Mondays 10-4pm/St Helen's – Saturdays 10-4pm / All Saint's – Sundays 10-4pm

Regular services (online):

Tuesday (CW) and Friday (BCP)	10am – Morning Prayer
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Sunday's	10.30am – Holy Communion
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Easter Services – at the point of writing this we do not know what the guidelines will be for Easter but rest assured we will be marking it as normal whether that be online or in person so please keep an eye out for the posters to let you know.

If you would like to join us for any of these services please contact me and I can give you the link or talk you through – it's not hard, I promise and you can even join via the telephone.

Opinions.

My Nanna always told me- "opinions are like farts, better kept to yourself."

Being young I never really got the magnitude of this statement and just how true it is. Once "let go" there is no going back, and you're never really sure how it will be received by others, or how long the memory of it will "linger". They're flippant things, our opinions. We hand them out whether they are wanted or not.

Opinions can be relationship destroyers, I know couples who have been married for 50 plus years and still won't talk politics with each other, for fear that their opinions on the matter may ruin how each is seen by the other.

We can change our opinions, without explanation. Just changing them on a whim, because it is **our** opinion and we can do what we want with it. We can also have opinions on many things, things we don't even know anything about; And, we don't let that ignorance make our opinions any less important or any less heard.

Opinions are our God given right and oh my, don't we like to share them. For a devil's advocate like me, there is nothing more fun than spending time with opinionated people, especially those with differing views. Whilst many have struggled during Brexit, general elections and the X factor results. I have rubbed my hands together and sharpened my poking stick, revelling in the steamy glasses and red cheeks I have created.

Keeping in mind our latest political battles, it seems that, to some, that your opinions can also rate your level of intelligence. Vote leave= you're stupid. Vote conservative= you're a snob. Yet I know many people who are neither of these things, that have done just that. We seem to think though, that anyone with a differing opinion to ours is fair game and we are given the go ahead to then belittle and ridicule them however we like; simply for not believing or agreeing with what we want them to.

Now on the other side of the coin is acceptance. Acceptance is very underrated in my eyes and we just don't talk about or do it enough. The peace it can bring to any situation is truly beautiful. Acceptance has nothing to do with anyone other than one's self. Opinions must be projected, acceptance is completely internal. No-one can argue your acceptance. No one can force you in to it. It would be a very hard job to change your acceptance, if you have truly accepted something. Acceptance cannot be shaken. So maybe we should all give acceptance a little more thought and a try. Opinions are fun and we are, of course, all entitled to them. But before you get riled by someone else's opinion, maybe **accept** that we are all different.

We all have opinions, However, our opinions do not define the entirety of who we are; if we simply accept the opinions of others, it does.

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An apposite quote from Sir Winston Churchill:

"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."



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2. Wait and see.
3. Ask your Dad/Mum.
4. No pudding unless you finish your dinner
5. If someone asked you to jump off a cliff – would you?
6. I've told you a thousand times - - -
7. Say pardon – 'not "what"'.
8. What did your last slave die of?
9. You'll take someone's eye out with that.
10. It'll all end in tears.
11. "I want" never gets.
12. Close the door –you weren't born in a barn
13. Don't sit so close to the TV – you'll get square eyes
14. There is no such word as can't.
15. Who is 'she'; the cat's mother?
16. Carrots make you see in the dark.
17. Eat your crusts. They make your hair curl.
18. Don't make that face. If the wind changes, you'll stay like that.
19. Do as I say, not as I do.
20. Back in my day - - -

RECENT ONLINE NOTE FROM ACTION FRAUD

We're warning the public to be vigilant of unsolicited emails promoting cryptocurrency (Bitcoin) investment opportunities.

We've received over 750 reports this week about Bitcoin-related phishing emails that use fake celebrity endorsements to try and lure victims into investment scams. The links in the emails lead to fraudulent websites that are designed to steal your money, as well as personal and financial

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- **Seek advice first:** Speak with a trusted friend or family members, and seek independent professional advice before making significant financial decisions.
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- **Report suspicious emails:** If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, you can report it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service by forwarding the email to - report@phishing.gov.uk

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WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4 letter words:

1. "He had delusions of adequacy." Walter Kerr
2. "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Winston Churchill
3. "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." (William Faulkner about Ernest Hemingway)
4. "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it" Moses Hadas

5. "He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends."
Oscar Wilde
6. "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play:
bring a friend if you have one." Bernard Shaw to Winston
Churchill
7. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second if there
is one." Winston Churchill in response to Bernard Shaw
8. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." John
Bright
9. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in
others." Samuel Johnson
10. "He is simply a shudder looking for a spine to run up." Paul
Keating
11. "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without an
address on it." Mark Twain
12. "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp posts: for
support rather than illumination" Andrew Lang (1844 –
1912)
13. He has Van Gogh's ear for music." Billy Wilder
14. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening but I'm afraid this
wasn't it." Groucho Marx
15. "Yes, madam. I *am* drunk. You, however, are ugly but, in the
morning, I shall be sober." Winston Churchill to a woman
at a party who had tried to reprove him for being drunk.

Sent by David Close

CLASS 5B – HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lindum Primary School was to attend their Annual Harvest Festival Service at St Cuthbert's Church.

The service this year would be conducted by a visiting pastor from the USA – Kentucky Joe.

Mr Woodhouse, Mrs Jones and Mrs Lovelock of the PTA would help with the children alongside Headmistress Margaret Hedley and Class Teacher Miss Karen Peterson.

“Come along, Miss Peterson, get those children in line now and make sure they've got their coats on.” shouted Headmistress Margaret Hedley to the now shaking young lady, cowering at the open classroom door which housed the children of Class 5B. “For goodness sake, it's blowing a gale and raining cats and dogs out there. The parents will blame us if their little darlings get soaked and get your own coat buttoned up correctly. I sincerely hope you are not going out in those shoes? Ridiculous high heels indeed. Have you no decorum!”

Turning her attention to pupils and the ‘Helpers’ she continues,

“Noooooooooooo.... Everyone. Come away from the window!

Of course, there's not real cats and dogs falling from the sky.

Yes, I know that's what I said but it's only a manner of speech.

Oh dear, dear me!

Helpers and Miss Peterson – get your allotted children together.

Now! Pronto! Get into pairs.

Yes Thomas, we're taking all the fruit and vegetables with us.

Luckily Mr Neville, our Caretaker, has brought his van to take them in.

No, we can't all get in the van, there's not enough room for us all.

No, George of course we can't eat all the food to make room for us!

Come along now, we don't want to be late. We want to make a good impression for our American visitor.

Yes, Bronco, Rawhide and Cody, you all do have cowboy names, but I'm not sure your mothers ever went to the States, probably only as far as the Odeon. Yes, you'll have to ask them. Children, stop whooping!!

Mrs. Jones, not again, please, no sweeties - - -

Yes, maybe after the service you may give them some.

Oh, Whatever! Miss Peterson, if you've got nothing else to wear you'll just have to totter along in those shoes, but don't come running to me if you break a leg.

Mr Woodhouse, get the Munro twins off the desks and Mrs Lovelock, please get into twos, the four of you are not going to

fit through the door.
Right, come along, let's make a dash for it.

St Cuthbert's church was only a few hundred yards away from the gates of Lindum Primary School, no great distance at all but, there were still the inevitable moans and groans from the children and even the helpers at having to exert themselves and get a little wet in the process.

“Come along everyone, let's get seated and please be quiet, we're holding up the service.

Yes, Marigold you are quite correct, the last time we should have been here was on St. George's Day, when the bats were flying around in the church.

No, they've all gone now, well hidden away

That is correct Mrs. Lovelock, no need to get alarmed, yes I'm quite sure and please don't upset the children.

Well, if you want to keep your hood up on your coat, that's up to you.

Mrs. Jones, what are Jack and Connor doing?

I don't care if it is keeping them quiet, put those comics away.

Yes, and what about Mr. Woodhouse?

He's given Tobias and Freddy what to read?

The Racing Times? To pick the winners for the 2.30 this afternoon!

Really, Mr Woodhouse! You say you would share the winnings if their horses came in, well that's very generous of you but this is not the place to do it.

Not you as well Mrs. Lovelock?

Please retrieve your lottery scratch cards from the children and do them later.

Miss Peterson, where is Cheryl?

Cheryl Anderson.

It's no good just shaking your head. I can't hear you and for goodness sake, tears again?

You boy, with your hand up - Thomas isn't it?

Oh, Cheryl's lost another tooth and it was bleeding and Miss Peterson doesn't like blood and she went all funny. But where's Cheryl now?

Oh, yes I see her. She's sat with her grandma over there. And I do see all the blood around her mouth, in fact all over her face.

Yes Amy, she does look a little like a clown.

Miss Peterson, come, come, get up off the floor.

If it upsets you, I will collect Cheryl later and she can walk back with me.

Kylie! Sit down and stop shouting. Yes I know it's your Aunty Patty over there and so does everyone else now.

Yes, that's good Mr Woodhouse, it is best to sit in between the Munro twins to stop them fighting.

Miss Peterson, what is all that noise about with your charges?

Cody has said what?

That the pastor is a cheat and not real? Why?

Because he looks the same as the Reverend Thurgood in his clothes and he's not wearing a cowboy hat?

Silly boy!

Yes, Mrs Jones, I suppose with his rugged looks he may resemble Clint Eastwood.

Children just settle down, he was an actor on the television in the olden days, yes, when your grannies were little girls, no William, of course not as far back as the dinosaurs.

Now – Quiet Please!”.

To the delight of Mrs. Hedley, the morning went without relatively smoothly without any major incident.

The children were entertained with the tales that Kentucky Joe told them of his parish in America and they enjoyed it even more when he gave them all sweetmeats after the service. All the ladies in the congregation seemed to be enthralled by his good looks, but Miss Peterson took it a step further when she took the collection plate down the aisle to him and one of her high heels got stuck in the open grid and she fell into his open arms, much to everyone's amusement. The only other minor misdemeanour was Mr Woodhouse's loud snoring during the latter part of the service for which he apologised, saying he had been awake most of the night because Poppy, his Labradoodle dog had given birth to five puppies, for which everyone sympathised with him.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

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Gannet's Diary

I think it's time "She" looked at improving her culinary skills!

I am so bored with what lands in my bowl every day. It all comes out of pouches, not a proper cooked meal in sight. Her food doesn't come out of pouches. She spends ages messing about with food, using spoons and pans on top of the cooker thing, creating wonderful smells, which she turns out onto a plate and eats it all herself. None of it ever lands in my bowl.

Well ok – very, very occasionally she has put a few slivers of freshly cooked chicken in my bowl while loudly stating how much this is her spoiling me. Huh! Believe me there is nothing as wonderful as warm, moist, freshly cooked chicken. Well, maybe smoked salmon is as good but with the chicken thing, I wait and wait, wrapped in that warm cooking smell, all prompting my tummy to tell me it is empty and well ready for that chicken to land in my bowl. But it lands on her plate not mine.

But as you will know by now, I am not a cat to be disregarded. I am making my point and so refusing to eat some of this pouch food. And it has worked! She is buying me really posh food, still in pouches but it is amazing in both taste and texture. I can't get enough of it. "She" however is complaining that is costing an arm and a leg. I don't think that's true though, as she still has both her arms and legs.

We've had snow then. I hate snow. It makes doing my wee's and poo's each day very challenging. It creates a double digging scenario. Dig through the snow to get to the soil, then dig again to make a hole. Then I have to thrust my bum in through the snow to perform. I don't see you humans doing that out in the snow. You do seem to enjoy throwing it at each other and building replicas of yourselves in it though. Strange you are!

The 'Demic' is still here then. I'm doing as Doris man tells me and staying home, on the window sill above a radiator – lovely and warm. Why is the radiator cold at night though? "She" trots upstairs and huddles under a thick cloth thing, all nice and warm, leaving me with no warm. But I've found a warm, snuggly, woolly thing in another bedroom and have made it my night bed. "She" doesn't know yet!

We have hair problems here at the moment. "She" complains that I am losing too much of mine and so the noisy sucking thing comes out to 'clear it up'. "She" however, needs to lose a lot of her hair – a real tatty head she is!

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Now for something completely different:

MANGLED ENGLISH

English is a rich, composite, very flexible language but it does have rules of grammar, structure and spelling which are frequently ignored. Can you spot the elementary errors in the following examples and re write them in proper English?

1. The breaks on this car are very sensitive. it requires a lot of practise to get used to them.
2. We don't know who to blame for this situation: we have been given no information.
3. This product contains no added sugar.
4. He tripped over the cat coming down the stairs.
5. "Senior managers were criticised for appointing a board with no minority representation."
6. "Lockdown means less accidents."

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