



June News from **Marianne Overton MBE**

Welcome to my monthly personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you.

Greetings!

On Freedom's Wings

Huge thanks to Charlie and Sophie White, the team and the many volunteers and donors who beavered on this brilliant 8-year project.



The opening event in mid-May was amazing. Huge marquees were packed, the speeches moving and the food delicious. Charlie White told the dramatic story of the Lancaster heading home for Swinderby, having to do one more turn, but crashing on this land. Only half the crew survived. Families of the crew were there, even from Australia, and included WW2 veteran, Harry Parkins, who unveiled a plaque.

Famously, the idea of the sculpture was born over a few beers. I confess, when a Parish Councillor called me to his garage in Norton Disney to see the plans laid out, and ask for support with funding, I was happy to help but wondered if it was all possible. Donations of steel, engineering expertise, transportation, and countless hours of voluntary support proved transformative, each person able to connect with their own memories, reflections, and sense of gratitude.

What an inspiring gateway to Lincolnshire, "On Freedom's Wings". Thank you.



Respite Care

Swallow Lodge in North Hykeham and Cedar House in Spalding provide vital respite care for adults with physical and mental difficulties, some very severe, needing 1:1 care round the clock. Without a break, the caring families clearly could not cope. The number of children needing extra care is rising sharply, reflected in an increasing need among adults. We clearly need more care, not less. Beds elsewhere may well be needed in addition.

I spoke up strongly at the first meeting at council, and met with residents, carer families and staff several times. I have visited Swallow Lodge and written a report for the Councillor responsible, with suggestions to improve the service, without closing these vital units and I offered further support. I served on the board of the Primary Care Trust and Swallow Lodge was our responsibility, including opening the extension in 2009.



Children

We must be doing something right in Lincolnshire as our Director of Children's services, Heather Sandy, has been awarded a CBE at the Palace. Congratulations.

At a council meeting this week, we discussed redistribution of funds among special schools to keep them all afloat. No-one will get less, resulting in an additional deficit of £3m, rising to a total shortfall of £50m next year. The Government are having to top up costs right across the country, as there are unprecedented rises in children with special needs (SEND).

An extra £10.6m over 3 years from Government will fund four more "family hubs" aiming to give children the best possible start in life, ready for school. 47 centres provide a range of services with outreach in rural areas.

Wellingore Post Office closed

When the post office in Navenby closed, we objected strongly, so it was moved to Wellingore, but without a salaried position, relying only on sales. Ashley has retired and no-one else has stepped forward to run it.

Welbourn and Leadenham post offices are open. Please use them or lose them!



Solar on roofs, not farmland



We gained a new supporter last week, the Shadow Minister for Energy and Net Zero, Claire Coutinho, visiting Thorpe on the Hill. She remembered me from when she was in Government. She explained she had started a review of the real cost of solar power, bearing in mind you still

need batteries and fossil fuel or nuclear for cloudy days, nights and winter. Our electricity bills are sky high compared to other countries, as we pay for the unwanted vastly expensive industrial constructions, when we need solar on roofs or any built structure, close to where the energy is used. The Shadow minister picked up the points about this energy being neither reliable, safe nor cheap.



The Cliff Villages Solar Action Group are following up the meeting with the Shadow Minister and our MP, Caroline Johnson, with a clear briefing, which we will use widely.



Proposals for a substation at Navenby were rejected as not yet valid, so they have some more work to do. As soon as it is live, we will need you!

GLCCA:

Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority



I met with the Mayor, members of the board and colleague, Nick Coxon this month to raise the importance of buses and of fighting solar industrialisation of farmland.

Elections

Huge thanks to Independents who stood or voted in the Lincoln City Elections. They did not win but made a good effort. Lincoln City has submitted a proposal to put the whole of our area into Lincoln City Unitary Council. Thus it would be Lincoln City Councillors who make all the Council decisions for us. I find that very disturbing indeed.

Both North and South Kesteven have submitted a proposal to combine with South Holland, if combining is what we have to do. The plan is expensive and rushed, but of the options, I see that as the best. Nobody gets a vote, the Minister just decides.

Thus next May, we are expecting elections to take place on the County Council boundaries for the new authority, whatever that is.

Independents met last week to share ideas and to plan next steps. It is vital that we have free voices. If you are interested in standing or helping, now is a good time to let me know!



EID shared meal



250 people came to lunch in Lincoln to celebrate Eid, the end of Ramadan fasting. We needed some very big pots! Turon Miah, our Lincoln candidate, did a great job organising the event.

30 years!

Jo Crosby said she was “overwhelmed” as she was treated to a thank you party for thirty years of service running Welbourn Preschool. Jo is pictured here with staff past and present. What a fantastic contribution!



Archaeology; North Hykeham Relief Road



No sooner had the road digging begun, when extensive Roman and Neolithic finds appeared.

Allen Archaeology revealed a thriving Roman community - complete with workshops, bathhouses, and homes from 2,000 years ago.

A ceremonial Neolithic hand axe has been revealed after 5,000 years.

Swinderby

What a great day we had at the Swinderby Summer Sunday! Honoured to have been asked to open the event with local District Councillor, Peter Overton. Huge thanks to organisers, the Swinderby Trust, the Swinderby Parish Council, exhibitors and all involved. Graham, publican now musician and his band Nostalgia did a great job! (07584 757452) It was terrific to see everyone enjoying the day - that's what makes our communities special. Thank you!



Above: Geoff Lloyd, Chairman of the Parish Council with Peter Overton, District Councillor for Witham St Hughs and Swinderby



District Councillors for Witham St Hughs and Swinderby, Mitch Elliott and Peter Overton with PCSO Sarah Linguard.



Falconry by Alistair Leese of Hawkeye Falconry explains about the lives of some amazing birds of prey.

Biodigesters

Biodigesters that take animal waste are decided by the County Council. As part of the planning committee, we had a site meeting at Anwick, which was recommended for refusal and then withdrawn. The biodigester at Spalding was passed to take food and vegetable waste up to 50 mile radius, but only after much discussion on whether it should be on industrial land, not farmland.

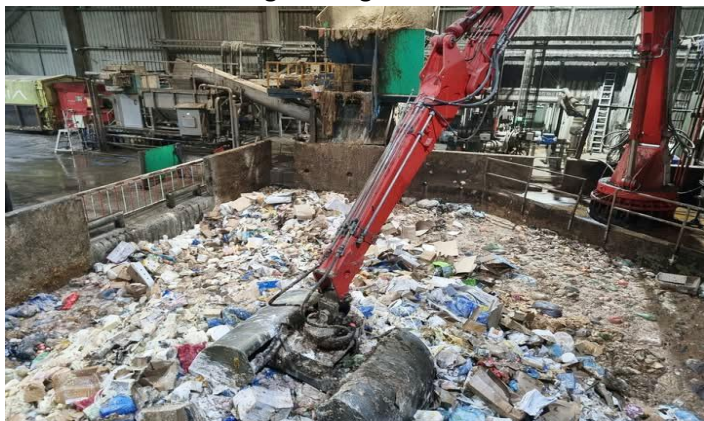


Hemswell Biodigester



County Councillors were invited behind the scenes to the working biodigester at Hemswell, taking our food waste, 1,500 tons a month. Total throughput is 140,000 ton/yr, a little less than the North Hykeham Energy from waste plant (170,000 tons/yr).

To reduce odour, covered vehicles go into the building and shut the doors before removing their covers and dumping the waste. The “grabber” (pictured) then puts waste in the mill removing plastic bags, before piping the waste along to biodigester tanks. The gas has a marker smell added and then piped into the mains. The digestate goes onto fields



Congratulations to the Lincoln Imps

Top of the league and back in the Championships after 65 years. A rise of non-league to Championships in nine years! The bus parade was amazing and reminds us just how inspiring a big win is for our communities!



Supporting local businesses



Why not come along? Coffee afterwards at Down the Road, so we get to support two local businesses at once!



Artist Helen Whittle makes amazing pictures out of felt 07507 286841

Katina Johnson creates great pictures in pastels or paint! See on [facebook](#) or <https://katinajohnsonart.com>

Want to keep in touch?

If you know anyone else who would find this newsletter useful, please suggest they drop me an [email](#) here. For updates, please follow me on [facebook](#). Best wishes,

Marianne

Marianne Overton MBE

Working together for people and planet

Local services need local decisions

Are you following me on Facebook yet?

You might like it! Click [here](#).

Local Events

Thanks to everyone involved in organising and running brilliant local events.

June

6th Bassingham Car Boot Sale 8am -5pm
6th Celebration of 30 years Welbourn Preschool 2-4pm
6th Book Sale and Tea Welbourn 2-4pm
6th Music Tribute to Shania Twain Leadenham Hall 2000 £12.50 Book www.lvh2000.org.uk 7.30pm
7th Open Gardens, Bassingham
7th Car Boot Sale Coleby 8am
7th Treasure Hunt, Welbourn Collect treasure map from Village Hall, £2/£5 family 10am-noon
5th-8th Bassingham Big Scarecrow Trail. Maps from Greens
8th Leadenham Village Walk from the Village Hall 6pm
9th & 23rd Bassingham Lunch Club 12 Book 01522 426498
10th Coleby coffee morning & library Vill.Ha 10.30-12.30pm
10th Wellingore and District U3A Kenneth Moore "you will fly laughing, Wellingore memorial hall 10.30am
12th South Hykeham litter picking starting at the amenity space opposite Beechcroft Close LN6 9NB 10.30am-12
12th Live music with Sandy McLelland 6pm Down the Road, Book www.downtheroadnavenby.co.uk
13th Beer Festival Leadenham Hall 2000 BBQ £1 entry Local Breweries 4pm-11pm
13th Charity Supper Club at 37 Carlton Rd, Bassingham 6.30pm £55 07895 499346 for Great Ormond St
14th-21st Riverlight Festival, Sleaford hub-sleaford.org.uk/riverlight
18th Coffee Morning Brant Broughton 10-12
18th Mobile Library 11.15 Carl/12.30Bass/3.15 Witham Sch
18th Navenby Friendship Group Methodist Chapel Ha.2.30
19th Leadenham Hall 2000 70's Pub Night Order food in a basket 07970 910339 7.30pm
19th *Hey Dude*, Concert in St Mary's, Carlton le Moorland
12th Bunco night dice games with buffet Down the Road, Book www.downtheroadnavenby.co.uk
20th Welbourn Coffee Shop, Welbourn Village Hall 10-noon
20th Navenby Methodist Church Hall Tea and cake 2pm
20th Dancing through the decades with Kelly Ann Harmston Memorial Hall £10 Book: 07421886287 7.30 for 8.30
21st Fathers' Day
21st Rose Sunday at St Germain's Church, Thurlby Welcome Sat and Sun 10am-6pm, Sunday service 3pm
23rd Leadenham Military History Club, Kathy Blake on RAF Digby operations, Leadenham Hall 2000 £5 7.30pm
24th Navenby Book Club at Robin Rose Bakes and Books Navenby 10am
26th Creating flower displays for the service on Sunday St Michael's, Bassingham BYO garden flowers 2-4pm
27th Family Fun Day at Welbourn Vill Hall 2pm onwards Bring picnic, deckchairs and any games. Free, welcome!
28th Harmston Food and Drink Fair, Memorial Hall 11am-3pm
28th Its coming home: Goals, Grills and Good time. Also a football trail with clues Navenby Venue 12-4pm
30th Shep's Charity Quiz £2/pers Bar 7.30 for 8pm-10.30

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Sunday Tea in Sy Mary's Carlton le Moorland 2-4pm
4th Painting in acrylics Tim O'Brien Carlton le Moorland Village Hall £15/£18 10am-3pm
4th Bassingham Car Boot and vehicle Show 8am-noon
5th Coleby Car Boot Sale 8am start
9-12th Newark Book Festival newarkbookfestival.org.uk
11th St Helen's, Beckingham Organ celebration £10 Tickets 07956 824199 Concert by festival singers 7pm
13th Welbourn Music Appreciation @ St Chad's 7pm
18th Welbourn Village Garden Fete 2.30-5pm Includes Pimms bar and not so serious dog show!
18th Party music at the Venue, Navenby £10 www.ticketcourse.co.uk/the-venue-navenby
25th Silent Disco at The Venue, Navenby 6pm
25th Pop-up tea room 37 Carlton Rd, Bassingham 11.30-4pm in aid of Great Ormond Street
25th and 26th July Witham Heritage Art Exhibition in Norton Disney Village Hall 11am-4pm

Some Useful information

3 Villages Magazine

Witham Staple Magazine

Lancaster Gateway, Norton Disney

This inspiring epic is remembering the sacrifices and how people fought so that we could have freedom today.
Donations here. <https://www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk/>

Take the Bus Campaign

Buses are £3 per journey, any journey.
Timetables and info is here. <https://lincsbus.info/> or call 0345 234 3344. The Transport Helpline is 0345 456 4474.

Old Printer Cartridges for Charity

Richard Wilson wants your empty printer cartridges at 11 Chapel Lane, Navenby for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Ring 01522 810373 or pop through his door.

Support from Local Charities

Sir Christopher Nevile/Summers Charity for residents of **Aubourn, Haddington and Thurlby**. For people who need a bit of help. Local Trustees. Apply 01522 788236

Brant Broughton BB.ReliefCharity@gmail.com

Carlton le Moorland Young People's Trust 07943 760 155
Navenby Heritage Trail 2.5km [Navenby Heritage Trail](#)

Useful Contacts

East Midlands Dairy 01636 614760
Nick Streeter's fish etc. 01400 272547
Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200
Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242

Pub and takeaway meals

The Joiner's Arms, Welbourn 01400 279356 (Food Truck every Thursday, Bingo Tues, Pool 28/29th March)

The Red Lion, Wellingore 01522 810071
The Kings Head, Navenby 01522 810367 open
The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258
Thorold Arms, Harmston 07971 029 534
The Bugle Horn, Bassingham 01522 789773
The Five Bells, Bassingham 01522 788269
The White Hart, Carlton le Moorland 01522 788893
Generous Briton Brant Broughton Tues-Sat 01400 272119
Black Swan, Beckingham 01636 626474
Akash Indian Takeaway 01522 811126 Navenby
Navenby Chinese Takeaway 01522 810773
The White Hart, Lincoln (locally owned) 01522 526222

Cooked meals

Andy's Fish and Chips Van Bassingham Tues,
Skellingthorpe Wed, Caythorpe Thurs 5-8pm
Hot lunches for senior citizens 01522 404025 Bassingham,
£5 for two courses. Book by Sunday 5pm
Primary hot lunches Thurs and Sat 01522 788488
Age UK will deliver 21 small single person meals for £20,
plus £7 delivery 03455 564 144
Hollynelstropcatering@gmail.com - weekly meal boxes
Sarah's Bakes and cakes caron@awharrison.com Amazing
@Sara's Cakes & Bakes

Business Advice is free from NKDC Phil Means on
07920 472671 www.businessnk.co.uk @BusinessNK
www.businesslincolnshire.com
Business www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding

First Aid Course online

St John Ambulance stjohnambulance@email.sja.org.uk

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
Local Police Statistics <https://www.police.uk/>

Access to Wellbeing Services and Care

The Carers service 01522 782224
carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155
Supporting People 01522 782140 www.wellbeinglincs.org
Umbrellas events supporting all ages with additional
needs and their families umbrellaslincoln@outlook.com
#EveryMindMatters advise on coping with anxiety and
improving your mental health: <https://qoo.ly/35q2xs>
Mental health www.connecttosupport.org
Bereavement Helpline St Barnabus 0300 303 1897
tracy.tuffs@stbarnabashospice.co.uk
Lincolnshire YMCA 01529 301965
www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0800 1448444 free 8am-6pm
www.getsafeonline.org Keeping safe online

Know anyone suffering memory loss? Contact
Wheelchair loan: No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213

Church Work and Services

www.graffoechurches.co.uk
sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org 07768 706952
www.withamsidechurches.org.uk
Navenby Methodist Church 01522 685226
<http://lincolnmethodist.org.uk/circuit-services-weekly-live-stream/> David.lawton@methodist.org.uk

Venue Finder

420 Lincolnshire Village halls are registered here.
www.lincscmmunitybuildings.org.uk

Useful Advice for Charities

<https://www.charityhowto.com/blog/>

To protect a house or business against flooding

<http://www.marydhonau.co.uk/information/how-do-i-protect-my-home-from-flooding/>

Roadworks www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks
roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk Twitter #lincsc roads

Business Support

www.businesslincolnshire.com
www.teamlincolnshire.com do monthly webinars
AI Adoption Accelerator - overcome barriers and
implement practical AI solutions.
Retail Accelerator - flexible, high-impact support for
independent retailers.
Low Carbon Lincolnshire - cut energy costs and boost
efficiency.
Lincolnshire Farm Support Programme - build resilience
and explore future opportunities.
Your Business Boost - fresh ideas, practical tools, and a
clear action plan.
Visit the Business Academy for access to valuable insights
and resources tailored to business needs, under four
themes: starting a business, running and growing a
business, selling overseas and digital skills
Personal business advice is free.

Community Larders

Sleaford Community Larder at the Newlife Centre
<http://www.communitylarder.co.uk/>

Help save lives and keep countryside clean

Report Potholes 01522 782070
<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/potholes>
Or use "Fix my street" on line – works well.
<http://www.FixMyStreet.com>
Report Litter 01529 414155

customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk
Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or
ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Adult Concern 01522 782151
Police:101 or www.police.uk NKDC Annual [Report](#)
Or hykehamtown.npt@lincs.police.uk Hykeham Jordan
07799082 456, Mick Rimmer 07827902489 and for the
Cliff Villages Matt Roberts 07796557600
Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082 10am-non
Volunteer locally www.rivercare.org.uk
Wild Things Rescue 01526 578579 9-9 every day
www.wildthingsrescue.uk

Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from lincscountycouncil@gmail.com
[Roadworks](#) www.one.network lincolnshire.roadworks.org
[Transport](#) www.accesslincoln.co.uk shows all the options,
or ask accesslincoln@lincolnbig.co.uk 01522 581906
[Call Connect](#) 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm
Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143
<https://lincsbuses.info/callconnect/>
[Dial a ride](#) 01522 544983 Disabled door to door
[Carsharing](#) www.lincshare.co.uk
[Trains](#) www.thetrainline.com
Facebook Hykeham town rural NPT T @hykeham NPT
[Buses](#) www.lincsbuses.info or Traveline 0871 200 22 33

Mobile Library 01522 782010 or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Planning on line

See and comment on applications to get your voice heard.
Search “planning online north Kesteven”
[Local Plan](#) www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084

Village websites

Withamstaple.com; yourbassingham.co.uk
www.carlton-le-moorland.org.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton
www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/ Navenby
and Wellingore business parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk
www.harmston.info www.navenby.net
dunstondossier.org.uk nocton.blogspot.co.uk
Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby are on the LCC site
E.g. <https://leadenham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
Branston www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times
Branston Library 01522 880426
www.mrssmithscottage.com

County Events- Good web page here

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk search on “county news”

Mrs Smith's Cottage

East Road, Navenby LN5 0AP
£3.50/£2 Open Weekends Friday
to Monday noon til 4pm
Step into a time capsule into the
life of Mrs Hilda Smith who lived
a simple and principled life here to 102. The Cottage is
owned by North Kesteven District Council and manned by
local volunteers – enjoy!



Thanks to wonderful Local people supporting our events

The Joy of Spring!