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IN THE AREA**

Apr/May 2015

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Welcome to The Elloe Oracle Magazine

Elloe Oracle is a community newsletter, run by a volunteer committee of local people. It is not a commercial operation but a community initiative for the people of Cowbit, Weston, Weston Hills and Peak Hill. We received a grant from our District Councillors community budget to help with our start-up costs, and we also very much appreciate the support of the many local businesses that have taken paid-for advertising in the magazine. A team of volunteers deliver the magazine to over 1500 households, **if you have a few hours to spare and would like to join this team then please contact us.**

Competitively-priced advertising is available in sizes ranging from full page right down to 'classified', and besides supporting the local community, advertising in Elloe Oracle is an extremely cost-effective way of getting your message to local people. As well as conventional advertising we are also able to offer sponsorship opportunities, our 'featured ad' opportunity, and we can also arrange for your 'flyers' to be delivered with the magazine, again at very competitive cost.

To find out more about the many commercial opportunities available, call Darren Harper on 01406 380774 after 6.00pm, or email daz1.harper@sky.com

As well as the printed magazine we have our own Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The magazine is available online so it can be seen by people outside our delivery area, though this will never replace the printed issues.

To submit an article or event for publication, or to sponsor an edition of this magazine please contact me at grumpygrower@outlook.com

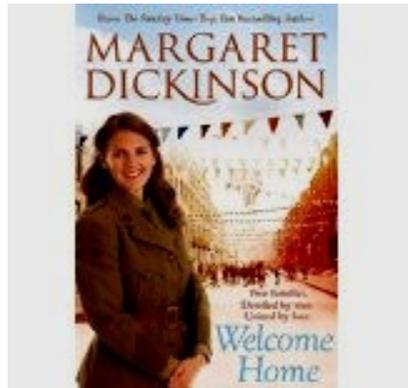
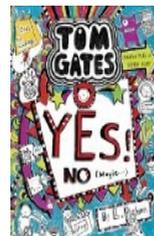
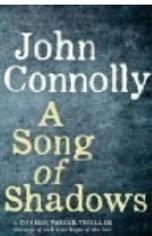
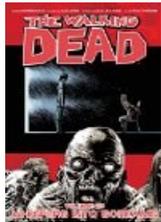
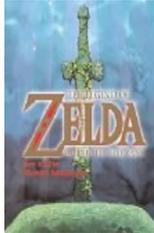
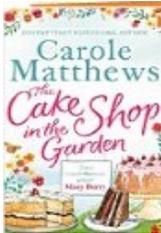
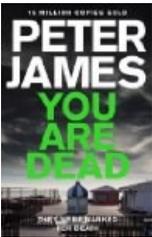
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Thursday 14th May

Book Club

New releases for Apr/May 2015



Margaret Dickinson's great new book on sale now!

Neighbours Edie Kelsey and Lil Horton have been friends for over twenty years, sharing the joys and sorrows of a tough life as the wives of fishermen in Grimsby. So it was no surprise that their children were close and that Edie's son, Frank, and Lil's daughter, Irene, would fall in love and marry at a young age.

But the declaration of war in 1939 changed everything. Frank went off to fight, and Irene and baby, Tommy, along with Edie's youngest son are sent to the countryside for safety. With Edie's husband, Archie, fishing the dangerous waters in the North Sea and daughter Beth in London doing 'important war work', Edie's family is torn apart.

Friendship sustains Edie and Lil, but tragedy follows and there's also concern that Beth seems to have disappeared. But it is Irene's return, during the VE day celebrations, that sends shock waves through the family and threatens to tear Edie and Lil's friendship apart forever.



South Holland District Council

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S O U T H



Andrew, Anthony and Rodney are pleased to announce that the SHDC part of your Council Tax for 2015/16 has been reduced yet again. The 0.5% reduction is the fourth year in a row that their portion of the Council tax bill has been reduced and your 3 District Councillors along with fellow members continue their pledge to protect hard working people and the services they rely on across the district. South Holland District Council is one of only half a dozen councils in the country to deliver year-on-year reductions in Council Tax, which when added to the freeze introduced in 2010 means a real terms cut for South Holland residents of 16% over the last five years.

Still on the subject of Council Tax, The council has also just launched '12not10', a new scheme aimed at reducing people's monthly outgoings by allowing them to request Council Tax instalment payments over 12 months instead of 10.

Please contact one of your Councillors or the offices in Priory Road, Spalding on 01775 761161 for more details

A quick mention about Designated Ward Budgets as the Financial Year draws to a close. So far in this Financial Year, Andrew, Anthony and Rodney have supported 16 very worthwhile projects, which have benefitted in our ward. We hope this continues.

As this is a bi-monthly edition, the June & July article will be after the General, District and Parish Elections. Andrew, Rodney and Anthony will all be standing again for District Council and hope we can count on your support on May 7th. Whatever happens, it has been a pleasure and an honour holding our position and doing our best to help you all.

Should you have any issues,
please feel free to
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parents supporting parents

Home Start
Support and Friendship for Families
Home-Start South Holland

LOOKING FOR A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY?
Understanding the trials and tribulations of being a parent enables you to support others.

If you have proven parenting experience, then why not become a home-visiting volunteer today?

All you need is:-
-time -commitment -ability to listen -
understanding of confidentiality -a caring, friendly and flexible nature to support a family 2-3 hours per week.

Join our organisation and make a difference to families in South Holland

Our next Preparation Course (10 weeks) starts Wednesday 13 April 2015. All sessions are term time within school hours. Courses held throughout the year.

Contact us today for an information pack:
tel: 01406 701720
e-mail: admin@home-startsouthholland.org.uk

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90 million
Easter Eggs
are sold
in the UK

Why do we give Eggs at Easter? Easter is a Christian festival. For Christians the custom of giving eggs at Easter celebrates new life. Christians remember that Jesus, after dying on the cross, rose from the dead. They believe that, through his resurrection, Jesus defeated death and sin and offers people the promise of eternal life if they follow his teachings. The first eggs given at Easter were birds eggs. These were painted in bright colours .

The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in **1873** by Fry's of Bristol.

The Easter Bunny was an Anglo—Saxon legend, The Saxon goddess **Eostre** found a wounded bird and transformed it into a hare, so that it could survive the Winter. The hare found that it could lay eggs, so it decorated these each Spring and left them as an offering to the goddess.



Children receive an average of **9** Easter Eggs

SIMNEL CAKE

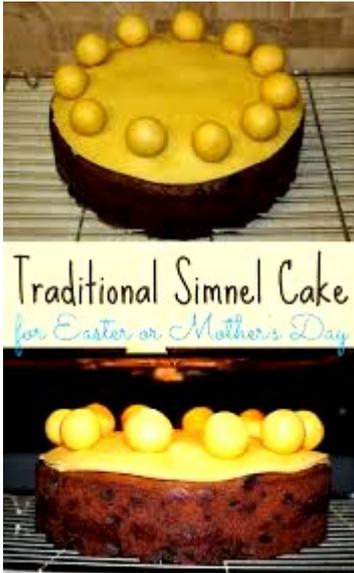
It is traditionally eaten on Easter Day and in Mediaeval days of the 17th Century female servants would bake this fruit rich Easter Cake and take it on their rare visits home to their mothers on Mothering Sunday which was the fourth Sunday during Lent. The period of Lent ends on Easter Sunday and a Simnel Cake helps to mark this. The fourth Sunday in Lent is sometimes called Simnel Sunday.



It is not only delicious but is a symbolic Easter Cake in that it is decorated with 11 marzipan balls of figures which signify the Apostles excluding Judas Iscariot and sometimes with a larger ball or figure in the centre of the cake to signify Jesus.



The world's most popular egg-shaped chocolate is Cadbury's Creme Egg. Workers at the Cadbury factory in Birmingham produce **1.5 million** of these gooey treats every day!



Ingredients

- 175g butter or margarine
- 175g soft brown sugar
- 3 medium eggs
- Pinch salt
- 1/2 tsp mixed spice
- 5 tbsp milk
- 2 tsp golden syrup
- 450g currants
- 50g raisins
- 100g sultanas
- 25g glace cherries
- 100g mixed peel
- 450g almond paste
- Apricot jam
- Beaten egg to glaze

Method

- Heat oven to 180 C ,350F, Gas Mark 4. Grease and line a 20.5cm (8 inch) round cake tin.
- Beat fat and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, with a little flour, beating well after each addition.
- Stir in salt and spice, add milk and syrup with a little more flour. Mix well.
- Fold in remaining flour and fruit. Place half the mixture into the prepared tin and smooth level.
- Divide almond paste into two. Roll out one into a 20.5cm (8inch) round on sugared greaseproof paper, remove from paper and place on top of the cake mixture. Cover the remaining cake mixture. Bake for about 1 hour then reduce the temperature to 140C,275F,Gas Mark 1 and bake for 2 1/2 hours.
- Allow cake to cool, divide the remaining almond paste into two. Roll one half into a 20.5cm (8 inch) round, brush cake with apricot jam and place almond paste on top. Roll the remaining paste into eleven small balls.
- Brush top of cake with beaten egg and place balls of paste round the edge close together then brush again with egg.
- Place under a hot grill to brown marzipan.

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share on this page contact grumpygrower@outlook.com



Spalding East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team



Lincolnshire
Police
Non
Emergency
Number
101

Policing Community Panel

meeting is on the
1st June at Moulton Chapel Village
Hall, Woodgate Road. At 7pm

PCSO 2131
Bev Robinson
Police Community
Support Officer
Mob. 07944776822

Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

0300 123 2040

Police are urging members of the public to be vigilant and careful with their financial and personal details, following a series of ongoing frauds.

PC Stephanie Snell, from Louth CID, is investigating a number of frauds in recent months where victims have lost thousands of pounds. Offenders are obtaining card details by purporting to be calling from legitimate companies where the victims have made transactions, confirming details for a payment. The offender then uses the details for transactions without the victims knowledge.

The offenders have also been selling items on various sites and taking payment via bank transfer, or as a PayPal gift. PC Snell said: "Please do not send money to someone you don't know, regardless of how convincing the seller may be, or if they provide "proof" of postage. Please also be aware that PayPal payments sent as Gifts are not covered by Paypal in the case of Fraud, and cannot be refunded by them. There have been a number of victims who have fallen prey to this method due to a lack of knowledge around this". If you believe you have been a victim of Fraud, please report this to police or Action Fraud in the first instance.

www.actionfraud.police.uk



Citizens Advice
the charity for your community

www.shcab.org.uk

01775 717444

**Council Offices, Holland
Rd, Spalding**

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH YOUR

**NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING
TEAM**



You can follow your Neighbour-
hood Policing Team on Twitter

**Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is based at:
Spalding Police Station, Westlode Street, Spalding,
Lincolnshire PE112AF**

District Council Elections
Parish Council Elections
Parliamentary Elections



7th May 2015

Polling Stations

They will be open from 7am—10pm

Cowbit Polling District SKD

Village Hall , Barrier Bank , Cowbit

Weston Village Polling District SKI

Weston Village Hall, Small Drove, Weston

Weston Hills Polling District SKH

Weston Hills Village Hall, Broadgate,
Weston Hills



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - THURSDAY 7th MAY 2015



Who can stand for election as a Parish Councillor ?

You don't need qualifications or experience - you do need to be over 18 , a British Citizen or citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and satisfy some very straight forward residency criteria.



How do you go about standing for election as a Parish Councillor ?

You will need to complete a nomination form (available from South Holland District Council Offices) and find a proposer and seconder who are willing to support the nomination. This has to be submitted to SHDC by 4 pm on Thursday 9th April. You will also need to sign a Consent to Nomination form in the presence of a witness.



What happens next?

The elections (Parliamentary, District Council and Parish Council) take place on 7th May. There are ten seats on Weston Parish Council. If insufficient people put their names forward then those that have done so will be 'elected unopposed'. Any seats remaining vacant will be filled by co-option. Councillors have to complete a Register of Interest Form within 28 days of taking office **If you want further info about becoming a Parish Councillor feel free to contact either the Chairman or Clerk for an informal chat .**



Cowbit Parish Council

Cowbit Parish Council held its annual parish meeting at the village hall on Monday March 9. Parish, District and County Councillors were in attendance, along with representatives of the village hall.

In response to recent concerns about dog fouling and some other canine-related incidents within the village, South Holland District Council's dog warden Rachel was invited to attend the meeting and answer villagers's questions. She said that she fully recognised that some areas of Cowbit had a particular problem with fouling, fully understood villagers concerns, and explained in some detail what wardens can and cannot do, and the precise extent of the law with regards fouling. The overall message was that if the more evidence there is the easier it is to do something; anyone witnessing dog fouling on roads subject to a 40mph or lower speed limit should report it to the warden – email is quickest and best at dogwarden@sholland.gov.uk, though those without internet access can phone in information on 01775 761661. Rachel also stressed that all reports are completely confidential and complainants details are never revealed. Concern was also expressed about some people who do clear up after their dogs have messed but then leave the bags somewhere; they should be taken home or deposited in a bin. Rachel also pointed out – and this was confirmed by District Council – that bagged dog mess can be deposited in normal litter bins; it does not have to go in a dedicated poo bin, as both types are emptied in the same way.

PCSO 2131
Bev Robinson
Police Community
Support Officer
Mob. 07944776822

PCSO Bev Robinson reported that in the 12 months up to March 1 2015 there had been 22 incidents of anti-social behaviour, 18 road traffic accidents (excluding the main A16 road), eight incidents of theft, seven of violence and five burglaries within Cowbit – significantly less than in other villages. Again the importance of reporting both actual incidents and any

suspicious behaviour was stressed; something Cowbit residents are already extremely good at doing.

District and County Councillors all gave an account of what they had done within the past year on behalf of the communities they represent. Village Hall chair Darren Harper reported that the hall has been extensively improved in the past year – new tables and chairs have been bought with help from District Councillors local budget, the hall has also been redecorated inside, and an application has been made to the Lottery 'Awards For All' fund for a grant to upgrade the heating and lighting.

At a time when many halls are struggling, it's good that Cowbit's seems to be thriving.

Cowbit Community News

Cowbit Clock Project Launch

11th April 2015

2.30pm

Cowbit St Mary's Church

Includes a talk on the Clock
Manufacturer, J B Joyce, by
experts: Steve and Darlah Thomas



"Come and join us for"
Easter Egg Hunt
at St. Mary's Church,
Cowbit at **10.30am** on
Easter Sunday
April 5th

Cake and Refreshments

For more info contact:

Mary Haresign

01406 380795

Shirley Pugh

01406 380562



LOTTERY FUNDED

Mobile Library

Barrier Bank Thurs 16th Apr 11:15 -11:45

Thurs 14th May 11:15 -11:45

Milfoil Lane Thurs 16th Apr 12:00 -12:30

Thurs 14th May 12:00 -12:30

Fen End Lane Thurs 16th Apr 13:15 -13:45

Thurs 14th May 13:15 -13:45



Cowbit St. Mary Flower Festival.

25th-27th. Sept. 2015

The theme of the festival is

'Farming and Harvesting thro' the years'.

If anyone has any small item or
items of old farm equipment that we
might use in our displays, please
contact,

Mary 01406 380795

Helen 01406 380366

Jenny 01406 380397

Val 01406 380756

The Flower Festival is a new venture for our church,
and we would welcome whatever help anyone is
able to offer.



COWBIT VILLAGE HALL

Rainbows for girls aged 5-7 Mon 5-6pm
Brownies for girls aged 7-10 Mon 6-7.15pm

Carol 07432 624715

Tiny Tots Tues 10.15-11.30am
Allison 381330

Slimming World Thurs 7-8pm
Alex 01775 711462

Kick - Boxing Fri 5.15pm-6.15pm
5-12yrs £3.50 but 1st trial lesson FREE

kickboxing@cowbitvillage.co.uk

Village Draw Chris 381018

Bingo Fri 10th Apr 7.30pm

Fri 8th May 7.30pm

bookings@cowbitvillage.co.uk

www.cowbitvillage.co.uk

Parish Council Meetings

Cowbit Village Hall
7.30pm

Mon 20th April

Mon 19th May AGM

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Cowbit Community News

Cowbit St Mary Church wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

Cowbit St Mary's has received £8,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project to conserve and communicate the heritage of the 14th Century Cowbit St Mary and its clock. The project, led by volunteers from the local community, will repair and improve the clock in the church tower and communicate the heritage of the church to the local community. The work will start very soon and the project will be completed by the end of 2015.



The grant will allow vital repairs to be carried out to the clock and belfry floor. It will enable new and existing volunteers to undertake research visits to relevant projects, exhibitions and institutions and to work with the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) and local school children to develop church trails. This learning will be shared with a wider audience via a display and workshop. A clock commemoration event is planned at the end of the project.

The official project launch will be held at Cowbit St Mary on Saturday the 11th April starting at 14:30.

This will be an opportunity to meet and share memories of Cowbit and the church. The highlight of the afternoon will be a talk by Darlah and Steve Thomas on the famous manufacturer of the clock (J B Joyce of Whitchurch, Shropshire). The Grade I listed Cowbit Saint Mary's, founded by the Prior of Spalding in 1384, is an important local landmark at the centre of the fenland village of Cowbit.



Since the opening of the much needed A16 bypass, the last pub in Cowbit, dating back to the 1500s, has been lost to arson and visitors to the village have greatly reduced. Despite a strong Campaign from the villagers, the pub site will now be developed for housing. The clock project is planned as the first of many initiatives to help revive the village, the quality of life for residents and to communicate the Cowbit heritage before it is lost to future generations.

Commenting on the award, Dr Shirley Pugh said: "We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident the project will ensure the long term future of the clock and help attract visitors back to this historic landmark. Vanessa Harbar, Head of HLF East Midlands, said: "**The historic St Mary's Church is the focal point of the Cowbit community and an important local Lincolnshire landmark. The HLF's investment to restore its clock and belfry floor is a vital first step in reviving interest in the church and strengthening the sense of community within the village.**



Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) aims to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities across the UK and help build a resilient heritage economy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported almost 35,000 projects with more than £5.3bn across the UK www.hlf.org.uk.

St John's Church, Weston Hills
Flower Festival
 'TV Comedies'
 May 2nd, 3rd, 4th May,
 10am—4pm
 if you would like to help or make a
 donation, please contact
 Sally 01775 760352, Viv 01775 766907,
 Christine 01775 769345, Betty 01775 769307

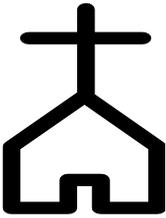
Craft Fair
 Crowland Abbey
Monday 4th May
 10am—3pm
 Bar-b-que and
 refreshments
 Bee-keepers, woodturners,
 knitting, sewing, crochet,
 paintings and many more
 traditional crafts for sale.
 For stall info contact
 Janet 0775 3829706

Flower festivals 2015

**Moulton Chapel
 Methodist Church
 Flower Festival.**
From Thursday 30th April to
 Monday 4th May.
Opening Times.
10 am - 5pm
12 noon to 5pm Sunday.
 Our Theme this year is
The Magic of The Musicals.
 Come & see our flower arrangers
 colourful interpretations of well
 known musicals such as Cats,
 Phantom, Gigi, Oliver, Joseph,
 South Pacific, My Fair Lady, Etc.
 There will be craft stalls, tombola,
 books & Bric-a-Brac.
 Light refreshments will be
 available.
**Admission is free but donations
 will be appreciated.**

 * Weston St. Mary Flower Festival. *
 * 1st-4th May 2015 *
 * If anyone has any good quality bric-a- *
 * brac they no longer require and would like *
 * to donate it to the church, it would be *
 * very much appreciated, as we will be *
 * having a stall in the Church for Flower *
 * Festival. *
 * We also require people to volunteer and *
 * help, such as flower arrangers, stewards *
 * etc. There will be a cake stall and *
 * refreshments served daily *
 * please contact, *
 * **Sue Meader 0771 8269498** *
 * 01406 370096 *

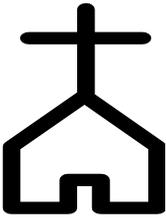
**The Moulton Chapel Village Parade
 is at 3pm on Sunday 3rd May**



Church Services

Cowbit St. Mary's Church			
Date	Time	Service	
3 Apr	10:00	Good Friday Service	St Mary's Church
5 Apr	09:15	Holy Communion (Easter Day)	St Mary's Church
12 Apr	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
19 Apr	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
26 Apr	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
3 May	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
10 May	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
14 May	12 noon	Holy Communion (Ascension Day)	Joint service at St John's, Weston Hills
17 May	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
24 May	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
31 May	09:15	Holy Communion	Joint service at St John's, Weston Hills

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From the Parish Registers

We welcome into the church family:

Jack Robert Kerry (Weston Hills), 17 January 2015

We offer sympathy to the families of:

Margaret Rutherford (Cowbit), 16 January 2015

Linda Tyrell (Cowbit), 28 January 2015

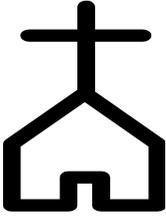
Peter Chapman (Cowbit), 3 February 2015

Maurice Earth (Cowbit), 26 February 2015

Douglas Cowling (Cowbit), 5 March 2015



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God's Foolishness

Dear Friends,

In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul writes, 'For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength' (I Corinthians 1: 25). These profound words are true in every season and time, but I think they ring especially true at this time of year when we who are Christians celebrate Easter, a celebration that is utter foolishness when judged according to what we call common sense. There is a terrible finality about death. If someone we know were to tell us of someone's coming to life three days after they had been certified dead, how many of us would believe it? We would probably think the person giving us this news was certifiably insane. This is what Paul is getting at when he speaks of 'God's foolishness.'

This foolishness doesn't end with the story of Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the first Easter. It also has to do with the cross, that instrument of execution for criminals on which Jesus died. As such, the cross is a symbol not only of pain and suffering, but of failure and shame, none of which are the sorts of things we normally would associate with God, the creator and ruler of all that is. But that is precisely where the power of God's so-called foolishness is at odds with our human wisdom. Through the cross God tells us that it is at those times of pain and suffering, of failure and shame, that he is most with us. Of course, God is with us at all times; but he is most concerned about those who are in trouble. The joy of Easter is centred in this: God wants to give us new life, not just after we have died, but while we are in the midst of the pain and failure that life in this world brings to all of us. It is highly likely that this new life will not be what our society reckons a 'happy ending,' e.g. a miraculous cure of a physical disease, a new and better-paid job, or a joyful reconciliation with someone with whom we've been estranged. New life is, above all, knowing in the midst of pain and trouble that God is with us, a knowing that, if it is the genuine thing, cannot help but communicate itself to all who come into contact with us, since it is a knowing that flows to us from the peace and love that are at the heart of God. Peace and love, if they are genuine, cannot be confined; they have a way of naturally flowing out from one person to another.

Strange, isn't it, how God works. The cross has a way undermining all the ideas of success that are prominent in our society. In their place it sets trust in Jesus and in his love, a trust that will enable us to love and, as we love both God and our neighbour, find new life. May God give you the faith you need to see in his foolishness the greatest wisdom.

Yours in Christ,
Charles Brown

Priest for Cowbit and Weston Hills

Charity News



MOULTON MILL NEWS

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- Sun 5th April** *Easter Egg Hunt* 10-3pm or until the eggs run out.) Follow the clues to find the eggs and receive a bag of eggs. Admission charge.
- Mon 6th April** *Bank Holiday* Mill open 10-4pm with last tour of the day at 3pm. Refreshments available in the Granary Tea Room. Come and see what the mill shop has for sale. Free admission to tea room and shop. Fee charged for tours of the mill.
- Fri 10th April** *Quiz Night* from 7.30pm
- Sun 19th April** *Tractor Rally* 9-3pm in field opposite Oldershaws in Moulton. Contact Paul Beecham on 07825 609575 for more details.
- Wed 22nd April** *Friends meeting* at 7.30pm at the mill.
- Fri 24th to Sun 26th April** *Mill Quilters Exhibition* 10-4pm each day *The Quilters* are holding an exhibition at the mill. Raffle, bag tombola and trade stands. Admission £2. Disabled access, free parking and refreshments available in the Granary Tea Room. Contact Norma on 01406 422888 for further information. All proceeds to the Mill Restoration Fund.
- Wed 29th April** *10 year celebration* **Check out the mill website for more details of this event.**
- Sun 3rd May** *Craft Fair* from 10-4pm. Various handmade items for sale. Free admission to the event. Refreshments available in the tea room. Tours of the mill available until 3pm.
- Mon 4th May** *Bank Holiday Monday* Mill open 10-4pm with last tour of the day at 3pm. Refreshments available in the Granary Tea Room. Come and see what the mill shop has on sale. Free admission to tea room and shop. Fee charged for tours of mill.
- Sat 9th Sun 10th May** *National Mills Weekend* Mill open for tours. Grinding at 10.30am
- Mon 25th May** *Bank Holiday Monday* Mill open 10-4pm with last tour of the day at 3pm. Refreshments available in the Granary Tea Room. Come and see what the mill shop has on sale. Free admission to tea room and shop. Fee charged for tours of mill.
- Wed 27th May** *Be a Miller for the Day* Booking required. Experience first hand how to grind and produce flour. This is a hands on course so you need to be physically fit enough to climb, lift weights and bend in tight spaces. Course runs from 10am-3pm and includes a lunch of soup and bread. Course places must be pre booked via the Mill Manager 07753 829706. Cost £40 per person.
- Fri 29th May** *Quiz Night* from 7.30pm.

Weston Community News



The Spalding Cactus Society meet on a Friday each month at 7 for 7-30 pm start at Weston Village Hall, Small Drove, PE12 6HU (Near Baytree Garden Centre)

On FRIDAY 24 APRIL Stuart Riley will be giving a talk on US National shows showing us the American Way and new interesting plant introductions from the renowned Huntington Botanic Gardens.

On FRIDAY 15 MAY. Mexico, Sierra Madre Oriental.

Speaker Cliff Thompson tells us about his most recent trip to Mexico and all the species and sub species he saw of Ariocarpus in flower and other cacti .

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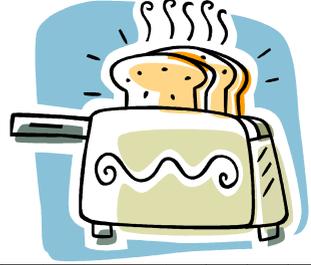
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Messy Breakfast 9.15am

Sunday April 26th & Sunday May 24th
At Weston Hills Village Hall.

Children and adults are very welcome. The cost of the breakfast is a donation. There will be a craft activity and a small act of worship.

Contact **Sally Wilson 01775 760352** or **Georgia Pateman 07851969781**



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Litter Pick, Sat 18th April Weston and Weston Hills

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Coffee morning



Thursday 16th April
9am to 11am

at Weston Hills Village Hall,
all are welcome.

Parish Council

Meetings

Weston Village Hall

13th Apr 7.30pm

Weston Hills Village Hall

18th May **AGM** 7.30pm

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Weston Hills Community News

A Plan for Saint John's Church

Dear Friends,

Like most churches our Church of Saint John the Evangelist in Weston Hills needs to grow. How can we reach out to the community in Weston Hills so as to grow our congregation and also ensure that our church building stays open? One way of doing this is to make our church building more inviting to everyone, both young and old. With this in mind our church council has decided on a bold and imaginative plan for our building, one that involves the installation of new heating and lighting, new flooring, new seating, a sound system, a servery, and a toilet, as well as essential repairs to the tower and the erection of a weather vane in memory of two of our congregation who have died. Although we do not yet have the financial resources to realize this plan, we are hoping that funding from various grant-making bodies might enable us to do so. If this dream becomes a reality, our church building would become a more attractive space both for worship and for community events such as coffee mornings, a tots group, or a film evening. As a space for small meetings or events for which a more intimate venue is needed, our church building could become a useful complement to the village hall. I hope that all of you will wish us a fair wind as we seek to grow our congregation and make our building more accessible to the wider community.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Brown - Priest for Weston Hills Parish

Weston Parish Council

The new village sign at Weston Hills, generously fabricated by Fab Tech Sheet Metal Ltd of Crowland, from a design by a student from University Academy, Holbeach is in place and has been the subject of many favourable comments. It has been suggested that Weston should also have a decorative sign - it would be interesting to hear the views of residents and your ideas of what design might be appropriate.

Parish Councillors will once again be organising a litter pick in both Villages. Weather permitting, it will take place on **Saturday 18th April**. Last year several residents turned out to help which was very welcome. Sadly every year we seem to collect more and more litter (and fly-tipping) and it is regrettable that so many people seem to have so little regard for their local environment.

Thanks, as ever, go to Mr Eric Ormond (Weston Carers Champion) and Mr Andrew Short (the Parish Council's Internal Auditor) who both give their time voluntarily.

Weston Hills Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 12th May
@ 8pm

**Thank
You!**

The recent Race Night held in the Village Hall on Fri 6th Mar was a very successful night. Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event.

Mobile Library Village Hall

Thurs 16th Apr
14:15 - 14:45

Thurs 14th May
14:15 - 14:45

Lych gate war memorial

The lych gate to Weston Church is the village war memorial. Recently Graffiti, has been found on the memorial, someone using a black felt tip pen. If you see anyone doing this, or know who did please let us know.

War memorials are the responsibility of Parish Councils so any damage has to come out of Council tax. Many people are upset by the lack of respect shown to family members who gave their lives defending ours.

Please work with us to stop this from happening again.

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 School Office—01406 380309
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We have

- 145 pupils on roll
- 80 girls and 65 boys
- 26 full and part-time members of staff



Key Stage 2 children have taken part in a Cross Country organised by Agilitas – there were several outstanding performances and

school came third overall. It was a fun event for all those who took part.

A Netball Tournament at Spalding High School was another success with our children taking the runners up spot.

Agilitas organised a Volleyball event for Under 11's. We sent three teams and the children had a fantastic day.

Our extra curricular activities this term include a Taiko, Volleyball, Change4Life Club, Cricket, Sewing, Boccia, Reading, Tennis, Homework & Choir.



Holly Class (Class 3) have been on an Anglo Saxon Day at The Collection in Lincoln. Children took part in six different activities- an Anglo-Saxon autopsy, an archaeological dig, dressing in Anglo-Saxon clothes, making a shield, making bead jewellery and creating a comb. The staff who led the tasks were fantastic, so enthusiastic and made everything interesting for the children. A number of children were heard through the day to say **"This is the best trip ever!"**

It is hard to believe that we are already more than half way through the academic year, and Spring is here! It does mean that the children can get outside more at playtimes, lunchtimes and for outdoor games.



Our PTA have been busy again, organising Discos for both key stages, and organising a Mothers Day Wrap for children to purchase gifts for their mums and grannies.

Our School Production "Wind in the Willows" has taken place. Mr. Gernert worked "his magic", and the children performed amazingly. **Well done everyone involved.**

A Dance Showcase at the South Holland Centre for our KS2 dancers was well attended by other local schools and an opportunity for our children to perform their dance routine.



Children from Elm Class (Class 5) have been to an "Easter Cracked" event at the Baptist Church in Spalding, and "Marvellous Me" Invisible Arts have been into school with their live show combining CGI special effects, live theatre and hit music for Key Stage 2 children. "Marvellous Me" has been created to make difficult subjects from eating disorders and depression to stress and bullying more accessible for primary school-aged children.

Willow Class (Class 4) have a trip organised to Burghley House in May - this will be a Victorian themed day. Their class assembly was very well attended by parents/carers

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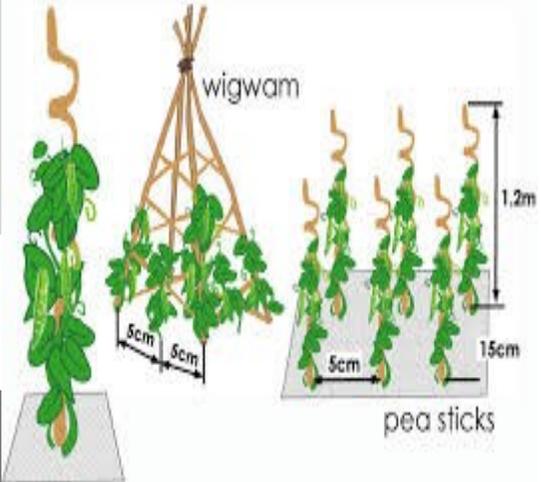


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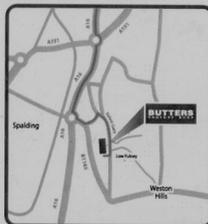
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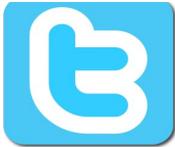
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