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**WHAT'S ON  
IN THE AREA**



**Jun/Jul 2019**



**Elloe Oracle**



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# Welcome to The Elloe Oracle Magazine

## ***Dear Friends and Neighbours***

*Welcome to our Summer edition of the Elloe Oracle.*

*Check out our list of events for things to do in  
and around the villages during the summer holidays.*

*Whether you are planning a foreign holiday or a **staycation** there  
are many exciting venues and places to visit right here on our  
doorstep. If you have a favourite then tell us all about it and we  
will feature it in our next edition.*

*Whatever your plans we hope you have a great time!*

*Janet*

## **South Holland Parish Voluntary Car Service**

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Check out  
what's new  
in this edition!

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Benjamin Zephaniah*

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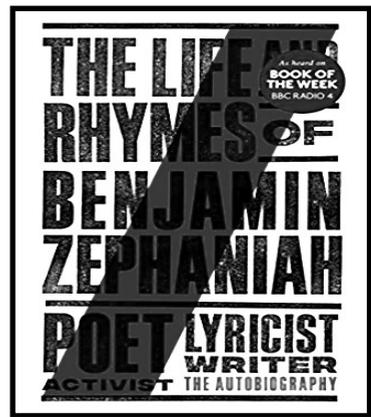
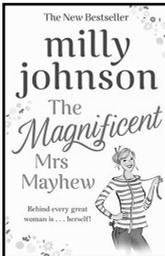
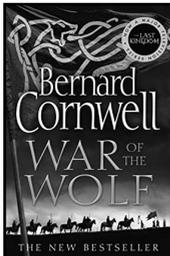
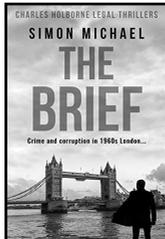
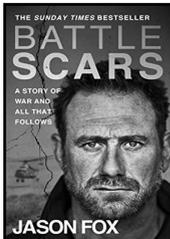
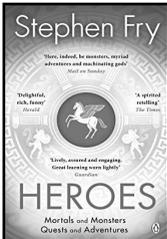
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**Copy deadline for next edition**

**Wednesday 10th July**

# Book Club

## New releases for Jun/Jul 2019



From protest to poetry, one of Britain's most revolutionary writers - and a pioneer for making poetry relevant and accessible - tells his firebrand story for the first time.

In the early 1980s when punks and Rastas were on the streets protesting about unemployment, homelessness and the National Front, Benjamin's poetry could be heard at demonstrations, outside police stations and on the dance floor. His mission was to take poetry everywhere, and to popularise it by reaching people who didn't read books. His poetry was political, musical, radical and relevant. By the early 1990s, he had performed on every continent in the world. Nelson Mandela, after hearing Benjamin's tribute to him while he was in prison, requested an introduction to the poet that grew into a lifelong relationship, inspiring Benjamin's work with children in South Africa. Benjamin would also go on to be the first artist to record with The Wailers after the death of Bob Marley in a musical tribute to Nelson Mandela. The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah is a truly extraordinary life story which celebrates the power of poetry and the importance



# Eton Mess Cheesecake!



## Ingredients—Cheesecake

- 250g /9oz digestive biscuits crushed
- 100g/ 3.5 oz butter, melted
- 300ml/10floz double cream
- 100g/3.5oz icing sugar
- 1tbsp vanilla bean paste
- 600g/1lb 5oz full fat cream cheese
- 18g/ 3/4 oz freeze dried strawberry pieces

## Sauce

- 200g/7oz strawberries hulled
- 15g / 1.2oz icing sugar
- 1tsp lemon juice

## Mini meringues

- 50g / 1 3/4 oz free range egg whites
- 100g / 3 1/2 oz caster sugar
- Red food colouring

## To decorate—15 strawberries and white Chocolate.

## Method

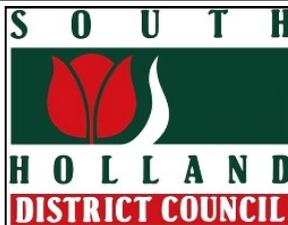
1. Grease a loose-bottomed 23cm/9in round cake tin and line with baking paper.
2. For the base, put the crushed biscuits into a bowl with the melted butter and mix together. The mixture should resemble wet sand. Pour into the cake tin and pack tightly using the back of a spoon, then cover and place in the fridge for 15 minutes.
3. Pour the cream into a large bowl, add the icing sugar and vanilla and whisk into soft peaks. Put the cream cheese into another bowl and stir to slacken.
4. Add the cream mixture and the freeze-dried strawberry pieces to the cream cheese and fold together gently. Spoon on to the chilled base and level off. Put the cheesecake back into the fridge.
5. For the strawberry sauce, put the strawberries, icing sugar and lemon juice into a food processor and pulse to a purée. Transfer to a bowl and put in the fridge.
6. To make the mini meringues, preheat the oven to 120C/100C Fan/Gas ½. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Fit a piping bag with a 1½cm/½in star-tip nozzle and turn inside out. Stand it in a tall glass or jug until you need it.
7. Put the egg whites into a large clean, glass bowl and whisk with an electric whisk or stand mixer. After 2 minutes the mixture should be frothy and increased in volume. Start adding the sugar a little at a time. Once all the sugar is added, keep whisking until you have stiff peaks.
8. Using a brush and red food colouring, paint the inside of the piping bag with red stripes, starting with the tip and painting only as far as you will fill the bag. Fill the bag with the meringue mixture and pipe little kisses on to the tray.
9. Bake the meringues for 1 hour. Turn off the oven and leave the door open, and leave the meringues in the oven for another hour. Remove them from the oven and take them off the paper.
10. For the white chocolate-dipped strawberries, gently melt the chocolate in a bowl over a pan of simmering water (do not let the bowl touch the water.) Using the same tray you made the meringues on, flip the paper over. Hold the strawberries by the stalk and dip them into the white chocolate to come three-quarters of the way up. Place on the tray to set – you can put them into the fridge to speed up the setting.
11. Take the cheesecake out of the fridge, remove from the tin and place on a serving board. Just before serving, pour over enough sauce to just cover the top – you may not need it all. Top with the dipped strawberries, meringues and lusted dehydrated strawberry slices.

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share on this page contact [grumpygrower@outlook.com](mailto:grumpygrower@outlook.com)

Comfort  
Food

# South Holland District Council

In the early hours of Friday 3rd May Andrew, Anthony and Rodney were delighted to be informed that they had been re-elected by the people in the Parishes of Moulton, Weston and Cowbit. We would all like to thank everyone who turned out to cast their vote and those who supported us during the campaign and on Election Day itself. With National Politics dominating the news for several months and not in a good way, this was always going to be a very "different" type of election, but thankfully the public put local representation first and voted us back in. You have our word, that as well as being readily available to listen and react to your concerns and issues, we will also continue to give you regular updates of what is happening within SHDC, by way of continuing with our article in this magazine.



District wide, there were some good Councillors lost, but new Councillors elected. Overall the Council is now made up of 24 Conservative, and 13 Independent. SHDC is warning residents about a council tax scam with residents receiving a text stating they're due a refund and to visit the 'secure website' to claim their money. Please note SHDC will never text this info. It's a scam, so please ignore it and/or delete the message. If you are still unsure, please contact Andrew, Anthony or Rodney, or call the Council on 01775 761161.

SHDC continues to work to clear fly-tips and to catch and successfully prosecute offenders after two fly-tippers who illegally dumped waste in South Holland were handed court bills of more than £4,000 and £2,000. It is important that information about tips is shared quickly, and in as much detail as possible, to allow evidence to be gathered and thorough investigation to take place. If you see fly-tipping, please either contact one of your 3 Councillors or call the Council. Alternatively, reports can be submitted online at [www.sholland.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.sholland.gov.uk/reportit)

**Should you have any issues, please feel free to contact your councilors on:**

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South Holland and  
The Deepings:**

**John Hayes**

*House of Commons,  
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**Constituency Office**

*Office 1, Broad Street Business Centre,  
10 Broad Street, Spalding,  
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# Spalding East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team Area Update



You can follow your Neighbourhood Policing Team on Twitter

@SpaldingPolice

Lincolnshire  
Police  
Non  
Emergency  
Number  
**101**



PCSO Naomi Newell

Police Community  
Support Officer

Mob. 07973848121

ON A DATE  
THAT ISN'T WORKING OUT?

FEEL LIKE  
YOU'RE NOT IN A  
SAFE SITUATION?

Go To THE BAR AND  
**#ASK FOR ANGELA**  
FOR DISCREET HELP

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**SPEED  
WATCH  
AREA**

REDUCE  
YOUR SPEED

## TREE, HEDGE & GARDEN SERVICES

- ALL TYPES OF GARDEN MAINTENANCE
- GRASS CUTTING & LAWN CARE
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- DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS & FENCING

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WORK  
GUARANTEED**

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INSURED**

**JOHN HOLLAND**

**01775 720558**

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

# Cowbit Parish Council News

At the latest Parish Council meeting on 14th May, a slight change at the helm. Cllr Trevor Tyrrell is still Chairman, with Cllr Chris Elliott as Vice-Chairman.

Cllrs Simpson and Hook also remain and local resident Eric Fragale was co-opted on as Councillor. Long standing Councillor Harold Sharman decided to hang up his hat and not stand, but we will be seeing lots of Harold as at the Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to form a Steering Group for such large celebration events within the village, so Harold will still be an active member of the Steering Group along with 4 other volunteers. If you would like to join please contact the Parish Clerk.

Volunteers are also needed for the Community Speed Watch, a total of 6 currently, but with everyone's work commitments it leaves the numbers quite short at times. Training will be provided.

Long term plans for the landscaping of the playing field are being discussed. The football pitch has now been reduced to a much smaller size and is currently in discussions to be used by Spalding United Football Club. The pavilion has now been finished after having a complete 'make-over' both inside and out and is available to hire for small parties or field events. The local Cowbit School Children will still have access to the field as normal.

Vehicles parking on the paths have been reported, whilst this isn't a traffic offence, on occasions they have blocked the paths completely. Please be mindful if you are parking on the paths that access is needed for pushchairs, mobility scooters and also public on foot.

Discussions are taking place for land for a new Cemetery as the current Church Cemetery is almost full. There is an area suitable and the Parish Council are currently getting costs for the land and also the setting up of the area. More on that at the next meeting.

The village sign is in need of being refurbished and during the winter months will be removed to preserve it. If anyone would like to quote for the works to be done then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Resurfacing of the roads will be taking place soon, once we have a date the information will be on the notice board or social media.

Next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 8th July at 7.30pm in the village hall.

All welcome. *Mrs C.Mackenzie, Parish Clerk. 01775 670375 07769751400*  
*clerk.cowbit@gmail.com*

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**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Mon 8th July 7.30pm**  
**Village Hall**

Save the Date!  
Sun 30th June  
More details to follow.

**GARDEN  
PARTY!** 



**Cowbit St Mary's C of E Primary School**  
 School Office— 01406 380369  
[www.cowbit.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.cowbit.lincs.sch.uk)

Exciting times are ahead for us here at Cowbit St Mary's C of E Primary. The old- trim trail area is being re-surfaced with artificial grass, making a new active playing area. New benches and quiet-activity features will be added to the shaded area. This will complement our multi-gym activity equipment. Additionally, our classroom learning areas are to be re-decorated to match our library and front entrance.

Our coffee morning with the Church Members was so successful that we have scheduled an Afternoon Tea. The pupils are looking forward to decorating the classrooms and baking buns and goodies for the visitors. We will also be looking forward to welcoming our new pupils during our 3 'Welcome' afternoons.

Morpurgo Class's Science-based topic on 'Let's Rewind' has led excitedly into our next topic based on the book *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. We have already made our basic windmill models, more commonly known as 'pinwheels'. These will lead to larger working models which should be a great challenge. The 10 pupils attending our after school Year 4/5 Eleven Plus Club has enjoyed the weekly challenges. We are certain their hard work and preparation will pay off.

This term Dahl Class have been learning about plants and animals and what they need in order to grow. We have been very busy growing cress, beans and peas in different



ways. The children have created experiments to deduce if plants would grow better without water or sunlight and if plants would grow faster in a greenhouse or left outside. We have had the opportunity to grow and try our own cress and observed which pots of cress grew the strongest and suggested reasons why others may have not. In addition to this, Dahl Class have also gained class pets in the form of sea monkeys. The children watched them as the eggs were placed into the water and are now keenly observing them daily to watch how they grow and develop. They are also making predictions about how they might change as they grow larger (some children are suggesting that they may all turn different colours.)

**Donaldson Class—** Whilst learning about the history of toys, we found out that in the 1950's you could play the Mr Potato Head game but you had to use a real potato. We had a go at making our own accessories and then tested our toys to see if they worked. After making some adjustments in 'the factory' we tested our toys again and they were a success. We decided



this toy would need an age restriction as it had small and sharp parts.



*Cowbit Social Committee Invite Cowbit Seniors to a  
Garden Party & Afternoon Tea*

*on Sunday 30th June at 3-5pm*

*at 'Oakleigh'  
36 Stonegate  
Cowbit*

*With entertainment from Holbeach Town Band*

*Hosts: Marian & Andy Gaylor*

*Please contact Marian on 01406 389019 to reserve your afternoon tea.*

*Transport available.*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
to help at the  
**Cowbit Seniors Garden  
Party on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June!**

We would appreciate your  
help with:  
Baking Cakes, Serving Teas  
Setting up tables and  
chairs, Transporting senior  
guests. If you can offer help  
at this **FREE** event for the  
senior villagers, please call

**Marion on  
01406  
389019**

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**St Mary's Church Cowbit**

Sunday June 16th 2019

**Messy Breakfast for**

**Father's Day**

9.30am to 11am

Cowbit Village Hall

Come along – bring all the family  
and enjoy breakfast, crafts for the  
children and a short act of worship.

For more information:

Ring **Mary Haresign 01775 725928**



# Cowbit Village Hall



## Cowbit's Outreach

### Post Office

operates in the  
**Village Hall**  
**Tues 2pm-4pm**



### Jigsaw Library

Finished your puzzle? Bring it to **Cowbit Coffee Morning** held at **St Mary's Church** on **1st Tues** of each month **10am—11am** and exchange it for another one.

### VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

#### **Pop up Pub**

Saturday 13th July  
7.30pm

#### **Cowbit Fun on the Field**

Again this year we will be on the viillage playing field on Sat 31st Aug from 3pm, looking for anyone with classic or unusual cars to display as well as stallholders, license bar , hot and cold refreshments, cake stall plus children's races which are always very popular.

For more information contact

**Darren** on **01406 380774**.

*We very much would like to welcome more members to the committee as we have a few members which makes organizing events running the hall very difficult.*

Contact Darren Harper

01406 380774



### Sat 31st Aug

on the playing  
field from  
**3pm.**

## COWBIT VILLAGE HALL

### Brownies

Mon 18:00 –19:15

Amanda Baggott 07930 397895

### Camaraderie Art Group

Mon 9—12noon

Peter Smith 01775 724870

### Tiny Tots

Tues 9.45—11am

Rachel Whinyates 01406 381286

### Monthly meditation evening

every 1st Weds 7pm

taz@tazthornton.com

### Art for All

Thurs 1.30—3.30pm

Peter Dalziel 01775 713546

### Slimming World

Thurs 7-8pm, Alex 01775 711462

### Cowbit Bingo

Doors open 6.30pm

Fri 13th Jun , Fri 12th Jul 7.30pm

### Charity Bingo

Fri 28th Jun , Fri 26th Jul 7.30pm

**bookings@cowbitvillage.co.uk**

**www.cowbitvillage.co.uk**

*We are now taking bookings for next year, we operate a Discount scheme for Cowbit village residents.*

## Mobile Library

### Barrier Bank

Thur 27th Jun 11:15 –11:45

Thur 25th Jul 11:15 –11:45

### Milfoil Lane

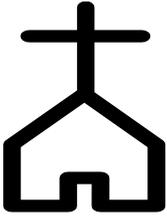
Thur 27th Jun 12:00 –12:30

Thur 25th Jul 12:00 –12:30

### Fen Lane End

Thur 27th Jun 13:30 –14:00

Thur 25th Jul 13:30 –14:00



## The Grace of Our Lord.

Dear Friends

In June we have the celebrations, on two consecutive Sundays, of Pentecost (9 June) and Trinity Sunday (16th June). Trinity Sunday is always celebrated on the Sunday following Pentecost, and Pentecost is always celebrated ten days after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ (30 May). Trinity Sunday is the only principal feast day of the Church of England which commemorates and honours not an event, but a reality - the Christian doctrine of The Holy Trinity.

The Holy Trinity is that mystery by which we refer to God as “three in one and one in three” – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit – three persons in one God. The theology of the Holy Trinity is very difficult to understand, but I think that, putting it simply, in our one God we are blessed with: a wonderful and loving heavenly Father; Jesus Christ, His only Son, who humbled himself to take on our humanity, to live and die for us, that we might have eternal life, and set us the perfect example of how to live our lives; and the Holy Spirit, who is God with us now and always in our lives, challenging, comforting, guiding and upholding us.

At Pentecost we remember the occasion when, as Jesus’ disciples were gathered together in the upper room, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with them. Jesus had promised his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to them and remain with them, because He didn’t want to leave them alone and bewildered after His ascension into heaven.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with His disciples out of love for them, in the same way that He loves us. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, and I think that it is this overwhelming love, which is beyond our understanding, which God wants us to feel. He wants us to rest in and be reassured by that love, and He wants us to live with a sense of the strong foundation of our relationship with Him supporting us, no matter what the circumstances. This sense of consolation, in the midst of our ongoing, everyday problems and feelings of anxiety and stress, is one of the gifts of the Christian faith, made possible by Jesus Christ’s dying for us on the cross as he entered fully into human reality with all its pain, transforming our narrow vision into the assurance of new life in the kingdom of God.

My prayer for us all is contained in the words of the Grace:

***May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.***

Yours in Christ

**Annie Billson**  
**Assistant Priest**

### **From the Parish Registers**

***Baptism:*** Libby Iris Hurrell (Cowbit), 24 March 2019  
Larosa Maria Smith ( Cowbit), 11 May 2019  
Michael Alfie Webb ( Cowbit) , 11 May 2019

***Burial of Ashes:*** Gladys Astill ( Weston) , 30 March 2019



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## Church Services

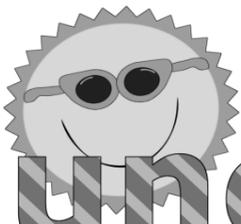
### Cowbit , St. Mary's Church

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2 Jun	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
9 Jun	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
<b>16 Jun</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St John's Church</b>
23 Jun	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
<b>30 Jun</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Weston</b>
7 Jul	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
14 Jul	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
21 Jul	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
28 Jul	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church

### Weston Hills , St John's Church

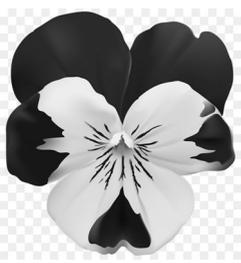
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7 Jul	09:15	Holy Communion	St John's Church
14 Jul	09:15	Messy Breakfast	St John's Church
21 Jul	09:15	Holy Communion	St John's Church
28 Jul	09:15	Morning Prayer	St John's Church

# June



Welcome to June in the garden! Now is the time to sow annuals and biennials for next year—these can be spread easily by just shaking the spent flower heads when tidying and cutting back. Some need more care such as wallflowers and sweet William. They can be sown into pots or directly into the garden, in a nursery bed. Keep them moist and be

prepared to pinch them out when large enough. Transplant in the autumn to final positions. Polyanthus seeds need a gentle heat to germinate around 16 c is enough. Excessive heat can have a detrimental effect. Sow the seed on the soil surface and water well, then cover with a thin layer of vermiculite. Cover the whole thing with a sheet of polythene or glass. Once germinated prick out into modules or small pots. By October they should be ready to plant into their final position.



***Pansies germination is different in that after sowing the same way they are kept cool and dark, covered in black polythene , tinfoil or polystyrene. They are stored in and should be checked after approx. 10 days. Once the plants are large enough transfer into modules or pots until October when they can be planted into their final flowering position.***

To keep your roses flowering keep dead heading no matter what the growth habit. An often asked question is the difference between climbers and ramblers, ramblers have a more vigorous growth habit with very soft , flexible stems that are generally longer than those of climbers but normally flower in one flush. Climbers generally flower from May until October with some even flowering through the winter months.



Into July and the hottest and longest days of summer. As anyone with containers and hanging baskets will know watering can become an essential job of often being done morning and evening on the hottest days. Modern compost additives such as water absorbent granules can help.



Many of the earlier flowering perennials in the garden have by now flowered and are starting to seed. This is ok if you want lots of new plants but most gardeners do not have the space or need for them. Some short lived perennials such as **Lupins** last only a few years and are better cut back as soon as the last flower has faded on the spike. This allows all the energy to go back into the plant for the following year. You can always leave an odd flower spike to go to seed if you want to collect seeds to replace older plants.

# J U L Y

Early flowering perennial geraniums, delphiniums, and violas can be cut back to just above soil level, leaving just the crown of the plants.

If you were to leave this foliage it would go floppy and smother other growth. This older growth can then be composted then sprinkle around the plant with fertiliser and water well. You will see new growth appear and a second flush of flowers. This process is often called the Chelsea Chop. Not all perennials are suitable for this treatment. A simple check is to part the old leaves and look at the crown of the plant. If there is lots of new shoots appearing it is safe to go ahead with the chop.



Single stem plants such as **Penstemons**, **Cornflowers** and perennial **Wallflowers** are best just lightly trimmed. These trimmings can also be used as cuttings. Single stemmed perennials are short lived so this is a good way of generating free plants to replace those you have lost.

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# WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the close of the April meeting Dennis Jex and Mike Smith, both of whom had decided not to stand for re-election on 2nd May, were given a unanimous vote of thanks by their fellow Councillors for all the work they have done for the community. Especial thanks were expressed to Dennis who has been on Weston Parish Council for many years and will be sadly missed.

The Parish Council AGM was held on 13th May. Chris Dicks and Julian Bellamy were elected to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The Annual Return and Statement of Governance for the year to 31st March 2019 (the Parish Council's accounts) were approved after being audited by Andrew Short. He has undertaken the internal audit for a number of years and gives his time voluntarily for which the Parish Council is grateful.

A big thank you to those who took part in the Annual Litter pick on Saturday 11th May – several members of the public turned out to help collect a considerable amount of rubbish from Weston and Weston Hills.

There is no Parish Council meeting planned for June so the next one will take place on Monday 1st July at Weston Village Hall.

As there are still 3 vacant seats on the Parish Council co-option will take place at the July meeting. Anyone interested in being co-opted should contact the Clerk.

***There is always a 15 minute Open Forum at the start of the meeting for any member of the public to have their say regarding matters which affect them.***



## Litter Pick—Weston Parish Council

Saturday 11th May We collected

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**Weston Hills C of E Primary School**  
School Office—01406 380309  
[www.westonhills.linc.sch.uk](http://www.westonhills.linc.sch.uk)

We have

144 pupils on roll , 68 girls and 76 boys,  
31 full and part-time members of staff

**Terms 5 & 6 are always very busy in school. Term 5 is when we deliver statutory assessments for Year 2 and Year 6 in school. Year 6 will complete their SATs between 13th—16th May, and Year 2 will complete assessments during May.**

Tempest have been into school to take our end of year Class Photographs.

**Chance to Shine Cricket will be in school all of Term 5, and children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to go to Trent Bridge for an ICC Cricket World Cup match between West Indies and Australia.**

Our new Reception children in September will be coming into school for taster sessions in the summer terms. Year 6 children will be visiting the Church Schools Festival in Lincoln, and Year 3/4 children have a visit booked to West Stow.

**Year 4 will have a morning at either Spalding High (girls) or Spalding Grammar (boys) when they will experience two lessons in a secondary school environment – a great introduction for a positive transitional period in the coming years.**

Bishop David will be visiting the school in June and will be delivering an Assembly to the whole school.

**Knex Challenge (Education Business Partnership) will again be coming in to have a morning with our Year 5/6 pupils.**

Class 4 will be attending the **Music Festival** at the **Holbeach Hub**, and are practicing for this.

Class 3 children will be attending the **Mini-Olympics** being organised by Inspire in Grantham.

**Class 5 will be attending an “Evacuation Day” at Stibbington in Term 6.**

Our **Sports Day** will take place on **25th June**, with a reserve date of 27th June. Class 1 & 2 have a visit booked for Tattershall Park in July.

**Clubs this term include: Choir, Dance, Homework, Yoga, Tennis, Lego and Athletics.**



Friends of Weston Hills School have organised Discos for our children just before we break up for half term, and there will be a Fathers’ Day Wrap in June for children to purchase gifts for dads and grandads in preparation for Fathers’ Day. They are also organising a

**Summer Fayre on Sat  
29th June from 2-4pm.**

# Weston Hills Community News

## Mobile Library

Village Hall

Thur 27th Jun  
14:15 -14:45

Thur 25th Jul  
14:15 -14:45

## Parish Council Meetings

Mon 1st Jul  
7.30pm  
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Weston Hills

Sat 4th May

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## Weston Hills Village Hall



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## Village Hall

## AGM

## Meeting

**10th June  
8pm**

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meeting for June will  
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### **Children's Karate**

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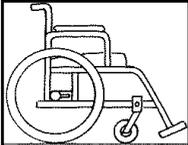


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Weston , St. Mary's Church			
Date	Time	Service	Venue
9 Jun	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
16 Jun	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
30 Jun	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
14 Jul	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
21 Jul	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church

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**WESTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITY**

The Charity's income is derived from rent from land and other investments. It owns two Alms Houses in Weston and has, for some years, offered wheelchairs on either short or long term loan to residents in need of them. There is also what is known as a Relief in Need Fund which makes grants to individuals in times need, hardship or distress.

If you are resident within the Parish of Weston and feel that you may qualify for assistance please contact the Clerk (01406 370846 or sawclerk@aol.com) for an application form.

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The staff and pupils at Weston St Mary CE Primary School hope that you had a fantastic Easter break and had opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather. Before our Easter holiday, the whole school attended our Easter Service at St Mary Church. The children shared readings, paintings, poems and songs all inspired by Easter and Spring, and we were delighted to share the service with so many parents, carers and grandparents.

***Thank you to everyone who attended.***

Since our return after the Easter holidays, the summer term has got off to a flying start! Both classes have been busy learning about their new topics. Our older children are learning about the history of Weston and enjoyed a walk around the village, looking at the church and other buildings of interest. Our younger pupils have been learning about growing vegetables and have planted a range of seeds which they will be keeping a close eye on over the coming weeks and months. As part of their work on vegetables, they have



designed their own pizzas (including a range of vegetables) and also had the opportunity to order and taste some pizzas from Dominoes! (They thoroughly enjoyed being 'food critics' for the afternoon.)

One of the children's favourite things about the Summer term is that we have the opportunity to attend weekly swimming lessons at our sister school Whaplode C of E Primary School.

Due to the nature of our local area we believe it is imperative that our children can swim at least 25m

independently by the time they leave us, and were delighted that 100% of last year's year 6 pupils were able to do so. We will be working hard to ensure that we achieve the same percentage this year and look forward to seeing all of the progress that the children make over the next few weeks.

As we progress through May, some of our pupils will be sitting National assessments, including pupils in Year 6 and Year 2.

We are incredibly proud of all of their hard work and the progress they have made and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to learning and amazing effort.

***Well done Year 6 and Year 2!***





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**Wed 12th June – AGM of the Friends of Moulton Windmill** at 7.30pm at the mill. New Friends welcome. Refreshments.

### July Events

**Wed 10th July – Be a miller for the day** – booking required.

**Fri 26th July** at 7.30pm - **Quiz Night**. Continues to be a popular event and is on a first come first serve basis, it is always worth ringing to see if a late cancellation. Call 01406 370795. Cream Teas are available in the tea room. Ice creams on sale.

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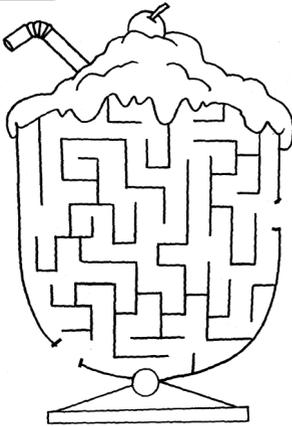
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