

# SALTFLEETBY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER EDITION 2024



Welcome to the bumper summer edition of the Saltfleetby Newsletter, once again compiled by the Parish Council along with articles and photographs from village groups and residents, for which I am very grateful. With lots of events taking place and more to come throughout the summer, this edition is full of reports and details of forthcoming events. The Church, SCA and SOSH have all been extremely busy organising a great selection of functions for everyone to enjoy. Lots of hard work in putting on such events, has again been undertaken by a small minority. If you feel you could offer a little of your time to lend a hand, I'm sure you would be welcomed with open arms, and it would be much appreciated. Details of the relevant organisation contacts can be found on adverts or articles somewhere in these pages!

A long-time resident and new Parish Councillor, Kate Marshall, would like the community to come together to create a safe children's play and community area. Please read her article in this issue. As with every new idea, Kate is determined to make this happen in some way. She cannot do it alone, so please offer your help if you can.

The speed signs are continuing to prove their value. Speeds are noticeably lower with most drivers keeping to the 40mph limit and those approaching the signs exceeding the limit do slow down when presented with their speed. There was an issue raised regarding the positioning of the signs. A resident stated at a recent Parish Council meeting that they could not find it minuted where the position of the signs was agreed and voted on. As a Parish Councillor myself, I can assure everyone that when the vote to purchase the speed signs was taken, copies of a map showing the recommended positioning of the signs, was distributed between the Councillors present. At this point, a member of the public requested to take a photograph of the map, which the Chair allowed. The recommendations were made by a member of the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership after driving and studying the road conditions. Once discussed, we accepted their recommendations, a vote was taken and passed. As previously stated, the posts were installed by LCC contractors, but the signs and solar panels were fitted to the posts by volunteers. Data is downloaded on a regular basis for analysis. Details can be found on pages 38 and 39 in this issue.

Chris Stone

# Saltfleetby Art Group





# SALTFLEETBY CHAT & CRAFT GROUP

The Chat & Craft Group is a very friendly group who meet in St Peter's Church on Main Road.

Everyone is welcome, whatever your craft or skill. Just bring along your own craft project and escape from the distractions of home for a while.

We are open every Monday between 9.30 am - 12.30 pm on a drop-in basis.

There is no membership fee, no weekly charge, even the tea and coffee is free!

For more information call or text Val on **07950 026580** or just come and see us one Monday



## **Saltfleetby Snooker Club**

Following our article in the last newsletter, I am delighted to report that we have taken on a few new members, with a couple of further inquiries to pursue.

Additionally, Saltfleetby Snooker Club are this seasons Jubilee Snooker Teams Knockout Winners in the highly competitive Louth League, following an aggregate 14-10 final victory over the league champions Dales Poultry & Game.

This is real progress for the Club after joining the Louth League a few years ago as previously we have only had a few wooden spoons to show for our efforts. The team have shown some steady improvement, which was evident from topping our group section and then going unbeaten throughout the two legged semi final and final. We are still keen to attract new local players so please give me a call if you are interested.

**Eric Watkins**

**Club Secretary**

**Mob:- 07557 994084**



Vintage winning team photograph from the 1980's

## Working Farm Open Days

The Chapman family once again opened their farm on Church Lane for the annual “Working Farm Open Days” on Friday 31 st May and Saturday 1 st June.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't quite what we ordered but, thankfully it did stay dry, and the sun made a welcome appearance on Saturday lunchtime even if the wind made it a little chilly.



However, the weather didn't put anyone off and both days were very well attended by friends and villagers, old and new and lots of visitors from further afield.



Everyone was kept very well fed and watered and we are extremely grateful to all who baked the fantastic cakes and puddings for both days. The BBQ was again a massive success with queues out the shed.



Of course, these days wouldn't go ahead without Martin and Nick's extensive (ever increasing) collection of classic tractors, crawlers and ploughs, working engines, farm implements, general farming/engineering



and of course the working scale models, built and run by the next generation of engineers and not forgetting Roger Chapman's scale



model of a threshing set, handcrafted by himself many years ago. Live entertainment was provided by a musician on Saturday. Lots of people enjoyed the chance to drive a crawler and have a go at working the land, tractor and trailer rides around the field and for the children, a ride around the yard in Thomas the Tank Engine.



A massive THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in the two days, it wouldn't be possible without all the help and donations of baking and BBQ food. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, and as I write this the money has been counted and I'm assured we have raised a fantastic total of £2153.40p Looking forward to next years already!

*Mandy Chapman*

## Helen Lord Will Writing



### Wills

Wills are one of the most important documents you'll ever make. They direct who you'd like to benefit from your estate when you're no longer here.



### Powers of Attorney

LPAs are a lifetime planning tool helping you choose who can help make decisions for you in the event of incapacity.



### Trusts

Trusts are like a safety deposit box holding and protecting assets for the benefit of specified beneficiaries. It's common for homes to be put in trust.

### About Helen Lord:



Helen Lord is your local Will Writer. Coming from a financial services background Helen is on hand to help you protect and preserve your assets putting these all important documents in place. Helen is a member of the Society of Will Writers and holds professional indemnity insurance.

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## Establishing our National Nature Reserve

The story of how an area of the Lincolnshire Coast became one of Britain's most important dune and marsh wildlife sanctuaries, where rare plants and animals can thrive in a beautiful setting.



**A Long History:** Saltfleetby's coastal area has a long, rich history. A site known for smuggling and shipwrecks; one area was named after the brig "Rimac" that ran ashore here in December 1874 on its way to Hull.

**The First World War:** A large army training camp was built with hundreds of wooden huts housing soldiers of the Lincolnshire Regiment before they were shipped-off to fight on the front line. Soldiers of the Notts and Derby "Sherwood Foresters" based at the Saltfleet end of the site manned the look out station that can still be seen at Sea View car park. The Royal Artillery Service Corp set up shelter for 72 horses in their area of camp.

**Holiday Resort:** Between the wars Saltfleetby's coast became known as a day-trip and holiday destination.

The Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union delighted in spotting three natterjacks toads during a day trip in June 1928, when eighty species of plants were recorded.

The Rimac estate was sold in 1928 to JP Newton and Son, estate agents of Long Easton. They advertised Rimac-on-Sea as a healthy destination for bathing, fishing and boating with "glorious sand dunes" and "extensive firm clean sands" (which extended further inland then).

In 1929 The Derbyshire Schools Camping Association chose Saltfleetby Dunes as a destination to send 700 children from the inner city for a week of healthy open-air life in separate camps for girls and boys.

Long Eaton Rotary Club raised money to treat a group of 16 fatherless boys to a week staying at Sea View Farm in August 1929.

Grimsby Cyclist Touring Club enjoyed stopping off for tea provided by Mrs Monk at Rimac House, followed by a game of rounders before the ride back to Nuns Corner by nightfall. George and Nelly Scott ran the Rimac holiday camp from 1933, with caravans, camping, wooden huts and old buses brought in for use across the site. Lindsey County Council's Health Officer was critical of the unsanitary conditions of such unrestricted development on these coastal camps, leading to the council's "Sandhills Act" which gave them the power to regulate such sea-side holiday sites.

The Second World War meant our coast was again off limits to visitors and in the hands of the military, the coastal area compulsorily acquired by the government in 1939. Visitors were banned from going on to all foreshore areas from the end of June 1940. It was now an area to be defended from attack. The home guard and defending brigades set up a network of defences. At least nine new 3-bay Lincolnshire style pillboxes were built along the coast from Saltfleet in the north to Churchill Lane in the south, with a further four in-land in the village. Minefields, mined bridges and roadblocks were set up at multiple points, manned by local home-guard volunteers



**Summer Camps:** After the war the area opened up again to welcome visitors.

In August 1947 children from Grimsby Brighowgate Children's Home attended a month's long camp paid for by Grimsby Public Assistance Committee.

They were visited there by the Mayor, Mr Lancaster who found them "boisterous and happy", believing the money well spent as "the month of sea breezes would set them up for the next year". Volunteer Mrs Reid organised annual summer day-trips for Grimsby children.

A hundred from the Kent Street district travelled on two coaches in August 1951, having saved up twenty-two pennies each for the treat.



Children from the Kent-street district of Grimsby, who went on an outing to Saltfleetby yesterday.

*Grimsby Evening Telegraph, Friday 31st August 1951*

**Bombing Range:** The area was used extensively by the RAF as a practice bombing range since the late 1930s. There were several instances of bombs falling dangerously close to residential areas in the surrounding villages, causing damage to properties and setting farm-yard straw on fire. On 20th August 1952 a 25lb practice flash bomb, meant for the Theddlethorpe bombing ranges, fell through the window of the Prussian Queen ladies' toilets. Luckily the pub had just closed for the night and the landlord, Frank Searby was cleaning up when there was a "terrific flash and cloud of smoke". Such incidents prompted Louth MP Sir Cyril Osborne to raise the matter in the House of Commons with pleas for the range to be moved. Police officers gave talks in local schools warning the children not to pick up souvenirs such as cannon shells from the beach.



*Remains of a Comet tank on the bombing range, now nature reserve*

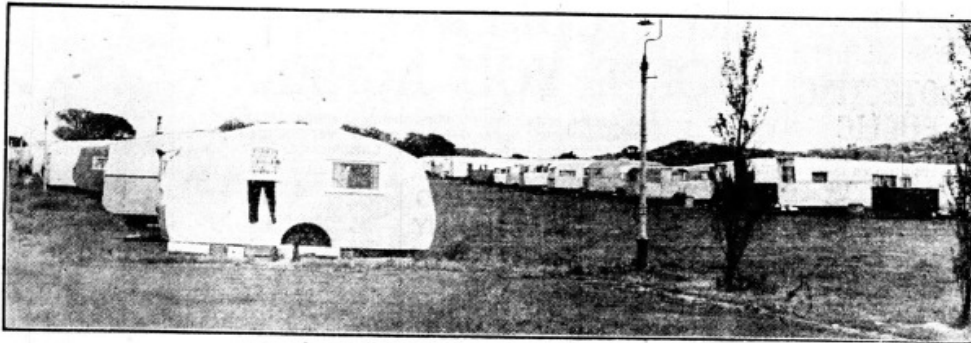
**The Lincolnshire Naturalists' Trust:** (now Wildlife Trust) established in 1948, secured Gibraltar Point near Skegness as their first nature reserve, and became interested in similar action to help preserve the wildlife on the Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe coast. In April 1956 they leased several hundred acres of Air Ministry land bordering the bombing range, as a bird sanctuary, adding a further 25 acres in 1960.

There was particular interest in the area's marsh wildfowl and migratory birds. Species observed and recorded included wigeon, merlin, little ringed plover, green and wood sandpiper, ruff, pied and red-breasted flycatchers, great grey shrike and bullfinches. They were keen to expand the reserve further but a busy caravan site was in the way.

**Sea View Caravan Park:** Planning permission was granted in 1948 for the site immediately behind the dunes, a mile south of Saltfleet. When Stanley and Ivy Johnson from Rotherham bought it in 1955, it had just 6 caravans. Extended to 8 acres in 1959, by 1962 it consisted of 132 caravans, 3 chalets (with permission for a further 7), a television lounge, shop, cafe and community centre.

Over 120 families had second homes at the camp, but it was on land that the naturalists declared to be of special scientific interest due to its range of rare fauna and flora. They appealed to the County Council to revoke the original planning permission and acquire the land, so the dunes nature reserve could be extended.

Lindsey CC attempted to get the park closed down by issuing a discontinuance order, as it now fell within a coastal conservation area stretching from Theddlethorpe to Humberstone. This faced strong opposition from caravan owners, local Parish Councils and the Rural District Council (Louth RDC).



people's rights and civil

A general view of the caravan park at Saltfleet.

**Grimsby Evening Telegraph, Friday 22nd June 1962**

**Heated Debate:** Sea View was a very popular and well-loved camp. People who stayed there described it as a family community, friendly, quiet, non-commercialised, well-run, with healthy fresh air. Following a visit in August 1962, local MP Cyril Osborne was impressed by the number of miners and steelworkers who enjoyed it as a place to relax, stating that it would be a tragedy to close it down. St Margaret's Children's Home in Louth had a caravan there where they sent a number of children each weekend. Local councillors considered it an asset to the village, bringing in about 1,000 people a year.



They didn't want to lose another local amenity just a year and a half after the closure of the railway station.

Local businesses feared losing trade to make way for "a lot of long-haired birdwatchers", while the naturalists campaigned to protect the last "remaining parts of our natural coastline".

The debate made headlines in local newspapers for months.

***Families back  
fight against  
camp closure***

***Nottingham Evening Post  
6th July 1962***

**Birds and bees – or  
caravan ‘sanctuary’?**

***Grimsby Evening  
Telegraph, 30th July 1962***

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***Grimsby Evening  
Telegraph, 19th July 1962***

**Villagers  
Versus  
Bird  
Watchers**

***Lincolnshire Echo,  
3rd Sept 1962***

**Public Inquiry:** Between 21st and 23rd November 1962, an inquiry was conducted in Louth by Ministry Inspector Mr. E. W. Berridge. Originally scheduled to take place over two days, so many views were debated (for 8 hours each day) that it had to be extended to three days. Donald Bain QC presented the case for Lindsey County Council seeking to close down the camp and revoke planning permissions in order to turn it into a nature reserve. Geoffrey Lane QC and Mr J D A Fennell appeared on behalf of the site owner Stanley Johnson, seeking to keep the camp open. Other objectors included Louth RDC (represented by clerk Mr G A Pitt) and the Parish Councils of Saltfleet, Saltfleetby, Theddlethorpe, North Cotes and North Somercotes.

Mr Bain opened by outlining why the site should be preserved, being an area of special scientific interest, not well suited as a caravan site due to its proximity to a bombing range, a long way from the sea, a “blot on the landscape”, distracting from the natural beauty of the coast. He stated that there were many other camp sites in the area for people to choose from, and compensation would be paid to alleviate any hardship. Professor James A Steers, a specialist in coastal geography at Cambridge University, gave evidence saying that this area of coastline was particularly vulnerable. The Nature Conservancy (now Natural England) and National Parks Commission warmly welcomed the council’s attitude to coastal protection and preservation and their policy to remove misplaced developments. They still wanted to encourage as many people as possible to visit the coastline, but believed that day visitors would cause less damage than people living there.

Lindsey planning officer Mr R Stirling thought it had been a mistake of Louth RDC to allow extensions to the camp, agreeing that ratepayers could face a bill of thousands of pounds in compensation and assuring Mr Johnson that they would do everything in their power to find another site for his camp. Dr Bruce Forman, regional officer of The Nature Conservancy described the saltmarsh and dunes as of considerable physiographical and botanical interest, with a particularly rich flora and many scarce species, the protection of which was essential.

Lincs Naturalist’s Trust secretary Mr A E Smith from Willoughby denied that they were “perusing merely the selfish interests of a few people”, pointing out the importance and benefits of wild plants and animals in maintaining a balance in nature, and as a source of new knowledge. He expressed concern that this irreplaceable heritage was being squandered and destroyed, wild country in Lincolnshire reduced to a few remnants, so it was in the whole community’s interest to keep the area free of development.

Edward Craven of The Council for The Preservation of England and Anthony Goodall of Lincs ’s Trust also spoke in favour of the camp’s closure, whilst also expressing sympathy for Mr Johnson.

Putting Mr Johnson's case, Mr Lane QC pointed out all the hard work he had put in to make it a "first class camp" which "produced happiness for other people, trade for the local shopkeepers and rates for the local authority". He also stressed the good character of the caravanners who had "not put a foot wrong". More than 1,000 people had signed a petition against the closure. He denied that there were any unique animals, plants or rare birds in the area, and the camp was doing no harm. He accused the local authorities of leading Mr Johnson "up the garden path" by granting planning permission, then only telling him about the intended closure in May that year.

Many other speakers over the three days voiced their opposition to the closure of Sea View, including caravan owners who praised the quiet nature of the camp which they thought was no threat to wild birds. Representatives of all the local village parish councils spoke in support of Mr Johnson, as well as the chairman of Louth RDC, and a representative of the Church of England Children's Society. Many local businessmen expressed their views, believing Mr Johnson had been treated unfairly, and the negative impact they feared the closure would have on their businesses. These included a grocer, a fish and chip shop owner (both from Saltfleet), the local milk retailer, Appleby's bus company and Pocklington's garage. After finishing with concluding statements, Mr Berridge later visited the site to inspect it for himself and presented his conclusions to the ministry.

**The Decision:** On 13th March 1963 the final decision was announced by Sir Keith Joseph MP, then Minister of Housing and Local Government. Based on the evidence of the inquiry he decided that the camp must go by the end of 1964. It was not the right place for a camp, but a little extra time could be given before its closure to help Mr Johnson find another suitable site. Mr Johnson said he was very disappointed and upset by the decision, that his life here had "gone for a Burton". MP, Cyril Osbourne commented that he had done his best for the owner but could see the Minister's reasoning.

**Camp Closure:** After helping their campers find alternative sites, the Johnsons didn't see much point in hanging on, so closed the camp in October 1963. They said it was "heartbreaking" to watch the campers go, some of whom cried and many left them gifts.



Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph, 17th October 1963



Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lock the door of one of the chalets for the last time.

**Compensation and a New Business:**

In February 1964 they received compensation from Lindsey CC totalling £24,550, consisting of £21,880 plus £285 surveyor's fees for the land, and £2,750 for their new bungalow. They used the money to buy an old bed and breakfast opposite Theddlethorpe St Helen's Church, and open it as The Gables Country Club, which became a popular successful restaurant, bar and venue for cabaret and live music.

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Grimsby Evening Telegraph,  
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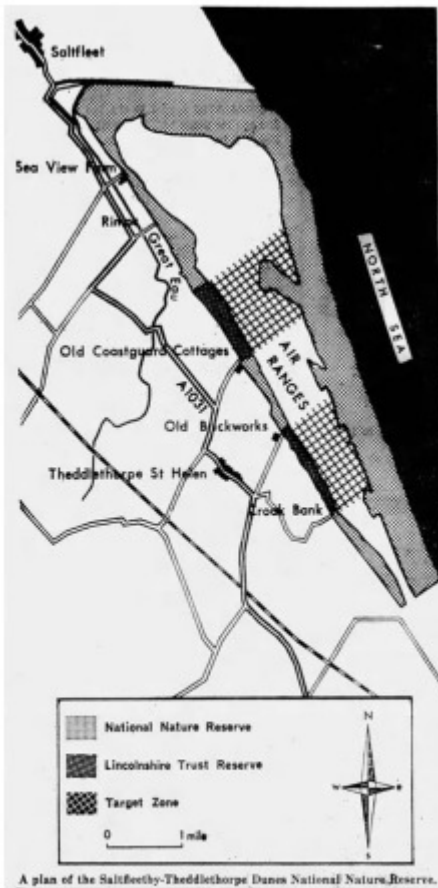
**Surplus Air Ministry Land:** In February 1964 most of Theddlethorpe Dunes was declared surplus to Air Ministry requirements. They wished to offer the area to the Nature Conservancy, but some of the RDC were unhappy about not being consulted about it first, fearing a restriction of public access and complained that natterjack toads were being given "top priority" over the council.



**Grimsby Evening Telegraph, 26th February 1964**

**New National Nature Reserve:** In January 1967 the Nature Conservancy got approval from Mablethorpe RDC Parks and Gardens Committee to proceed with their scheme to change the existing coastal reserve into a new NNR.

Reserve warden Mr M E Ball said that this would mean it would be better looked after, with better amenities, without becoming commercialised.



THE LINCOLNSHIRE MERCURY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1968  
**NEW NATURE RESERVE IS IN FIRING RANGE DANGER ZONE**

On 20th November Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes became Britain's newest National Nature Reserve. It covered 1,088 acres, stretching four and a half miles from Saltfleet Haven to Mablethorpe North End.

But still with an active firing range in the centre, visitors would be barred from entering the area during firing practice times.

**Grimsby Evening Telegraph, 20th November 1968**

**The Reserve Today:** covering a total area of 951 hectares (approx. 3.67 square miles) is run in cooperation between Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England.

In September 2023 it was announced that the new "Lincolnshire Coronation Coast NNR" will centre on the Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe reserve, to cover 33 square kilometres, along almost 30 kilometres (18.6 miles) of the Greater Lincolnshire coast, in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. The King visited the reserve in July 2023, footage of which was included in the documentary "Charles III: The Coronation Year" (available to watch on BBC iPlayer).

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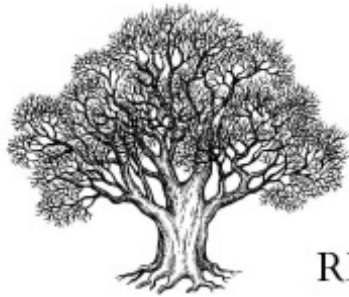


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# JUNE'S CHARITY BINGO

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**June 30th. Doors open at 6.00 pm**

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To avoid any confusion or controversy I would like to explain that June's Charity Bingo Event is just that. An event run to gather funds to donate to charity .

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to play!*



## JUNES CHARITY BINGO AWARD TO KATE MARSHALL

During the May bingo event held at St Peter's church, June Spetch presented a cheque for £500 to Kate Marshall who would like to set up a community area for families, along with a children's play area. Although in its very early stages, the Saltfleetby Community Park is already fund raising and June generously donated £500 from her Charity Bingo fund.

The following article is by Kate herself.



### **My vision**

Back in my day when I was 11 living in the village it was not much different to how it is now, apart from having the option of going down to the football field and having a kick around or just sitting on the grass and hanging out. There was no vandalism or mischief, we just had a place to meet up with friends and as the new kids call it "chill out"!

Now I'm that mum of an 11-year-old and the words "I'm bored" are heard more than once at weekends or during the holidays and it can be tough for any parent especially in these tough times when money is tight and things like buying food is now more of a luxury, so this got me thinking.



Unless I get in the car and travel to Saltfleet or Manby there is nowhere for any child to play in this village, that's when I decided that to make a change I must help, so I joined the parish council and made my proposal.

My vision is to have a play area for the children, somewhere they can run around safely, play on swings, slides and who knows what else. A place situated central to the village, so parents don't have to get in the car to take the kids but are able to walk or cycle there. Take a picnic and make an afternoon of it and enjoy our beautiful country air.

To have a community garden where we can have fruit trees and grow salad and vegetables for anyone in the village to take and use. I want this project to give back to the community as much as we put in and if we all get involved just imagine the crops we could harvest every year.

I would also like a memorial garden, not everyone is able to travel to their loved ones graves or go visit places where ashes are scattered, so I would like to create a quiet place in the park area for people to plant a tree in memory of someone they have lost, have benches there so we have somewhere to sit and take time to remember the ones who have gone before us.

This whole project means so much to me not because I want to give something back to the community but to make this village even better than what it is already. Our children and our children's children are our future, we need to think about them as much as we do ourselves.

So that is my vision, I know it's big and I know it won't happen in 5 minutes but if we as a village all work together, we will be able to create something wonderful that we can all be very proud of.

"Individuals can achieve great things, but groups can achieve so much more."

*Kate Marshall*



## Saltfleetby Community Association

The dedicated band of volunteers continue to host events at Marshlands Community Hall, which we hope will be of interest to villagers, visitors and holidaymakers alike.

Monthly coffee mornings are held every 3rd Friday (Free event) and at the May event we were treated to table service by an extremely polite young man (Nick) from The Hive which is a friendly day provision in the village for adults with learning difficulties. Well done Nick, you did a wonderful job and are an absolute credit to all associated with you.

You are more than welcome at our coffee mornings as is everyone else, your support is much appreciated.



Also in May we had another of our Jumble sales. The magnificent sum of £326 was raised and a big thank you goes out to everyone who helped in any way. Several charities and organisations accepted what was left over: L-CAT (Lincolnshire Community Assistance Team), Cancer Research via “Louth Run for Life”, Saltfleetby Old School Hub, and Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, we hope this will help boost your funds.

By the time you read this we will have hosted two D Day memorial events, the lighting of the beacon on Thursday 6th June, and a fun afternoon with “Tea Dance” and live entertainment on 8th June.

Full report in the next newsletter.

Moving into July we have “Prize Bingo” on Sunday the 7th....doors open 6.30 for “Eyes Down” at 7pm.

Events like this and the jumble sale are needed to supplement any outside funding we receive, so events like the D Day memorial celebrations and coffee mornings can be put on with no admission charge.

Towards the end of that month, we have the ever-popular Ceilidh with dancing to the “Rake Up” band. Starting at 7.30pm on 27th July, the main hall will only have minimal seating allowing plenty of room for dancing and stepping on toes. There will be plenty of seating in the bar and weather permitting, under the attached veranda. Ticket prices are £5 and for further information contact Trish 07788702004.

Further events are being considered including a celebration of Lincolnshire food at the beginning of October and the popular pie and pea supper and quiz is returning in November, and who knows, maybe a party in December dependent upon the bearded man being available.

This year we have chosen the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance as our nominated charity, with a percentage of any money raised at our events plus any donations received being forwarded to this very worthy charity.

We look forward to your continued support and are happy to listen to ideas for future events. We have monthly meetings at Marshlands Community Hall on the first Wednesday of the month 6.30pm

Please remember, the community hall is available to hire for your parties, celebrations, meetings, groups etc, with licensed bar, wi-fi, and off road parking.

For bookings please contact Eddie Clark 07824 324160

*Keith Atkinson*

**PEOPLE OF SALTFLEETBY** *taken from notes made by Edith Lusby.*

The Lords of the Manor and landowners were the Scrope family of Castle Bolton in Yorkshire, the Scrope family appear to be related and allied to the Gant family in the 12th century, and possibly trace their origins to Lincolnshire or Northamptonshire.



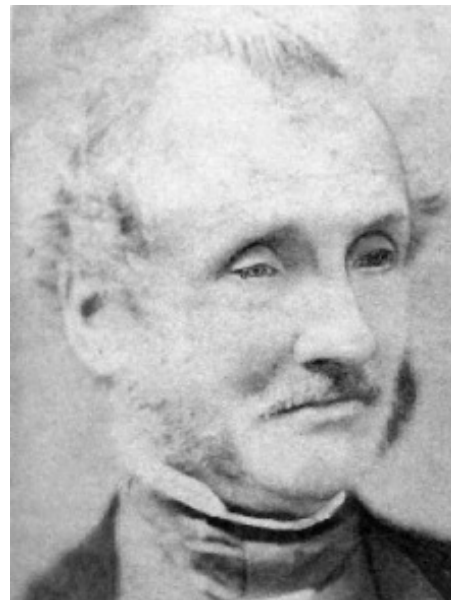
In 1795 the Scrope estates of Cockerington, Lincolnshire, passed to William Scrope. He was a classical scholar, a sportsman devoted to deer-stalking and salmon-fishing.

The Saltfleetby inhabitants were mainly very independent small-holders with a wind-mill, several ale-houses and a blacksmith, joiner and a carter to Louth on market days.

Many geese were kept which were walked to Nottingham Goose Fair wearing little leather shoes to protect their feet.

The Newcomen family was very prominent. When Sir John Newcomen was born about 1517, in Saltfleetby St Clement, Lincolnshire, England, his father, Brian Newcomen, was 29 and his mother, Margaret Grenefeld, was 28. He married Alice Gascoigne about 1542, in Yorkshire, England. They were the parents of at least 3 sons and 1 daughter. He died in 1558, in his hometown, at the age of 42, and was buried in Saltfleetby St Clement, Lincolnshire.

William Marwood, (*right*) the Public Hangman, was born in 1818 in the village of Goulceby, the fifth of ten children born to William and Elizabeth Marwood. He was originally a cobbler like his father, of Church Lane, Horncastle, Lincolnshire,



Marwood, who developed the "Long Drop" technique of hanging instead of the old method of brutal strangulation, and family lived at Gibraltar Farm.

Was the fact that it was purchased with money from that livelihood the reason why it was struck by a thunderbolt in 1961 ?

And then there was "Old Sturdy" who died over a hundred years ago. He had owned "Sturdy's Farm" and vowed that when he died he would return in 100 years time to claim his farm. We all awaited his return (but nothing happened)

There was also Johnnie "Frummerty" Reed (*right*) who lived in an old thatched cottage with Martha Bean in the winter and "walked the roads" singing hymns in summer.

He was rather worried because they had never got wed so he asked the village joiner to perform the ceremony which he obligingly did. He was later found drowned in a dyke.

There have been so many odd characters, now gone, and sadly we did not manage to tape record their sayings but still remember them.



Village outing to the seaside



## St Peter's Church



St Peter's is an ecumenical church shared equally between the Church of England and the Methodist Church. The Church is open for worship every Sunday at 10:30am. The format of the services alternates each week between the two faiths.

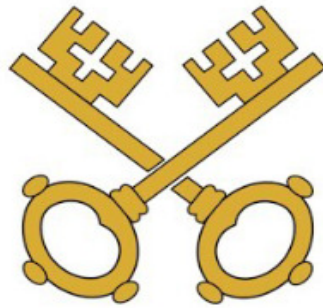
The church has been on its current site for nearly 150 years and whilst its primary function is a place of Christian worship it is being used more and more by the community.

Regular events at the church include the Chat and Craft Group on Mondays, the Art Group on Wednesdays, a Coffee Morning is held on the first Wednesday of each month and Charities Bingo is held on the last Sunday of every month.

### **Programme of Events to be Held at St Peter's Church Saltfleetby 2024**

Saturday 29th June	Saltfleetby Community Park – Jumble Sale
Sunday 30th June	St Peter's Day Service – Bring and Share lunch after the service.
Saturday 17th August	Summer Fete – Afternoon Tea. Craft Stalls.
Sunday 6th October	Harvest Thanksgiving Service – Bring and Share Lunch after the service.
Saturday 12th October	Harvest Festival Supper – Evening event. Tickets only. Entertainment.
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Day Service – Light a candle in remembrance of one of the fallen.
Tuesday 24th December	Carol Service.
Last Sunday of Each Month	June's Charities Bingo
First Wednesday of Each Month	Coffee Morning. Free Tea, Coffee and Cakes. Everyone Welcome
Monday Mornings	Chat and Craft Group
Wednesday Mornings	Art Group

# **St Peter's Church Coffee Mornings**



**First Wednesday  
of Every Month**

**10:30am to Noon**

**Free Tea, Coffee and Cake**

**All Welcome**

## My Personal D Day

I met Bill when I was in my late 30's. He was a delightful old chap with lots of tales to tell. He had worked as a Groundsman for Leicestershire County Cricket Club, walked the streets of Leicester as a postman, he loved his little garden but he was also a D Day veteran. As our conversations eventually turned to the war years, he revealed that the only time in his life that he had ever "been abroad" was on D Day.

I won't go into detail, but I saw this as an opportunity for me personally to say thank you for the life I am now enjoying.

After obtaining his passport we set off to Portsmouth. He thoroughly enjoyed the ferry crossing, commenting on how it was much nicer than standing in everyone's vomit, as he did on his last crossing!

After many conversations, I had researched previously what I deemed to be his route after D Day and over the next 7 days we visited Normandy villages he had remembered, along with several of the war cemeteries. There were many wonderful memories made along the way, roughly following his wartime route through France, Belgium, Holland and on into Germany, where he stayed on for 2 years after the war. My personal D Day memory was the day we visited Arramanches to see the remains of the Mulberry harbour or Port Winston, as it was christened.



Bill splendent in his Normandy Veterans blazer, proudly wearing his medals and beret, walked into the Musee du Debarquement. (D Day Museum)



Not being fluent French speakers, we had no idea what was being said or happening. As we walked into the main hall everyone, and I mean everyone was cheering and applauding. Everyone, young and old, was standing and waving, people were giving speeches. It was an extremely moving experience and even though we didn't understand a word, we knew exactly what was being said. Thank you. People queued to shake his hand.

We finished our tour in Arnsberg in the Ruhr valley, Germany.

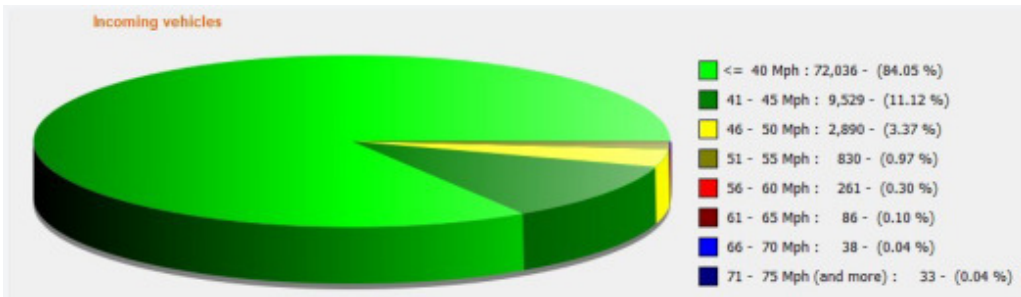
Bill remembered being billeted in a school near the river of this little town, this little town now had a population of over 70,000...!



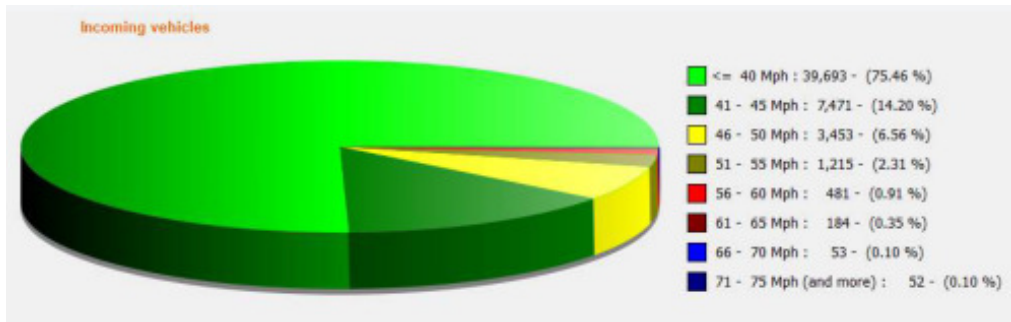
Ever since that trip, my D Day celebrations have been, and will continue to be, extremely personal. A trip I will never forget with a gentleman that will always have a place in my heart, forever. I will never forget.

Chris Stone.

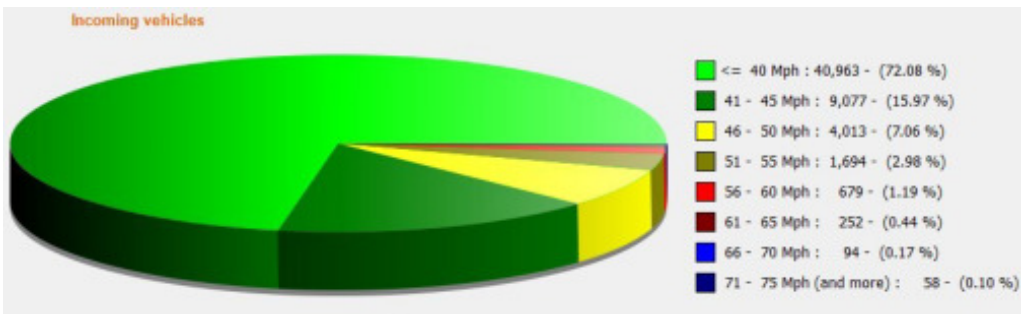




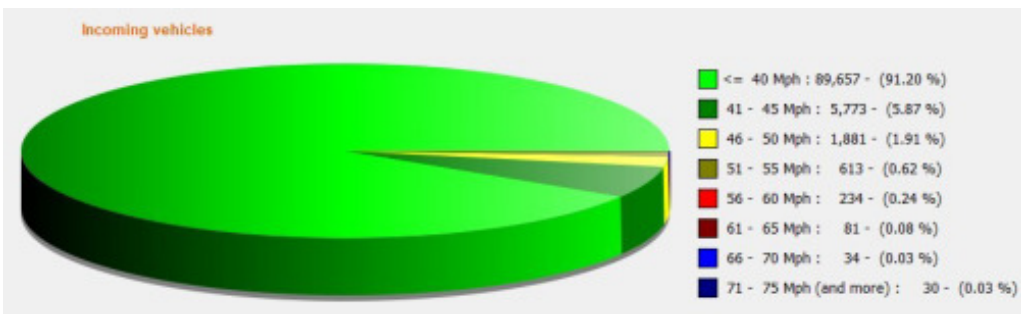
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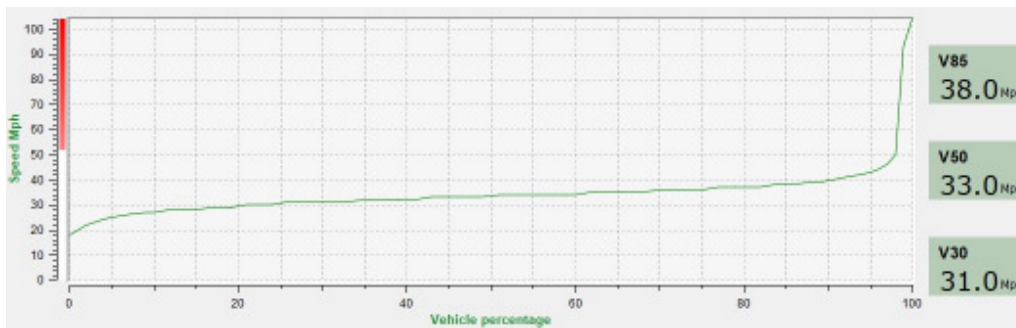
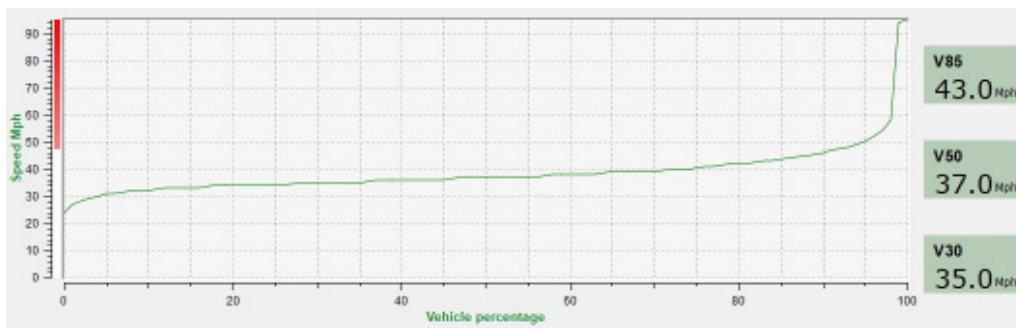
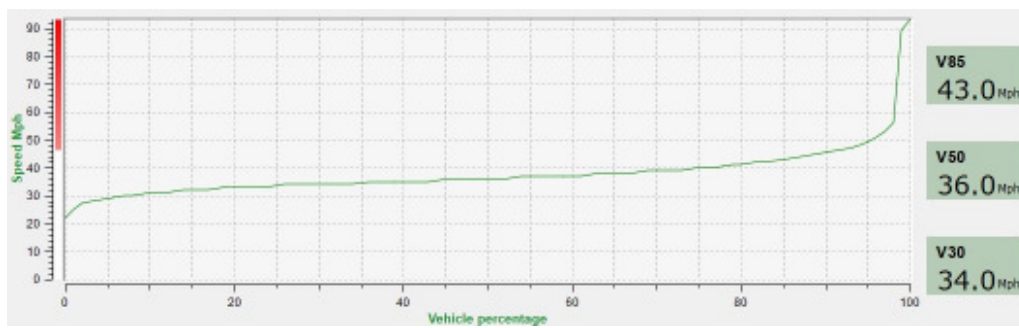
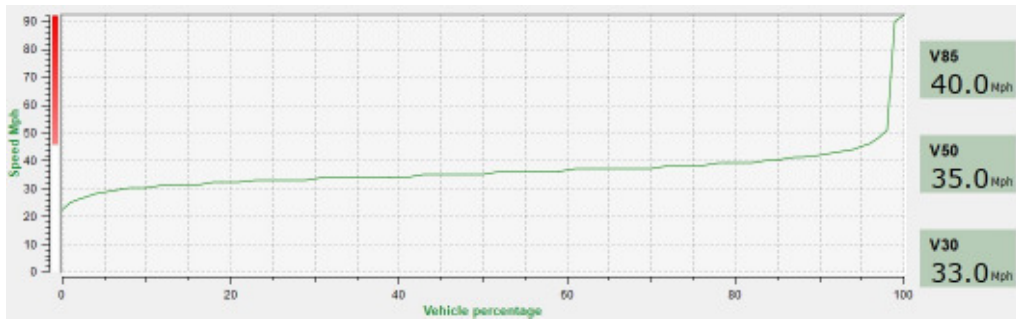
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