



**SALTFLEETBY
NEWSLETTER**

WINTER 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's that time of year again. Festive fun is on the cards for many. Lots to eat and drink and spending far more than is necessary, but hey, it's Christmas. Once again I'll sit through "The Great Escape" in the hope that Steve McQueen makes it over the barbed wire fence this year..!

Articles and adverts once more for your perusal in this edition along with a few just for fun items. There have been events taking place in the village since the autumn edition and some have been reported on between these pages. I can only print information, articles and reports that have been forwarded to me, so I make no apologies if you feel something is missing!

I would like to give a personal "Thank You" to Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board. The clue is in the name. We live on marshland. Depending on where you search, we live in a medium or high risk flood area, born out by high insurance costs. However because LMDB are constantly keeping all important dikes clear and pumps working, we have not suffered the devastating flooding issues as in other parts of the country. Yes, the odd road or field has standing water on occasions, but I have yet to see a microwave floating in someone's kitchen or a helicopter winching a family from a rooftop anywhere in Saltfleetby. Their work keeps us dry. Thank you Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board.

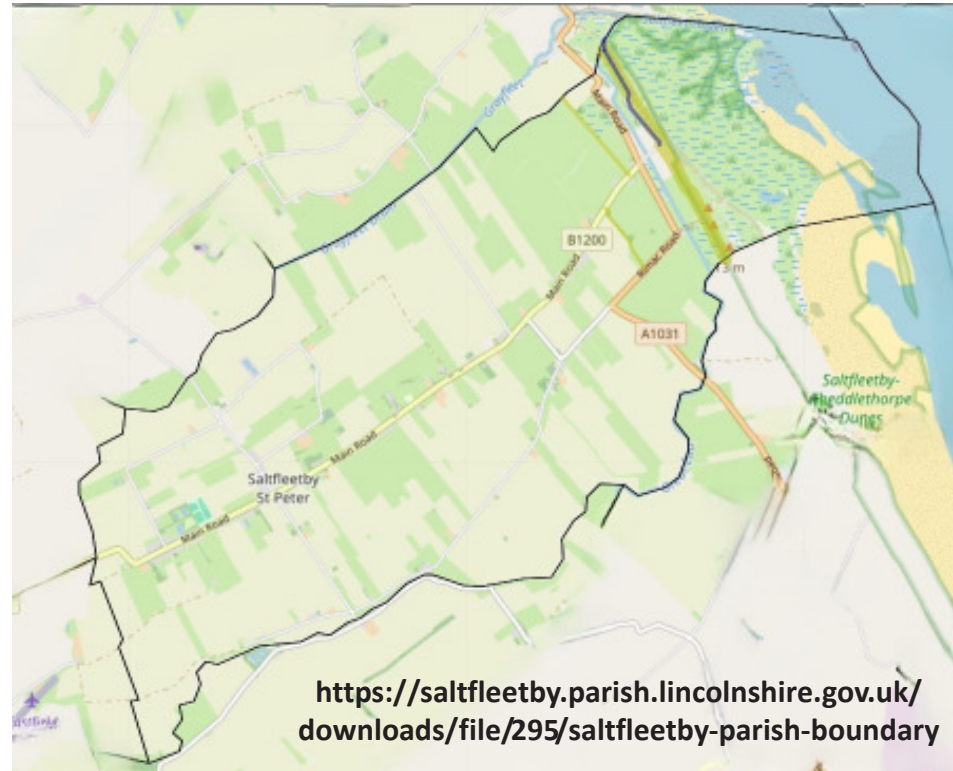
Recent social media I understand has been discussing whether a resident actually lives in the village or not. One would imagine that your address gives you a major clue, unfortunately this is not always the case.

The UK is divided up into 124 postcode areas. These are split into 2,979 districts, 11,232 sectors and around 1.8 million units.

In the UK the postcodes are properly written in two parts. The letters and numbers describe different parts of the address. The first part is known as the 'outcode' and the second part is the 'incode'. The outcode tells Royal Mail which part of the country to take the letter or parcel to. The incode tells them which local postal route the item is covered by, and that is where the confusion stems: your postcode is merely the route set by the post office.

Consequently Saltfleetby, being an amalgamation of three small parishes spread over many miles, does have properties with a Saltfleetby postcode even though they fall outside of the Parish boundary. The obvious check is to look at your council tax bill. That explains where your money is spent and by who. The precept is the money given to your parish. If you pay to Saltfleetby, you live in Saltfleetby. If your address states Saltfleetby but you pay the precept portion of your council tax to another parish then silly as it may seem, you do not "live" in Saltfleetby. Odd but true.

The Parish of Saltfleetby is shown clearly on the map found on the Parish Council website along with lots of other important information



including past village newsletters, Parish Council business and all forms and information relating to the EnergieKontor Windfarm Fund. As stated in the last issue, if you require any assistance regarding an application please contact either the Parish Clerk, myself or any member of the Parish Council for advice, we are only too happy to help. Recent awards have benefitted four younger members of our community and in my opinion is exactly an area of how the fund should be used. I hope you enjoy and find something of interest in this winter/Christmas edition. My thanks go out once more to my small band of wonderful contributors without whom this newsletter would not be possible.

The Parish Council wish you a happy Christmas and look forward to hearing from you in the New Year, maybe with an article for the Spring edition, deadline March 3rd 2025. Thank you.

Chris Stone.

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SALTFLEETBY CHAT & CRAFT GROUP

The Chat & Craft Group is going from strength to strength. Members enjoy a range of crafts - knitting, embroidery, crochet, cross-stitch, papercrafts and more.

We meet every Monday at St Peter's Church on Main Road.

Due to the popularity of the group we have extended the times that it is **open from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm** (you do not need to attend for the full 3 hours, just drop in for the time that suits you).

No joining fee, no weekly fee and even the tea/coffee won't cost you a penny!

New members are always made welcome – just turn up one Monday with your chosen craft to work on.

For more info ring or text Val on 07950 026580.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ



No answers supplied ..!!



**Unwrap the letters to find
the Christmas word or phrase**

- 1. ENLIST**
- 2. DISPATCH DRUMS GIN**
- 3. DRY BAN**
- 4. MANS WON**
- 5. CAN CAN DYE**
- 6. BADGE RINGER**
- 7. MICE PINE**
- 8. BLESSING KIT PAN**
- 9. IVY TITAN**
- 10. KING SCOT**

Callconnect Christmas & New Year



	Operational times	Booking Office times
Mon 23 rd Dec	Normal Service (7am - 7pm)	8:30am - 6:30pm
Tues 24 th Dec	Saturday Service (8am - 6pm)	9am - 5pm
Christmas Day	NO SERVICE	CLOSED
Boxing Day	NO SERVICE	CLOSED
Fri 27 th Dec	Saturday Service (8am - 6pm)	9am - 5pm
Sat 28 th Dec	Saturday Service (8am - 6pm)	9am - 5pm
Sun 29th Dec	NO SERVICE	CLOSED
Mon 30 th Dec	Saturday Service (8am - 6pm)	9am - 5pm
Tues 31 st Dec	Saturday Service (8am - 6pm)	9am - 5pm
New Year's Day	NO SERVICE	CLOSED
Thurs 2 nd Jan	Normal Service (7am - 7pm)	8:30am - 6:30pm

Same day booking, cancellation and emergency line:
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THE SHIP RIMAC

How an area of our village came to have the same name as a river in Peru.

The Brocklebank Shipping Company

In 1770 Captain Daniel Brocklebank was a master mariner and ship builder in Maine, North America. A British loyalist, when the Revolution began in 1775, he sailed back to Britain in his own ship and restarted his shipbuilding business at Whitehaven. His fleet of trading ships grew to eleven vessels by 1795. After his death in 1801, his sons Thomas and John Brocklebank took over the business and it continued to expand to seventeen ships by 1816. Their Liverpool office opened in 1822.

Brocklebank's merchant ships voyaged across the world, by 1809 they were sending ships as far as South America. Between 1822 and 1845 they had twenty-one wooden brigs built for world trading routes. A brig (brigantine) is a two-masted square-rigged ship, a smaller merchant vessel, popular for coastal or oceanic trading as they were considered easily managed, requiring fewer men to work them. Those built specifically for company's Peru route were given the names of Peruvian places. The brig "Andes" was launched in 1823, named after the mountain range. Others such as "Caman" and "Callao" were named after Peruvian coastal towns and port cities. The "Rimac" was launched from Brocklebank's own yard at Whitehaven in 1834, weighing 215 tons, 90 feet in length, with a 23 foot beam.

The Rímac River



Beginning on the western slope of the Andes, it flows 126 miles to the Pacific Ocean at Lima, the capital of Peru

View of Lima from the Rimac River, engraving by unknown artist c. 1875

The name Rímac derives from the indigenous people's Quechua language word *rimaq*, meaning "speaker, speaking" as according to the ancient legend of the Pachacámac culture, the river is a deity that can be heard to speak. Hence it is nicknamed Río Hablador "the talking river". The city of Lima was established by the Spanish in the Rímac Valley in the 16th century, where the river is still an important source of drinking water. Today the central highway and railway run parallel to the river.

The Remarkable Career of the Ship Rimac

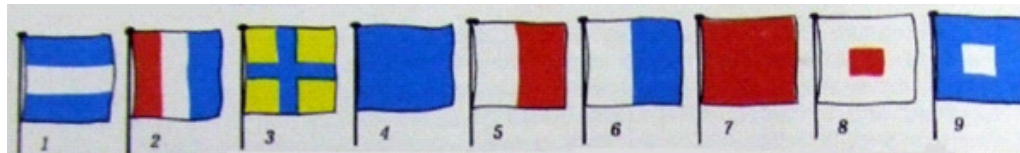
Much of Rimac's life was spent sailing to the many ports on the western coast of South America. This route involved sailing around Cape Horn, the most southerly tip of Chile, where the Atlantic, Pacific and Southern Oceans collide. It was an infamously perilous journey, known for treacherous stormy conditions, gale force winds and high waves. Between the 16th and 20th centuries it's estimated that at least 800 ships were wrecked attempting it, causing the deaths of over 10,000 seafarers. Traditionally, sailors who successfully rounded the horn would celebrate this feat by smoking cigars and pouring alcohol into the ocean (to thank Neptune, Roman god of the sea, and toast all those who had perished there). According to custom only sailors who had rounded the horn were allowed to wear a gold hoop earring in the ear that passed closest to the cape, to mark their courage.



The Merchant Brig Rimac in Two Positions Off Cape Horn, With Another of Brocklebank's Brigs in View, by Joseph Heard, 1854, oil on canvas

Extraordinarily the little brig Rimac managed to sail around the Horn fifty-six times, a remarkable achievement for any sailing vessel. It therefore gained some notoriety and was celebrated in a painting, commissioned by the owners, Brocklebank, in 1854.

The three flags displayed on the top of the main mast identified the individual ships, the design on each flag was code for a number. A series of signal stations stretching from Liverpool to Holyhead would observe approaching ships hoist their flags when they passed. This information was passed to Liverpool where a code book would be used to identify which ships were due to arrive. Rimac was identified by the number 268, as represented by the Liverpool/Watson's code



South America.

New loading in George's Dock, and will have quick despatch.

FOR VALPARAISO,
The fine A 1 Brig RIMAC,
Wm. Dixon, Master ;
217 tons per register, sails fast, and has invariably delivered her cargoes without damage.—For freight or passage, apply to
THOS. and JOHN BROCKLEBANK.

Liverpool Daily Post, 30th April 1862

Rimac had a long career with the Brocklebank line, arriving in Liverpool laden with commodities from South America such as rosewood planks from Rio de Janeiro or copper from Lima.

In 1857 Captain Wise of the Rimac took on board rescued survivors from a wrecked ship in the Atlantic, and landed the nine men safely in Liverpool.

On their way back from Iquique in 1859, the Rimac is reported to have safely navigated between two large square icebergs, 30 miles apart. In 1861 Captain Jenkins wrote an account of how the crew managed to repair storm damage and a leak whilst surviving fierce gales and perilous conditions at sea.

On 24th February 1862, while returning from Callao with a cargo of guano (the dried excrement of seabirds and bats, valuable as fertiliser), the Rimac ran ashore near Kilrush, south-west Ireland. Refloated, but with minor hull damage, the cargo was delivered to Dundee, where the ship remained whilst put up for sale at auction on 16th May 1862.



FOR SALE,
The well-known and substantial Whitehaven-built
Brig
R I M A C,
213 tons register, built at Whitehaven by Messrs. T.
and J. Brocklebank for their own use, and has always
been kept in the best possible condition. Length 90
feet 6 inches, breadth 23 feet 2½ inches, depth 15 feet
6½ inches. She has an abundant inventory and large stowage capacity,
having just discharged from Callao 321 tons of guano, and on short
voyages would take 330 to 340 tons; is copper-fastened, strongly iron-
kneed, and sheathed with yellow metal 26'23'30 oz., which is in good
condition. Lying in Tayport Harbour, Dundee.—For inventories and
further particulars apply to D. M'Kenzie, Esq., Dundee; or to
53696 **TONGE and CO.,** Brokers, 1, Rumford-street.

Liverpool Daily Post, 30th April 1862

Rimac's new owners Nuttall, Moores & Co. of Chapel Street, Liverpool, continued sailing to South America and other international destinations. Rimac shipped iron bars from Newport, Wales, to Santos in Brazil that were used to build the Sao Paulo railway. A refit in 1864 included being rebolted and resheathed in "yellow metal" (a protective brass alloy sheet covering on the hull), also new sails and ropes. Voyages brought back various goods to England such as piassava (palm fibre used for brooms) from Bahia, Brazil, cotton from Matamoras, Mexico, "coker nuts" and pine kernels from Cameroon, Africa.

In 1870 Rimac was again put up for sale, advertised as a "fine useful brig" that had had a "thorough overhaul at considerable expense; carries well, sails fast". The new owner, W. Hayes of Blyth, Northumberland, used Rimac for trading voyages to European ports such as Dieppe, Copenhagen, Dalaro, Riga and Cronstadt (Kronstadt port town west of St. Petersburg, Russia).

Rimac's Final Voyage

William Heron from Blyth, lived in Earsdon near Whitley Bay, with his wife Jane and their children. In 1874, at the age of 50, he was an experienced mariner, part owner and captain of the Rimac since June that year.

The Rimac arrived at Cronstadt on 5th October from Grangemouth. They set sail from Cronstadt for Hull on 25th October, with a cargo of deals, and eight crew members, including Heron, chief mate William Smith, Able Seaman John Farrow, and 17-year-old William Collie who was on his first voyage. They encountered boisterous weather in the Baltic and North Sea, making the coast of Norfolk on the morning of the 10th December. In the afternoon the weather had turned hazy and the wind freshened from the South West. Mr Smith took charge while Captain Heron went below, giving orders to keep on the same course. A lead line was cast into the sea three times during the night to measure the depth of the water, indicating that it was getting increasingly shallow, down to 6½ fathoms at 3.40am. Captain Heron was called back up, and said "they would shorten sail and put her on the other tack and lay with the maintopsail aback". But the ship struck ground at Saltfleetby at about 4.30am. Efforts were made to back her off, but she was fixed and became high and dry on the sands at low water. As the water fell, all the crew walked on shore and no lives were lost. Stranded, with cargo discharged, telegraph messages over the next few days reported that the Rimac would become a total wreck.

An inquiry was held on 14th January 1875 at North Shields Police Court by the Board of Trade. Evidence was heard by a panel of five, including two experienced captains acting as nautical assessors. Giving evidence Mr Farrow confirmed events, when cross examined said that earlier on the voyage, he had seen the captain a little under the influence of liquor, but he could walk about, and neither the captain or mate had been drinking on the 10th or 11th. He saw no reason why the vessel wasn't steered into the Humber. William Collie gave evidence detailing the use of the lead line. In conclusion the board came to "the unanimous conclusion that the brig Rimac was stranded by the gross negligence of the master, Mr William Heron". They said that when the vessel was in shallow water, he should have taken it away from shore, not towards it. His certificate of competency was suspended for 2 years.

Salvaging the Wreckage

Local farmer Charles Stubbs had a 47 acres farm in Saltfleetby St Clement, at Sea Bank on the coast road near Saltfleet. He and his nephew John Stubbs of neighbouring Sea View Farm, frequently salvaged cargo and wood from nearby wrecks. In 1858 Charles Stubbs held a large auction on his premises of stone and ship wood saved from the wreck of the sloop "Friends" of Goole that had ran aground whilst taking a shipment of stone from Robin Hoods Quarry in Yorkshire, to London. In 1872 John Stubbs held an auction of floor bricks and pan tiles saved from the sloop "Vivid".

The Rimac remained stranded on the sands, close to Saltfleet. Such a large quantity of material was salvaged from it that two auction sales were held. Conducted by Mason and Sons of New Street Chambers, Louth, at Charles Stubb's farm. The first on 18th January 1875 was advertised as "an important sale of wreck wood". "A grand assortment of first-rate oak posts, pitch pine boards, &c, from the wrecked Rimac", "Planking, 90 fathoms of chain cable, roping, copper and iron bolts and spikes, &c". The second auction took place on 18th February when "about 1000 lots of valuable ship wood" and many other saved materials were auctioned at the sale that commenced at an earlier time of 10.30am as there was so much to get through.

SALTFLEETBY, near LOUTH.
*Important SALE of SHIP WOOD of first-rate quality,
COPPER, IRON, &c., from the Wreck "Rimac."*
To be SOLD by AUCTION,
By Messrs. MASON and SONS,
On the premises of Mr. CHAS. STUBBS, at Saltfleetby afore-
said, on Thursday the 18th February, 1875.

A BOUT 1000 Lots of valuable SHIP WOOD,
&c., from the wreck Rimac, viz., 13 oak beams about
20ft. long, about 600 first-class oak posts, about 10,000 feet
of capital oak planking from 3in. to 5in. thick, a quantity
of smaller posts and firewood, oak keelson 40ft. long, 3
pieces of ditto about 30ft. long, about 30 stones of oakum,
small quantity of lead, 30 fathoms of strong chain cable,
quantity of small chains, cadge anchor, about 40 iron
knees and straps, about 10 cwt. of best red copper, about
5cwt. of metal bolts and spikes, and numerous other effects.

The above Wood is of first-rate quality and well worthy
the attention of Farmers, Wheelwrights, and others.

Careful men will be in attendance to load and take
charge of the various lots.—This Sale is the last from the
Rimac, and the Wood lies within 50 yards of the public
highway.—Owing to the immense number and the value
of the lots the Sale will commence precisely at 10-30 a.m.

May be viewed any time prior the Sale.
New-street Corner, Louth, February 10th, 1875.

Stamford Mercury 12th February 1875

Charles Stubbs died later in 1875, age 79. John Stubbs continued to salvage wreckage from the coast behind their farm, such as a large quantity of ship wood from the smack “Quester” of Grimsby in 1890, and ship’s stores saved from the barge Harold of London in 1928, which were auctioned on his premises.

Rimac House

Shortly after the wreck of the Rimac, a large farmhouse was built approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile south from Sea View Farm, close to the Great Eau, with several outbuildings. It was named “Rimac House” after the famous ship.



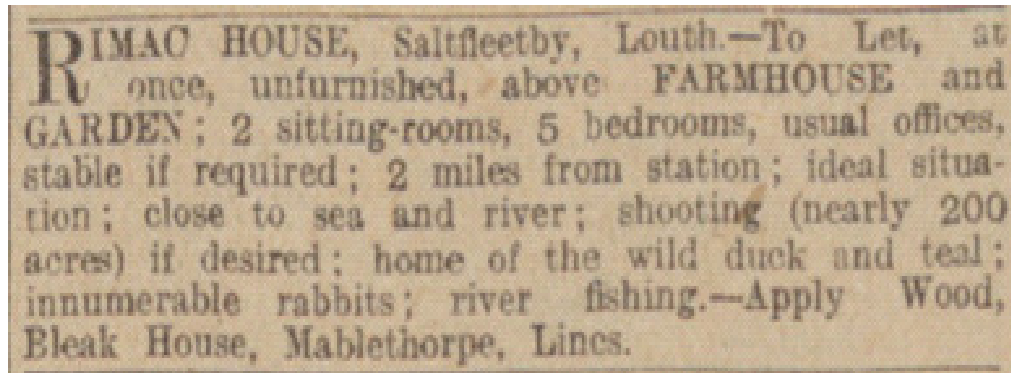
1888 ordnance survey map showing the location of Rimac House

The farm was occupied by local families such as Isabella Stubbs, the widow of Charles’s son Nathan, along with her son and daughter and two farm boys in 1891. A large sale of livestock and farming equipment took place at the farm in 1896 consisting of sheep, pigs and horses, along with produce including 20 tons of potatoes and 1 ton of mangle wurzels. By 1901 James Stones from Theddlethorpe (whose family had the King’s Head Inn) was living at Rimac House with his wife Jeanetta (the daughter of John Stubbs) and their young children Hugh and Madge.

Later it was owned by farmer Henry Wood (son of Theddlethorpe vicar Rev. James Wood), who had long farmed at Bleak House Mablethorpe, with his wife Kate. A well-known figure involved in local politics, he was a church warden, magistrate, chairman of Mablethorpe Parish Council and organiser of the “Mablethorpe and District Flower, Horse and Bee Show”.

During the First World War the Rimac estate was used as an army training camp, housing the Reserve Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment. It was part of a large, temporary military camp consisting of hundreds of wooden huts stretching along the coast up to Saltfleet.

In 1912 the Rimac Estate (the house and adjoining land) was withdrawn at auction after the last bid of £1200. Mr Wood then advertised the property to let as a farmhouse and gardens ideally situated “close to sea and river”.

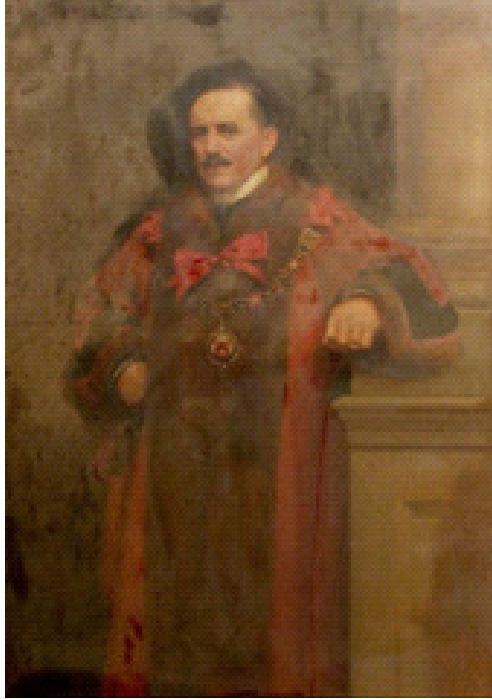


RIMAC HOUSE, Saltfleetby, Louth.—To Let, at
once, unfurnished, above FARMHOUSE and
GARDEN; 2 sitting-rooms, 5 bedrooms, usual offices,
stable if required; 2 miles from station; ideal situa-
tion; close to sea and river; shooting (nearly 200
acres) if desired; home of the wild duck and teal;
innumerable rabbits; river fishing.—Apply Wood,
Bleak House, Mablethorpe, Lincs.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 29th March 1913

After the war Henry Wood allowed groups such as the scouts to camp on the sand dunes. This included the Scothern Scout Troop who frequently set up at Rimac for a week's camp in August or September in the early 1920s. In February 1928 Henry Wood's 69 acre Bleak House Farm, and the 85 acre Rimac Estate were put up for auction. Rimac was described as having “about 45 acres of enclosed outmarsh and hills, the wildfowl shooting on which is good”. It was sold for £1150 to Sir Albert Ball former Mayor of Nottingham and later the Lord Mayor of Nottingham in 1935. Tenants Mr and Mrs Monk continued to live in the house, selling teas and refreshments to visitors, including cyclists, naturalists and families.

In partnership with Long Eaton Estate Agents J.P. Newton, the land was divided into plots on which to build chalets and bungalows for holiday makers. The long-closed road to the sea shore was re-opened to the public, a bus passed the gate to the estate every half an hour.



Sir Albert Ball (1863–1946) by Noel Denholm Davis, Nottingham City Museums & Galleries. Mayor of Nottingham, and owner of the Rimac Estate from 1928

**FOR SUNSHINE & HAPPINESS.
RIMAC ESTATE,
SALTFLEETBY.**

“Rimac” is a word containing much in its five letters. At once a certificate of Health and a passport to Happiness.

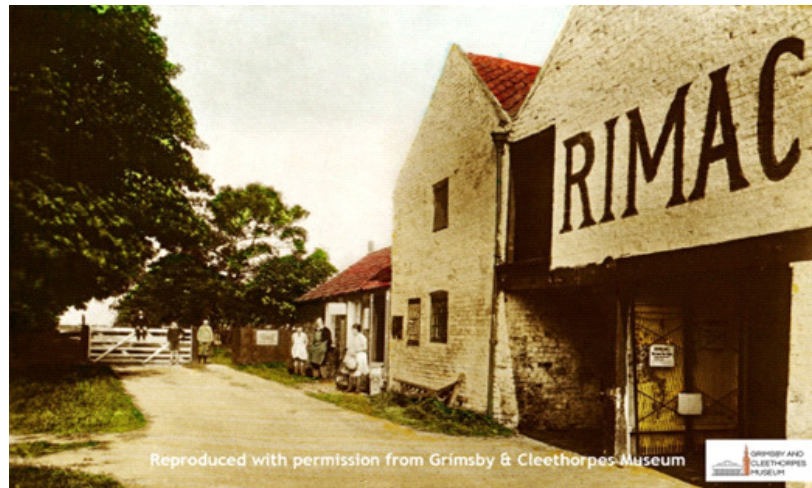
CLORIOUS SAND DUNES, THE BLUE SEA, DELIGHTFUL FIRM GOLDEN SANDS, INVICORATING AIR, SAFE BATHING and BOATING, SEA FISHING and FRESH WATER FISHING.

Now is the day and time to select your site. Prices from 9d. to 1/3 per sq. yd. Freehold. Buses stop at the Estate entrance every half-hour. Call at Rimac House to inspect plan, and our steward will conduct you over the Estate.

Teas and Light Refreshments may be obtained on the Estate.

Board Residence on application to Mrs Monk, Rimac House For full particulars regarding this Estate, apply: Jno. P. NEWTON & SON, Auctioneers, Estate Agents & Valuers, Long Eaton and Derby.

Grimsby News 5th July 1929



1930s postcard of the Rimac Holiday Camp, showing a former farm outbuilding of Rimac House used as a shop for holiday makers. Thanks to Grimsby and Cleethorpes Museum for sharing this from their online collection.

In the 1930s the name Rimac became well-known as a popular seaside holiday camp, attracting families and groups from a wide area including Yorkshire and the East Midlands.

Rimac House's tenants George and Nelly Scott from Gainsborough with their son Cecil continued to run the holiday camp, and farm poultry at the estate, until the outbreak of the Second World War. Then again, the area was taken over by the military and public access to the coast was forbidden. Several army platoon units are known to have been based at Rimac House during the war, with a Forward Section Post being established here to protect the exit from the adjacent beach.

The area remained used by the Air Ministry after the war, transitioning into a nature reserve in the 1950s and 60s. Rimac House was demolished in the early/mid 1950s, with some outbuildings remaining that were demolished later.

The site of the former Sea View Farm and Rimac House are now the locations of the Saltfleetby Theddlethorpe Dunes Nature Reserve main car parks. The Rimac section of the reserve is particularly valued as an area where the rare natterjack toad can be seen and heard, as well as wetland birds and beautiful views from the dunes. It now contains an accessible walking trail, ponds and a classroom that was visited by King Charles III in 2023.

Grimsby News 5th July 1929




“Rimac” today: a name that went from a River in Peru, to a Merchant Cargo Ship, a Farmhouse, an Army Camp, a Holiday Camp and now a section of a National Nature Reserve.



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Saltfleetby Art Group



The Saltfleetby Art Group
meet in St Peter's Church Main Road
every Wednesday,
except the first Wednesday of the month.

Sessions start at 10:00am and run until Noon.

All adults and accompanied children are welcome.

No matter what your level of proficiency
you can still enjoy drawing or painting.

Help and advice is on hand by the more experienced members.

If you wish to give art a go just turn up with a pencil and paper.

Free Tea, Coffee and conversation is available.

For more details Contact Pete Hatton on 07743508055

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JUNE'S CHARITY BINGO HELD ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

By kind permission of the Rural Deans Office the next Charity Bingo evening will take place in the new year.

January 26th. Doors open at 6.00 pm

Eyes down at 7.00 pm

Great prizes to be won along with a mid session raffle.

Monies collected at June's events are donated to many different charities from large national bodies to small individual organisations that need financial assistance.

One such small organisation is our local Hedgehog Care.

Their 2024 review can be found on page 35

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FREE TEA AND CAKE



CAROL SERVICE

**ST PETER'S
CHURCH
SALTFLEETBY**



**6.00 PM
24TH DECEMBER**

As promised in the autumn newsletter I am able to bring you the list of the carols to be sung at St Peter's on Christmas Eve. In the words of the wonderful magnificent Eric Morecambe, I am listing all the right carols, but not necessarily, in the right order.....!

Once in Royal David's City

O Little Town of Bethlehem

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Angels from the Realms of Glory


We three Kings of Orient Are

The First Noel


O Come All Ye Faithful

Now you have no excuse not to come along and sing your heart out on Christmas Eve, fully prepared to sing Christmas Carols we are familiar with followed by mulled wine, cake and mince pies.

Starting at 6.00 pm at St. Peter's Church, Saltfleetby please come along, bring family and friends and join in with the celebration on Christmas Eve, 24th December. It would be lovely to fill the church as last year, once again starting the festive period singing carols with friends, family and neighbours.



A collection will be held
during the evening and all
money donated to
Andy's Children's Hospice



Saltfleetby Community Association held it's final bingo of 2024, and what a great night it was. The hall was filled with young and old hoping it would be their lucky night. With many great prizes to be won, and in excess of 25 raffle prizes, plus mince pies at the interval, it was hailed a great success.



Grateful thanks to all who made the evening a success and special thanks to TESCO (Mablethorpe) and Holmes Farm (Nth Somercotes) for their generosity.

Wishing you all A Merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year

Next Bingo
2nd Feb 2025

Doors open 6.30
Eyes Down **7** pm

Keith Atkinson

Saturday 5th October was the designated day for the annual litter pick. Organised by Councillor Brian Hall and advertised in the autumn newsletter along with social media posts, four "pickers" met at St Peter's. After a brief safety discussion it was agreed that we should concentrate initially on Three Bridge Lane as the Anglian Water gateway area which is regularly used as a vehicle pull in, was full of rubbish mainly thrown out of the vehicle windows.



Issued with pickers, bags and hi-vis vests we began our hour long (it was actually 75 minutes) stroll along the grass verges. A large box, which was too big for us to handle, had been dumped in to the dike so along with a 60 inch x 18 inch pane of glass that had been thrown in to the hedge, they were reported to "Fix my Street".

Proof if it were needed, that the service works, they were collected and removed later the same day. Picking done, bags collected and back to the church for hot soup and freshly baked bread. Thank you Mr and Mrs Hall for providing the food and thank you Ysanne for joining in the pick. Such a small group collecting for just over an hour made an enormous difference to the that part of the lane. It would be great if more people could help keep our village tidy by joining in on the next litter picking exercise. Talks are on going regarding the installation of a number of village litter bins

The position of the bins, how many, along with who will maintain and empty them is currently being discussed.



Saltfleetby
Short Mat Bowls Club



Marshlands Community Hall
Saltfleetby LN11 7SS

Come and join us **Every**
Thursday 2pm - 4pm
Friday 7pm - 9pm

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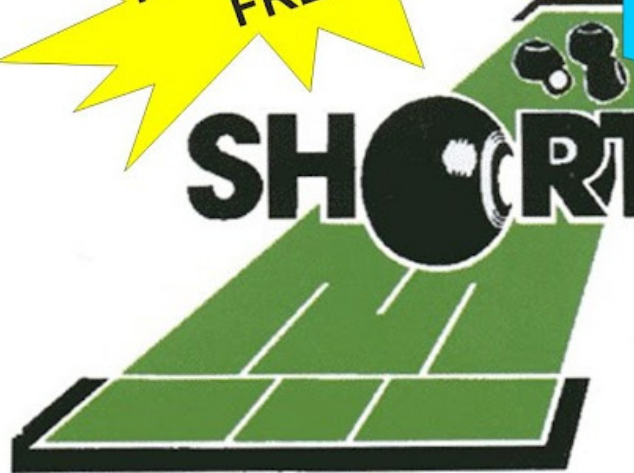
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Saltfleetby Community Association Quiz

An event that has proved popular over the last few years is the quiz, along with a raffle, and of course the obligatory pie and peas, and this year's was no exception.

"Quizmaster" Dave once again produced a diverse array of questions ranging from prime ministers to butterflies, food and drink to friends and foes. Choosing a round to play your joker on and you double your points. With 10 teams sat at their tables, pens in hand, battle could commence.



Round 1 was headed "3's" Who or what was the missing part of the trio. "A Bridge Too Far" had a perfect round with "Ozzies Friends and "Morris Minors" close behind with 8 points each.

On to round 2 and who knows their friends from their foes?

Yet another perfect round on the bridge, but this time it was "The 4 G's" close behind with 8 points. With a clear leader, 5 teams were separated by 1 point and vying for 2nd place.

Round 3 was all about Prime Ministers. 10 photos with the names supplied so if you weren't sure you might have luck on your side.

"A Bridge Too Far" and "Morris Minors" played their joker but it was "Pub Corner" who should have backed themselves scoring a perfect ten.

A clear leader was appearing, but four teams separated by one point were challenging for second place.

Last round before the break was Ghosts and Spirits. "Pub Corner" played their joker which helped them to a comfortable second place. 9 points

on the bridge kept them in front by 10 with three teams battling for third.



Time for "Pie and Peas" served by Helena and Lesley, and the raffle drawn by Trish and Barbara, who also kept a check on the quiz scores throughout the evening and not forgetting Eddie running the bar. Thanks to Tesco (Mablethorpe) for their ongoing support to Saltfleetby Community Association. Fed and watered and raffle prizes allocated, it was back to business.



Round 5 was Food and Drink and five teams decided to play their jokers. It was "Ozzie's Friends" who made the best decision and doubled up to 16 helping them to take second spot, but only by three points with "I can't Remember" making a move into 4th a further three points behind. It was looking like there was four teams in contention, but "The Five Fossils" had yet to play their joker. Could they spring a surprise?

Round 6 was headed Doctors, real, fictional, TV or what? "A Bridge Too Far" had another perfect round, thus extending their lead. "Ozzies Friends" and "Pub Corner" scored 9 each putting them in second and third respectively. "I can't Remember" remained in fourth.



Round 7 was Have a Flutter, was this gambling related? No, it was british butterflies and "The Five Fossils" finally played their joker. What a good decision this was, only getting one wrong so 9 points doubled up to 18. they were now in contention for a minor placing.



At the end of this round "A Bridge Too Far" had secured top spot, but four teams were in contention for the minor placings. "Ozzies Friends" 58... "Pub Corner" 55... "I Can't Remember" 55... "The Five Fossils" 54 All to play for...Bring it on!

So here we go, final round, questions on 2024, top spot decided, who would fill the minor places? "I Can't Remember" had another near perfect round scoring 9, which put them in second place beating "Ozzies Friends" by one. 2 teams in joint fourth, so a tie break needed. How long is the drive from Hull to Inverness? "Pub Corner" were the closest so took 4th place. If only "The Five Fossils" knew another ghost or spirit...hard luck. So that's the quiz over for another year, hopefully enjoyed by all, but who had less brains than a couple of bags of chocolate Freddos....that would be "May Be In Labour". Thankfully no towels and hot water needed,,,,,or midwife!!

**Big thanks
to all involved**



TEAMS	3's	Friends & Foes	PM's	Ghosts & Spirits	Food & Drink	Doctors	Have a Flutter	2024	TOTAL	Position
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Norfolk Halls	6	5 11	4 15	4 19	5 24	8 32	4 36	2 38	38	9th
I can't remember	6	5 11	6 17	10 27	12 39	7 46	9 55	9 64	64	2nd
Morris Minors	8	5 13	10 23	5 28	7 35	8 43	3 46	6 52	52	6th
Ozzies Friends	8	6 14	8 22	7 29	16 45	9 54	4 58	5 63	63	3rd
A Bridge Too Far	10	10 20	16 36	9 45	8 53	10 63	7 70	5 75	75	1st
Pub Corner	7	6 13	10 23	12 35	7 42	9 51	4 55	5 60	60	4th
The Five Fossils	7	7 14	8 22	3 25	5 30	6 36	18 54	6 60	60	5th
May be in Labour	5	5 10	4 14	3 17	10 27	5 32	3 35	1 36	36	10th

* scores in red are joker played (double points) * 4th place decided on tie break

To run these nights and future events, volunteers are needed. If you feel you could offer a little time please message

"**Saltfleetby Community Association**" on their facebook page or come along and see us at one of our monthly coffee mornings

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



2024

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Saltfleetby Community Association
would like to extend their thanks for
your loyal support in 2024 and hope to see
you again in 2025

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Merry Christmas and a
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New Year*





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Harvest Festival Supper

The annual harvest festival supper was held at St. Peter's Church on Saturday 19th October. The ticket only event was extremely well supported, so much so that extra tables needed to be laid in preparation during the afternoon. The excellent spread of food on offer was supplied by local catering company Fiddle Diddle, and as always, was of excellent quality and very eagerly consumed by all.



Entertainment for the evening was provided by members of the ever popular 'Can't Sing Choir' along with solo artist Gavin Willerton who completed two sets of easy listening, sing along numbers that were thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.



Gavin proved to be extremely popular, particularly with the female members of the audience, so much so that he was booked for a repeat performance.

Thanks must go out to both June Spetch and Peter Hatton for their organisation and to all helpers who made the event possible. Make sure you get your ticket for 2025, an evening not to be missed.

Christmas Word Search

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Just to keep your brain ticking over during the holiday period

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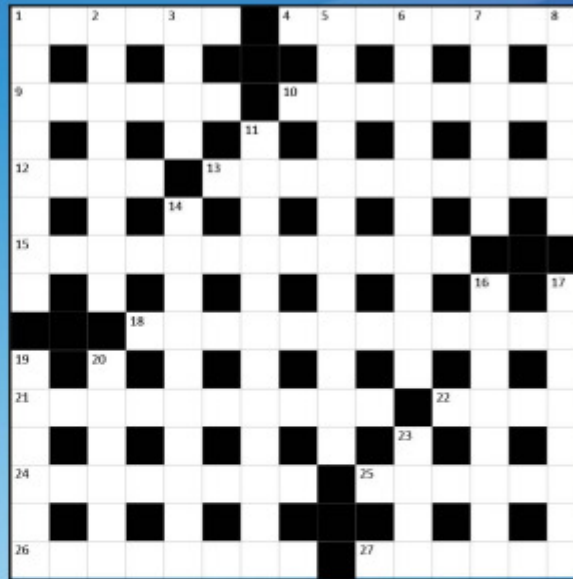
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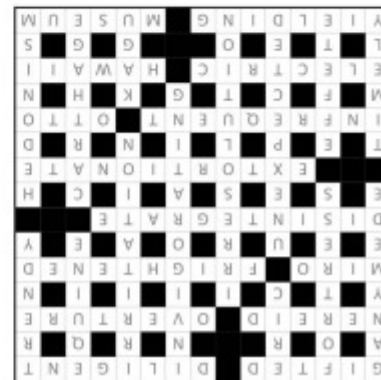
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- 10 opera introduction
- 12 Catalan artist
- 13 afraid
- 15 decompose
- 18 excessive (prices)
- 21 rare
- 22 one of four Holy Roman emperors
- 24 kind of power
- 25 'The Aloha State'
- 26 flexible
- 27 e.g.: Madame Tussauds

Down

- 1 largest of Jupiter's satellites
- 2 fort
- 3 guitarist ___ Clapton
- 5 energizing
- 6 pique
- 7 of a horse
- 8 in, smart
- 11 indecision
- 14 unforeseen
- 16 capital of the Vandal Kingdom
- 17 doctrine of pleasure
- 19 well-timed
- 20 weak, decadent
- 23 bird endemic to New Caledonia



Answers



during the holiday period

Cover the answers otherwise you will be tempted.....!



Although I was promised new “Blow your own trumpet” items for this issue, they did not materialise. Not one to give up easily I will include this section in the Spring edition so please, come on Saltfleetby, tell us what makes you proud.

I have received a few positive comments regarding the newsletter, for which I am grateful and I thank my contributors, for they make it possible. A new section suggested to me was to include “old” photographs of Saltfleetby. With that in mind, in each of the four quarterley issues, I intend to add old photographs taken during that season, so as this is the winter edition.....



Taken at the school in December 1955, children, possibly the whole class, playing in the snow. Do you recognise anyone? At least one child in the photograph still lives and works in the village.



With the roads closed due to the amount of snow, local farmers helped clear a path for families to walk to the village shop. The young lady in the centre of this photo still lives in Saltfleetby and would walk to the shop to this day, if we had one!





2024 ANNUAL REVIEW

At 85 I have grumped my way through 2024 and herewith take time to share some Hedgehog Care ups and many downs. Although still busy all day, I worry that my patient numbers have again diminished. Yoda Ward, the upstairs barn room, once crammed full with over 30 convalescents has been empty all year. 100-200 recovering patients at a time now fit comfortably into Oliver Brown Ward, outside cages and runs. Ninja Wing also houses stable hedgehogs, growing and strengthening up for release. New arrivals, babies and critically ill or injured, receive twenty four hour care and observation in assorted containers with me in my messy house.

Shocked by my life style and often advised to "Give up, its killing you" I assure everyone "Hedgehogs are keeping me alive." I am never lonely and I'd just be in the way without them. Unable to collect but never refused here or claimed to be too full, hedgehogs come from all over the country, not just locally. Accounts of their incredulous backgrounds, rescues and stories could fill books if I had time.

In spite of every effort we don't save them all, but each one is an individual, special and loved until the end. For every one brought here, there are thousands in the same state left out there unseen, uncounted and dying alone without help or comfort. Our aim is for recovery and return to where they came from if suitable.

Baby Bob was lost or abandoned by his mum and arrived cold, bewildered and lonely. I kept him down my jumper until tiny twins came in for hand rearing. One was very cold and died, leaving his grieving sister. Bob and Hattie then thrived together as siblings.

Hit by a car, Cooper was a large hedgehog lying injured and helpless in a line of intense traffic. Risking his own life a compassionate driver stopped and saved her. Late for work he asked for help at the Skegness Police Station. Their kindness again prevailed and she was later delivered here. She was hurt and suffered atrocious head injuries. I assumed she had been here before because on my knee, without anaesthetic, she relaxed as I gently bathed her blooded face and cleared her nose and ears. She accepted syringed, liquidised cat food for a few days

After a pain killer jab she let me manipulate her chin into position, enabling her to eat solid food herself. Two days later Cooper gave birth to six hoglets. Our Peahen hatched six chicks and paraded them proudly round the village. They were under the threat of rats, cats and foxes. Lincolnshire skies are heavily navigated by buzzards, red kites, kestrels, sparrowhawks and even ravens. She only managed to rear one which is nearly as big as her now.

I have no veterinary qualifications and Hedgehog Care is not a business or registered charity. Our service is free, otherwise many people would not bring distressed hedgehogs when a rescued animal is not their property. However, vets, medication, food, taxis, heating etc are just some of the things we have to pay for. Donations and my pension make this possible. We are frugal not posh and helpers are voluntary. Stacey left to run her own successful mobile dog grooming business, Wag and Bone. She comes in regularly to organise and release and, if I ever have time to pop my clogs, will arrange the agreed transfer to Kerry at Charlie's Hedgehog Care near Grimsby. Stacey's mother Tracey comes in daily and is like a partner, helping out with shopping, doctors, heavy jobs, secretarial stuff, household things and difficulties that old women accumulate, like changing bed sheets, hair washing and reaching the clothes line. I couldn't manage without her but she has many family commitments of her own which means I mostly work on my own round the clock.

I don't encourage visitors anymore because I can't keep up with the fussy things like gardening, paintwork, cleaning windows, ornaments and tidiness. I'm here for hedgehogs not people and I am sometimes pulled up for my inappropriate language. Sue is a recent god-send living in Lincoln where there is no one available for hedgehogs. As a novice with common sense, she is researching and learning fast and I give out her number in emergencies.



She rescues and provides life saving first aid at her own expense and takes complications to a Lincoln vet or brings them here, Thank you.

Always gratefully received here are towels, newspapers, money, NEW postage stamps, fridge shelves, pickle and jam pot lids, kitchen roll and toilet tissue, dog/cat food. As cheques and postage become old fashioned, modern people donate on line to help our hedgehogs. Anyone kindly wishing to help can use PayPal or pay directly into the Hedgehog Care Bank account. Sort code 30-95-22, Account Number: 00563132, Thank you very much.

If you still communicate by Royal Mail (post) PLEASE ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR SURNAME. With many thousands of listed addresses, I can't trace yours with only a Christian name. In the 50s I married and opened Poodletrim to make dogs beautiful in Nottingham. In the 60s I came to Lincolnshire with three children, Corinne, Paul and Anton, a horse, a standard poodle (and husband). I was Authorpe Post Mistress who trimmed dogs and had a house rabbit. In the 70s I gave birth to my fourth child, Clive (with a different surname) - and divorced

In the 80s I took up hedgehog welfare and most villagers served themselves with pensions, family allowance and stamps. I was too busy. In the 90s the Post Office demanded the use of computers. I refused and with rude words ordered them off my property and resigned. In the 2000s look what happened to obedient post masters who trustingly obeyed orders and switched to computers. I'm glad I chose to be ruled by hedgehogs and several are named Bates after the hero who is still fighting to retrieve compensation from the lying rich and powerful, for the honest, robbed and ruined post masters and mistresses.

I have moaned and lectured for 45 years about sprays, strimmers, habitat destruction , traffic, bonfires, swimming pools, ponds and poison. With toxic weed control, councils strim and spray verges, hedge bottoms, cemeteries, pavements, parks and playgrounds. Gardens, agricultural land, towns and countrysides are soaked with it at the expense of wildlife. Many species are extinct. Birds, bees and butterflies are exterminated and in serious decline.

Affected hedgehogs come in blind, skin burnt off their mouths, legs and bellies and lungs permanently damaged by inhaled poison. They usually die or are sympathetically euthanised by farm vet Cath putting them out of their misery caused by GLYPHOSATE. It is in Roundup and other well known products.

Protests from me, the crazy obsessed old hedgehog woman that swears, were ignored. It took experts and scientists to admit GLYPHOSATE sprays death and causes cancer and tumours in humans as well. One in two people suffer cancer, it killed Anton my son, two years ago. GLYPHOSATE must be the reason for my reduced patients.

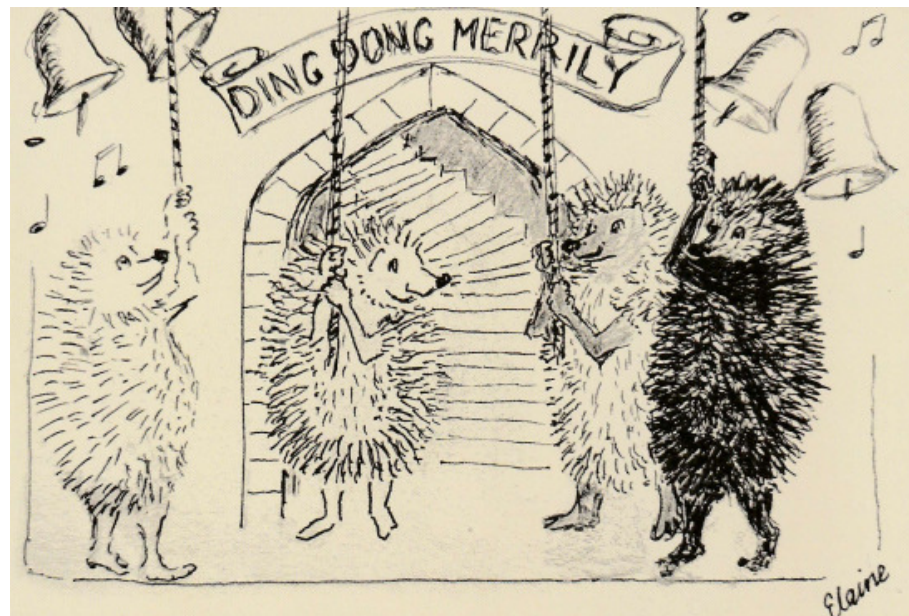
Check for yourself on Google or your preferred search engine then please spread the alarming information on social media, TV, radio or discuss with friends. Fresh fruit and vegetables, cereals and five a day believed to be healthy eating, in reality, have probably absorbed GLYPHOSATE.

Grandma Hedgehog, with apologies, now cuts ranting to convert passion into grateful thanks to everyone for the support that keeps Hedgehog Care understood and maintained. Bless you for being part of our team and fondly remembering the loved ones who were.

Sincerely
Elaine, Stacey, Tracey and the Hedgehogs

P. S. This years Christmas card is inspired by my daughter Corinne who rings church bells to uphold tradition and keep fit for Swing out Sister

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=II0JdMds56k>



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