

Saltfleetby Newsletter



Spring 2025

It's official, Spring 2025 has arrived and once again I thank my small band of contributors without whom this newsletter would not be possible. I understand from social media that we have new people recently moved to the area: Welcome to Saltfleetby. As you can see on page 3, we now have a QR code which will take you directly to the Parish Council website. For the "not so technical" like myself, if you have a smartphone, turn on the camera and point it at the black and white diagram. Your phone should do the rest hopefully, if not download a free app.

The website is constantly updated with new items regularly added. It is a great starting point for finding out local information, ELDC links to important websites and of course past issues of the newsletter, just in case you missed anything. Hopefully you will find something of interest in this issue and as ever, I can only print articles and advertisements that are forwarded directly to me. However, as previously explained ONLY articles etc that have been emailed to the address below will be included. Once again, promised content hasn't materialised so I've decided to rest "blow your own trumpet" for now, however my request for old photographs of Saltfleetby has been extremely successful and I thank you. Some of the many, are included in the pages of this Spring issue. Details of various upcoming events are listed within these pages; events which take a great deal of planning and organisation. If you would like to help out in any way, please make contact and offer your services. There are a number of different groups organising a variety of events in the village but all would welcome extra help, don't be shy, come along and join in. With VE Day celebrations in mind, you will find an account of the fund raising events that took place in Saltfleetby during World War Two.

Speeding, as ever, is a constant talking point in the village. I believe some buffoon has been clocked at over 100 mph. That said, the new solar speed signs ARE working. Admittedly, some areas are performing better than others, but we are able to inform and let the police utilise their unmarked cars in those areas. Details of the percentages and speeds recorded are on pages 38, 39 and 40.

Thank you for taking the time to read this far. The closing date for articles and advertisements for the summer issue is 3rd June 2025. All content to be emailed to **christopher.stone@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk**



As Spring is considered the time to give everything a clean, I thought you might enjoy a little poem by Rose Milligan.

Dust if you must

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and need?
Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.
Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.
Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.

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Saltfleetby Community Association

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The annual general meeting was held on 28th February at Marshlands Community Hall.

A succesful year of varied events was reported enabling us to maintain a healthy financial balance, and to give a donation of £791 to the Air Ambulance. Coffee mornings will continue every 3rd Friday of the month, with Bingo evenings approximately every other month, the next one being 6th April.

The usual Ceilidh and Quiz, plus fashion show are being organised, with lighting of the beacon on 8th May in remembrance of VE Day.

The committe for 2025/2026 is as follows

Helena Poskitt

Eddie Clark

Laura McLellan

Barbara Hulme

Rick Smith

Paul Smith

Trish Atkinson

Carol Hall

Karen Spilman

Heather Cartwright

Dave Hulme

Anyone wishing to offer ideas for future events, or help in any way will be most welcome to contact any of the above or message via the Facebook page.

Thanks to all who have helped or donated, and to Tesco (Mablethorpe) and Gayton Windfarm Community Fund for their ongoing support.

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 there has been Christian worship in the village for over 900 years. Sadly, the size of the congregation is at present very small and the future of regular services is in jeopardy. If you would wish Christian worship to continue in the village, please make the effort to attend church services on Sundays.

Whilst its primary function is a place of Christian worship, the church, is being used more and more by the community. Last year several events were held at the church and the support received was very encouraging. Ticketed events were sold out with the church at capacity.

In February 2025, the kitchen was inspected by East Lindsey District Council and a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 was obtained. This is the highest Food Hygiene Level awarded. Our thanks to Stuart Leeder for all his hard work over the past few months and to the Energie Kontor Windfarm fund for awarding a grant covering a small portion of the work.

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, except January, and Charities Bingo is held on the last Sunday of every month.

More events will be held throughout 2025 and a programme is shown here. More details will be available on Facebook's Saltfleetby Chat and Sell and on the church notice board prior to each event.

Church

St Peter's Church Planned Events Programme for 2025

Date	Event Details
March	28 th Chine Supper. Poetry Sunday 30 th Mother's Day. Bring and Share Lunch.
April	Sunday 20 th Easter Sunday
May	Friday 16 th Quiz Night. Pie and Mushy Peas supper. Sunday 25 th Rogation Sunday
June	Saturday 7 th Summer Fete Craft Stalls 10am – 4pm Cleethorpes Brass Band 2-4pm Sunday 29 th St Peter's Day. Bring and Share Lunch
July	Wednesday 2 nd – Saturday 5 th Flower festival plus Art and Craft display
September	Saturday 20 th Barn Dance
October	Sunday 12 th Harvest Festival. Bring and Share Lunch Friday 17 th Harvest Supper. Beef Stew Supper. Can't Sing Choir
November	Saturday 8 th Bonfire Sunday 9 th Remembrance Day
December	Sunday 14 th Christmas Sing Along. Gavin Willerton 3:00pm Mince Pies & Mulled Wine Wednesday 24 th Carol Service 6:00 pm Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

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Fund-Raising in Saltfleetby

During World War II

Entertainments Committee Whist Drives

Since the early 1930s, Saltfleetby's Entertainments Committee had been arranging numerous village events such as summer Fete and Sports Days, concerts and New Year's Eve Socials in the schoolroom. Two veterans of the First World War were chairman and secretary, and acted as Master of Ceremonies (MC) at their events. Saltfleetby stationmaster George Ingham, had served in France in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Percy Epton, a market gardener on North End Lane, saw action in the Middle East as a member of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry. The committee were lent use of Orchard Bungalow on the Main Road, by retired Methodist evangelist Miss Frances Fletcher, of The Retreat, who owned cottages in the villages that she rented out. Here they held numerous whist drives on Thursdays, to raise money to provide comforts for members of HM Forces.

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WHIST.—Held by the Entertainment Committee a whist drive on Thursday was to provide funds for wool for comforts. Orchard Cottage had been lent by Miss Fletcher. Mr. G. Ingham was M.C. and 12½ tables were in play. Winners:—Ladies: 1. Mr. P. Epton (as lady); 2. Mrs. Kidd; 3. Miss Vickers; Gents.: 1. Mr. A. Lusby; 2. Mr. H. Holmes, Saltfleet; 3. Mr. E. Adlard, Skidbrooke; miniature: Mr. P. Epton and Mr. C. Larder.

Louth Standard 3rd February 1940

The village was shocked when George Ingham died suddenly in March 1942, age 64 after a short illness. Well-known in Saltfleetby, he also established and contributed to other local voluntary organisations such as the Village Billiards League, and Social Club.

Women's Voluntary Service



National Recruiting Poster for the WVS, Imperial War Museum

The WVS were established nationally in 1938 to help with air raid precautions when extra assistance may have been needed. Their work expanded to all kinds of duties such as first aid, knitting items for servicemen, collecting and distributing aid.

The Saltfleetby WVS was established in October 1940 by a number of local women, including Mrs Gwendolen Aley, the wife of the headmaster of the village school, Cecil Aley who had served in the RAF in the First World War. Miss Annie Stones, sister of village blacksmiths Samuel and Harry Stones, was also an active member in her 70s.

In July 1941 they gave £12 10s to the Red Cross to provide 10s parcels for prisoners of war. They raised the money from whist drives, for which over 40 prizes had been given by members and friends.

In the first eight months since their founding, they had raised £38 13s 6d (about £2,300 in today's value) from weekly whist drives, where all prizes were donated. This was used to buy 1,212 ounces of wool, which they knitted into garments for men on minesweepers. They had made 43 pairs of minesweepers' gloves, and turned 50 yards of material provided by the American Red Cross into garments for people in the bombed areas. They collected large quantities of second-hand clothing for people affected by bombing. They had also made twenty-three

pairs of curtains for a canteen at a searchlight camp (at Sea View on the Saltfleetby coast). The ladies took it in turn to do the darning for the men at the camp.

A whist drive in May 1942 raised £6 for St. Dunstan's, the charity supporting blind veterans.

Mr and Mrs Aley left the village to move to Rattlesden in Suffolk, where Cecil took up a new teaching job. In July 1942, after an event demonstrating *mint bottling*, Miss Stones presented Mrs Aley with a leaving gift of an electric boiling ring and electric fire, in appreciation of the work she has done as organiser of the WVS since its formation.

A series of Whist Drives organised by the WVS, Home Guard and National Fire Service (NFS) resulted in £138 12s sent in April 1943 to Saltfleetby Comforts Fund, YMCA, British Seamans's Society, Merchant Navy Comforts Fund, Aid to Russia Fund, Marsh Nursing Association, WVS Wool Fund, NFS Benevolent Fund, and RAF Benevolent Fund.

Penny-A-Week

The British Red Cross and St John's launched their *Penny-a-Week* campaign in 1939, to raise money to fund their humanitarian work during the war, including sending food parcels to prisoner of war camps and soldiers overseas. Based on voluntary contributions from wage earners, giving a penny from their weekly wage, and also collections and house calls. In Saltfleetby the WVS ladies led by Mrs Dorothy Taylor of the Old Orchard, Main Road, managed to collect a quarterly total of over £11 for the fund throughout the war. Mrs Taylor and the WVS continued their good work long after the end of the war.



Promotional Poster for the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund, Wellcome Collection

Garden Fetes

In August 1941, the WVS held a Garden Fete at Saltfleetby House, then owned by railway clerk Jim Luck and his wife Annie, who had held charity events there before the war. The proceeds amounted to £22 17s 3d which was divided between the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund, the Lord Mayor of London Air Raid Relief Fund, and the Saltfleetby WVS Wool Fund.

Saltfleetby House was later in use by the army as a place to billet soldiers and use the grounds for target practice.

The Auxiliary Fire Service, run by local volunteers, merged with the National Fire Service in 1941.

In Saltfleetby their station was in front of Vicker's Fishing Ponds on the Main Road. It utilised an old warehouse to house equipment (site of the former village shop). This area of the Fisheries became a location to hold fund-raising fetes and sports days. In July 1943 money was raised here for the NFS Benevolent and Welfare Fund.

**A GARDEN FETE
AND SPORTS**
will be held at the
**N.F.S. STATION,
SALTFLEETBY ST. PETERS**
In aid of the N.F.S. Benevolent
and Welfare Funds.
SATURDAY, JULY 24th.

Louth Standard 17th July 1943

The Saltfleetby team won the *Tug-of-War* at Skidbrooke's 1942 fete organised by The Civil Defence Service in aid of the Red Cross. Other sports for children and adults included a *fancy-dress race, one mile cycle race, slow cycle and sack race*. £27 was raised over the day.

In June 1944 the annual WVS fete was held at the Fisheries. Mrs Luck judged the competition for children's *decorated cycles with wild flowers*. Other competitions included *shooting, skittles, bowling for a pig, ball game, treasure hunt, red white and blue, tank and darts*.

Percy Epton conducted a sale of goods, and there was a dance later at Sea View. The net proceeds for the day's events came to £91.

Dances at Sea View

A wooden recreation hut was put up for use of the searchlight company based at Sea View. This was also used for fund-raising dances, organised by local women. In March 1944 Miss Grace Holloway and Mrs Kathleen Graves (nee Brown) organised an event in aid of the Red Cross. The MC was Sgt Jones, items were donated as prizes. Misses Margory Larder and Edna Richardson were in charge of competitions. Home Guard Captain Jim Odlin conducted the sale of gifts.

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RED CROSS.—A dance in the "Sea View" Recreation Hut for the Red Cross was organised by Miss Grace Holloway and Mrs. S. Graves, and Sgt. Jones was M.C. Pillow cases (given by Mrs. Campbell), won by Mrs. G. Vickers; groceries, A. C. Ingamells; fancy mats (Mrs. Campbell), Mrs. A. Stubbs, returned for sale. Those in charge of competitions were Misses M. Larder and E. Richardson. The sale of gifts was conducted by Capt. J. E. Odlin, and refreshments were in charge of Mrs. A. Stubbs, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. W. H. Stubbs and Mrs. Campbell. The sale realised £7, and the total of £30 included donations.

Louth Standard 11th March 1944

A total of £30 was raised. Kathleen Graves organised further events at the hut with many contributions from locals. A dance in April 1944 raised £15 for the Red Cross, and £14 in June 1944.

After the war the recreation hut remained disused at Sea View, until it was bought by the village and moved to the Main Road, where it served as Saltfleetby Village Hall for decades.

Home Guard at the Prussian Queen

The village pub closed to become the headquarters of the Saltfleetby Home Guards. Made up of local volunteers led by many veterans of the First World War. James Edward Odlin of Poplar Farm, who had served in the trenches in France as a member of the Lincolnshire Regiment, became the captain. As well as local defence duties and training they also organised fund-raising events.

Lindsey 9th (Louth) Battalion Home Guard commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Oscar Dixon of Kenwick Hall, Louth, granted permission for the Prussian Queen to be lent for occasional social events to help the war effort.

At a whist drive in November 1943 in the Prussian Queen, Captain Odlin was MC. Several gifts of hares, chickens and produce were sold, raising £9 18s, giving a total of £20 0s 1d for Red Cross Funds.

In December 1943 Capt. Odlin and Mr G. T. Jaques organised a whist drive in which £10 15s was raised for the Red Cross Agriculture Fund. Among the prizes won that night were soap, envelopes, a hare, whisky, two partridges, a chicken and rabbits. Another one organised by Capt. Odlin and Mr Jaques in December 1944 raised £16 for Red Cross Funds.

Salvage Collection

The Louth Rural District Council (RDC) organised a salvage campaign for the collection of wastepaper, metals and other waste products which could be put to good use for the war effort. Extra incentive was given by setting villages in competition with each other to see which could donate the most. In August 1941 they reported that Withern was in first place with 7½lbs of salvage per head of the population. Saltfleetby

was second with 6lbs. Third place was shared by Aby, Claythorpe and Belleau with 5½lbs each.

Collecting depots were set up throughout the area, with volunteers assisting in the scheme. A large space was set apart in the forecourt of the Louth RDC offices for the reception of salvage, which was filled to overflowing, especially on market days.

Louth Rural Area Good Neighbour Scheme for Leytonstone

Many useful household items such as beds, mattresses, pillows, sheets, blankets, cups and saucers, glass and cooking utensils, teacloths and cushions etc, were donated by the people of Saltfleetby and surrounding villages. The appeal was organised in March 1945 by regional WVS member Mrs Doreen Palethorpe of Claythorpe Manor, Alford, to help the people of Leytonstone in London who had suffered heavy bomb damage.

Victory in Europe Day



Lincolnshire Echo 7th May 1945

Twelve days after VE day, on Whit Monday 1945, a village fete was held at The Fisheries. As well as the usual games, it also included a fancy-dress competition, Victory Cake and port wine, *flags*, *guess the dog's name* (it was "Vic"), and *guess the name of the doll*, which no-one guessed correctly, so it was sold. There was a *bring-and-buy stall* and an auction sale conducted by Percy Epton. Refreshments were served during the evening. The net proceeds amounted to over £100 (worth £5,500 today) which was donated to the Services Comforts Fund.

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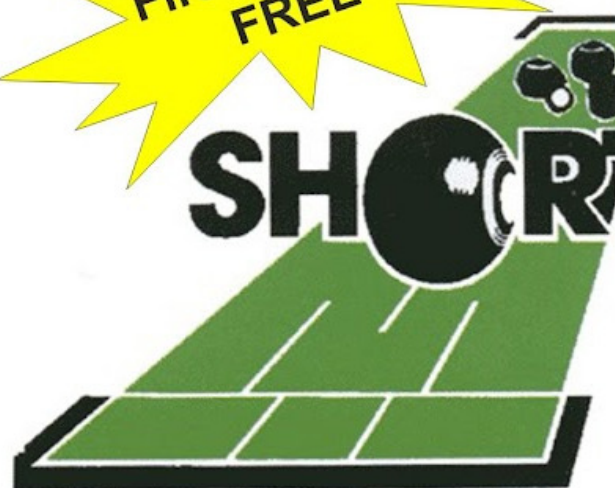
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Rural Crime

Hello all. Everyone is probably well aware of the amount of crime in Saltfleetby and the surrounding areas. It's varied but mainly break ins, theft of property, fuel oil and vehicles, hare coursing, livestock theft and trespass. It's shocking actually how much is going on and even with social media, it's surprising how many are not aware.

A few weeks ago, several properties were targeted. This resulted in damage to buildings and a lot of property stolen including tools, horse riding equipment, a gun and ammunition (we understand to be an air rifle). It was definitely organised and targeted to those individuals. This is becoming common place and is of concern. More so when we know that the police don't have the time or resources to carry out preventative policing and will only attend an active situation. This we all know from experience is either too late or not at all. Therefore everyone is getting frustrated, angry, worried, scared, and now lots of discussion about what we would do individually to protect what we have worked so hard for. The criminals carrying out these crimes are becoming more organised and know that the lack of policing is working to their advantage.

They come onto properties acting as mobile mechanics, looking for someone, handing out business cards etc etc. This is so if their DNA is found after a break in etc, they have an excuse for being there. This is just an example of how they work. I have heard that the police struggle to get a prosecution on these grounds.

There has been a lot of sightings and CCTV footage of certain individuals walking around yards and back gardens when they shouldn't be there. So the day after the said night when all the break ins occurred, I rang the police. I was put through to the control room and then to someone else. I was advised to get a public meeting set up. I can only guess that they struggle themselves and so if the public speak up then maybe more could be done.

I have spoken to other parish counsellors, local and county counsellors and they have all said they will get involved in some way.

Currently a meeting is being organised to get an action plan together on how best to proceed and include everyone. Then hopefully a public meeting soon in which we can have our say and look how we all can put in better preventative measures. Years ago we used to have village watch and other schemes which did work.

It's better to do something than nothing as it's only going to get worse and someone will get hurt as a result.

For now keep the communication up on Facebook and WhatsApp groups etc and make it known if your a victim of crime. This way we can all be on our guard. And obviously contact the police of anything suspicious.

Please feel free to contact me: **duncan.saltfleetby@gmail.com**





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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 are available.

For more details Contact Pete Hatton on 07743508055

The Painting below of Maccin, is in Oils by one of our more advanced members.



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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 on

March 30th. 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.

Come along and join in the fun.

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FREE TEA AND CAKE



June Spetch
Saltfleetby Charity Bingo
St Peters Church
Saltfleetby
LN11 7SP

28th January 2025

Dear June,

On behalf of Mind, I want to thank you most warmly for your generous cheque donation of £500.00 received at our Louth Mind, we are very appreciative of your kind gift.

Sadly, the stigma surrounding mental health still continues so it is important that we receive support to enable us to continue to challenge the discrimination that so often takes place in society. Your kind gift will enable us to keep on fighting for change so that people with mental health problems continue to get a better deal in society.

Once again, thank you so much for supporting Mind's work.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Day".

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A TRUE CRIME STORY FROM VICTORIAN SALTFLEETBY

Highway Robbery 1876

On Friday 26th May 1876, 39-year-old Mr Charles Needler, a farmer from Saltfleetby, went to Louth to sell some livestock. He set off from home carrying the sum of about £7. At Louth Stock Market he received £37 6s for the sale of two beasts, then made payments of £26. At about 5 or 6pm he set off for home, riding in the conveyance of his neighbour, farmer William Housham of Saltfleetby.

On reaching Saltfleetby St Peter at about 8pm they called into the Angel Inn on the Main Road. At this time a new railway was being built connecting Louth with Mablethorpe via a new station at Saltfleetby, which opened the following year. Several “navvies” (navigators), manual workers constructing the new railway line, were also drinking in the Angel that night. They asked Mr Needler if he would treat them. On pulling out his purse to pay for some beer, 24-year-old navvy Henry Holmes looked over his shoulder and said “I’ll tell you what, you carry a good purse, old boy”, to which Needler replied “Yes, I’ve a good purse, but I’m sorry to say I’ve but little in it”. They carried on further conversation until Needler said he must go.

At about 9.30pm Holmes and two other men left the pub, first asking Needler which way he was going, offering to walk with him as they were going the same way until the brick yard (now the fishing pond near Marshlands). About ten minutes later Mr Needler left. He called after them, wishing to walk in their company. About 50 yards past the pub, he heard a whistle behind him. He caught up with them, they exchanged a few words before he overtook them about 400 yards from the pub.

At this point one of the men came suddenly behind him, seized him by the neck and pulled him to the ground. Someone seized hold of his legs, but he couldn't tell who. Needler shouted out "man, what are you going to do?", to which he replied "Where's your money you b_____, I know you have some; give it up or I will knock your brains out with this stone". Needler said "for God's sake spare my life if you take all I have". His purse containing £16 15s 7d (worth about £2,000 today) was taken from him, along with his watch and chain. The assailant said "if you ever split one word, I shall murder you". The other two men stood about 7 yards away. As soon as his purse was taken, all three ran away.



Map showing where events took place on the night of Friday 26th May 1876

Mr Needler shouted out "I am robbed" and tried to run after the men, but they were gone. The police were informed of the incident early the following morning. Shortly afterwards Henry Homes was arrested in Grimoldby and identified by Mr Needler as being one of the three.

The third man, 20-year-old Joseph Capes was captured on the Monday whilst working on the East Coast Railway. Both men denied complicity in the robbery, but were committed for trial at the assizes.

They were sent to be held at Lincoln Gaol (in the castle grounds) on 2nd June while they awaited their trial.

The third man, that they called “Ginger”, real name George Henry Upton, a 21-year-old agricultural labourer from Covenham, remained at large. Upton’s description was circulated nationally in the Police Gazette:

**ROBBERY AND LARCENY FROM
THE PERSON.**

Description of GEORGE HENRY UPTON, charged with stealing from the person of Charles Needles, of Saltfleetby, St. Peters : a Purse, containing £16 in Gold and Silver : he is 21 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, red hair, sandy whiskers, freckled face, walks erect, and surly looking ; has a brother residing at Hillsborough, near Sheffield. Information to be given to Superintendent Thorsby, Louth, Lincolnshire, who holds a warrant for his apprehension.—*Bow-street, June 2.*

The Police Gazette, Tuesday 6th June 1876

Holmes and Capes were tried at Spilsby on 4th July before Magistrate Cornelius Parker of Louth. Local witnesses gave evidence including Superintendent Thoresby of Louth and Pc Smith, who apprehended the prisoners. Mr Barker, the landlord of the Angel, confirmed that the two prisoners, Upton and Charles Needler were drinking together there that night. 19-year-old Mary Frances Dennis, who lived on the Main Road between the Angel Inn and Saltfleetby House, stated that she heard parties walking fast past her house between nine and ten on the night in question, but could not tell who they were.

The defence made the case that Holmes and Capes were only charged with being accessories, and had not actually committed the offence. It was suggested that Upton, was the actually thief, but he had escaped while the prisoners had not done so. Perhaps the person that Needler said held his legs was likely the same person that he heard mysteriously whistling in the background earlier? It was argued that

there was no justification for conviction, and had Upton been captured, Holmes and Capes would not have been put in this position. Capes had nothing to do with it, and Upton had threatened Holmes that he would “smash his head if he interfered”.

The jury retired, and after 25 minutes, returned to the court declaring a verdict of “Not Guilty” against both of the prisoners. One said to the jury “You have spoken the truth; we are not guilty of it”.

On 11th July, George Upton was finally apprehended, in Driffield by Pc Swaby who charged him with the robbery. He was searched, and a purse containing £7 was found upon him, as well as a watch and chain. He said “I did not do it by myself, there were two more men with me”. On 12th July Supt. Thoresby received Upton into his custody at Louth, and charged him with robbery. He was committed to take his trial at the October Sessions and held at Lincoln Gaol until then. He had had a previous conviction of larceny in 1870 (six years earlier), for stealing two tame fowl, for which he served 3 calendar months hard labour in Spilsby Gaol.

On 24th October 1876, George Upton pleaded guilty of larceny from the person, before Magistrate Cornelius Parker. He was sentenced to nine calendar months imprisonment with hard labour at the Lindsey Prison, Lincoln (now HMP Lincoln).



“Prison for the Parts of Lindsey”, in 1869 when it was newly built.

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 16TH MAY AT ST PETER'S CHURCH
SALTFLEETBY**

TEAMS UP TO 6 MEMBERS @ £5 per person

1st Prize £10 Garden Centre gift voucher for each team member.

Booby prize for each member of the team in last place.

Pie and mushy peas at half time along with a raffle.

Tea and coffee available.

Bring your own alcohol if it helps the brain to function.

Doors open at 6.00pm for a 7.00 pm start.

Questionmaster: Bamber Gastone

**To register your team name and number of members please contact
June Spetch 07961424988 or Pete Hatton 07743508055**

Come and join in for a fun and hopefully entertaining evening.

In past issues I have included a few sudoku games.

A few people have asked me “what do I do”?

It is basically a process of deduction and/or elimination to keep the old brain cells ticking much like a crossword or wordsearch.

Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 “squares” (made up of 3 x 3 spaces).

Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

4	3	5	2	6	9	7	8	1
6	8	2	5	7	1	4	9	3
1	9	7	8	3	4	5	6	2
8	2	6	1	9	5	3	4	7
3	7	4	6	8	2	9	1	5
9	5	1	7	4	3	6	2	8
5	1	9	3	2	6	8	7	4
2	4	8	9	5	7	1	3	6
7	6	3	4	1	8	2	5	9

Here is an example of a completed puzzle. If you look at the red box, you can see that it contains all the numbers 1 to 9. Similarly, if you look at the blue row, it also contains numbers 1 to 9 as does the green column. So faced with a puzzle with blank spaces, using skill, good judgement and a process of elimination, fill in the blanks. Try this one for starters, you will find another on page 37.

To get you started, let's look at the 6th row down. Numbers 1 and 7 are missing. We cannot put 1 between 3 and 4 because there is already a 1 in that box and column, therefore it must go at the end next to the 9. The 7 then fills the gap between the 3 and 4. Also, the 7 could not go at the end because there is already a 7 in that box of nine. Continue the process to fill all the spaces. Good luck.

			8		5		1	3
			2		3	6		
6				9		2		4
								5
	4		1			7		6
2	5	6	3		4	8	9	
5	9				7	1		2
1		2		8		4	7	
		4	9	1			3	8

Saltfleetby Community Park

St peter's church

Quiz night

**£3 per
person**



**Everyone
welcome!!!**

**5th of April
7pm-9pm**

**SALTFLEETBY
COMMUNITY PARK**

**FREE
ENTRY**

'A GOOD OLD FASHIONED'

**JUMBLE
SALE**

SATURDAY 26th APRIL

11.00am until 3.00pm

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My request for seasonal photographs resulted in the three lovely shots of flowers around Saltfleetby.

Your photographs are always welcome so get snapping for the summer issue.



SALTFLEETBY LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 5th APRIL

In conjunction with the Great British Spring Clean and Keep Britain Tidy campaign, Saltfleetby Parish Councillor Brian Hall is organising a one hour village litter pick.

Meeting at St. Peter's church for a 10.30am start, pickers will be given necessary safety instruction along with litter pickers, bags and hi-vis vests.

Returning to the church for refreshments around noon, pickers can return their equipment and enjoy a free cuppa.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the pick.

To volunteer your services please contact Brian

07849736603



As mentioned in the christmas newsletter, I would like to include old photographs in and around Saltfleetby. As this is the spring edition we start with Mr Taylor of Thornham Farm holding a couple of spring lambs. I cannot be sure of the date but the young lady holding the lamb is Ysanne who still lives at the farm so I'm guessing they must be at least ** years ago.....!



During April 1984 Saltfleetby was invaded by a series of strange looking vehicles. The vehicles I believe, were being used by Rees Geophysics to take seismic readings in the area. As I understand, the large plate below the vehicle would lower on to the road at the same time lifting the wheels from the road surface. The plate would then vibrate sending pulses through the rock below. By all accounts, the vibrations felt today from passing lorries along Main Road bears little resemblance to the earthquake like vibrations sent out by these machines. If anyone living in Saltfleetby at the time of the survey would like to expand on my minimal knowledge please get in touch.



I also recieved some interesting photographs relating to properties in the village: Firstly, The Barn on North End Lane. Here it is....or rather, as it was.

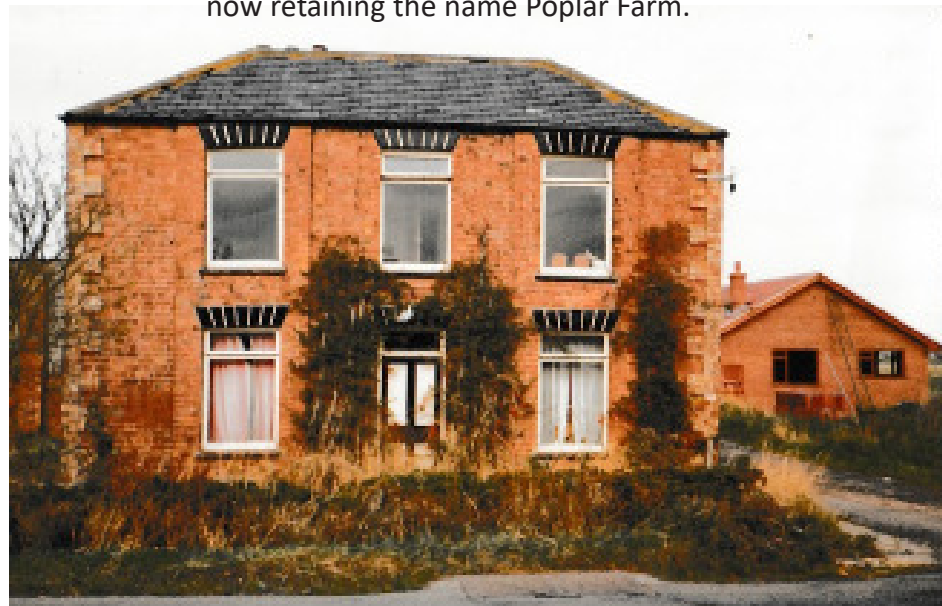


This is an old photograph of what is now “Grange Court” on North End Lane. The edge of the neighbouring property “The Barn” can be seen on the right hand side of the picture.

Driving in to Saltfleeby from Manby, as you come around the Z bend the first property on the left would have been Poplar Farm. The original building was built at ninety degrees to the road with the front extension being added around 1870. The house pictured was awaiting demolition around 1984 I understand. Again if anyone would like to expand on details, please get in touch. Stories and photographs are always welcome.



Hunters Lodge now sits on the site with the neighbouring bungalow now retaining the name Poplar Farm.



Saltfleetby Community Association

As well as the monthly coffee mornings and the prize bingo, Saltfleetby Community Association are looking at other events during the year. The ever popular ceilidh will hopefully be happening in July and a fashion show and shopping event in August. If all goes to plan we will have a quiz night in November. Suggestions for other events and offers of help will be most welcomed.

Throughout the last 12 months we have had an Air Ambulance collection tin at our coffee mornings, and together with donations from this, and a percentage of money raised from other events, we will at our bingo on 6th April, present them with a cheque for £791.

Grateful thanks to all who helped in any way to make this possible.



80th VE DAY[©]
80th ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 MAY 2025

Bring your own
"Lamp of Peace"
if so desired

**BEACON
Lighting
9-30pm**

Saltfleetby Community Association
invites you to join them as they
light the beacon at
"Marshlands" Community Hall
Saltfleetby (LN11 7SS)
in celebration of the
80th Anniversary of VE Day
which marked the end of
the war in Europe and WWII
as a whole on 8th May 1945.

**BAR OPEN
8pm onwards**



**Easter
Prize BINGO
and RAFFLE**
**Marshlands
Community Hall**
(Saltfleetby LN11 7SS)

Bar will be
open

**Sunday
6th April**

including presentation to
Lines & Notts
Air Ambulance

DOORS OPEN 6.30
EYES DOWN 7PM

Proceeds to Saltfleetby Community Association

May 8th is the 80th anniversary of VE Day and once again we invite you to join us when we light the beacon, along with many others country wide to remember this historic event.

Liquid refreshment will be available from 8pm, with the beacon being lit at 9-30pm.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Keith Atkinson

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	7	3				1		5
4	6		1			2		
				5			7	6
	3	2	8	6	1		4	9
6	9	5	7		3		2	1
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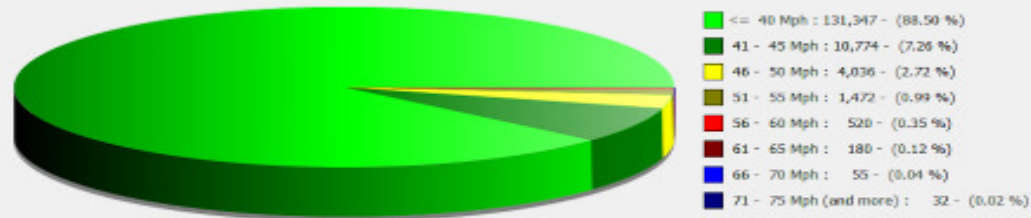

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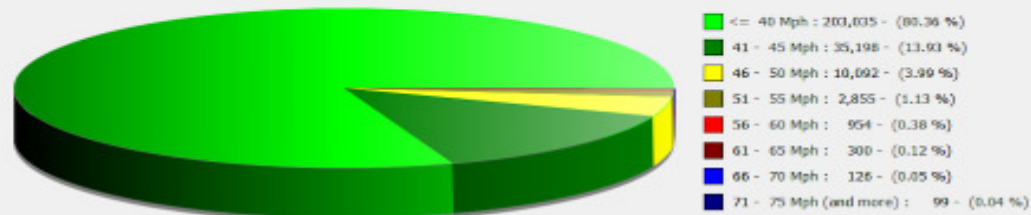
Vehicles distribution among velocity range

Incoming vehicles



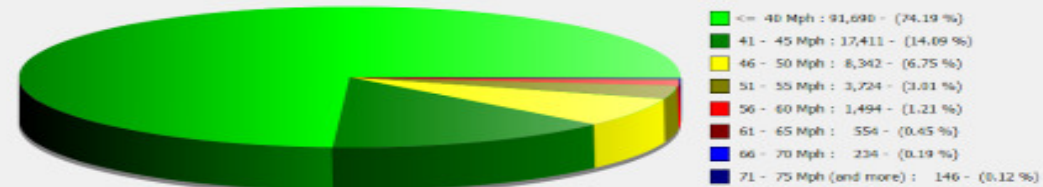
COX FIELD

Outgoing vehicles



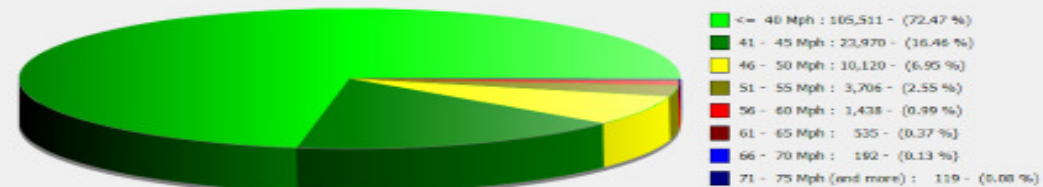
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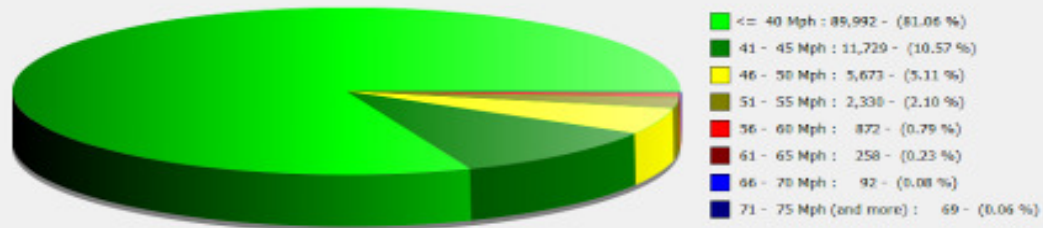


OUTGANG

Outgoing vehicles

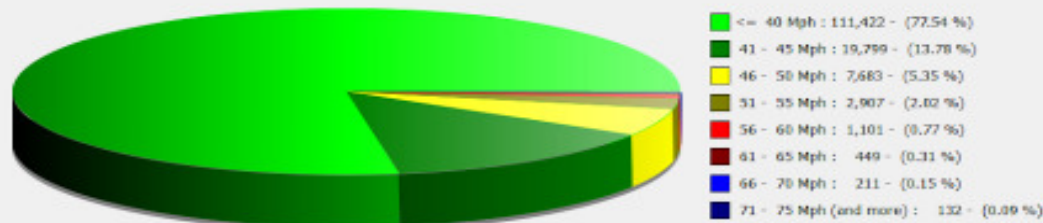


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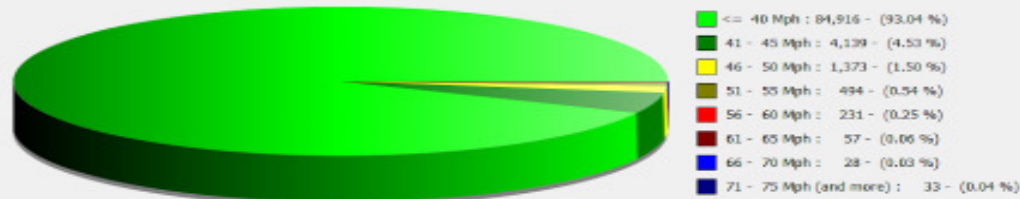


EAST END GATE

Outgoing vehicles

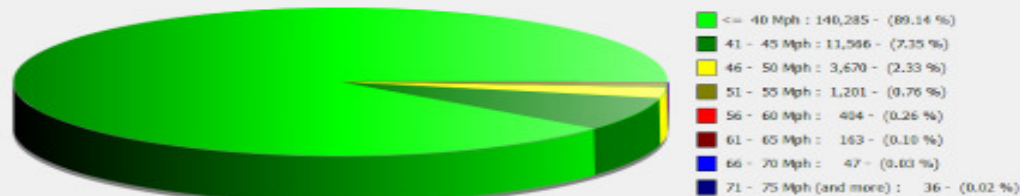


Incoming vehicles



MARSHLANDS

Outgoing vehicles



SOLAR SPEED SIGN RESULTS

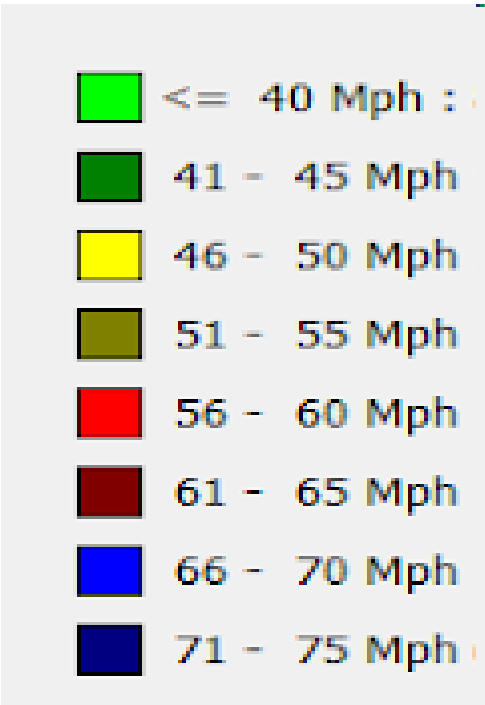
The results printed on pages 38 and 39 cover a period from 24-08-2024 to 14-02-2025. Firstly I fully appreciate that when reproduced on an A5 page the details are difficult to read. If you wish to receive a better clear copy of the results by email, please send your request to me,

christopher.stone@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

and I shall be pleased to forward them on to you.

The following list depicts what colour relates to what speed; the quantity of that colour shows the percentage of that speed.

For example, if you look at the results for vehicles coming from Manby towards the speed sign at Marshlands, during the 6 month period listed, 180,891 vehicles passed that sign at 40 mph or less. That figure relates to over 93% of vehicles being within the speed limit of 40 mph. You will also notice that the speeds are recorded by each sign in both directions.



The village Speed Watch is in regular action throughout the village. New members are always welcome and full training is given.

The results clearly show that the signs do work but there is still work to be done in certain areas.

The speed watch teams, the police speed detector van and the unmarked police cars will continue to monitor the situation.

Speeding tickets have been issued in the past, please don't be the next one caught, in this instance, points definitely do not win prizes!

SALTFLEETBY CHAT & CRAFT GROUP



The Chat & Craft Group meet every Monday at St Peter's Church on Main Road from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (no 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!

Members enjoy a range of crafts - knitting, embroidery, crochet, cross-stitch, papercrafts and more.

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.



COFFEE MORNING AT THE CHURCH

On the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30am until noon, you are welcome to come along to St Peter's and join with everyone for a cup or two, of coffee or tea and a cake of your choice. A variety of cakes are supplied by residents for you to enjoy. Drinks and cakes are totally free of charge and there is always something to chat about. Accompanied children are most welcome. Please come along and join in with a friendly welcoming group, while enjoying the culinary delights on offer, all totally free.

**Don't forget, it is the first Wednesday of the month
10.30 am until 12.00 noon**



Location	Service	Day / Time	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Mobile Library Timetables – 2025							
Saltfleetby - Main Road, Fishmear Gate	Mobile Library East	Tuesday 3 15:15-15:45	7 th	4 th	4 th	1 st 29 th	27 th

June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mobile Library Timetables – 2025						
24 th	22 nd	19 th	16 th	14 th	11 th	9 th

Details taken from Lincolnshire County Council

Dog walkers and members of the public may have noticed the appearance of two new dog waste bins positioned along regular walking routes. One is positioned along Ings Lane, the other on the fingerpost as you enter “The Stump”. Both have been purchased by the Parish Council to help with the increasing amount of dog waste being left by the roadside by certain inconsiderate owners. It was also discussed that given the amount of litter picked at last year’s event, a general waste bin may help the situation. To that end a standard wall mounted general waste bin will be purchased and sited at the bus stop opposite St Peter’s.





Working Farm Open Days

Martin, Nick and family invite you on:

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st May

10am - 4pm

On display their collection of working classic and vintage equipment together with Stationary engines, Ploughs, Barn equipment, Hand tools and all kinds of memorabilia. Also, a Working Area of Tractors, Ploughs and Crawlers all with Vintage Implements.

A collection of Vintage and Classic Tractors will also be on show

A BBQ along with cakes and pastries will be served from noon onwards, both days.

There is no charge to attend but donations are welcome, which will benefit a local charity.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you at The Sycamores, Church Lane, Saltfleetby, LN11 7TU.



Outside Toilet facilities available.
Car Park in grass field at side of Church.