

No sooner have we delivered the spring newsletter, summer arrives. 44 pages of articles, reports and advertisements which I hope you will find interesting. My alter ego, Bamber Gastone put in an appearance in May asking questions at the St. Peter's quiz night. A report can be found on page 34. The church fete was held in June with entertainment provided by the Cleethorpes Brass Band and a variety of craft stalls but too late to make this edition so photographs and report to follow in the autumn newsletter. Other events have taken place but no reports have been provided by the various groups: as previously mentioned in the newsletter, I can only publish articles and reports that have been emailed to

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Speeding, a constant village issue, continued to be discussed at the May Parish meeting, on this occasion, with our new County Councillor for Saltfleet & the Cotes, Bayleigh Robinson, elected on May 1st, 2025. Hopefully he will continue the good work of our previous councillor Daniel McNally as we, Saltfleetby Parish Council, attempt to obtain the necessary permissions for 40 mph signs on the tarmac along Main Road.

Annmarie Bone, the Community Development Officer for YMCA Lincolnshire was in attendance and gave a talk on her role and what help she could be to the community. Details on page 26.

A resident gave a comprehensive talk on rural crime. His article can be read on page 24. Any crime, however small, needs reporting to ensure a record is kept to assist the Police in deciding what action can be taken.

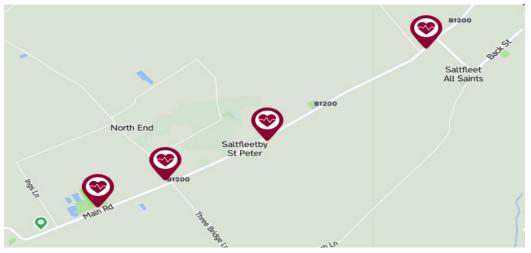
A request was made by a resident some months ago, for me to print a map in the newsletter, a map showing the locations of the four defibrillator units in the village. Personally, I did not see the point. If you need a defibrillator, you dial 999. They will then check their system and tell you where to go to collect the unit. They will also provide a code for you to access the box containing the unit. They know if the box contains a working, ready to use unit. There is little point driving to a box only to find it unusable. All that said, the request to print a map had been made so I located the defib finder map only to find one unit shown in completely the wrong location.



Defib finder – find the defibrillators nearest you.

Defib finder uses data from The Circuit, the national **defibrillator** network, to help you find information about the **nearest defibrillators** to you.

This I felt was a major issue that needed swift action; there is not much point being directed to a non-existent unit. The unit in question was the Louth Town unit at Marshlands which was actually showing as being located in Church Lane! The Parish Council clerk contacted the guardian of the unit and the map has now been corrected. As I was requested to print the map, here it is.



The units can be found at Marshlands, St. Peter's, the Snooker Club and the Old Bakehouse. As I've already stated, dial 999 first. You will be told which unit to collect and given the code number for that box.

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As ever, you will find lots of information, regularly updated, on the Saltfleetby Parish Council website, now easily accessed by scanning the QR code. Thanks for reading this far, any comments, advertisements or articles for the autumn issue, please send them directly to me.

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Deadline for the autumn issue is September 8th Chris Stone



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I am available outside of normal school hours, i.e, from 4:30pm onwards Mon-Fri and all-day Sat/Sun. I am seeking a discretionary £10 per hour, but larger/longer tasks can of course be negotiated!

Therefore, if I can be of any assistance to you, please do get in touch!

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HISTORY OF THE PRUSSIAN QUEEN

Dating back well over 200 years, the Prussian Queen has been the last remaining pub in Saltfleetby since the closure of the Angel Inn in the early 1920s. Thought to be the only inn in the country ever to have that name, our country pub in a beautiful location has played an important part in rural life.

The Mystery of the Name

The exact origins of the unique name are long lost in time, and have caused much speculation. A Wrecked Ship? Many believe it was named after a German ship called The Prussian Queen that was wrecked off the coast nearby, her timbers salvaged and used to build the pub, her figurehead displayed outside as the pub sign, the rusting rudder post stuck in the beach sand for years. It's certainly true that there were many shipwrecks on the Saltfleetby shore, with their wood salvaged and used for buildings (such as the 1874 wreck of The Rimac), but no-one has yet found evidence of a wrecked Prussian Queen anywhere here. The most common version of the story states that it occurred in the 1850s, but evidence shows that the pub had been called Prussian Queen decades before this time. A Stamp Called the Prussian Blue? The story goes that it's named after a rare stamp, in the collection of a local philatelist, depicting the face of the Queen of Prussia, or was it a notorious forgery? But the Prussian Queen pub had its name long before postage stamps were even invented. Named after the daughter of King George !? Princess Sophia Dorothea married Crown Prince Frederick William of Prussia in 1706, they became King and Queen of Prussia in 1713. The story goes that she had a connection to our area having sailed to the continent from Saltfleet Haven. But she was born and raised in Hanover, Germany, her father didn't become king of England until she was 27 years old, already married and Queen of Prussia, in fact she never visited England at all. Maybe a different Prussian Queen is the namesake of our village pub?

Saltfleetby During the Napoleonic Wars

After the French Revolution, France was at war with Britain for over two decades. The last invasion of the British mainland by a foreign power was in 1797, when the French were defeated at the Battle of Fishguard in Wales.

Further invasion was feared, especially after Napoleon declared war against Britain in 1803. Volunteer Corps were raised, such as the *Loyal Lincolnshire Village Volunteers*, said to have members in every village. Lord Brownlow of Belton House, who was the patron of Saltfleetby St Clement's Church, took command of two of its companies. By the end of 1803 the Lincolnshire Volunteers totalled 587 cavalry and 6,720 infantry.

A series of signal beacons were established along the coast from Cleethorpes Cliff to Gibraltar Point, including at Saltfleet Harbour (which could have been seen from the pub in Saltfleetby All Saints). Flags would be raised to indicate the sighting of enemy ships in the day, or the beacons lit after dark, the signals relayed to alert the surrounding area to the impending attack. A Saltfleetby and Theddlethorpe Volunteer Corp was raised and commanded by Theddlethorpe gentry William Marshall (a justice of the peace) and Charles Dennis (a grazier and drainage surveyor), also led by Saltfleetby farmers Lieutenant Langley Gace Hodgson (nephew of the vicar of Skidbrooke) and Ensign Thomas Showler.

Napoleon's attempts to cause hardship in Britain by blocking trade with his French Empire would have been very damaging to the merchant ships at local ports such as Saltfleet and Grimsby.

A Prussian Ally

In 1793 Queen Charlotte's 17-year-old niece, Louise of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, married Crown Prince Frederick William of Prussia. He succeeded to the throne in 1797, so Louise became the new Queen of Prussia.



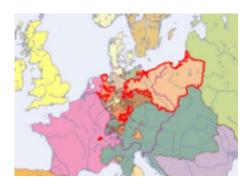
A very popular figure, large crowds turned out to see appearances by the celebrated young queen, who enjoyed interacting with the public during tours of their kingdom. She was well-known in Britain too, with portraits displayed in London, reports and articles about her featuring in newspapers and magazines.

In 1805 she advised her husband that Prussia should no longer remain neutral in the war, and helped forge the alliance of Prussia, Russia and Austria against Napoleon's French forces.

' As a result, Napoleon called her "my beautiful enemy".

1802 portrait of Queen Louise of Prussia by Josef Grassi

Queen Louise accompanied troops preparing for battle, sometimes dressed in military uniform herself, despite the risk of being captured. She visited the barracks of sick and wounded allied soldiers. In 1807, after harsh losses, she met with Napoleon, to plead for a more favourable peace treaty.



The Kingdom of Prussia in 1800

She died suddenly in 1810 at the age of 35, leaving seven children.

In Britain the Lord Chamberlain ordered the Court to go into mourning for three weeks. Tributes were published in newspapers across the country. Perhaps she was the tragic, heroic Prussian Queen who was honoured by a Lincolnshire village, whilst its residents prepared for invasion?

Alehouse Recognisance The first written record of the pub in Saltfleetby All Saints is on the Alehouse Recognizance of 1792, which can be found in the Lincolnshire Archives. These early licencing agreements were renewed annually at Louth Guildhall before two Justices of the Peace. All pub landlords in the Loutheske area appeared in person, along with their surety, who would act as a guarantor, pledging to keep good order and not permit unlawful games in their house, or have to pay the sum of money agreed in the bond.

James and Sarah Smith The first name to appear on the earliest recognizance was James Smith, who was victualler (person licenced to sell alcoholic drinks) at the pub from 1792. The pub almost certainly was there earlier, but no older records exist. The early documents didn't record the name of the pub, just the victualler, their surety and the village. It wasn't until 1823 that they also filled in the pub's name. At this time when literacy was low, pubs were just known by the sign, a picture or carving (not written) depicting what it was known as. In 1823 the recognizance form was filled in as: ".... James Smith at the Sign of the Queen of Prussia in Saltfleetby All Saints in the said parts Victualler...."

James Smith was born in about 1729. In 1766 he was working as a carpenter in Theddlethorpe. He married Sarah Ryley in Theddlethorpe All Saints Church in October 1766. Sarah was born in 1745, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Ryley who had the **Ship Inn** at Theddlethorpe. The Ryley family ran The Ship until 1813. It continued to be a thriving village pub, at one time the only licenced house in Theddlethorpe until a private 16th Century cottage opened as The Kings Head Inn in 1830, which is still a pub today. The Ship closed down in the 20th Century and is now derelict, opposite Churchill Lane on the A1031.





The Ship Inn Theddlethorpe in the early 20th Century and as a ruin in 2025. The family home of the Prussian Queen's First known landlady in the 18th Century.

to go into mourning for three weeks. country. Perhaps she was the tragic, ncolnshire village, whilst its residents James Smith remained the licenced victualler of the Queen of Prussia Alehouse until his death in May 1826 at the age of 97. He was buried in the graveyard of Saltfleetby All Saints Church.

His widow Sarah then took over the licence. As a new licensee, the local curate, Reverend Richard Kilvington, and the churchwarden of All Saints, John Duckitt, were required to write a letter for her to show at the Guildhall, attesting to her good character. This letter is now kept in the Lincolnshire Archives: It stated that the alehouse in Saltfleetby All Saints, *known by the sign of the Queen of Prussia* had been kept by her husband, John Smith to the time of his death and since by Sarah Smith "and that the said Sarah Smith is of good fame, sober life and conversation and a fit and proper person to be entrusted with a licence for the purpose of keeping an alehouse and Victualling House and to sell Ale, Beer or other excisable liquors by Retail " dated "the Nineteenth day of September 1826".

Sarah died in October 1827, age 82 and was buried at All Saints.

Emerson Woolley Born in Louth in 1753, the son of Stephen and Eleanor Woolley (nee Emerson). He went to work in London as an attorney (carrying out business on behalf of clients). He married Mary Ryley (Sarah's sister) in 1777 in St Mary Le Bow Church, London. The wedding was witnessed by Lincolnshire publican James Smith.

Emerson and Mary had four children whilst living in the City of London/Finsbury area. Mary died in October 1815 and was buried in St Marylebone churchyard. Emerson was back in Lincolnshire, living at the Queen of Prussia alehouse for a while before he applied to take over the licence in 1828. Again, Rev Kilvington wrote a letter to certify his good character, signed also by churchwarden William Chapman on 17th September 1828.

Mr Woolley put the pub up for sale in 1830

This is the first known newspaper reference to the pub, in April 1830 announcing that the owner Mr Woolley was selling "All that old-established Public-House, known by the sign of the Queen of Prussia", at auction in Louth on 3rd May that year.

As well as a brewhouse, stables and outbuildings, it had a garden and paddock of about 3 roods (or ¾ of an acre).

PUBLIC-HOUSE at SALTFLEETBY.

To be SOLD by AUCTION,

By Messrs. JACKSON,

At the Black Bull Inn in Louth, on Monday the 3d of May, 1830, at Six o'clock in the evening, unless sooner disposed of by private contract;

A LL that old-established PUBLIC-HOUSE, known by the sign of the QUEEN OF PRUSSIA, with the Brewhouse, Stables, and other Out-buildings, and a Garden and Paddock, containing together about Three Roods, situate in SALTFLETBY ST. CLEMENT's, near the turnpike-road leading from Louth to Saltfleet, and now in the occupation of Mr. Woolley, the owner, who will show the premises.

To For further particulars apply to Messrs. Jackson, booksellers, Louth.

12th April, 1830.

Stamford Mercury 16th April 1830

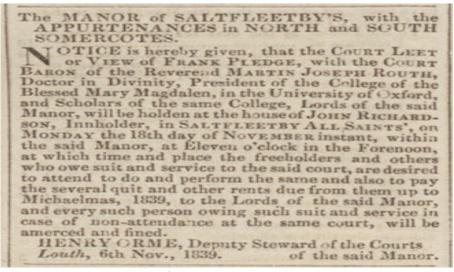
Emerson Woolley died in March 1831, at the age of 79, and was buried in Saltfleetby All Saints churchyard.

John and Ann Richardson

From the 1830s, John Richardson was the publican and also a butcher at the Prussian Queen, with his wife Ann. John was born in Saltfleetby All Saints in 1804. Ann Garton was born in 1809 in Crofton, near Swarby, Sleaford, to farming parents. They married at Saltfleetby All Saints Church in 1832.

Local landowners held annual courts in the village inns, in order to collect rents and exercise their ancient rights as Lords of the Manor, remnants of the medieval system of local government and law-enforcement. Mr Richardson hosted some of these meetings in his inn on behalf of Magdalen College, Oxford, who were the patron of All Saint's Church.

John and Ann had seven children: Mary Ann in 1833, Susannah in 1835, George in 1836, Victoria Azabah in 1840, and three boys who died in infancy: William in 1837, another William in 1839 and John David in 1843



The Lincolnshire Chronicle 8th November 1839

John Richardson died on 30th May 1844, age 39. At Louth Petty Sessions Court in July 1844, the licence of the *Queen of Prussia* was transferred to his widow Ann.

Despite facing many more family tragedies, she remained the licencee for the next 37 years.

The grave of John Richardson in Saltfleetby All Saints churchyard.

The inscription reads: "In Memory of John Richardson, departed this life, May 30th 1844, aged 39 years. Also 3 of his children who died in their infancy".

Occasional auctions of local property and agricultural land were held at the Prussian Queen, including in 1853 when the first of six lots was the pub itself.

The Lincolnshire Chronicle 11th November 1853

SALTFLEETBY ALL SAINTS and ST. PETER'S. near LOUTH, Lincolnshire. AUCTION. SOLD by By Mr. THOS. JACKSON, On Monday, 21st of November, 1853, at the house of Mrs. Richardson, known by the sign of the Queen of Prussia, in Saltfleetby, near Louth, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to such conditions of Sale as will be then and there produced; HE following valuable FREEHOLD ESTATE, situate in SALTFLEETBY ALL SAINTS and SALTFLEETBY SAINT PETER'S: viz.— In SALTFLEETBY ALL SAINTS. Lot 1. All that well-accustomed brick-built Pub- A. R. P. lic-house, known by the sign of "The Queen of Prussia," with the Stables, Carriage-house, Butcher's Shop, and other Out-buildings thereto belonging, together with Paddock and Garden adjoining thereto, numbered 273 and 274 on the Tithe Apportionment Plan, now in the occupation of Mrs. Ann Richardson, and containing together about..... 0 3

In March 1862 Ann's oldest daughter Mary Ann, who was married with two daughters, died at her mother's house, of pulmonary consumption, or tuberculosis (TB) age 28. Her youngest daughter (who was born in Saltfleetby) went to live with her father, who remarried and moved to Newcastle. The older daughter, Susannah Forman, remained living with her grandmother Ann, where she also grew up in the pub.

Susannah Richardson was working unpaid in her mother's pub from her teens in the 1850s, later as the cook. She married Alfred Fowler, a grocer and baker in Saltfleetby, they had a daughter in 1862. In December 1863 Susannah died of consumption, age 28. Her daughter grew up Alfred's grocery shop on the Main Road, which he kept for many years with his second wife and further five children.

Ann's youngest daughter Victoria Azubah worked as a barmaid in the pub. She never married, and died at home in March 1869, also of consumption, age 28. All three sisters were buried together in All Saints gravevard.

Richardson Mrs Ann, victualler Prussian Queen

White's Directory of Lincolnshire 1872

The pub's name was occasionally printed as *The Queens Head*. It never actually changed its name, it was just a mistake before there was a written sign, just a sign depicting of the head of the Queen of Prussia.

Ann continued to run the pub and live with her son George, who worked as an agricultural labourer and butcher. She died at home on 9th May 1881 of coronary artery disease, age 71.

George married Albert Fowler's niece in December 1881, they continued to live in the village, where he died in 1915, age 77.

widow Ann.

Thomas and Sarah Cuthbert

Thomas Cuthbert was born in December 1824 in South Elkington, he worked as a carpenter, like his father. Sarah Wilson was born in Fotherby in 1825, her family moved to Louth where her father worked as a publican and coal carter. Thomas and Sarah married on 14th October 1847 in Louth St James Church.

They lived in South Elkington where Thomas worked as a wheelwright, carpenter and joiner. Here they had nine children between 1848 and 1867. Their oldest daughter Sarah moved to Saltfleetby in about 1880 with her husband John Horton, who worked as a blacksmith in the village.

The Cuthbert family took over the Prussian Queen after the death of Ann Richardson. It continued to be a busy village inn and venue for meetings and occasional auctions. Sarah Cutherbert died on 8th February 1886 of cardiac disease, age 61.

Thomas, along with different members of his family, who lived or stayed with him, continued to run the pub. They were active in many village events. Thomas hosted and took part in the annual meetings relating to the maintenance of the dykes and sluices that keep our low-lying marshland well drained. A *dyke-reeve* was elected annually, and work to clean the dykes was allocated to local farm labourers by auction in the pub each year.

Cuthbert Thomas, Prussian Queen P. H.

Reverend Hutchins worked to raise money for the *All Saints Church Restoration Fund*, as the church structure needed to be urgently saved from further dilapidation. Thomas pledged to subscribe £1 to the fund (equivalent of about £162 today). His daughter, Annie Cuthbert helped at a fund-raising bazaar at the rectory in July 1892, presiding over tables in the tea marquee in the afternoon.

LOUTH (LINDSEY) PETTY SESSIONS, WEDNESDAY.

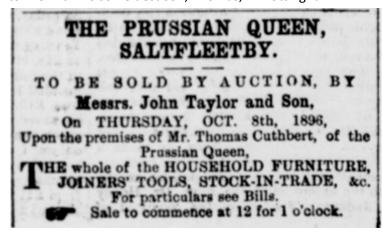
-Before Major Smyth, Dr. Fawssett, Major Allott, and W. Hyde, Esq.—Thomas Cuthbert, landlord of the Prussian Queen, Saltfleetby, for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, on the 26th August kast, was fined 2s. 6d., and 9s. costs.—

Lincolnshire Chronicle 24th **September 1892** Thomas Cuthbert appeared at Louth Petty Sessions Court in September 1892, where he was fined for allowing drunkenness in the Prussian Queen.

Louth and North Lincolnshire Advertises

Mr Cuthbert retired in 1896. He sold off his whole business in October 1896, and went to live with his son eldest son, Thomas, in Nottingham.

Thomas Cuthbert died



Louth and North Lincolnshire Advertiser, 26th September 1896

Thomas Cuthbert died on 3rd April 1898, age 74, in Nottingham. He was buried on 6th April 1898 in All Saints, next to his wife Sarah.



The graves of Sarah and Thomas Cuthbert in Saltfleetby All Saints Churchyard

The pub was bought by the local brewery **Soulby, Sons and Winch.** Formed by the 1896 merger of *E H Soulby & Sons* of Alford and *T M Winch & Co* of Louth, headed by Thomas Montagu Winch (1873-1942).

Sophia Ward and Elizabeth Hatter

Elizabeth Cartwright was born in Ryland near Welton in 1811, moving to Minting near Horncastle. She married Thomas Hatter in 1828. He became publican of **The Midge Inn** at Hatton near Horncastle, where they lived with their four daughters. Elizabeth's brother George kept the pub in Minting.

Thomas Hatter died in November 1857 age 62. Elizabeth and her daughters moved to Saltfleet where she took over as publican of the **Rodney Inn**. Formerly called *The Admiral Rodney* (after 18th Century Royal Navy hero Admiral George Rodney), it used to be on Pump Lane next door to the Crown Inn.

Youngest daughter Sophia married George Ward, a hotel keeper from Louth, in 1866. Elizabeth continued to keep the Rodney Inn, going on to run the **Plummers Hotel** in Freiston, where George and Sophia assisted in the business. Then becoming innkeeper of the **Anchor Inn** at Friskney, Boston and the **Bay Horse** in Winteringham near Scunthorpe with George, and Sophia as barmaid.

George Ward died in Winteringham in 1896 age 51. Elizabeth and her newly widowed daughter Sophia went to take over running the Prussian Queen, where Sophia was licence holder, assisted by her elderly mother.

On 13th December 1897 Sophia died suddenly in a tragic accident, when she fell down stairs at about 11 o'clock that night. Elizabeth shouted for help and a travelling chimney sweep, William Gall who was staying in the stable, came in to assist, but it was too late. Dr Walter Longheed of North Somercotes was called to help. He concluded that her death would have been instantaneous. The Louth coroner held the inquest in the Prussian Queen on 15th December, the verdict was "Accidental death".

Sophia was 52 years old. She was buried in South Somercotes on 16th December 1897. Elizabeth died in January 1900, age 89, she was also buried in South Somercotes.

Martha and Grace Adams

Grace Dorothy Tate was born in Knottingley, Yorkshire, in 1855, where her family quarried and sold lime for the building trade. She married sailor Edward Adams in Pontefract in 1873. Their first daughter Martha Jane Adams was born in 1874 in Knottingley. The family moved to Saltfleet where Grace and Edward were publicans at the **Rodney Inn**, and had four more children. Edward died in 1887 age 36, and was buried in Skidbrooke St Botolph's churchyard.

By 1891 Grace was innkeeper of the neighbouring **Crown Inn** in Saltfleet, with her three youngest surviving children. Martha Jane, then 16, was working at the **Ship Inn** in Saltfleet, helping the publican Mr Adlard with his grocery business there. In January 1898 they moved to take over at the Prussian Queen, with Martha as the licensee.

The pub's owners, *Soulby, Sons & Winch*, had instructed a Louth architect, Reginald Fowler, to prepare plans for a new public house on the Main Road, costing about £500, close to the railway station, which had opened 21 years earlier in 1877. They proposed moving the licence from the Prussian Queen to the new pub, so they would get more trade and be able to offer more much-needed stable accommodation for travellers.

The idea sparked a lot of debate. Martha and Grace Adams had a petition in the pub for 6 weeks for people to sign in favour of the move, which gained 157 signatures. Others in the village opposed the idea, particularly proprietors of Saltfleetby's other pub, The Angel Inn, who believed much of their trade would be poached by the new pub. Saltfleetby Parish Council and The Women's Temperance Association also campaigned against the change. 190 people signed a petition against the move.

It was debated at Louth County Police Court, before five magistrates, on 28th September 1898. Solicitors put the cases for and against on behalf of their clients. Miss Adams was asked why she wanted to leave the Prussian Queen. She explained that it was in a bad condition, and she thought there was going to be more trade than there was.

The solicitor speaking against the proposal, said that no horses had suffered for lack of stabling at the railway station, they only come five or six miles with corn. He suggested that the firm of brewers just wanted to create more trade by "putting temptation in the way of travellers" and urged the Magistrates not to give power to "a brewery company that had only one motive, to do this harm to the inhabitants".

The bench retired to consider the case, and returned stating that (though they were not unanimous) the application was refused

Martha Adams said that she would only stay a short time at the Prussian Queen if the application wasn't granted. She went to work as a parlour maid in Louth, and married Holland Morwood in 1901, living on a farm at Atterby Cliff with him and their daughter. She died in May 1923, age 68. Her mother Grace continued to work as a licenced victualler, later living with her son who was an innkeeper in Hutton Cranswick in Yorkshire. Grace died in April 1933 age 77

LICENSING.—The license of the Prussian Queen, Saltfleetby, was transferred from Miss Adams to Mr. Geo. Wm. Ingamells.

${\bf Louth\ and\ North\ Lincolnshire\ Advertiser\ 15^{th}\ October\ 1898}$ George and Martha Ingamells

George William Ingamells was born in December 1860 in Louth, the eldest child of miller, William Ingamells, who worked at Baines Flour Mill on Thames Street, Louth, then at Grimoldby Windmill. George did an apprenticeship with Thomas Cartwright, assisting at the mill and bakery in North Somercotes. He then went on to live at Bolingbroke, before moving to Saltfleetby All Saints, to run the windmill with adjoining

Martha Davy was born in August 1863 at Mumby, her father was a miller there, then at Fotherby and Horncastle. George and Martha married in April 1891 in Withern. They lived at the Mill House on the Main Road, Saltfleetby, where they ran the old tower windmill and worked in the bakery. They had sons, Archibald Cecil in August 1892, and Edward Horace in February 1901. Mr Ingamells had involvement with the Prussian Queen from 1896, and took over the licence in October 1898. At first, he continued to run the mill and pub, as well

becoming a coal merchant. He later let

the mill to tenants.

bakery, and working as a corn merchant.



Saltfleetby Windmill

SALTFLEETBY.—To LET, with possession on the 6th of April next, a TOWER WINDMILL, driving 3 pairs of stones, with Flour Machines, &c. Also adjoining HOUSE, BAKEHOUSE, and 12 Acres of LAND.—For particulars apply to G. W. Ingamells, Prussian Queen, Saltfleetby, Louth.

Stamford Mercury 18th November 1904

Mr Ingamells appeared at Louth County Police Court charged with minor offences like using a carriage without having a licence in 1905 (fined £5 and costs), allowing a horse to stray in 1908 (fined 5s

with costs of 4s 6d) and keeping a dog without a licence in 1911 (fined £1, including costs). He appeared as a witness in 1914 when a Louth grocer, who was licenced to sell alcohol only for wholesale, was accused of breaching licencing laws by selling Mr Ingamells a smaller quantity of half pint bottles of stout than he was permitted.

During the First World War our quiet village suddenly became filled with soldiers, as large army training camps were built along the coastal area. About 12,000 troops came through Saltfleetby Railway Station to stay at the hundreds of wooden huts in the dunes at Saltfleetby and Saltfleet, before they were sent to fight on the front line.

About 51 young men from Saltfleetby joined up to serve in the armed forces, of which at least five didn't make it home alive.

George and Martha's oldest son Archie joined the Territorial Force with the 5th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment, age 18 in 1811. During the war, he was sent on active service in France, and briefly to Alexandria in Egypt. He was promoted to Lance Corporal in 1915 and Corporal in 1918.

He was demobilized in March 1919, and was awarded the 1914-15 Star Medal, The British War Medal and Victory Star. After the war both Archibald and Herbert Ingamells were active in forming and playing for Saltfleetby United Football Club. Herbert went on to play in goal for Mablethorpe FC when they won two cups in the 1926-27 season



George Ingamells can be seen (in front of the horse) in this early 20th Century photo of the Prussian Queen. Brewery name of Soulby, Sons and Winch Ltd is displayed over the door. In May 1923, age 62, George Ingamells appeared at Grimsby Bankruptcy Court, in debt by £409 8s 9d. He attributed it to bad trade and bad debts, saying that one of his failings was giving too much credit. He also lost nine pigs to swine fever in 1922, worth about £70. He was ordered to produce his books for the official receiver. George and Martha continued keeping the Prussian Queen until their retirement in 1937. They stayed in the village, moving to a house on Fishmeregate. Archibald married Florence May Proctor in 1920. He worked as a railway crossing keeper, for a long time living at the gatehouse on the Main Road

Their son Gordon grew up in the village and served as a pilot with the RAF during the Second World War. Horace Ingamells married Gladys Kirton Clark in January 1931 in Louth. They became innkeepers of the Cross Keys pub in Billinghay in the 1940's George William Ingamells died on 23rd June 1946, age 85. Martha died on 24th November 1956, age 93. They are buried together in Saltfleetby All Saints churchyard. Their son Archie retired to live at the Mill House in Grimoldby. He died in February 1977, age 84. Horace died in October 1977 age 76.

Leonard and Elsie Dutton

Leonard Hopkinson Dutton was born in Nottingham in April 1889, the only child of postman William, and Julia (nee Hopkinson) who worked at home making lace. After his first wife, Lillian died in 1922, he married Elsie Clara Kelham from Beeston, in 1923. They had daughters Doris in 1923, and Elizabeth in 1928. After working as a lace machine carriage trimmer and comb straightener, he started as a bus driver and owner. He established the Dutton Bus Company based in Radcliffe-on-Trent. From 1929 they ran a service from Trinity Square, Nottingham to the outlying villages such as Plumtree and Cropwell Butler, soon expanding to more routes. In 1935 he decided to focus mostly on the garage headquarters in Radcliffe.

In 1937 he bought the Prussian Queen intending to have the building modernised with extensive renovations, and then have his wife and daughter take over running the pub, with a manager installed in the meantime.

He successfully applied for a protection order at Louth County Court in March 1937, granted under the Town and Country Planning Act of 1932 that aimed to preserve threatened historic buildings.

The modernisation included installing the pub's first telephone in May 1937. Its phone-number was *Saltfleetby 39*.

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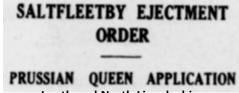
Prussian Queen Alterations.-A successful application was made at Louth County Police Court on Wednesday by Leonard Dutton for the transfer of the licence of the Prussian Queen, Saltfleetby All Saints. Plans were also approved by the Bench for alterations to the public house. Mr. Basil Sharpley (of Messrs. Sharpley and Son, Louth) appeared for the applicant, and mentioned that the police had no objection to the alterations. The Chairman (Col. E. Kyme Cordeaux) to the Supt.: Do they make for better supervision?-I think they do so and for beter accommodation all round. Mr. Jos. Smith: Is the drinking space increased?-The Supt.: The accommodation is, but I do not anticipate that will make any difference to the plans.

With renovation plans approved, work began. This also involved the demolition of the two dilapidated adjoining cottages which stood at the front of the pub. These had been condemned in November 1936 by the council, and the tenants given notice to leave. The tenant on one side left, but the other refused. 36-year-old Charles Bertie Jacklin, a roadman with the Rural District Council lived there with his wife and four children.

Without permission, he uncovered a door connecting the two cottages, pulling away the paper plastered over it, so they could move their furniture into the vacant cottage next door. Repeatedly asked to leave by the new owner, Mr Dutton, who served him notice to quit, he remained, offering to pay rent, which Mr Dutton refused to take, considering them to be trespassers.

While the Jacklins occupied one cottage, Mr Dutton pulled down their former home, now empty next door.

The matter was taken to court, where Mr Dutton's solicitor described the state of the cottage as unsafe, very damp with lots of rats and filth, having only two very small bedrooms, unsuitable for a family of six. The council said they planned to build two new cottages at a different site for the tenants, but they wouldn't be ready for about a year. An ejectment order was granted, allowing them 30 days to find other accommodation. The family moved to South Road in North Somercotes.



Louth and North Lincolnshire Advertiser 28th August 1937



Louth Standard 28th August 1937

The Dutton family returned to live in Radcliffe-on-Trent where Leonard continued working as a garage proprietor. Elsie died on 9th July 1970 age 81. Leonard died on 2nd March 1975 age 85.

The Hulse Family

Samuel Hulse was born in September 1875 in Tranmere, Birkenhead, Cheshire. His father worked as a dock porter, they lived in the Queen's Building, a large crowded tenement block, home to 3,000 dock workers and labourers. He moved to Hull in 1911 with wife Caroline and their children. Here he worked as a driver and shipwright for the *North Eastern Dock Co*. They had sons Philip Joseph in April 1912 and David William in December 1913 in Hull. Caroline died in 1936, age 54.

Philip Hulse married Esme Beadle (born 1911 in Hull where her father was a labourer) at Hull Register Office on 5th March 1938. The newlyweds went to live at the Prussian

Queen, with Samuel and family

At Louth County Court on 9th March 1938, Philip Hulse was granted a protection order in respect of the new licence of the Prussian Queen.

Samuel's daughter Josephine Carrie married George Tunncliffe in Hull in July 1938.

The rest of the family had moved to Bow Road, Poplar, London by September 1939. Here brothers Philip and David worked as *wine*, *spirits* and beer merchants, and Samuel was retired.

Esme and Philip had a son, Martin in 1942. They moved to Eaton Terrace, Westminster. Philip died on 9th July 1959 at Westminster Hospital, age 47. Esme then married his brother David in 1961



Philip Joseph Hulse, landlord of the Prussian Queen in 1938 (photo from the collection of Louth Museum)

Josephine remained living in Yorkshire and died in October 1952. The other family members remained in Westminster, where Samuel died in July 1964, age 89. David died in November 1976 age 61, and Esme in July 1991 age 81.

Louth Standard 28th August 1937

Part 2 of the History of the Prussian Queen will be in the autumn Newsletter.

Picking up the story at the start of the Second World War.



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Dear residents of Saltfleetby.

At the last few Parish Council meetings, rural crime in our parish and those around us has been discussed at length and the steps that we can and may be able to take to help prevent and manage the crime in our area. Many ideas have been put forward and it's been agreed unanimously to pursue a few avenues including, a public meeting, a collective app or website for local parishes and an ANPR camera. There is funding available and support from our various councillors at different levels.

Maybe some of you know of the various crimes that have and are being committed in and around us via social media platforms, news and word of mouth, but it's definitely on the increase, more brazen and with no care of those affected. I hope none of you have to experience it but some of us unfortunately will and it can be unpleasant at least and devastating at worst. Since the last news letter there have been a few posts about trespassing in gardens and yards, break ins to sheds and out buildings, tipper trucks with what looks like stolen property, fly tipping, off roading on private land, unlicensed motor bikes and buggies, and excess speeding to name a few. There have also been several sightings of low level lights flying around in the early hours, which we believe are drones. Possibly looking for deer.

It was after a phone call to the police a few months back that they recommended having a public meeting. I guess because they can only do so much with the resources they have.

So after our last APM our new county councillor Bayleigh Robinson, has asked us for as much information regarding local crime in our area including connecting parishes to be able to put forward to relevant powers at be, to warrant a public meeting, and ask for permission for the sighting of at least 1 ANPR camera. The public meeting would be used to put our views, complaints forward collectively and not as individuals to voice our concerns and hear what can be done and what will be done in our rural communities. This would be a valuable opportunity to hold those to account as we pay considerably towards policing in this area via council tax and general taxation and the general opinion is there is not much policing to show for it. If we don't have a voice we won't be heard. With regards to an ANPR camera or cameras it's worked in other areas to reduce crime in many ways. The funding is out there so why not use it. There has also been discussions about an app that could be used or developed again with government, charity or business grants, to report crime and various other issues. There are some out there that are being used, that work like a modern version of neighbourhood watch or farm watch.

On a positive note, Market Rasen police issued a statement that 6 arrests have been made and charges brought against these individuals who will be in Lincoln County Court in early June for a hearing. Their names, ages and addresses have been published on social media and its the same names many of you have brought up. I'm sure the police wouldn't have gone as far as this if they hadn't good reason. These offenses also date back a few years and relate to break ins and theft amongst other things.

It shows that the crimes being committed are from those out of our area but working as organised gangs in our parishes.

It is highly likely that others are involved too and we are sure others will step into their shoes at some point.

So it's an opportunity we have to keep crime down and so we urge, if anyone has anything they can forward on to myself or anyone on the parish council from the last 18 months or so, if you have been a victim of crime or know of someone that has, what was done about it, it would be helping us greatly to help protect our communities and those around us.

We are looking to add a dedicated page on the parish magazine to inform of any relevant news regarding crime in our area.

It may also help, I have had some advice from a couple of security companies locally. They advise a burglar alarm system first at an approx cost between £600- 1000 for a good quality product linked to your phone and a panic button if required. A good quality CCTV system can also be installed at the same rates which I have found great at my property. With all the new WiFi equipment available is so much easier to install.

I have battery back up and other add ons that have helped greatly. It's worth it and can reduce insurance costs. A good security light or lights always works well too.

I hope this helps and we look forward to hearing from anyone. If you wish to stay anonymous that's of course perfectly fine.

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Hi, we are a dedicated team of community development officers, from various backgrounds with expertise in working with grassroots organisations across Lincolnshire.

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- "Signposted us to grants, helped and supported us with the applications."
- · "They've given me confidence."
- "We are better informed."
- "Checking in so we know we aren't forgotten."

Get in touch communities@lincsymca.co.uk

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



Womens Walking Football



Membership is aimed at Women only aged 50+ (with discretion) Our emphasis is on sociability, fun and achieving a better level of fitness, whatever level you are starting at!

Anyone interested in becoming a member, regardless of any/no previous experience or ability will be welcome to join us!

Meeting at 11.00 – 12.00 Sundays

Currently at Village Hall Silver St, Theddlethorpe, (trainers required)

Club contacts: Enquiries 07766766676 Chairman Brian Scarborough 01507 338794



Saltfleetby United Womens Football Club

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.

Whist 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. The Chine Supper and the Quiz Night held earlier this year both had full attendances.

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. More details will be available on Facebook's Saltfleetby Chat and Sell and on the church notice board prior to each event.

St Peter's Church Welcomes You

This time of year we have many visitors in the area, plus we now have many new residents in and around Saltfleetby. It has come to our notice, people are not aware that a 10:30 AM service takes place EVERY Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome, even if you are only here for a few days. Children have a play area and a light refreshment is available at the end of our relaxed style services.

Church



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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).

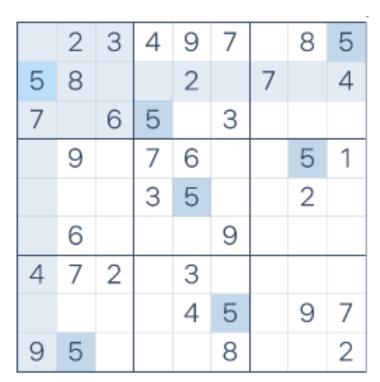
No joining fee, no weekly fee and even the tea/coffee won't cost you a penny!

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.





Just to keep the old brain cells ticking

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Don't forget the Soloby Events Committee dinner club on the third Monday of the month at the Little Village Tea Room. You need to be a member and book please contact Donna Rigsby rigsbydl1@gmail.com for more details



QUIZ NIGHT AT ST. PETER'S

Friday 16th May saw Bamber Gastone present his first, and most probably last, evening of quiz questions at St.Peter's. Bamber had painstakingly compiled 10 rounds of 10 questions in each round. That was his first mistake, as one of the rounds was specific to Saltfleetby. As is the norm nowadays with most Saltfleetby events, attendance of Saltfleetby residents was minimal. Seven teams in total but only two and a half teams from Saltfleetby. That said the evening was very well supported with many from surrounding villages happily joining in. My thanks go out to everyone who took the trouble to join in the fun.

Bamber made the decision not to include the "Saltfleetby" round in the final total, but it was attempted by all, just for fun.

As the event was being held at St.Peter's round one was exactly that; questions about Peter Who? Scores were high but one question that proved a little tricky and caught a few out was:

"who was the 12th incarnation of Dr. Who?" No, it's wasn't Peter Davison.

The evening was paused after 5 rounds for pie and peas, very generously supplied, totally free of charge, by Vista and Seascape (whose details can be found at the end of this report). They were eagerly consumed by all: Very tasty.



The rounds consisted of two music rounds, two picture rounds and six rounds of not so general knowledge.

The round on the periodic table proved decisive in sorting the men (and ladies) from the boys (and girls). Given James Bond's arch-enemy was Auric Goldfinger, it was interesting to see how many teams knew the chemical symbol for gold.

The name Auric is derived from the Latin word "aurum," which means gold. It's also related to the chemical symbol "Au" for gold.

I did state at the start of the quiz that the easy questions are the ones you know the answers to and if you didn't know an answer, it could be an educational evening....!.

Anyone who has compiled a quiz in the past will be aware of the difficulty. Questions are easy, when you know the answers, it's the difficult ones that test the old brain cells...!

Teamwork was the order of the evening and it proved so in the final totalling of the scores.

The seven teams were The Bingo Crew, No Eye Deers, Red and White Roses, Pam's Collection, Sue's Gallopers, The Ings Lane Mob and The Manby Invaders, who were in fact a team of lovely ladies from Grimoldby!

With the lead fluctuating throughout the evening, it was Sue's Gallopers that were eventually victorious and walked away with first prize having a score of 70 out of a possible 90 and every team member of Pam's Collection walked away smiling with a wooden spoon each.

Thanks again to all who came along and joined in the fun with special thanks to Vicki Holmes and Ellie Wilkinson for supplying the fantastic food from their businesses, Vista at the Boatshed, Sea Lane, Huttoft. LN13 9RR telephone 01507 490805 and Seascape, North Sea Observatory, Chapel Point, Chapel St. Leonards. PE24 5XA

The Chapman's Open Days 2025

Friday 30 th and Saturday 31 st May saw the 2025 open days for The Chapman's on Church Lane, Saltfleetby. If you've attended in previous years then you'll already know what they're all about, and this year was no different other than a few more additions to their personal collection of stationary engines, vintage tractors, agricultural implements and tools and classic vehicles.



The sun shone all day, both days, as visitors enjoyed a ride in the specially adapted trailer round the field and the chance to work the land using one of many vintage tractors and crawlers under the expert guidance of Martin, Nick and the Diesequip lads.





The threshing machines were running, as were numerous stationary engines for everyone to observe. Inside the shed there were also working miniature displays, along side Mr Bruce Stapleton and his vintage wood working tool collection and Roger Chapman's

(Martin's Father) working scale model of a threshing machine which he built himself, from scratch!





The days wouldn't be complete without refreshments. The BBQ was open all day, both days supplying burgers and hotdogs to the crowd, together with a table overflowing with cakes, pastries and puddings; all of which were very kindly baked and donated by local ladies and went down very well, receiving a lot of compliments throughout the two days.













A lot of planning, work and effort goes into these two days by Martin and Nick, who work tirelessly to ensure everyone has a good time at this free event and all they ask is that a donation is given.

This year the outstanding amount of £2400.74p was raised and will be donated to St Barnabas Hospice. The open days just seem to be getting bigger every year, attracting bigger crowds and raising more money than the previous year – long may it continue!



To everyone who attended, donated or helped in one way or another, THANK YOU! It wouldn't be what it is without you – see you next year!

Amanda Chapman

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Something exciting is coming to North Somercotes
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Enjoy a gentle stroll between venues including the Village Hall, Church Hall, the Playing Fields, and the Church, where you'll find a wonderful mix of:

Handmade crafts

A mini farmers' market

Scarecrows

Open gardens

Local lunches, teas, and treats

We'd love to welcome visitors from Saltfleetby and beyond for a day full of creativity, community and cake!

For info or stall bookings, email: buntingtrail@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook: @TheBuntingTrail

Thank you so much

Kind regards

Melanie

The Bunting Trail Team



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SALTFLEETBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025/26

The meetings are to be held at St. Peter's Church, Saltfleetby

July 2nd 2025 at 7pm (This Meeting on the first Wednesday in the Month)

September 2nd 2025 at 7pm

November 4th 2025 at 7pm

January 6th 2026 at 7pm

March 3rd 2026 at 7pm

May 5th 2026 at 7pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Annual Parish Meeting May 19th 2026 at 7pm (To Be Approved) 43

