

Saltfleetby Newsletter

Spring 2026



Lots to read in this Spring issue. Land gift update, event reports, odd page fillers along with a little more village history.

Brighter days are finally in sight! At the end of the month, we'll be swapping Greenwich Mean Time for British Summer Time (AKA daylight saving time) and putting all our clocks forward by an hour.

The sun will set later in the evening and the season of beer gardens, festivals and al fresco dinners will finally be upon us. No more leaving the office in the pitch black, no more vitamin D deficiency and no more being in pyjamas by 6pm.

The clocks will go forward by an hour to mark the start of British Summer Time on Sunday March 29. That's a little over a week after spring officially begins on March 20.

As always my thanks go out to my small band of regular contributors to this quarterly newsletter and the Parish Councillors who deliver to each and every property in Saltfleetby. The closing date for articles and advertisements for the Summer 2026 issue is 28th May. Photos and articles are always welcome, please send them to my PC email address

christopher.stone@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

News, articles and all Parish Council business along with past newsletters, can be found on the parish council website, easily accessed by using the QR code on the front cover.

I hope you find something of interest in this issue.

Chris Stone

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

Pencil Sketch by Stuart



Chris Stone

St Peter's Church Christmas Sing - A - Long

Sunday 7th December saw St Peter's once again almost full to capacity for the now annual Christmas Sing-A-Long. Gavin Willerton providing the entertainment with Christmas songs we all know, love and are happy to join in with. From Jingle Bells to Driving Home for Christmas, the audience happily sang along for almost 2 hours, pausing only for tea, coffee, mulled wine and a mince pie. Always a great Sunday afternoon, a few weeks before Christmas. Be sure to get your tickets for 2026.



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**Ever thought of becoming a
foster carer?!**
**Foster Carers Needed in Our
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Skylark Fostering is inviting people in our local community to consider becoming foster carers and helping provide safe and supportive homes for children who cannot live with their families.

Founded by experienced social workers Tim Clayton and Trish Kelly who have over 60 years combined experience in Childrens and Fostering Services, Skylark Fostering aims to help children feel safe, valued and supported so they can grow in confidence and achieve their potential — helping them “soar high for bright futures.”

Many children need foster families because their parents are going through difficult circumstances such as illness, family breakdown or safeguarding concerns. Foster carers provide a stable home and everyday care while longer-term plans are made for the child’s future.

People often assume fostering is only for certain types of families, but carers come from all walks of life. You can be single or married, working or retired, and you do not need to own your home. What matters most is patience, understanding and the ability to offer a caring home environment.

Skylark Fostering offers full training, ongoing support from experienced social workers, and a generous fostering allowance to help cover the costs of caring for a child. The allowance typically equates to around £30,000 per year (before tax) for each child placed with you.

Could fostering be right for you?

You may be able to foster if you:

- Are over 21
- Have a spare bedroom
- Want to make a difference in a child’s life

To find out more or have an informal chat:

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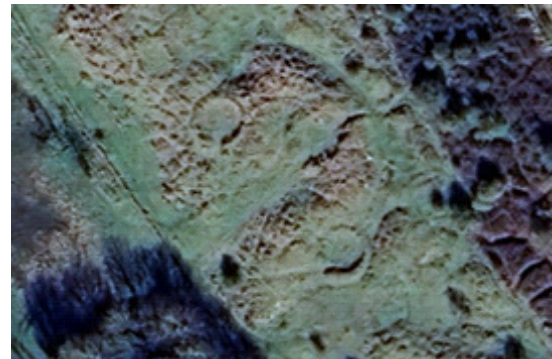


Air Raid Damage in Saltfleetby St Clements, 1943

During the Second World War a **Searchlight Camp** was built north-west of Sea View Farm near the sand dunes. There is now a house, and a work-base for the nature reserve on the site, next to Sea View Holiday Cottages. The remains of at least three circular earthwork enclosures, of about 10 metres in diameter, which were emplacements for the 90 cm searchlights, or gun pits, can still be seen on satellite images. The searchlights helped to illuminate incoming enemy aircraft, that would then be targeted by the anti-aircraft gun battery located to the south-east.



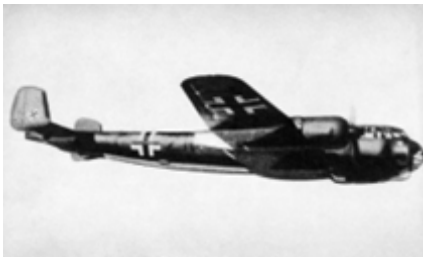
A World War II searchlight, like those used at Saltfleetby



The remains of circular emplacements used by the searchlight camp, as seen on Google Earth

The soldiers at the camp were supported by local people. Members of the Saltfleetby Women's Voluntary Service made 23 pairs of curtains for a canteen at the camp, and took it in turns to do the darning for the men, as well as donating books and magazines for them.

On Sunday 10th January 1943 it was cloudy, visibility was $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 mile, some ground mist, wind 4 mph, with snow and rain in the morning. The officer in command of the Searchlight Unit was warned of the presence of an enemy aircraft in the area and was therefore on the look-out for it. The raider was one of the German Luftwaffe's Dornier 217 aircraft, a heavy bomber, used for dive bombing raids, equipped with machine guns. When he first saw the aircraft at 1318 hours (1.18pm), it was approaching from west-south-west at a height of approximately 50 feet. Its speed was estimated at 300 mph.



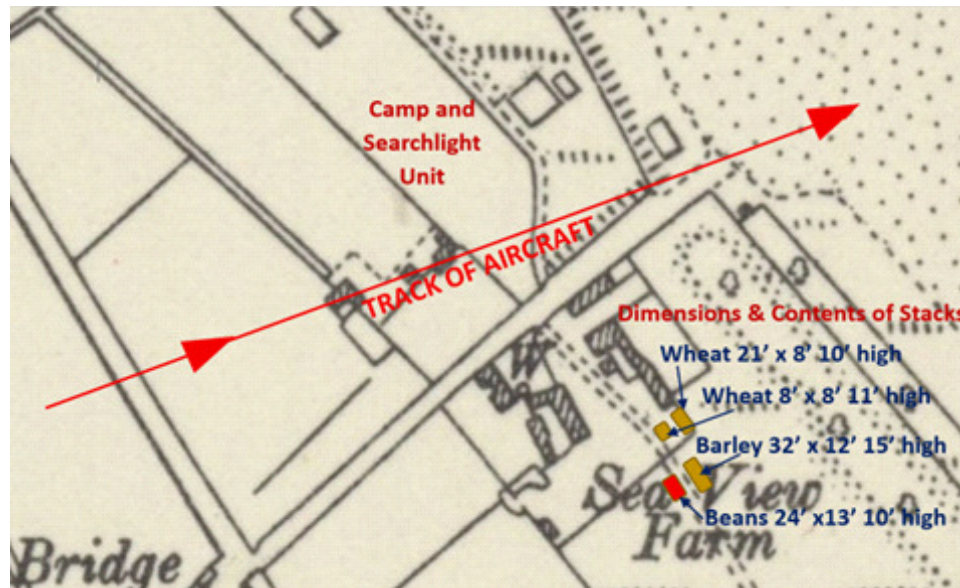
A Luftwaffe Dornier 217 aircraft, like the one that opened fire at Sea View

The machine guns on the Searchlight Post opened fire on the raider at a range of 600 yards and continued firing until the aircraft had passed over the camp and out to sea, still flying on the same course.

The rear guns of the raider did not return the ground fire until the machine

had passed over the camp. There was no fire from the forward guns. The officers at the camp were sure that some tracer bullets were fired by the raider.

Nothing appeared amiss until about 30 minutes after the attack, when smoke was seen issuing from a 14-ton bean stack at nearby Sea View Farm. It was one of four stacks standing in the open, about 140 ft from the main farm building, that belonged to Mr William Henry Stubbs. The stack contained unthashed beans, harvested from 4½ acres in 1942, and was standing 12 ft from a stack of unthashed barley. Two stacks of wheat were nearby, about 50 ft away. It's believed that a tracer bullet (that ignites to leave a visible trail of smoke) fired by the plane, hit the bean stack and started the fire.



1940s map with added information to show the track of the aircraft, and approximate size & location of the stacks, based on the original Ministry of Home Security report.

Immediately after the smoke from the stack was observed, a phone call was made from the camp to the National Fire Service (NFS) at Mablethorpe, which was received at 1351 hours. A light unit arrived at 1420 hours, and a similar unit was despatched from Louth, that arrived at 1440 hours.

In the meantime, the fire was attacked by soldiers from the camp, who used buckets of water to hold it in check until the NFS arrived. The fire was kept under control with the help of a stirrup pump and by forming a chain of water buckets.

When help arrived, the bean stack was burning at the end nearest to the farm buildings. There was a considerable amount of smoke, and a small amount of flame coming from the bottom of the stack. Using a length of 2½ inch rubber lined hose, and a 1¾" width canvas hose, both with 5/16" nozzles, the Fire Service units worked on extinguishing the fire. It was not possible to obtain the working pressure at the pump. A good supply of water was obtained from the nearby stream.



A firebreak was cut, in an attempt to save a greater proportion of the stack.

They worked to extinguish it for about 90 minutes. The fire was successfully prevented from spreading throughout the stack, and was eventually extinguished at 1536 hours.

The damage was confined to the end of the stack nearest the farm building; approximately one half of the stack was destroyed. The farmer, Mr Stubbs, informed the firefighters that he would be able to use the remainder of the beans.



Photos from the official incident report showing the stacks at Sea View in January 1943

It was concluded that the fire was caused by the Dornier 217 aircraft, referred to as *Raider No. 494*. It appeared that the machine gunning was not a deliberate attempt to fire the stack, but the result of the attack against the Searchlight Post personnel. The bean stack sustained damage as a result of its position in relation to the camp.

A detailed multi-page secret report was compiled about the raid for the Ministry of Home Security. It remained confidential until 1972 when it was declassified, and is now stored at the National Archives in London.

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RAID SUMMARY

FILE NO. HQ/243/28/2

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| Place Saltfleet by St. Clements, Lincolnshire. | | Type of District Rural | Date 10.1.43. | Time 1328 |
| Indxd. | Assumed Target | Details of Attack Dornier 217 flying at 50ft. was fired at by machine guns on searchlight post. Raider after passing over Camp, fired tracer bullets | | Subject Index A 7 A M 1 |
| Chkd. | No. H.E. Bombs Wt. kg. | Warning | | |
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| <p>A machine gun bullet from enemy plane fired Beanstack (un-threshed beans 26ft. by 13ft. by 10ft. high approx.) Fire-fighting carried out by soldiers and N.F.S. and spread was prevented. (For firefighting details, see Fire Incident summary).</p> <p>Damage: Confined to end of stack; approximately half destroyed; remainder of stack usable.</p> <p>For position of hazard in relation to other stacks and buildings see block plan in file.</p> <p>A.S.I. Fire caused by machine gun bullet.</p> | | | | P 9 P 15 |

Extract from the official report detailing the bean stack fire caused by an enemy aircraft at Sea View Farm, Saltfleetby on 10th January 1943.

Thanks to the National Archives in Kew, London



Wilder Humber



Lincolnshire
Wildlife Trust

At Sea View Nursery, Saltfleetby

The area at Sea View in Saltfleetby became part of the nature reserve when a caravan park occupying 8 acres in the dunes, was ordered to close down in 1963 following a public enquiry. In 1967 much of the area was declared a National Nature Reserve. The whole reserve now covers a total area of 951 hectares, and is run in cooperation between Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust was awarded a heritage grant from The National Lottery for £56,400 in February 2000 for the acquisition of Sea View Farm Fields, an area of land lying south of the old Sea View Farm.

The last resident of Sea View Farm House was Mr Bert Richardson who was born in the village in 1917. Along with his wife Margaret, they farmed there for decades. The house has been empty since his death at the age of 94 in May 2011.



Sea View Farm in 2014, © Copyright Chris on geograph

In May 2012 the farm was bought by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

Now the former Sea View Farm site is being prepared for use as part of an ambitious new conservation project. A pioneering partnership between Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and sustainable energy company Ørsted, **Wilder Humber** is a five-year programme to restore marine habitats and species throughout the Humber Estuary. The venture brings together sand dune, saltmarsh, seagrass and native oyster restoration to revitalise healthy ecosystems in the largest seascape project in the North Sea.

More than £2.5m will be invested to restore and enrich nearly 40 hectares of estuarine habitats in the Humber through the planting of saltmarsh and seagrass, introducing half a million native oysters & reconnecting sand dunes.

A lot of work has already been done, with the help of volunteers, to release about 3,000 **oysters** so far at **Spurn Point** on the Yorkshire coast. The estuary was once home to oyster reefs covering more than 122 hectares; however, overfishing, pollution, and disease destroyed the shellfish over the last century, leaving them near extinct. Now native oysters are being returned to



Oysters

local waters for the first time since the 1940s, helping to restore the ecosystem, as they filter pollution from seawater, and provide a home for other marine wildlife.

Seagrass captures carbon up to 35 times faster than tropical rainforests, improves water quality by absorbing pollutants, and can protect coastlines from erosion.

But natural seagrass has declined dramatically. Now 30 hectares of lost seagrass meadow is being restored, with trial planting going well. It will provide shelter and a nursery ground for a variety of fish, and habitat for fish, eels and birds.



Seagrass, photos from Wilder Humber

The third vital part of the project is the planting and restoration of **saltmarsh plants**, to provide nutrient rich habitats ideal for wading birds. Together these vital species will nourish and protect the native wildlife of the Humber.

Sea View Nursery at **Saltfleetby** is a fundamental part of this ambitious project. Their vision is to create a nationally renowned saltmarsh, sand dune **nursery** and **seed bank**. It will showcase **sustainability**: with green roof, rainwater harvesting, solar energy and on-site seed production. The brand-new facilities aim to be **functional and pioneering**: including use of propagation techniques, seed banking and seeded algal mats, where best practice will be demonstrated and shared.

It will be a **flagship facility** designed to look beautiful. It's also hoped that having such a unique and important facility in the village will promote a sense of pride and ownership in the **local community**.

Transforming the site



October 2023, after the demolition of Bert's Barn, before the development of the nursery site.

New polytunnels have been built, in which to grow the rare saltmarsh and dune plants from seeds collected on the nature reserve. An irrigation system is being set-up to serve the new nursery.

Bert Richardson's large old barn, mostly made of corrugated iron, was demolished on 6th January 2023. The area around where it stood was cleared, with some of the old farm buildings still remaining.



2024, the newly built polytunnels



The **irrigation benches** taking shape in the polytunnels and the nursery.



The new **tank** that feeds the irrigation system.

The wooden utility buildings can be used for a variety of purposes as well as for the seed bank, such as displays, presentations, and a space for staff and volunteers to make a cup of tea! It's hoped that a large mural celebrating the wildlife of the area may be painted on an interior wall.

The long-term use of the old farmhouse is still uncertain, though it's hoped that it can be put to good use for conservation, but this is dependent on the availability of future funding.



2026, the site transformed with wooden huts, wheelchair accessible paths & outdoor benches

Local Volunteers are welcome to join the team and be part of a pioneering project taking place in our village, developing saltmarsh and sand dune plant propagation techniques and practices.

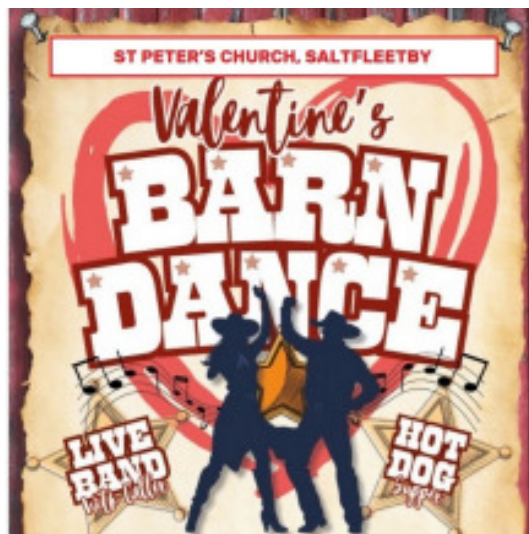
There are multiple roles involving spending time tending to plants and helping to maintain and develop a growing schedule. Tasks include: Routine checks, measurements and detailed recordings; Organising and updating the seed bank; Maintaining the nursery site and grounds; Sharing your experience of volunteering as well as your unique skills, experience and expertise; Seed collection (for which training will be provided).

Some tasks may require manual handling or walking on difficult terrain, but others can be done sitting down within the accessible polytunnels.

It's a fascinating opportunity for anyone interested in gardening, or who wants to make a difference, do something worthwhile, gain new skills and meet people. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn, all the training and information needed will be provided.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact
James Horan, Wilder Humber Project Officer
Call 07512 322614 or email jhoran@lincstrust.co.uk





Following the success of the first Saint Peter's Church Barn dance held in September last year, it was suggested to organise a similar event themed as a Valentine's Barn dance, on February 14th, once again to be held at Thornham Farm. Nigel and Teri were fortunately available and again provided the music, and the ever-popular caller Chris kept everybody on their toes. All 50 tickets had been sold, which made the catering quantities a little easier to order. Hot dogs with various relishes were available to all at halftime, along with the obligatory tea and coffee.

It was great to see so many people entering into the spirit of the event and dressing accordingly. Mrs. Deans, of Thornham Farm, had kindly provided a gas heater, which did take the chill off the barn until the dancing had started. Thanks go out to everyone for organising and participating in another splendid evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all.





What is a defibrillator

A defibrillator is a device that gives a jolt of energy to the heart. It helps get the heart beating again when someone is in cardiac arrest and their heart has stopped.

You might also hear it being called a defib, a PAD (public access defibrillator) or an AED (automated external defibrillator).

How to use a defibrillator

If someone is in cardiac arrest, call 999 and start CPR. If you're on your own, do not interrupt CPR to go and find a defibrillator. If it's possible, send someone else to find one. When you call 999, the operator can tell you if there's a public access defibrillator nearby.

Anyone can use a defibrillator. You do not need training. Once you turn it on, it will give clear step-by-step voice instructions.

Many defibrillators also have visual prompts and images showing how to use it.

The device checks the person's heart rhythm and will only tell you to give them a shock if it's needed. You cannot shock yourself or someone else accidentally.

Steps to using a defibrillator

Step 1: Press the green button to switch on the defibrillator and follow the instructions.

Step 2: Remove the person's clothing above the waist.

You might have to remove a person's bra by slipping the straps down or cutting it off. Most defibrillator packs have tools like scissors to help you to do this. It might feel odd or embarrassing but do not let that stop you. Remember, this is a life-or-death situation.

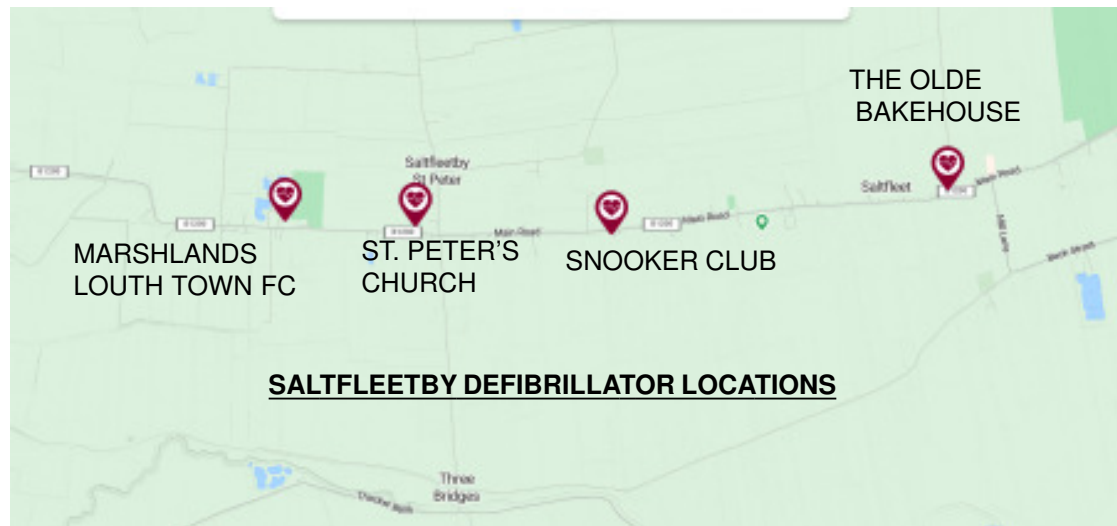
Step 3: Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the person's bare skin. Put one pad on each side of the chest as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

Step 4: Once you have attached the pads, stop CPR and do not touch the person. The defibrillator will then check the person's heart rhythm.

Step 5: The defibrillator will decide whether a shock is needed. If so, it will tell you to press the 'shock' button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the person without you needing to do anything. Do not touch the person while they're being shocked.

Step 6: The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been given and whether you need to continue CPR.

Step 7: If the defibrillator tells you to continue to do CPR, continue with chest compressions until the person shows signs of life, or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again.



St. Peter's Christmas Quiz

Returning by popular demand, the second St Peter's quiz night was held on 29th December. Bamber was asked to hold a Christmas quiz, using a similar format, comprised of 10 rounds each consisting of 10 questions.

As it was a "Christmas" quiz, every question was in some way related to Christmas and bonus points were awarded for festive clothing. This didn't please everyone, as hours of revision had been undertaken on numerous subjects, ranging from capital cities to airport IATA codes. Neither of which was of much use!

Round 10 was interesting, as snippets of 10 Christmas number 1 hits were played and the quizzers needed to identify the title of the song, the artist and the year in which it topped the chart at Christmas.



A total of 120 answers were available, with the winning team, Four Christmas Belles Plus Two, amassing a quite magnificent score of 96 points. A few teams actually knew how many gifts in total were given in the 12 days of Christmas, along with US States with a town called Santa Claus....!

A fun evening between Christmas and New Year enjoyed by all who attended. Bamber has already been booked for May 15th, get swatting.





UPDATE

Following on from the winter newsletter where I had gifted 2 acres of land to the Parish Council for the creation of a village garden in memory of the Taylor Family, after taking legal advice it is with deep regret I have had to withdraw the offer.

BUT I still intend for the idea to go ahead -and work out what happens to it when I am no longer around.

It is possible to achieve my dream either:

- 1) doing it all myself or as my intention has always been for it to be an amenity for the village,
- 2) set up a committee and working party to oversee it.

My preferred option is the latter as it will mean that the trees from the woodland trust can still be planted and more community grants can be applied for to help with the upkeep and preserve it for the future.

I'm hoping that villagers who want to be involved will show their interest by getting in touch with me whether to be on the committee, give ideas or advice or get their hands dirty with gardening & planting.

I, Ysanne, can be contacted by email thornhamfarm@googlemail.com or 07765890350.



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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.

The format of services alternates between the two faiths. The Church of England holds Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:00am while the Methodist Church hold a service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:30am.

The church has been on its current site for nearly 150 years and whilst its primary function is a place of Christian worship, it is being used more by the community. Regular events at the church include the Chat and Craft Group on Mondays, the Art Group on Wednesdays, a Coffee Morning is held on the first Wednesday of each month, except January, and Charities Bingo is held on the last Sunday of every month. The church building is currently undergoing substantial restoration, but is open for all functions as normal.

**A proposed schedule of events for 2026 is as follows:-
Chine Supper ~ Friday 10th April
Quiz Night ~ Friday 15th May
Brass Band and Craft Fair ~ Saturday 13th June
Festival of Churches ~ September
Harvest Supper ~ Friday 9th October
Bonfire ~ Saturday 7th November
Christmas Sing Along ~ Sunday 13th December
Christmas Quiz Night ~ Tuesday 29th December**



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Our country is steeped in history, tradition, and a quite wonderfully eccentric sense of humour. While you could be forgiven for assuming our tourism is centred entirely around the Tower of London, Stonehenge, or the remaining Wimpy restaurants, we bet there is a certain subset of travellers who prefer to hunt for quirky towns and road signs.

The UK's map is a linguistic patchwork of Old English, Norse, Gaelic, and French, filtered through centuries of evolution. While many of these names sound like jokes today, they are actually tiny capsules of history. Proving our ancestors were either very practical, very literal, or possessed a secret sense of humour we're only just catching up to.

From the head-scratching to the wonderful, here is a tour of some of the UK's most uniquely named locations.

Located in Perthshire, we have the village of Dull. This tiny community is anything but boring; in fact, they've officially 'paired' with the town of Boring, Oregon, and later invited Bland, New South Wales, to join their 'League of Extraordinary Communities.'

In Southport, there is Ralph's Wife's Lane. We're unsure who Ralph is, or his wife for that matter, but we do wonder what she did to prevent her name actually being used. Perhaps the planning committee were stumped, and someone just sighed, "you know, Ralph's wife" - and the rest, as they say, is history.

If you're feeling a bit weary, you might head to the sleepy-sounding villages of Great Snoring and Little Snoring in Norfolk. Despite the name, it isn't a hotspot for sleep apnea; it derives from the Snaringas, or the 'people of Snar' (a Saxon chieftain).



If the snoring gets too much, the UK map can take you on an emotional rollercoaster:

Start with a chuckle at Giggleswick in North Yorkshire.

Move to a belly laugh at Ha-Ha Road in London (named after a 'Ha-ha,' a sunken fence used in 18th-century landscaping).



And then inevitably, the games turn to tears at Blubberhouses in North Yorkshire. Despite the name, it actually refers to the 'bubbling water' of local springs.

For those travelling on an empty stomach, the map is a surprising picnic. We have Ham, Pudding Lane, and Bread Street in London, followed by a trip to Cheddar in Somerset. You could even stop at the hamlet of Chipshop in West Devon. Unsurprisingly, it isn't named after a deep-fryer; it was originally where local copper miners exchanged their 'chips' (tokens) for goods at the village store. If you're still hungry, there is always Barton in the Beans in Leicestershire - a village so old it's mentioned in the Domesday Book, where it is listed among the lands given to Hugh de Grandmesnil by William the Conqueror.

And after your picnic, why not wash it all down at Booze in North Yorkshire? Named, not for the alcoholic beverage, but from the Old English 'bow-house', meaning 'house by the curve'.

Some names sound like they were pulled straight from a storybook. The Land of Green Ginger in Hull is perhaps our most whimsical street name, while Nether Wallop in Hampshire sounds like a slapstick comedy. In reality, it's a stunningly beautiful village of thatched cottages, famous for serving as the backdrop for the BBC's Miss Marple.

Then there is Westward Ho! in Devon - the only place name in the UK to officially feature an exclamation mark. It was named after Charles Kingsley's 1855 novel to capitalise on the book's massive popularity. Next, we have Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate in York. Two theories are attached to this name, the first is that it comes from the Middle English 'Whit-nour-what-nour-gate,' meaning 'Neither-one-thing-nor-the-other street.' The more colourful theory is that it was the site of a public whipping post for petty criminals.

Finally, for those of you with no sense of direction, there is Lost in Aberdeenshire. The local council famously had to stop putting the name on signposts for a while because tourists kept stealing them as souvenirs.

And, if you can find your way back from there, you can visit No Place in County Durham. Legend has it that when the village was built, residents were asked which parish they wanted to join. To avoid church tithes and taxes, they supposedly replied that they wanted to be in "no place" at all.



My thanks go to *Maxine, Jayne and Julia*
Editors, InYourArea

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To help strengthen communication and improve local crime prevention, I am in the process of setting up a dedicated community WhatsApp group. The aim of the group will be to share relevant information, raise awareness of local issues, and help residents stay informed and vigilant.

The group will be up and running shortly, once the final policies and guidelines have been reviewed to ensure it operates safely, responsibly, and in line with appropriate regulations.

Further details on how to join will be shared soon. I look forward to working together to help keep our community safe.

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Saltfleetby Community Association

Hello, and a Happy New Year to one and all. Not a massive amount to report, but here goes. The Christmas bingo and the most recent on 8th Feb were well supported. Thanks to all who made this possible. These bingo evenings along with the annual quiz and a couple of other events means we will be donating £700 to St Barnabas Hospice, a worthwhile local charity, I hope you all agree. This year we have decided to allocate all profits from the bingo evenings to a charity/charities yet to be decided. I sincerely hope we can rely on your continued support.

Sincere thanks must be extended to the Wind Farm Fund, Tesco's (Mablethorpe), Holmes Farm Butchers (Nth Somercotes) and all other donaters for their very generous support. The next bingo is on 12th April with eyes down at 7pm, so get your dabbers primed and ready and have a good evening.

Monthly coffee mornings will continue on the third Friday of the month with the next two on the 20th March and 17th April.

Take this opportunity to have a cuppa, a slice of cake and a catchup with what's happening in the village.

These are free events, however there is a collection tin for the air ambulance should you feel the need to give a donation.

As well as our popular quiz with pie and pea supper, we are hoping to have a quiz evening in June or July, (pie and liquor/jellied eels??)



Doors open 6-30
EYES DOWN
7-00pm

PRIZE

BINGO and **RAFFLE**

Refreshments at interval

Marshlands Community Hall
(Saltfleetby LN11 7SS)

Licensed Bar

Sunday 12th April

The poster is colorful with a green border and a rainbow wave at the bottom. It features a starburst with the word 'PRIZE', a bingo card, a pair of glasses, and a small cartoon character holding a bingo card. The text is in various fonts and colors, including red, yellow, green, and blue.

Ideas of a medieval style summer fayre have been suggested, complete with ducking stool and stocks, but while suggested participants were plenty, volunteers were not so forthcoming, may need to work on that one a bit more!!

"A Sunday Evening"

with

Martin Chapman

(local historian)

*Please come along and join us
for a talk on all things local
to Saltfleetby,
from farming
to dialect, and
who knows what else!*

**Free
Entry**

Marshlands Community Hall

Saltfleetby (LN11 7SS)

Sunday 19th April 6pm

Martin Chapman, local historian, speaker, and a font of all knowledge local will be at the community hall on 19th April.

What he talks about is anyone's guess, but I'm sure everyone will find something interesting and go away with a little more knowledge of the local area.

Talk starts at 6pm, so don't be late or it could be standing room only.

While this is a free event, there will be a collection tin for the air ambulance, where voluntary donations can be given.

A quick summary of upcoming events

20th March.....Coffee Morning

12th April.....Bingo

17th April.....Coffee Morning

19th April.....An Evening with Martin Chapman

Saltfleetby Community Association
invites you to

**Friendly
Chit-Chat**

COME and JOIN US for

**COFFEE
AND
CAKE**

every

3rd Friday of the month

10am - 12 noon

at

**Marshlands
Community Hall**
Saltfleetby LN11 7SS

**Everyone
welcome**

**Meet
new friends**

Free Event

Mar 20th
Apr 17th
May 15th
Jun 19th
Jul 17th
Aug 21st
Sept 18th
Oct 16th
Nov 20th
Dec 18th

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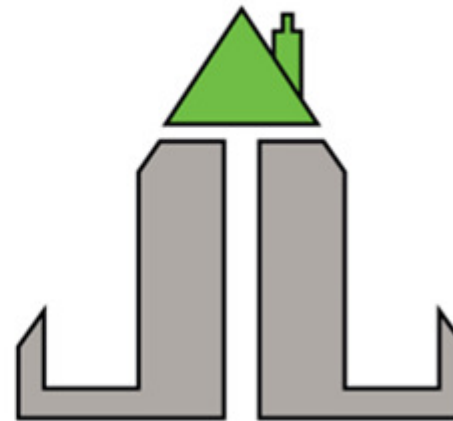
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SALTFLEETBY LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 28th MARCH

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



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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 29th . 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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Marshlands Community Hall
Saltfleetby LN11 7SS

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Only £3.00
per session

First session
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Every
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We are non competitive,
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For more info
contact
TRISH
07788 702004

An interesting post appeared on the Saltfleetby Chat and Sell Facebook page recently along with the two photographs shown here. Many of the comments inspired me to search the parish council website for any clues or available information relating to responsibility for the upkeep of the telephone box at Marshlands.



Trawling through years of parish council minutes, I couldn't see anything relating to the upkeep or maintenance of the telephone boxes. One agenda did include "Council to discuss Councillors report on telephone box maintenance" but nothing else appeared in the following months' minutes. Should a Parish Councillor, past or present, know what the situation is for maintaining the telephone box at Marshlands, I would be delighted to let residents know in the next newsletter.

You can see from the pictures that the telephone box at Marshlands is basically being used as a dumping ground. Bags of books are just being thrown into the box and left, in the faint hope that it will all be miraculously tidied up.

Along with checking the PC meeting minutes, I asked a few locals if they knew anything.



It was then pointed out to me that the telephone box is possibly being monitored by the Saltfleetby family known as Mr. and Mrs. Body, along with their two children.

We have Mr Body, know to his friends as Every, his wife Some, along with the two children, Any and No.

There was an important job to be done at Marshlands Phone Box and everybody was sure that somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. Somebody got angry because it was everybody's job, everybody thought anybody could do it. But nobody realised that everybody wouldn't do it. It turned out that everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have done.

I guess that's most probably what has happened...!

On a positive note, the telephone box on Church Lane is packed full of useful information and always extremely well kept, thanks to Mr. Chapman.





Working Farm Open Days

Martin, Nick and family invite you on:

Friday 29th & Saturday 30th May

10am – 4pm

1. 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.



Car Park in grass field at side of Church.