

Saltfleetby Newsletter

Summer 2026



Welcome to the summer edition of the Saltfleetby Parish Council newsletter. Contributions from residents and two of the village groups are included along with “blow your own trumpet”, for which I am extremely grateful, thank you.

Details from the recent Parish meeting are also included in this issue with reports from the SCA, SEC and St. Peter's church. Two recipients of Windfarm awards also attended and thanked the Windfarm committee for their support. Unfortunately no other award recipients submitted an update on the financial help they had received, which is a little disappointing.

Personally, I have been subject to a complaint from a resident. Rules prevent me from naming the complainant, but basically they have suggested that as I (Bamber Gastone) ask the questions at St Peter's quiz nights, I should not be allowed to vote on any funding applied for. The Clerk has made it perfectly clear that as I have no association with any St Peter's committee, my eligibility to vote is absolutely acceptable. During the discussion, the resident also suggested that my involvement with the Taylor Memorial Garden should also prevent my inclusion in any funding application. Again, I am not a committee member, just an enthusiastic volunteer, of which, thankfully, there are many.

This complaint brings into question, what actually is 'a conflict of interest' ?

Many members of the Windfarm committee, who approve the funding applications, are also involved in an organisation or benefit from the awards made. For example, with the monthly free meal, committee members actually benefit by attending the event or having a meal delivered to their home address.

My personal opinion, if anyone is interested, common sense must prevail. Unfortunately as we know, the problem with common sense is, it isn't that common.

Over the last six months or so, the windfarm committee have been presented with a number of applications either for firearms or associated equipment. These applications have mainly been entered under the sporting equipment section. Several applications have caused much concern to the windfarm committee; should community funds be used to purchase what is basically, a weapon ?

The initial application was for an air rifle and a collection of associated equipment. The committee concluded that Saltfleetby community funds should not be used to purchase a rifle, but offered the applicant an award to purchase equipment. This however was rejected by the applicant who submitted an appeal. The appeal was rejected which then resulted in the applicant submitting a Freedom of Information request.

Both the Parish Council and Saltfleetby Windfarm Committee have been subjected to numerous Fol requests recently. Once received by the Clerk, she requests all Councillors or Committee members to submit emails, texts, WhatsApp messages and any social media messages or contact relating to the resident's request. This is extremely time consuming for both the Clerk and members alike. It was explained at the Parish meeting that the last Fol request took 14 hours of overtime by the Clerk. Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC) recent training suggest any Fol request should be calculated at £25.00 per hour. This cost is met by Saltfleetby residents Council Tax.

It has been added to the Windfarm Terms of Reference that no application for weapons, for example, guns, rifles, knives or any associated items will be accepted. Hopefully this will also reduce the number of Fol requests received.

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.

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Taylor

Memorial Garden

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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.



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



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Marshlands Community Hall

Saltfleetby LN11 7SS

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**NORTH END FARM,
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SUNDAY 19th JULY**

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Church**



Saltfleetby Community Association

Can't believe it's 3 months since I last put pen to paper and we're writing for the summer newsletter. How time flies!! (if you're having fun)

March April and May saw the regular coffee mornings with locals and a few ex pats enjoying a friendly chat accompanied by cakes and beverages, plus a treat of rhubarb crumble. The coffee mornings will continue throughout the year on the 3rd Friday of each month with everyone welcome, not just locals. The mornings are absolutely free, but there is an air ambulance collection box if you wish to donate.



The bingo in April was well attended, with prize winners and laughter and enjoyment in plentiful supply. As has been mentioned previously all profits from the bingo evenings will be presented to a charity or charities at the beginning of next year. Thanks to the overwhelming support at this event just over **£300** was raised, and hopefully long may it continue. By the time you read this, the bingo evening in June will have been and gone, but I can tell you the date for the next bingo is 2nd August with the usual eyes down at 7pm. Your continued support is invaluable in making these evenings a success and the SCA is most grateful.

As some of you may know, at the beginning of 2025 the SCA presented a cheque for **£791** to the air ambulance. At the April bingo they had the pleasure of presenting a **£700** cheque to the local St. Barnabas Hospice. Both of these organisations have helped local people in the past and no doubt will be called upon in the future.



Linda Blankley and husband receiving a cheque on behalf of St. Barnabas Hospice from committee members of Saltfleetby Community Association

Also in April, Martin Chapman, local historian, speaker (and by jove, can he) with a font of local knowledge presented a talk at the community hall. After 2 hours of facts, figures, explanation of tools from a bygone era, poems penned by locals the evening ended with a round of applause, and many people going home with a little more knowledge of the local area and it's people.

So that was March, April and May's events. As you read this the bingo, coffee morning, and a quiz in June will have been and gone, and hopefully been a roaring success. The quiz has a new format and quizmaster, but the obligatory pie and pea supper will be the same. Report will appear in the next newsletter.

Hopefully the SCA will be organising a fun day/gala in August to raise funds for "Breast Cancer Now". Any suggestions or offers of help would be appreciated. Please message Saltfleetby Community Association page on Facebook

**BREAST
CANCER
NOW** The research
& care charity

The Air Ambulance collection box is put out at coffee mornings, and it was also put out for Martin's talk and because of your generous donations we have presented them with further **£81.20**

Unfortunately the scarecrow event will not take place this year. Without help, support and participation the village may well lose other events. Just a couple of hours of your time, either before or during the event may well be the difference between success and failure.



59 PRIZE 83

BINGO and RAFFLE

Marshlands Community Hall
(Saltfleetby LN11 7SS)

Refreshments at interval

Sunday 2nd Aug

Doors open 6-30

EYES DOWN 7-00pm

Licensed Bar



COME and JOIN US for

COFFEE AND CAKE

Friday 17th July
10am - 12 noon

Friendly Chat-Chat

Everyone welcome

Free Event

Meet new friends

Marshlands Community Hall
Saltfleetby LN11 7SS

Okay, that's enough waffling from me, I'll put pen to paper in 3 months, and report on SCA events past and future. In the meantime take care, look out for your neighbours and get back to how village life should be.

"The SCA Waffler"

Keith Atkinson

21 liners to make you laugh (lifted from the internet)

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Does love mean nothing to tennis players?

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

A backward poet writes inverse.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

When chemists die, they barium.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.



ANON. E. MOUSE

SALTFLEETBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026

Parish Council Report 2026

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Saltfleetby Annual Parish Meeting, 2026.

I'd like to start the meeting with a list of our accomplishments for the last year and to be honest, on paper it doesn't look like we've achieved an awful lot. It does make one wonder quite just what we've been discussing, but anyway here we are and I can assure you all that a lot does go on behind the scenes on a daily basis.

The annual litter pick has taken place and was a great success. We had several volunteers assisting and we hope to have more regular litter picks and would welcome a few more volunteers to help out. We have added two more litter bins along the Main Road and a third one has been ordered for the east end of the village. I'm pleased to say that these bins are actively being used. The bins are emptied on a regular basis by Parish Council members, free of charge. Also, one of the dog poo bins is emptied by one of the members of the Parish Council as ELDC considers it unsafe to go up the particular road with their truck.

The volunteer vehicle speed checks have proved to be very successful in catching several speeding vehicles and details were forwarded to the Police. Unfortunately, the operator of the speed camera now has to wear a body cam due to verbally abusive behaviour from several motorists, a PCSO has witnessed this happening on more than one occasion.

We continue to monitor the condition of all the footpaths throughout the village and trimming back overhanging bushes and hedges where necessary.

We also continue to monitor the conditions of the roads and report any problems when required.

The defibrillators are checked throughout the village on a fortnightly basis, again voluntarily by a member of the Parish Council and we have identified the need for another two units to provide the maximum cover for the village.

We are hoping to replace some of the LCC village name signs over the next twelve months as some are in quite a bad way.

We have had an issue during darker mornings/late afternoons at the crossroads with the lack of lighting making it very dangerous for the children alighting the school buses and having to cross the road, this was partly due to a missing street light which we have now had reinstalled. This street light has also been identified by Lincolnshire Constabulary as the optimum location for the proposed ANPR camera.

The speed signs were working well and we were receiving excellent data proving their effectiveness but unfortunately a whole camera plus pole was stolen, a set of batteries and the solar panels from another site were stolen and a set of batteries from a third camera were also stolen, however we were recommended not to put them back in service straight away due to the risk of the event happening again. We got in touch with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership with regard to the pole which had been disc ground off and they eventually replaced it. We removed the partly vandalised signs and placed them in secure storage and these will be going back up hopefully within the next fortnight when two new pole extensions should have arrived.

The willow trees at St Clements Church grave yard entrance have been pollarded and the council have shared the cost of this 50/50 with the owners of the converted Church.

The Village Newsletter has been well received by the majority in the village and editor Chris Stone welcomes contributions of articles, pictures etc. Any of these should be sent to: christopher.stone@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Many people in this village keep an eye out for neighbours who may be struggling or isolated. The cost-of-living crisis is still a problem and there could well be people who will face real difficulties over the coming year, so please don't hesitate to let the Parish Council Clerk or ELDC know in confidence if you have any concerns.

I would also like to thank Councillor Danny McNally, Councillor Paul Rickett and Councillor Bayleigh Robinson for their unwavering support as both District and County Councillors over the past year.

Whilst I have your attention, I'd like to briefly touch on a recent social media post generated by a resident on one of the village Facebook pages, regarding the possibility of an ANPR camera in the village. Within the post it was stated, and I quote "around £7000 of the precept (your council tax) money to purchase an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera". Now, whilst I am not at liberty to enter into a full-blown debate regarding an ANPR camera at this point in time, I would, however like to shed some light on just what your precept money is currently spent on. The precept each year for this village is £9000, which roughly equates to an average of £36 per household, per year and the Parish Council have chosen not to increase this for a number of years. As a Parish Council we need to retain quite a large sum of this money to cover the cost of an election should we ever find ourselves in the situation whereby one is required. The annual salary for the clerk to the Parish Council is paid from precept money and also covers any overtime the clerk has had to work over and above her contracted hours. You may ask yourselves, why does the clerk to a relatively small village Parish Council need to work over and above her contracted 30 hours per month?

Well, what the residents don't see is the amount of Freedom of Information requests we receive, which the clerk spends an inordinate amount of overtime compiling and issuing, meaning the Parish Council have to pay the clerk overtime and the money for said overtime is taken from your precept – is this a good use of your money? I think we can all agree that the cost of such requests does not benefit the entire village, and as a Parish Council we are constantly mindful of the appropriate use of your money to benefit the whole village.

Historically, Saltfleetby Parish Council have spent (in my opinion) far too much time discussing things rather than getting the job done. Also, some of our meetings have been rather too rowdy recently to put it politely – I want to assure the Councillors and the public that this situation will not continue. I will be asking people to leave the meeting if they can't be civil and if they refuse to leave I will close the meeting. Whilst I appreciate there are certain rules, regulations and processes we must (and do) follow, I personally am in favour of moving things forward in a timely manner whilst doing things for the greater good of the village, not just for one person or a handful of households, but for us all. This is our village and there is no sensible reason why we can't all work together to look after our village and those who dwell within it. So, please if anyone has any ideas that you feel will benefit our village, no matter how big or small, please approach or contact one of the Councillors or contact the clerk by email. clerk@saltfleetbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

John Lusby

Chair
Saltfleetby Parish Council

Defibrillator Positions



The following reports were read out at the meeting

SCA

My name is Richard Smith a member of the Saltfleetby Community Association since it's conception to facilitate and maintain community spirit within the village through events in the Marshlands Community Hall at the football ground.

The SCA are grateful for the grants bestowed to them enabling the staging of Coffee Mornings, Ceilidh Dance and Quiz night. There was an excess of funds raised which helped in providing a donation of £700 to the St. Barnadas Hospice.

We look forward to hosting further successful events along with our fellow community organisations in the village

St Peter's Church

The Joint Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church would like the thank the WindfarmFund for the contributions made to permit the community events to be carried out in 2025.

In 2024 the JPCC was approached by a resident of the village and asked to host a Chine Supper at the church.

This event was so successful that it led to a few other events.

All these events were self-funding.

In 2025 the JPCC was advised that funding was available for community events and therefore

events could be arranged with less cost to the attendees

This resulted in ten different community events being held over the year.

The Art Group and Chat and Craft Group

The two groups would like to thank the Windfarm Fund for its continuing support.

Both groups meet regularly at St Peter's Church where all are welcome no matter their skill level.

S.E.C.

The Soloby Events Committee would like to thank the wind farm committee for their continued support with the venue hire awards for the monthly dinner club and the annual Scarecrow funday.

Over the past 12 months Soloby events committee has received 1340 pounds for venue hire of the old school for the dinner club and 505 pounds for the Scarecrow funday. The dinner club continues to be a fantastic social event and success. In 2025 we served 572 dinners of which 109 have been takeaway dinners for residents that couldn't attend due to ill health or mobility issues. These figures were up on 2024. So far in the past 5 months of this year we have served 247 dinners of which 37 were takeaways. Our attendees are made up of mainly elderly residents some of whom live alone and look forward to these dinners as a social get together.

At easter all dinner club attendees received an Easter egg and at Christmas they all received a tin of biscuits and entry into a free raffle that gave them the chance to win either a 15 pound voucher or 1 of two 25 pound vouchers for Manby meats. We also sent out Christmas cards to all households within the village, although this didn't go down to Gav the posty

Unfortunately we have lost a couple of our attendees due to their passing and a few residents have moved away however we are now seeing some new faces in the form of new residents and young children attending. I should add that we have been doing collections so we did collect 350 pounds in memory of Robin Smith, which was donated to cancer research. We are currently collecting for the stroke association.

Like all groups and organisations within the village volunteers are hard to find so if anyone has time to help with any event put on by any organisations we know your help will be more than appreciated.

The Scarecrow Funday although reasonably well attended didn't see that many villagers neither did the village residents embrace the making of scarecrows unlike the first year it was put on. For this reason SEC decided not to put on the festival and funday this year. We will be discussing the prospect of having it every 2 years but only if we can get more people involved. Remember that these events are put on for the benefit of you the residents most are free and none of the people involved in organising them gets paid. A lot of time and effort goes into these and without your support they will stop. Thank you once again and don't forget if you would like to attend the monthly dinner club please feel free to contact.

Lesley Dover



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.

Should you want any further information or to be added to the group please contact Claire Saul.

Saltfleetbycrimeprevention@gmail.com

I look forward to working together to help keep our community safe.

Annual Chapman Open Days 2026

Friday 29th & Saturday 30th May saw the annual Chapman Open Days on Church Lane, Saltfleetby and they were the most successful to date! Both days were very well attended, even with visitors from Melbourne, Australia! The weather was perfect and the sun shone the entire time.



On display was all the usual ploughs, crawlers, stationary engines and vintage fairground organ. The field was set up with working tractors and crawlers to give visitors the chance to try their hand at working the land. Another tractor was providing trailer rides around the field throughout both days.



The visitors enjoyed burgers and hotdogs from the BBQ, a massive selection of home baked cakes, sausage rolls, banoffee pie, (home grown) rhubarb crumble, quiche, tea, coffee and squash and the choice of sitting in the shade of the shed or basking in the glorious sunshine outside.



Whilst these open days are a reason for Martin and Nick to show their extensive collection and take the opportunity to share it with others. It's also a chance to "catch up" with friends old and new, to offer people the opportunity to get out of the house who might not otherwise have anywhere to go or anyone to see, a chance to have a bite to eat and some friendly chat with someone that they have never have met or may never have had the chance to ever meet, perhaps someone like minded or the complete opposite. Everyone is always welcome and will always receive a welcoming smile. There are always plenty of people around to answer any farm/engine related questions and everyone is only too happy to oblige.



There are too many people to name and thank personally for their involvement with the open days, but all these people ensure the days run smoothly and that all visitors are catered for, from the Diesequip boys and their families (it's wonderful to see the next generation just as involved as the adults), the BBQ gang, the ladies on the refreshments table, the visitors who arrived on the day with armfuls of home baking (which we weren't expecting and are very grateful for), Bensley's ice cream van, and to Martin and Nick for their dedication and hard work which enables the event to go ahead



You raised the grand sum of **£2503.23** for St Barnabas Hospice, Louth which is remarkable for a small village non-profit making event. If you visited, everything you saw, ate and did was given free of charge and manned by volunteers.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Same time next year?!

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AND
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every

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Saltfleetby LN11 7SS

**Everyone
welcome**

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new friends**

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Apr 17th

May 15th

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Nov 20th

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THE LIVES OF MISSES ALICE AND ESTHER WRIGHT

Teachers at Saltfleetby School from 1884 to 1910

Susan Alice Julia Wright was born on 11th June 1847 in Islington, London the second child of George Wright (1816-1854), a stockbroker from Holborn, and his wife Elizabeth Mary, nee Knight (1824-1873) from Woolwich. She was baptised on 30th July 1847 at St Mary's Church Islington.

The family lived on Gerrard Street in Islington, an affluent middle-class area, later moving to Woolwich, before settling in Walworth. This was then a quiet, prosperous, semi-rural suburb on the outskirts of South London in the Borough of Lambeth. Here they lived among other affluent households, which included high-ranking government officials, a paymaster & purser of the Royal Navy, and an artist, among their prestigious neighbours.

Esther Jane Wright was born on 12th October 1853 in Walworth and baptised at the nearby St Peter's Church on 9th December 1853. Alice and Esther lived at 2 Cottage Grove, with their family: brother George Thomas Strother (born 1850) and sisters: Mary Elizabeth (born 1845) and Lucy Eveline (born 1851). Their father at this time gave his profession as *House Agent and Surveyor*, or simply as a *Gentleman*. He was awarded the Freedom of the City of London in 1846.

In September 1854, when Alice was 7, and Esther just 11 months old, their father George died of cholera at the age of 38. There were over 10,700 deaths from cholera in London that year, 90 of which were in the Walworth area. Later it was discovered that drinking water contaminated with bacteria was the cause of these outbreaks.



**George Wright
(1816-1854)**

Their mother Elizabeth became a widow whilst she was about five months pregnant. She gave birth to their 6th child, Helen Edith, in January 1855 in Gravesend, Kent.

Following their father's sudden death, their lives changed dramatically. The family split up, going to live with extended family members or taking jobs. In **1861** mother Elizabeth was working as a school mistress in Northfleet, Kent, alongside her eldest daughter Mary, who was an assistant governess there at the age of 15.

Alice, aged 13, was a scholar (receiving an education) whilst staying with her aunt and uncle in the City of London: her father's sister Lucy and her husband John Faulkner, who ran an ironmongery business with nine employees. She was a visitor in their household, living alongside her older cousins Lucy, John, Edward and Mary, and two servants, at 62 St. Martin's Le Grand (near St Paul's Cathedral and the old general post office).



**St. Martin's le Grand,
City of London in 1852** lithograph by
William Simpson and Thomas Picken.

Taking work as a governess was seen as a respectable way for educated middle-class girls in the Victorian era to earn an income. When facing hard times financially, after the death of their father, the Wright sisters could support themselves whilst maintaining a "ladylike" status by teaching the children of upper-class families, living in the household, regarded as of higher status than a servant, but lower than their employers.

In **1871**, at the age of 23, Alice was working as a governess for the Tuely family in Wandsworth. Living with the family, she tutored the children of wealthy fundholder and landowner Nathaniel Tuely and his wife Martha: 11-year-old George, 5-year-old Emmeline, 4-year-old twins Levina and Seymour, and baby Alice Rose. Esther, aged 17, was working in Chelsea with school mistress Frances Faulkner, the daughter of famous local historian and bookseller, Thomas Faulkner. Here she was teaching in a small private school where two boys aged 6 and 9 were boarding.

Their mother died in 1873, aged 49 of heart valve disease, at Hackney where she was living with her son, George.



Alkerton School in 1904

(photo from Oxfordshire County Council)

By **1881** Alice and Esther were both working at Alkerton Church of England National School near Banbury in Oxfordshire, which had opened in 1871. Here Alice was the school mistress, and Esther was a daily governess. They lived together at the School House. The school was built to accommodate 70 children, the attendance was lower than expected, it shut in 1905.

Alice and Esther (who was called Hetty by her friends and family) started working at Saltfleetby National School in March 1884, Alice was the headmistress and Esther worked as an assistant teacher taking the infant class. Their appointment was overseen by the rectors of the three Saltfleetby parishes. Reverend William Richards Watson of St Peter's acted as the main manager of the school at this time.

The school was originally built in 1849. The sisters lived in the school house, a newer addition to the site which received funding to be built in 1871 as accommodation for the teachers, next to the existing school building.

National School (mixed) for the three Saltfleetbys, erected on a piece of land alienated by the three rectors for site & endowment ; Miss Alice Wright, mistress

Kelly's Directory 1885

In 1893 Rev Watson arranged plans for a new classroom and cloakroom to be built to extend the school. A grant of £20 was given towards the cost of the work by the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education in 1894. The architect was Henry Marsden of 22 Eastgate, Louth, who had designed Louth market place. The building work was carried out by builder Richard Ingram of James Street. After the school was enlarged in 1894 it had room for up to 100 children, with an average attendance of 79 in 1896.

When Rev Watson's younger daughter Helen was married in St Peter's church in October 1891, the Misses Wright were among several local women who decorated the church prior to the service with flowers from Great Carlton and Manby.

Along with Miss Taylor, they led the village choir who heartily sang the marriage hymn as the wedding procession walked up the aisle.

At a village garden party at Saltfleetby House in July 1895, as well as guests enjoying refreshments, an exhibition and sale of works, a *school feast* was laid-on for the scholars of Saltfleetby National School. About 90 children came together to partake in the good things provided for them. Under the superintendence of the Misses Wright, the children greatly enjoyed the swings, balance-board, races and games. The day's festivities raised £9 8s 1½d for the Church Expenses Fund.

Miss Wright and Mrs Rainthorpe (the churchwarden's wife) conducted the musical parts of St Peter's harvest thanksgiving service in September 1901. In April 1902 a highly commended entertainment performance was given in the schoolroom by the children. The local newspaper commented that it "*might well serve as an object lesson to all who are interested in the education of village children and in the ways and means of amusing their parents and friends*". The programme included recitations, musical and ordinary drill, singing and a short drama, which elicited much applause from the very full house. The prison scene from Shakespeare's "King John" was performed by 11-year-old Charles Lowry, who along with his fellow actors captivated the audience's attention. (Charles was the son of a builder and farmer on the Main Road, who went on to serve in the First World War and have a career as a teacher, he died in Saltfleetby in 1955).

"Thanks are due to the mistress, Miss Wright and her sister, who unaided designed and so well carried out this entertainment which must have involved no little trouble, though the children did so well respond to the pains taken with them. The presentation of a prize to the monitor, Miss Fanny Phillips, who is about to leave the school, and the announcement of prizes to be given to boys who when leaving school have gained a thorough good record concluded the proceedings of a thoroughly well enjoyed evening" – Louth and North Lincolnshire Advertiser, 7th May 1902

The education act of 1902 meant that the Church of England National Schools, established to provide education for poor children, could be funded and managed by local authorities. After the Lindsey County Council

Education Committee was established in 1903, Saltfleetby National School became a Council School, still retaining its strong connection with the Church of England. After the retirement of Rev Watson in 1905, aspects of religious education and other governance issues of the school were mainly overseen by Rev Samuel Stamp, the Rector of Saltfleetby All Saints & St Peter's.

Alice and Esther attended the annual meetings of the Louth and District Education Council which were held at Louth Town Hall. Teachers from all over the area gathered to discuss such issues as finance, the teaching of singing, discipline, games & physical exercise, and the exhibition of school children's work at the Royal Agricultural Show in Lincoln in 1907, which were considered interesting examples of nature study and observations of rural life.

Council School (mixed), for the three Saltfleetbys, erected in 1849 & enlarged in 1894, on a piece of land alienated by the three rectors for site & endowment, for 100 children; average attendance, 69; the rector of All Saints is ex-officio chairman; Miss Alice Wright, mistress

Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire 1909



Miss Alice Wright (left) with pupils of Saltfleetby School. Some children have shorn hair to get rid of nits. Photo from the Saltfleetby Millenium Book



**Lincoln Leader and County Advertiser
29th February 1908**

On Saturday 22nd February 1908 Britain was battered by a tremendous storm caused by a large deep atmospheric depression in the neighbourhood of Iceland. Wind speeds of over 60 mph, torrents of rain, hail, sleet squalls, thunder and lightning.

Lincolnshire was particularly severely damaged by the storm. At 3.15pm Lincoln City had just begun a match against Leeds at Sincil Bank, when players were nearly carried off their feet as the hurricane struck the city. The referee put a stop to the game before horrified spectators witnessed a large part of the grandstand fall backwards, amazingly with few serious injuries. Described as a kind of tornado travelling from west to east, it caused much structural damage, including wrecking a chapel at Horncastle, uprooting trees, and destroying several mill-sails in our area. At about 3.30 the Nottingham Poor Girls Home at Skegness was partially destroyed. At 3.45 a pinnacle from Mumby church was brought down, before the storm passed over to the sea.

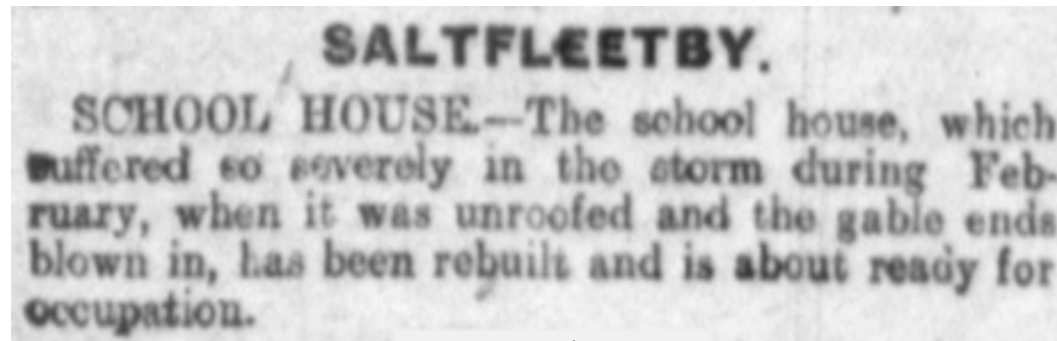
In the Louth area, Saltfleetby suffered the most severely with considerable damage caused to the school and schoolhouse. One gable was blown in and the other out, the former falling through the ceiling into the bedroom, which, it was noted, would have been occupied by the Misses Wright, had the storm occurred at night. One third of the roof woodwork was lifted and carried a distance of about 50 yards away. Bricks were blown all over the roof, breaking about twenty places in the slates that remained, and the chimney fell with a crash on to the cloak room. The building was left as such a wreck that it was estimated that it would cost over £50 to restore the school (equivalent to nearly £8,000 today), with two fences also blown away. Alice and Esther were in the house at the time, but fortunately escaped without injury and went to Mablethorpe for the night.

Also, in the village the roof of Mr Rainthorpe's waggon-house was blown in and his chimney blown off, as were the chimneys of Mr Maddison and others. A lot of damage was sustained at All Saints' Rectory and to a buttress of All Saints' Church.



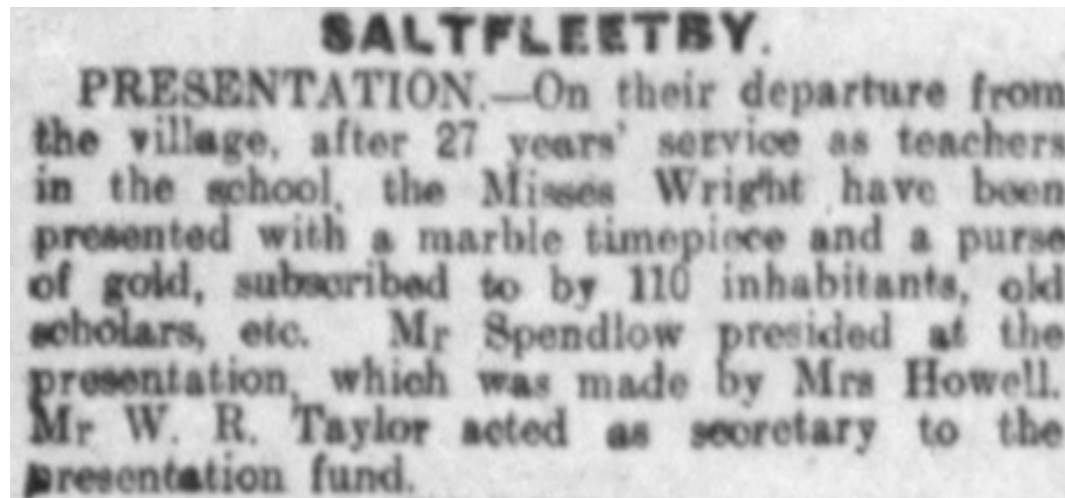
Storm damage being repaired at Saltfleetby School in 1908

Extensive rebuilding repairs took place, it wasn't until April 1908 before the school was again fit for occupation.



Hull Times 4th April 1908

The sisters remained teaching at the school and living in the school house until December 1910, when they both retired together at the ages of 63 and 57. As a mark of appreciation for their long service at the school, 110 locals and old pupils chipped in to buy them leaving gifts of a marble timepiece and a "purse of gold".



Hull Times 31st December 1910

They went to live at Burstow Cottage in Castleton, Derbyshire where they continued to live together in retirement. Alice died on 16th March 1924 aged 76 at their home. Her death certificate stated that she died of *Senile Decay* and *Cardiac Failure*, her sister Esther was with her.

Their brother George became a chartered accountant, living in Wimbledon with his wife, Sarah and their six children. In 1924 he was retired and living in London when his sister Alice died without leaving a will, so he was named as her probate administrator. She left effects of £460 10s. George died in 1925 aged 75.

Their sister Lucy moved to New Zealand where she had six children with her husband David Gillies in Dunedin, Otago. She died in 1940 aged 89. Youngest sister Helen married her cousin Charles Knight, a coal merchant, and moved to Tasmania where they had two children. She died in 1924 aged 69.

Esther moved to Southend-on-Sea, where she lived on Bournemouth Park Road. She died in January 1942 at the age of 88 of *Senile myocardial degeneration*, on at 32 Wimborne Road, Southend (a house which may have been used as a temporary war-time nursing home). Her profession was given on the death certificate as "*Spinster, Daughter of George Wright, of Independent Means*".

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.

Planned events:

**Quiz night ~ Friday 11th September
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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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

July 26th Doors open at 6.00 pm

Eyes down at 7.00 pm

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

Monies collected at June's events are

donated to many different charities from large
national bodies to small individual organisations
that need financial assistance.

Come along and join in the fun.

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FREE TEA AND CAKE



Blow your own trumpet

London Landmark Half Marathon 2026

Last year (and rapidly approaching 50) I decided it was time I challenged myself and in a moment of madness (or midlife crisis) I signed up to run the London Landmark Half Marathon 2026. I enlisted the companionship for the event of the one who is always up for anything I suggest, my daughter Lucie. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in securing a ballot place so we signed up to run in aid of Tommy's, The Pregnancy and Baby Charity.

Plenty of time, the race was 10 months away, disregarding the fact that the furthest I could run was 5K (a half marathon is 21.1k) we were heading into winter, dark nights and mornings, we both work full time and dislike treadmill running, but we didn't let that put us off.

Fast forward to April 2026 and the furthest long run I'd done was 13K, Lucie's was 15k nevertheless we found ourselves on the train and heading to London for the weekend, probably not fully prepared for what lay ahead.



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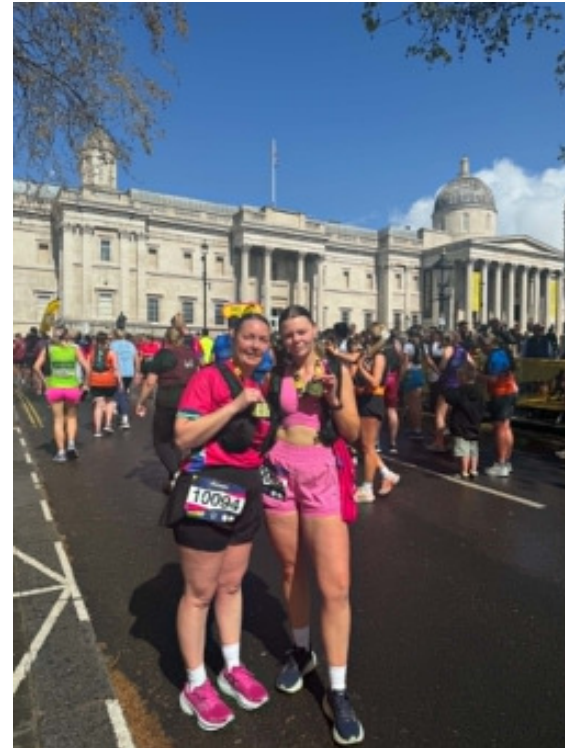


Sunday 12th April, the weather in London was perfect, mild, dry and sunny. From starting at Whitehall to finishing at Trafalgar Square is now a complete blur because we just ran, carried by the crowds. With it being our first large race, we'd never experienced the atmosphere and never expected what we received. Crowds lined the entire route, adults and children waving hand made signs, offering sweets and chocolates as fuel, shouting our names and words of encouragement, it was truly overwhelming and a very emotional experience. Somehow, I crossed the finish line in 2 hours, 38 minutes and 41 seconds, Lucie finished 10 minutes before me but was waiting at the finish line so we could collect our medals together. A Pearly King put our medals round our necks; we collected our goody bags and soaked up the finisher's atmosphere in the spring sunshine.

On the train home, it dawned on us that we'd consumed a lot of sweets and chocolates handed out by strangers on the streets of London and we'd gratefully accepted them without a second thought, not something you'd normally do in any other situation but it turned out just fine, everyone had come out to support the runners and offer their encouragement, which we will be forever grateful for.

Back home and a couple of days afterwards Lucie suggested we sign up for the Manchester Half Marathon in October, so we did (must be mad!), we've also registered for London Marathon and London Landmark Half Marathon 2027, so if anyone fancies tagging along for a gentle trot around London, then give us a shout. The more, the merrier!

Between us we raised just under £1000 for Tommy's. A very big THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored us!



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The story so far

Way back in 2025, ELDC announced that funding, up to £25,000, would be available for community projects. As a Parish Councillor, I was aware that the original terms of reference of the 2011 windfarm document listed “land purchase” as a possible use of the fund. Speaking to the PC Clerk she suggested applying for a grant, in the hope that with the help of the windfarm, an area of land could be purchased for community use. The application was unsuccessful. Upon hearing this, Mrs Ysanne Deans of Thornham Farm, offered, free of charge, two acres of her own personal land to the Parish Council. Unfortunatley, for a number of reasons, particularly tax reasons, this offer was regrettably withdrawn.

Mrs Deans, Ysanne, wanted her family to be remembered in the village for years to come. The Taylor family had farmed in Saltfleetby for hundreds of years so her dream was to create a community area in memory of the generations of Taylors.

After seeking legal advice, Ysanne formed a committee with a constitution, a bank account opened and thanks to a very gererous donation from June’s charity bingo, the Taylor Memorial Garden was created.

When Ysanne first offered the land to the Parish Council she searched for possible grants or awards that might be available. Thinking this was such a most generous offer from Ysanne, I found that The Woodland Trust were offering free trees for community projects, but the offer was due to close in a few days or so. Not wanting to miss the opportunity, I applied. I was successful. However this caused problems with certain Councillors because I had not asked permission from the council. Fortunately, with Ysanne withdrawing her offer to the Parish Council, I was able to contact The Woodland Trust, on her behalf, and they were more than happy to supply 420 saplings directly to Taylor Memorial Garden. From this point on, the Parish Council were not involved with this enterprise however as a newly formed village group, the Taylor Memorial Garden was eligible to apply for windfarm funding from the Saltfleetby Windfarm Committee.

Upon receiving a delivery date for the 420 saplings, it was important that the two acre plot be divided from the field used for cattle. The saplings had been planted the previous weekend by 20 plus eager willing volunteers and a windfarm award provided the funding for a 120 metre stock proof fence and access gates. Front Row Fencing provided the successful quotation and the work was completed in less than a day.



The saplings were planted over a weekend with volunteers from the village and beyond joining in. Thanks go out to everyone involved and please remember, The Woodland Trust have promised another 420 in November this year so your help would be much appreciated once more.





Daffodils planted by Ysanne and friends earlier in the year when the idea of a Memorial Garden was thought of, added a spot of colour in March, fortunately they were in the right spot...!

An area has been set aside for anyone to plant a rose in memory of a loved one. This will be a dedicated area purely for roses with benches for anyone just to sit, rest and enjoy the view. A further area will be created to encourage a community allotment area. Fruit trees have been planted, with more to follow.

Parish Councillors Pam and Brian Hall along with County Councillor Bayleigh Robinson join Ysanne in the planting of one of the first Taylor Memorial Garden fruit trees. The plan is to create an orchard of mixed fruit trees, the produce of which is to be utilised by the community.



Ysanne is passionate about making this project a success and hopes it may bring the village community together. Should you wish to offer advice, provide plants, bulbs or trees or just require more information, please contact Ysanne on **thornhamfarm@googlemail.com**

Chris Stone



GRAND OPENING

OF THE

TAYLOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

SUNDAY, 12TH JULY 2026

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**THORNHAM FARM, SALTFLEETBY, LOUTH,
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**DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN 2PM AND 6PM — EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!**