

News from your local, Independent Councillor

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Congratulations on the best election turnout in the whole District (over 36%) and the highest number of votes for a single Councillor at close on 2,000. Thank you. More at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/elections. Thanks also for the warm welcome I have received at the host of lively local events this month, some reflected in this newsletter.

HIGHWAYS

The most important first task seems to be potholes and trees. I started with asking everyone to report potholes. If they are not reported, they will not get repaired! If someone has an accident in a pothole that has not been reported, there will be no compensation. I asked the Council to get on with setting the target repair times, which they have now done and published on the website. The Council has a maximum of 28 days to repair a pothole deeper than a golf ball (40mm) on the open road, more than 25mm if it is next to a footpath. They have 24 hours to repair a trip hazard in a footpath of more than 25mm, the height of a 10p piece. Shallower holes go into the "works programme", which I shall need to tackle next. Let's get all our deep potholes repaired first.

For those of you more advanced in highway matters, there is a list on the web of some more dangerous sections of our roads that are inspected quarterly or monthly. Deep potholes in these roads have to be repaired in 7 days or even 24 hours.

So for everyone, here's how to report potholes;

1. Best is to go on the County Council website. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk
2. Click option on the top right "report a highways fault" Choose "report" shown on the right.
3. Register your contact details, so you won't need to repeat yourself.
4. Set www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting as a shortcut on your phone for future use. Now you have a very useful tool!
5. Mark location on the map, Photograph the pothole from a low angle and "submit".

For people who prefer to phone, a staff member will type it in, please ring 01522 782070 8am-6pm Mon-Fri or e-mail cschighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Broken or obscured lights: Report using the same system

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SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE



Children learning about bee-keeping with our local West Kesteven Wildlife Watch Group



Wellingore and District U3A chairman, Alan Nugent, hands over with humour to Liz Carless.



Meeting our Dog Warden out on patrol



Alan Haines explains that the excellent Plant Sale and teas at Norton Disney raised funds "to help give our Church a more sustainable future. Work has started to install a toilet, a servery for tea and coffee and a new entrance to provide access

for wheelchairs and disabled. We then intend to use the church for talks, music events and plays etc. The first event will be a visit from a U3A Group in August when they want to hear about the Disney connection."

THE BIG HIGHWAYS INSPECTION

I managed to get the Director, Richard Wills to join me for a morning, to view just how bad our highways have got and to prioritize improvements such as;

Leadenham: Thank you to the Parish Council for meeting us and experience walking to school on a very narrow broken path along the busy A607, squeezed between lorries and overgrowing nettles. It was agreed to clear the **path** and for the longer term, to reignite the search for a better route, in discussions with landowners.

Welbourn: a) The A607 winding blind bends need a matching speed limit. b) Unreported potholes were left unrepaired, although adjacent to the reported potholes! I asked for a change of policy to ensure common sense.

Wellingore: **Road Safety** We tested the Bus route egress from Hall Lane onto the A607, then into the area where pedestrians cross between housing, play area, village hall and pubs. We viewed the library parking area where public have claimed public access.

Wellingore Heath: **Broadband** and phone lines are in desperate need of replacement. At our recent public meeting, it is clear the signal is much needed by a surprisingly high number of businesses in the area, from haulage companies needing tachographs downloaded on time and barristers, judges needing to read papers promptly and a pre-school needing on line education. Work continues with the County Council and BT grants.

Navenby: The **pedestrian crossing** on the busy High Street may need highlighting with LED lights inside the cowl. Expected increase in traffic may need more safety measures. **Church Lane**, Navenby has winding blind bends, heavily used by lorries, which we need to discourage. Deep potholes on lower section need repair.

Boothby Graffoe Improved road safety thanks to junction changes and speed limit - one of our earlier successes.

Welbourn to Brant Broughton road: **Potholes** - is this the worst road in the County? It may also be needed as the alternative route if the A17 has to be closed. The potholes need filling to be safe at least. Brant Broughton and Aubourn have heavy traffic that needs management. Unsafe potholes in the Clays and Brick Kiln Lane need urgent repair. We also visually surveyed Norton Disney, Stapleford and Carlton Le Moorland and discussed Witham St Hughes and Beckingham. We discussed troublesome trees and a hedge on the highway at Bassingham.

Residents and the Parish Council met us at Bassingham to seek support on attractive **traffic calming signs** for the village entrances. Potholes and paths were raised too.

I asked for a simple leaflet on how to **report faults**, now attached. Importantly for the future, it was agreed to have Parish cluster meetings, and **quarterly meetings** in Bassingham and Navenby, for starters. Thanks all!

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CALLING FOR HIGHWAYS ACTION



Path in need of repair and replacement as a route to school



Consistent lack of care has led to some unsafe sections of road – I have asked for urgent repairs for basic safety.



We have 44 ton lorries on roads originally built for horse and cart. More care, repairs and controls are needed.

SUPPORTING OUR HERITAGE

In 1217, Lincoln and villages were overrun with the French, originally invited in by the Barons to overthrow King John. The Castle was held against the odds by a woman, Constable Nicola de la Haye.

William Marshall was Regent for 9 year old King Henry III after King John's death. He arrived in haste and drove the French back, breaking the Siege and defeating Comte du Perche at the Battle of Lincoln. It was the turning point in the civil war.



Sir William, played by actor and Independent Councillor Sebastian Bowen, joined us overnight at Hilltop Farm and gave us the best Plantagenet history lesson we could hope for!

However, he left his magnificent Haflinger horse in the stables since it preferred hay to lasagna!

Until September 2nd, you can see three amazing documents together in one room for the first time; The **Domesday book** itself, written in 1086, the **Magna Carta** of 1215 mainly giving the Barons rights and the **Charter of the Forest**, giving everyone rights – wow!

The Castle is in the charge of Lincolnshire County Council. I strongly supported the £22m of mainly external grants spent on the walls, visitor centre and workshops. A series of events are organised, bringing our history to life and concerts, well worth attending. www.lincolncastle.com

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LOCAL ACTION, GLOBAL INFLUENCE

At the Navenby Methodist Church Coffee morning, I met two inspiring ladies, Sylvia Morgan and Christine Staples. They have a shop off Market Square, Newark and together the project has raised funds and built a substantial school now open in Gambia. They are working to fight poverty with education and have a 40ft container regularly filling. People in our villages have embraced the project, from cycling across the Gambia, to knitting squares and simple children's jumpers. Contact www.newlifegambia.co.uk sylviamorgan10@googlemail.com 07980 009218

At Witham St Hughs Fun Day, I met another very inspiring group of young people and parents planning to work in Tanzania next June. Despite setbacks, 19 local young women are determined to fund-raise and work for local people in Africa, with Camps International. If you would like to help, please contact Helen Wright hl.wright@hotmail.com

I was especially pleased to meet and encourage them as I have organised and run expeditions to remote parts of the world since 1987. Although we did take aid, we mainly focussed on anti-poaching research for conservation and personal development of young people. You might be interested to see the pictures and reports on www.biosearch.org.uk

LOCAL EVENTS IN JUNE

- 3rd 4th Withamside Heritage Art Exhibition and sale, refreshments Aubourn Enterprise Centre 12-5pm
- 4th Coleby Car Boot Sale
- 8th Election for the best person to serve us as our MP
- 8th Choristers of Lincoln Cathedral at All Saints Wellingore, followed by cheese and wine £10 Glo on 810450 7pm
- 10th Plant Sale and Victorian Teas Noon to 4pm
St Andrew's Church, Potterhanworth, LN4 2DW
Plants, Tombola, Raffle, Cake and Book Stalls
Light lunches and Victorian Teas Served
- 10th 11th Scarecrow Festival w/e and Open Gardens Sun 2-6pm Bassingham, tickets from Hammond Hall.
- 11th Beckingham Open Gardens, teas, scarecrows 2-5pm
- 11th Fathers' Day at St Andrews, Boothby Graffoe 4pm
- 14th Coleby Coffee Morning and library 10.30am
- 14th Wellingore U3A AGM Wellingore M' Ha. Coffee 10am
- 14th St Peter's Navenby coffee morning with Ruth and Tony Sharp at 17 Headland Way, 10.30am
- 24th Brant B'n Pre-School silent auction at School 3-5pm
- 24th Midsummer Dance with *12 to the bar*, The Venue, Navenby 7.30pm £10 Navenby Antiques Centre 811271
- 17th 18th Navenby Open Gardens £3 starting at St Peter's
Enjoy scrumptious cakes and light lunches 11am-5pm

LOCAL EVENTS IN JUNE continued...

- 17th 18th Thurlby Rose Weekend Sat 7.30pm Musical Evening by Cantones Mobile £8 including drink and canapes, tickets from Tony 788325
- 18th Sun 3pm Rose Service at St Germain's, Tea and raffle
- 19th Music for a Summer Evening with the Loveden Quartet, Quaker House, Brant Broughton 7.30pm
- 20th Navenby Archaeology Group, Methodist Church Hall, Navenby "Lost Villages of Lincolnshire" David Start 7.15
- 21st Tea@3 and Chat, Supper Rm, Wellingore Memorial Ha helpers welcomed, lifts for the less able. Glo 810450
- 24th Navenby Methodist Church Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 24th Norton Disney Summer Fete, Silver Sounds Band 2pm
- 25th Aubourn Clock Tower and exhibition open 2-4pm
- 25th Coleby and Harmston Fun Days 2pm
- 27th Sir William Robertson School Open Day 6-8.30pm
- 30th Wine, supper and song, The Venue, Navenby 7pm
- 30th Poems and puds Temple Bruer Schoolroom £8 from Kathy Blake 01522 811828 7pm

JULY

- 1st Summer Concert by Banovallum Singers £6 includes wine and strawberries 7.30pm Tickets from Rachael 01522 797875
- 2nd Coleby Car Boot Sale
- 2nd Strawberry Tea Navenby 2-5pm
- 2nd Leadenham Tennis Club Open Day 2-5pm
- 8th Charity Music Festival, Marquis of Granby, Wellingore 4pm
- 28th Anne Bolyen at St Peter's Church, Navenby £15 incl. refreshments Tickets: Beth 01522 810030 7.30pm



I look forward to seeing you out and about over the Summer. Let me know if you would like help, or like to help, with anything!

With Kind Regards from

Marianne

Marianne Overton MBE

And from Lincolnshire Independent District Council Colleagues working for us locally, Catherine Mills, Peter Lundgren and Steve Clegg.

USEFUL REFERENCES

Access to Wellbeing Services and care

The Carers service 01522 782224
carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

Roadworks www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks
roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk
To receive info' on twitter #lincsccl_roads

Help save lives and keep countryside clean

Report Potholes 01522 782070
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting
Or use www.FixMyStreet.com
Report Litter 01529 414155
customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk
Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or
ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk
The Wellbeing service will help set up and people in a vulnerable position with finance, transport, support groups etc. 01522 782140
Lincs 2 Advice are on 0300 303 8789
Non urgent health 111, Police 101, fraud 0300 123 2040
Grants community_lincs@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Transport and Travel

Call Connect 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article
Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door
Car-sharing www.lincshare.co.uk
Trains www.thetrainline.com
Local Plan www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084

Planning on line

See and comment on applications to get your voice heard.
Search "planning on line north Kesteven"

Village websites

Withamstaple.com; nocton.blogspot.co.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton
<https://dunstondossier.org.uk>
Branston <http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times>
Branston Library 01522 880426
www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Potterhanworth
www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/ Navenby and Wellingore business
www.Navenby.net, www.harmston.info
Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby have sites on LCC.