

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE:

Spring is upon us now with a vengeance, the vicarage garden slope under our little wood has been glorious with its snowdrops, aconites, grape hyacinths, and daffodils all showing their glorious displays, but alas as soon as they have produced their beauty the dreaded cow parsley begins to take over, and just as the bluebells begin to show, their beauty is hidden from our view and it becomes time once again to put petrol in the strimmer to keep the weeds under control.

I have considered (knowing how I like to keep the garden tidy) actually putting down a membrane under the wood and simply covering it with bark chippings, but then as tidy as it would look, I rapidly changed my mind.

There is, it seems, something truly beautiful about that slope in our garden, virtually out of nothing comes forth such beauty, people always comment upon it as they pass by, and the fragility of the whole embankment would I think be lost if it was simply covered over and made tidy all year round.

We do have a tendency to seek to live tidy lives, everything has a place and we tend to compartmentalise everything which we do, but when we think and reflect on our lives and the way our Lord lived his, we are reminded that having a little chaos in our lives is not such a bad thing. Jesus as he travelled, went from village to village often not knowing what he would find and how he would be treated, he simply strode out in faith with the message of salvation to proclaim. Now that Easter has been celebrated and we are walking once more in the light of Christ, let us look for a little chaos in our lives. Remember, in order to keep healthy we are encouraged to do one thing each day that scares us, adrenaline is a great gift from God, so let us learn how to use it wisely.

Just as the garden bursts into bloom and then is quickly covered with weed, so too is our faith, we - as Easter people - are filled with the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus, but then we let it slip away from us, we need to get out our own personal strimmers to keep the darkness at bay, in order that the beauty of our faith will be seen by others.

The chaos we need is that of hidden glory, the hidden glory of God which reveals itself in the beauty of the garden and the beauty of our hearts and minds, so this Easter live life dangerously, place yourself on the edge, proclaim the faith of Christ and let His glory truly blossom.

By the way when you see me struggling with the strimmer, a little prayer would not come amiss, in helping me to hold on to a little chaos in the garden and a little chaos in my life, so that I can indeed use the God given gift of adrenaline wisely and creatively.

Yours in Christ,

Clive

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Rev. Clive Todd,

The Vicarage, 14 Church Lane, Cherry Willingham LN3 4AB

Tel: 750356

If Rev. Todd is not in the office, you can leave a message on the answer-phone.

Rev. Sue Bradley (Curate) 17 Holly Close, Cherry Willingham

Tel: 750292

Rev. Peter Collins (Assistant Curate) The Rectory, Reepham Rd. Fiskerton

Tel: 750091

Churchwardens: Mr R.Walkinton,

Well Hill, Plough Lane, Fiskerton

Tel: 750413

Mrs F.Styles

Elveden, Lincoln Rd. Fiskerton

Tel: 750690

Church Key also available from:

Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens

TEL:752117

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:

APRIL 2008

6th. 3rd. Sunday of Easter

- 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
- 9am Holy Communion at Fiskerton**
- 9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Greetwell

13th. 4th. Sunday of Easter

- 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
- 9am. Morning Worship at Fiskerton**
- 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
- 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

20th. 5th. Sunday of Easter

- 8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
- 9am Holy Communion at Fiskerton**
- 9.15 Family worship at Reepham
- 10.45 Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
- 6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham

27th. 6th. Sunday of Easter

- 8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham
- 9am. Morning Worship at Fiskerton**
- 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham Church
- 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

April	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
6th.	Mrs F Styles	Mr P Forman Acts 2:14a 36-41	Mrs L Forman The Crescent	Mrs M Broad	Mrs L Forman
13th.	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs L Forman Acts 2: 42-end	Mrs G Walkinton High Street		Mrs L Forman
20th.	Mrs G Walkinton	Mr J Lunn Acts 7: 55-60	CLERGY Pre-School group.	Mrs F Styles	Mrs I Taylor
27th.	Mrs L Forman	Mrs I Taylor Acts 17: 22-31	Mr R Walkinton Public Houses		Mrs I Taylor

DATE FOR DIARY:

The Annual Meeting of Fiskerton Parochial Church Council will take place on Sunday April 23rd. at 2.30pm in St. Clement's Church. Anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll is very welcome to attend this meeting.

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THANKS:

Mrs Marion Taylor would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, prayers, cards and phone calls during her illness earlier in the year. All were much appreciated.

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FISKERTON MENS BREAKFAST

The next Men's breakfast will be on Saturday 19th April 2008

Guest speaker will be Rob Walkinton.

Rob, as a young serviceman, was out in Palestine in 1948 and he will share his testimony with us.

Held at Fiskerton Village Hall, 8am for 8.30 breakfast

Places limited to 24,

Please e' mail john.pycock@btopenworld.com or phone 595291 to reserve your place.

What's On in APRIL

In The Village.....

Fiskerton Luncheon Club:

Why not join us for a delicious home cooked two -course meal every other Tuesday in the Village Hall? It will only cost you £3.00

Dates for April are **Tuesday 1st. Tuesday 15th, & Tuesday 29th.**

Ring Mary on 595291 to book.



Fiskerton W.I:

The speaker at the April meeting will be Lynda Forman on the subject of Traidcraft and Fairtrade. The meeting will begin at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members would be very welcome.

The Gardening Club:

On Monday April 14th. The Gardening Club will be holding an Open Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The guest speaker will be Alan Mason of TV and radio, talking on "Garden Design".

Tickets are £3 (including light refreshments) from Mrs F Styles (750690) or Elizabeth Tibbitts (750908) or on the door. However, places are limited.

History and Archaeology Group:

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 17th April 2008** at 7.30 pm at the village hall. The speaker will be Sally Scott who will be giving an insight on what the deeds and other old documents from five of the older village properties tell us about families and parish history. **ALL WELCOME.**

Table Top Sale:

The next Table Top Sale will be on Saturday April 19th. 2pm - 4.30pm in Fiskerton Village Hall. Tables £5 each. Please contact Iris Taylor (753197) to book.



Fisko Kid's Club:

On Saturday April 19th. the children are going on a SPONSORED BIKE RIDE to raise funds for the club.

This will begin at 3pm at Five Mile Bridge.

We would like to ask for volunteers to either cycle with the children or generally help on the day.

We would also like to ask parents of the children cycling to bring and collect their children to and from the bridge, making sure that all children are wearing appropriate clothing and headgear. They will also need drinks for the ride.

If any parents wish to participate please phone Brenda Wells (752998).

Thank you for your support.

Thank you:

Mrs Farrell would like to thank those people who supported her stall at the February Table Top Sale in Fiskerton Village Hall. She made £50 which provided 25 blankets for the dogs at the Ingham Kennels.

Village Hall Bookings for March

1 st	Tue	10:00 - 14:00	Luncheon Club		
2 nd	Wed	19.15 - 20.15	Aerobics	19.00 - 21.00	Computer Club
3 rd	Thurs.	10.00 - 11.00	Aerobics		
4 th	Fri	15.00 - 20.00	Lansoap		
5 th	Sat	15.00 - 20.00	“”		
6 th	Sun	15.00 - 20.00	“”		
9 th	Wed	19.15 - 20.15	Aerobics	19.00 - 21.00	Computer Club
10 th	Thurs	10.00 - 11.00	Aerobics	19.00 - 21.30	W.I.
11 th	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening	Prize Bingo for Children	
12 th	Sat	09.30 - 16.30	Sati Group		
14 th	Mon	19.00 - 21.00	Gardening Club		
15 th	Tue	10:00 - 14:00	Luncheon Club		
16 th	Wed	19.15 - 20.15	Aerobics	19.00 - 21.00	Computer Club
17 th	Thurs.	10.00 - 11.00	Aerobics	19.00	History Group
18 th	Fri	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening	Prize Bingo for Children	
19 th	Sat	13.00 - 16.00	Table Top Sale		
20 th	Sun	09.30 - 13.30	The Vine	14.15 - 16.45	Causeway Projects
21 st	Mon	19.00 - 22.00	Group W.I. Meeting		
23 rd	Wed	19.15 - 20.15	Aerobics	19.00 - 21.00	Computer Club
24 th	Thurs.	10.00 - 11.00	Aerobics		
25 th	Fri.	19.30 - 23.00	Bingo, Social Evening	Prize Bingo for Children	
26 th	Sat	15.00 - 17.00	Private Party	19.30 - 23.00	Scout Quiz
27 th	Sun		Scouts Breakfast		
29 th	Tues	10.00 - 14.00	Luncheon Club		
30 th	Wed	19.15 - 20.15	Aerobics	19.00 - 21.00	Computer Club

To make a booking or check availability please contact:-

Booking Secretary - Jenny Hayes on **07510281232** or email villagehall@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk

The calendar is viewable via <http://www.fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/>

Computer Club

If You Would Like To Do Any Of The Following:

Use A Computer

Surf the Internet

Send and receive e-mails

Create Word Documents

Create a Database

Create Spreadsheets

Then the Fiskerton Computer Club is for you..

Every Wednesday from 7pm till 9pm.

Contact Tracey for more information on 753285

Roy Hobson

local

PAINTER & DECORATOR

For a Free Quote phone

01522 751206 mob. 07786537981

What's On in April: In The Area.....

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:



This is held at the **Becke Arms** in Cherry Willingham on the second Saturday of each month from **10.00 -11.30 am**. The next one is on **April 12th**. Please come along and support both the charity coffee morning and the stall. If anyone, at any time wishes to have a Fairtrade Stall at a function they are holding, please contact the Fairtrader for this area: Mrs Lynda Forman, Applegarth, Ferry Road, Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 4HU: Tel: 01526 398316



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

Everyone is invited to drop in to The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on Saturday **April 19th**, from 10am – 11.30am. There is free coffee and cakes and the opportunity to have a chat with friends old and new, as well as a Traidcraft Stall for all those extra food items and gifts.

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Cherry Willingham Church Hall, Saturday **April 19th**. At **7.30pm**. For more details and to book a table, please ring Mrs Peggy Drakes 01522 750279.



*Greetwell Church will be hosting a concert by a local Male Voice Choir on Saturday **April 25th**. Beginning at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 per person. This will be a popular event so book early. Please telephone 751218 to reserve your seats.*



Lincolnshire Limewoods:

Circular Walk around Southrey exploring the wood in spring:

Sunday April 26th. 10.00am – 1.00pm

Meet at Riverside Car Park Southrey. Please wear appropriate footwear!

The Witham Valley Access Project:

Are you interested in making walking and cycling safer in our area? Would you like better access to the countryside? Are you keen to improve local leisure opportunities?

If you have answered yes to any of those, then read on.....

A group of Cherry Willingham residents have recently initiated the Witham Valley Access Project. This project aims to make walking and cycling safer in the Witham Valley and improve access to the countryside.

First and foremost we would like a cyclepath/footpath to the River Witham and the Viking Way over the North Delph, within the region of Cherry Willingham. Secondly we believe in the need for a cyclepath/footpath along the Fiskerton/Greetwell Road, as it has become unsafe for walkers & cyclists.

Initially we are aiming for a path between Cherry Willingham and Greetwell Church, with the long term goal of extending it between Fiskerton and Lincoln. We are also investigating the possibility of a bridge across the Witham within the parish of Cherry Willingham, to give access to the newly developed Water Rail Way; this is an excellent local amenity which is well used by the people on the South bank of the river.

We believe that these new facilities would be of advantage to all the villages to the east of Lincoln. They will open up the countryside and provide safe paths for walking and cycling. The creation of several circular routes will greatly enhance local leisure opportunities.

An open meeting to explain the project in more detail will be held at Cherry Willingham and Reepham Village Hall on **April 28th at 8pm**. You can also find information on the web (and register your support) from links on the CW parish council and village websites. (See www.cherrywillingham.org.uk.)

We already have the assistance of Groundwork Lincolnshire and intend to apply for a variety of grants. Evidence of local backing is vital to our project so, if you feel able to support our objectives, please write a letter to the Witham Valley Access Project Team c/o Millennium Hall, 16 High Street, Cherry Willingham, Lincoln, LN3 4AQ. Thank you!

Jenny Robinson, On behalf of the Witham Valley Access Project Team

Reepham & District Tennis Club. Behind Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall

The new season is about to begin with new courts and new members. We finished last season with the highest number of members we have ever seen and we hope to take the club from strength to strength. Club nights with floodlights have now altered slightly to Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00pm. We also play on the 1st Sunday of every month. The first one is on the 6th April from 2pm.

We are a very friendly club and always look forward to welcoming new members. If you would like to join us or would like more information please contact.....

Steve (Treasurer) 01522 838329

Val (Secretary) and Phil (Chairman) on 01522 750303



Serving Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reepham

Services for April 2008

Everyone is welcome to come and you will have a great time. We are very friendly, the music is inspiring and lively. There is a mixture of age groups from 6 months to teens to 76. So come on and have a cuppa and a Doughnut with us. We look forward to meeting you.

Sunday 6th April 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Sunday 13th April No Service (Holidays)

Sunday 20th April 11am Fiskerton Village Hall

Sunday 27th April 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Kidzone 7-12year olds

Monday 28th April 6.30pm-7.30pm In the Drama Studio at Cherry Willingham Sports College. Tel. 876996

The Mix (For Teens)

Friday 25th April at 7pm - Activities and Venues for The Mix will vary so please ring Alison on Lincoln 876996 (Youth Cell Sunday 27th April at 6.30pm)

The Cell Evening

Thursday 24th April and 1st May at 7.30pm Continuation of an exciting course called Freedom in Christ. All are welcome.

The Vine Community Church is a member of the Ground Level Network of Churches Website: -

www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk Tel 01522 872011

The Macmillan Sponsored Firewalk could be the most inspirational journey you will ever take! Be part of the team who will, as the name suggests, walk over red-hot wood embers on the 19th April 2008 at Lincoln City Football Ground and still be able to dance the night away at the post-walk party! Learn how to control your mind, put aside your fear and there will be no stopping you!

Please feel free to call the fundraising office to learn more about the sponsored Firewalk, and how the money you raise will really help those living with cancer. Tel: 01522 530640 Mob: 07834 191215

Macmillan Cancer Support, Greetwell Place, Greetwell Road, Lincoln, LN2 4US

There is a £25 registration fee which covers the costs incurred from hosting this exciting event, insuring all future money that is raised by participants will go to people living with cancer.

Macmillan Cancer Support improves the lives of people affected by cancer. We provide practical, medical, emotional and financial support and push for better cancer care. Cancer affects us all. We can help. We are Macmillan Cancer Support.

NEWSLETTER information:

Please note that items for inclusion in the Parish News can be handed in at Fiskerton Post Office.

Items can also be posted to Mrs L.Forman, 'Applegarth', Ferry Rd. Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 4HU or please telephone 01526 398316.

You can e-mail items to fiskertonnews@aol.com

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