

## Letter from the Vicarage:

### **Vicar on the move!!**

Following my announcement on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, most of you will know by now that I will be leaving the Benefice soon. For the last few years I have been doing quite a lot of work for the Diocese in the field of vocational discernment. This began with an invitation to become a vocations advisor, helping people who were seeking to discover for themselves what God was asking them to do with regard to ministry and service in the Church of England. I really enjoyed this work and had the pleasure of helping a number of people as we explored their call together.

Some time later Revd. Cn. Angela Pavey announced that she was moving on and that a new Diocesan Director of Ordinands would need to be found. In the meantime I was asked if I would be the Acting DDO until a new appointment was made. This I willingly agreed to and although interviews were held quickly and the new DDO - namely the Revd. Dr. Jeffrey Heskins was appointed I found myself continuing as Acting DDO for a total of 8 Months. I learned so much in this time and applied myself so fully to the task that I soon began to realize that perhaps this was where my own ministry was heading.

Once Jeff was safely in post as the new DDO he kindly appointed me as his assistant and we have worked together ever since. I now feel that God is indeed calling me more fully into this specialized ministry which is why I have decided to leave the benefice of South Lawres and the Diocese of Lincoln, to take up my new role as the DDO for Canterbury. I look forward to engaging in this exciting development to my ministry and also look forward to continuing at least in part to be a Parish Priest. As along with my Diocesan responsibilities I am also to be appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the parish of Thanington, St. Nicholas and St. Faiths.

This is a small parish on the outskirts of Canterbury with a nicely re-ordered Church. It comes complete with its own adjoined Church Hall and I will be living in the vicarage which is just next door. No doubt there will be many challenges to face along the journey ahead of me but I know that God will be with me in that journey, as I continue to serve him both as a parish priest and in my new role as the Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Yours in Christ,  
Clive

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

**Revd. Clive Todd,**

**The Vicarage, 14 Church Lane, Cherry Willingham LN3 4AB** **01522 750356**

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

Revd. Sue Bradley (Curate) 17 Holly Close, Cherry Willingham 01522 750292

Revd. Peter Collins (Assistant Curate) The Rectory, Reepham Rd. Fiskerton 01522 750091

Churchwardens: Mrs F.Styles Elveden, Lincoln Rd. Fiskerton 01522 750690

Mrs L. Forman Applegarth, Ferry Road Fiskerton 01526 398316

Church Key also available from: Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens 01522 752117

### Village Baptism:

*We welcome into the Lord's family:*

January 11<sup>th</sup>. 2009 Emma Grace Winter,  
daughter of Luke and Kelly Winter

**CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:****FEBRUARY 2009****1<sup>st</sup>. Epiphany 4**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham  
**9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton**  
 9.15 Morning worship at Reepham  
 11am Candlemas Eucharist at Greetwell

**8<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday before Lent**

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

**15<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday before Lent**

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

**22<sup>nd</sup>. Next before Lent**

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham  
**9.15am. Morning Worship at Fiskerton**  
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham Church  
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham  
 6pm Special Holy Communion Service at Reepham Church, at which Sue Bradley will become an Associate Priest. All Welcome.

**25<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday**

7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion with Ashing at Cherry Willingham

**St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:**

<b>FEB</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	Mrs F Styles	Mrs L Forman <b>Hebrews 11: 32 - end</b>	Mrs I Taylor <b>Blacksmiths Road</b>	Mrs Lunn & Mrs Townsend
<b>8<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs A Townsend <b>1Corr. 9: 16 - 23</b>	Mrs L Forman <b>Ferryside</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs I Taylor <b>Colossians 1: 15 - 20</b>	CLERGY <b>Lincoln Road</b>	Mrs M Broad
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>.</b>	Mrs J Lunn	Mr R Walkinton <b>2 Corr. 4: 3 - 6</b>	Mrs G Walkinton <b>Plough Lane</b>	

**Other Church news:**

Lottery Draw: The First Lottery Draw took place on January 6<sup>th</sup>. with the numbers pulled out by members of the Luncheon Club.

£25: Number 7: Mr P. Forman

£10: Number 35: Christina Ward

£5: Number 10: Mr & Mrs C L Scott

£5: Number 4: Mr A. Gibson

The next draw will take place on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 'The Blues Connection' gig.

**Felling of Horse Chestnut Tree in Churchyard:** This will take place on Wednesday and Thursday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. & 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note that there will be traffic light controls on the road past the Church at certain periods on both of these days. Single file traffic will be able to pass. The PCC would like to thank the Parish Council for its help towards financing this work.

**Back By popular Demand!** In case you missed the front cover (!) Blues Connection are back at Fiskerton Village Hall. They are a terrific group who play Blues and Folk/Blues and it's not often you get a chance for live music in the village. So book a ticket for a good night out.



**A Tale of Two Lancasters:**

A Presentation is to be given in St. Clement's Church, Fiskerton by Flt. Lt. Mike Chatterton, on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. beginning at 7.30pm. Mike, who is flying Nimrods from RAF Waddington, flew the 'City of Lincoln' Battle of Britain

Memorial Flight Lancaster from 1989 until 1997. He also Taxis the East Kirkby Lancaster 'Just Jane', from where his father also flew Lancasters. Tickets are £2 each to include light refreshments. They are available from Mary Gibson, 01522 752117 or Freda Styles, 01522 750690 Don't forget to bring a cushion!

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**A Request for help:**

I hope you may be able to help me. As residents of Fiskerton, you may be well placed to advise. I am an American seeking information in the matter of the life and death of my Mother who had been living in your area for some years, and who was also an American citizen. I am her only child, and working through the process of closing her affairs. I am seeking contact information / referral / personal remembrances, which may help me from here in the USA focus and understand the picture as to her more recent life there. My mother was living at the time of her death in late October 2008 in Fiskerton. Her final years and death came under some unusual circumstances, with it being difficult to get clear information at such distances. Hence my outreach to the community for those who knew her. I would be most welcome for any time and information offered.

I am: Liam Marshall 5206 N.E. 35th Place Portland, Oregon 97211 USA E-Mail; [jantelaw@aol.com](mailto:jantelaw@aol.com)

My mother was: Sharon Nelson 22 Holmfield, Fiskerton, Lincs. LN3 4GD

Many thanks... Liam

## What's On in February      *In The Village.....*

### 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

**The dates for February are: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. & 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Ring Mary on 595291 to book.



### Gardening Club:

The Fiskerton Gardening Club Year begins on **Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>**. with the AGM (which will be short)! This will be followed by an 'Evening with Harry Leach' who will discuss the Care of House Plants. To make the evening a success please bring along problem house plants for Harry's opinion. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.



### Fiskerton W.I:

At the meeting on **Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>**. the speaker will be Ray Wisby on 'The Art of Butchery'. Tea Hostesses are Mrs Walkinton & Mrs Dragon. The meeting begins at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

### FISKERTON HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

In December, 5 of us met and decided to continue work on the following topics:

**ARCHAEOLOGY** - we have now made contact with a group in Navenby and a few of us are taking part in some field walking, earthworks surveying & a geophysics workshop in Minting. In due course we hope to do some work in Fiskerton parish.

**WEBSITE** - we decided to set up a Fiskerton History & Archaeology website where we will be able to flag up the work already done for the exhibition last September & work in progress etc. Work has yet to start on this.

**LOCAL MEMOIR** - we will be publishing the memoir of a local man, Fred Thompson, about life in the village between the wars. It covers all sorts of topics such as features of cottage life, farming characters, home entertainment & many more & includes many familiar Fiskerton characters & families: it will have many photographs. Work has started on this but will take some time. We will give more details about price etc in due course.

**CENSUS/BIRTHS/MARRIAGES & DEATHS DATA** -we will continue with some of the work on the nineteenth century we did for the exhibition last September.

We hope to have one or two meetings with speakers during the year and we will keep you updated in the parish newsletter.

### Village Hall Booking for February

2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Mon	19.30 – 21.30	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Parish Council Meeting	
3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Tues	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	15.45 – 17.30	Kids Club
		19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
7 <sup>th</sup> .	Sat	19.00 – 22.30	Blues Connection		
9 <sup>th</sup> .	Mon	19.00 – 21.00	Gardening Club		
10 <sup>th</sup> .	Tue	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
12 <sup>th</sup> .	Thurs	19.00 – 21.30	W.I.		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	09.30 – 16.30	Sati Group		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	13.45 – 16.45	Causeway Projects		
17 <sup>th</sup> .	Tue	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
24 <sup>th</sup> .	Tues	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		

*Social evenings & Bingo will be held every Friday night as usual,*

To make a booking or check availability please contact:-

Booking Secretary - Jenny Hayes on 07510281232 or email [villagehall@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@fiskerton-lincs.org.uk)

## What's On in February    *In The Area.....*

### Lincolnshire Limewoods Events:

**Sunday Stroll at Southrey:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. February 10.30 – 3pm Riverside Car Park, Ferry Road, Southrey. Eight Mile Walk on footpaths. Contact Dave Garner 01522 730461. Packed Lunch needed.

**Make a Bird a Home:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. February 10am – noon Chambers Farm Wood Booking Required £6 per box All ages welcome Tel: 01526 399943

**Sociable Singles Walk:** Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>. 11am – 12.30pm A walk for single people, providing the ideal opportunity to beat the Valentine Blues, make new friends and meet others who enjoy being outdoors. Tel: Hannah Darcel 01623 822447

**Starnight with Paul Money:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. February 7.30pm – 10pm approx. Chambers Farm Wood. Booking required £3 per person. Tel: 01526 399943 Hot drinks provided.



**Indulgence Lunch:** Enjoy a Pre-Lent Meal on **Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 12.30pm in Cherry Willingham Church Hall. The cost is £7 per person. Contact Peggy Drakes to book a place. 750279



### CHARITY and FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

**The Church Hall Cherry Willingham from 10.00 -11.30 am. on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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, Tel: 01526 398316



### LINCOLN MALE VOICE CHOIR:

Will be appearing at **Reepham Church** on **Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>**. 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each contact Allan Crease 808235



### Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Mornings:

Come and Join us for coffee and cake at The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on **Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>**. from 10am – 11.30am.. There will be a nearly New Clothes Rail and book stall. There is no charge for any of these things, but donations will go to Charity. There is also a Traidcraft Stall every month.

### Cherry Players Pantomime:



'Pantomonium' a 'home written' panto.

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> - Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

7.30pm start At Cherry Willingham Community School

Tickets £4 concessions and £5 adults

Box office 01522 752940

**GREETWELL CHURCH** will be holding their Snowdrop Weekend on **Saturday and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. February.**

Do come and see the snowdrops and enjoy the stalls at this beautiful Country Church. Open both days from 10am – 3.30pm

- Ø The Clerk was asked to inform LCC Highways about the following highway matters:
  - o The condition of each end of Blacksmiths Road, especially at its junction with Lincoln Road
  - o the condition of Ferry Road from no.23 to Corn Close
  - o the condition of the road adjacent to the bus stop at Short Ferry.
- Ø The earth works in the play area will take place when conditions are right for seeding, possibly towards the end of February 2009.
- Ø Flooding issues:
  - o Anglian Water is in the process of resolving issues with an emergency overflow that services their system and highway drainage in High Street.
  - o Morris Homes are still being pursued re issues regarding resolution of drainage problems on the Chapel Rise estate.
  - o WLDC officers are looking into the problem of surface water flooding to the east of the village
- Ø Community Emergency Plan: Unfortunately, as there has been no response to the request for assistance from the village, the Parish Council cannot instigate an effective emergency plan and all the Parish Council can do at this stage is support villagers with the provision of sand and sand bags should the need arrive.
- Ø The Doorstep Crime Co-ordinator is to be invited to a future parish council meeting, to discuss how the No Cold Calling Zone scheme could best be implemented. In addition, the Co-ordinator of the First Contact Scheme will also attend a future meeting.
- Ø The Freedom Of Information Act 2009 – Model Publication Scheme was formally adopted by members of the parish council. This publication scheme commits an authority to make information available to members of the public as part of its normal business activities. Information will be placed on the Parish Noticeboard and in the Parish Office.
- Ø Mr. Barnaby Patchett was co-opted onto the Parish Council.
- Ø Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009 - 7.30 p.m.

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**L.I.V.E.S – alive-alive-o !**

Your local group now has 6 members and, when training has been completed, they will be on call by the East Midlands Ambulance Service and available for medical emergencies in your home most evenings and weekends and sometimes during the day. Leaflets are being distributed to raise awareness. More volunteers are always needed. If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact me on 01522 750303.

The group members give up their time for free but need to continually raise funds to meet equipment and training costs. May I thank all those parishioners who have supported us with donations and tell you that our stall at the Cherry Willingham Christmas Fair made £80.00. Finally I am now in a position to give a short presentation and demonstration to any local club or society in return for a small fee.

L.I.V.E.S – helping save lives in Lincolnshire.

Phil Staples (3475)

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**Newsletter Information:**

**Please note that items for inclusion in the Parish News can be handed in at Wishing Well Stores. 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@btinternet.com**

**Reepham and District Tennis Club**

**The courts are behind Reepham and Cherry Village Hall**

Hello again Club nights with floodlights are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00pm. We also play on the 1st Sunday of every month which will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 2pm. We had a very enjoyable afternoon playing Christmas tennis and eating Christmassy bites. 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

Web site – <http://www.cherrywillingham.org.uk/tennis/index.html>

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**Nettleham Medical Practice News:**

**Out of Hours Service:** There is a new direct telephone number for the Lincolnshire Primary Care Out of Hours Service – 0845 0450281 or call the surgery on (01522) 751717 and you will be transferred to the service.

The service is open Monday – Friday 6.30pm – 8.00am and 24 hours on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays. If you have a life-threatening condition, then telephone 999 immediately. NHS Direct 0845 4647 is available 24 hours a day for health advice and information.

**Training Dates 2009:** The surgery will be closed for staff training on:-

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. February,                      Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>.                              Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

However, the Surgery will re-open at 4pm for emergency appointments.

**Transport Scheme:** We are now in the advanced stages of planning, and hope to have this scheme running by March 2009. We have 10 volunteer drivers (but are on the look-out for more). There will be a non-profit making charge for the proposed transport scheme to cover driver’s costs.

**Missed Appointments:** Patients who do not attend their appointments, or who cancel too late for us to offer the appointment to someone else, cause us significant amounts of time wasted each month, and affect the availability of appointments for everyone else.

For example:

November 2008 Appointments with Doctors missed = almost 8 hours of appointment time lost.

November 2008 Appointments with Nurses missed = almost 9 hours of appointment time lost.

**Please** notify the surgery in good time if you are unable to keep your appointment.

**Mobile Text Message service:**

We are hoping to trial a Text Message appointment reminder Service for Mobile Phones. The service works by sending you a reminder of your appointment. If you are interested in using this service, please complete the slip below and hand it in at either Nettleham or Cherry Willingham Surgery.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_



Serving Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reepham  
Services for February 2009

**New Hope, New Opportunity, New Start.**

Everyone is welcome to join us and you will have a great time. We are very friendly; the music and word is inspiring and lively.

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 11am Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February Time TBA - Day Out (Please ring Veronica 872011 for details)
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 11am Fiskerton Village Hall

The Bridge – Its free come and enjoy it! ( see separate invitation)

A Woman’s event – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Hair Clinic 10am-12pm at Cherry Tree Pub. Cherry Willingham. Including coffee/tea and cakes (Crèche available)

Amigos: - Men Only\_ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February- Ten Pin Bowling please ring Vic’s Mob. 07534896237 for more details. ....

The Mix (For Teens) please ring Alison for more details Tel 876996

The Vine Community Church is a member of the Ground Level Network off Churches Website: - [www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk) Tel 01522 872011

**The Bridge**  
**MONDAY 23rd February-**  
**Hair Clinic**  
***Come and chat to a professional hair dresser about your hair***  
**10am-12pm**  
***Including coffee and cakes, crèche, books, meet new friends, etc.***  
**Venue – The Cherry Tree Pub, Laburnum Drive, Cherry Willingham**  
***The Bridge is organised by The Vine Community Church Tel. 872011***  
**[www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk)**



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## Fiskerton Ward

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Holton-cum-Beckering, Langworth, Newball, Rand,  
Reasby, Short Ferry, Stainton-by-Langworth



### “Working hard for you” - Meg Davidson’s New Year Message January 2009

May I wish all of you a very happy New Year. It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your representative on West Lindsey District Council.

A sad point in the year was when Langworth Post Office closed its doors for the last time. The people of Langworth can hold their heads up high: they put up a very good fight. I think that we can take comfort from the recent announcement that the Post Office Card Account is going to continue. For a long time, it seemed certain that this was going to go, bringing with it the prospect of yet more post office closures. I am convinced that the government could not face another Langworth!

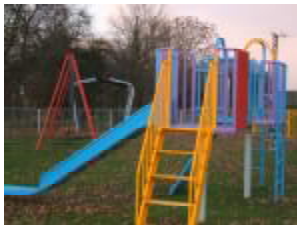


*Thank you party for sub-postmaster John Handley and his wife Megan, arranged by the villagers of Langworth, September 2008*

Another closure battle has been raging during 2008: the microbiology laboratory at Lincoln County Hospital is set to close and all samples are to be sent to Scunthorpe, over 30 miles away. This is of such concern that the Health Scrutiny Committee, which I rejoined this year, has used its ultimate power and referred the matter to the Secretary of State for Health.

2008 saw a change in political control at West Lindsey District Council. At the local elections on 1<sup>st</sup> May Conservatives gained 4 seats from the Liberal Democrats and took control of the Council. Since then, the new Conservative administration has been working hard to deliver on its election promises.

- **Concessionary bus passes:** in July the restriction on using bus passes before 9.30 am was lifted and all day use restored.
- **Flood prevention grants:** a scheme has been put in place for victims of the 2007 floods to obtain up to 50% of the cost of flood protection devices for their homes.
- **Green bins:** charges are scheduled to be scrapped for pensioner households from April 2009.



This year my Councillor’s Initiative Fund grant went to help pay for play equipment at Fiskerton. I am delighted to see the play area installed and in use. This is a much needed amenity for the village.

My next two Saturday morning surgeries will be on **24<sup>th</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009 at Fiskerton Village Hall, 10.30 am – 12 noon.** If you have an issue you would like to raise, come along and I will do my best to help. No appointment needed, just drop in.

Wishing you all the best for 2009,  
Meg Davidson

**West Lindsey District Councillor (Fiskerton Ward)**

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