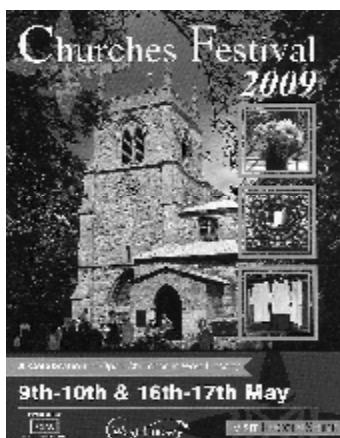


West Lindsey Open Churches Festival 2009



This festival is a celebration of rich architecture and heritage, of beautiful tranquillity and spirituality and a welcoming oasis of peace that all the churches offer.

This year, 82 churches are taking part over two weekends. Numerous exciting activities are taking place for you to enjoy – from organ trails to flower and art displays, from bell-ringing to big brunch breakfasts.

If you want a little bit of time to yourself, to relax in the quiet of a beautiful spiritual building, then make sure you choose one of the self-nominated “quiet” churches.

This is one of the biggest Churches Festivals in the country and is a unique celebration that adds vibrancy to our communities. So, by supporting it you will also be supporting many of Lincolnshire’s small villages. You can explore the countryside and all it has to offer without it costing a small fortune. You will find enthusiastic volunteers, knowledgeable historians and a plethora of hidden treasures.

Churches Open May 9th & 10th.

Bishop Norton
Blyton
Brattleby
Burton
Coates by Stow
Corringham
East Stockwith
Fillingham
Gainsborough
Glentham
Grayingham
Hackthorn
Ingham
Kettlethorpe
Knaith
Morton
Nettleham
Newton on Trent
Normanby by Spital
Northorpe
Owmbly by Spital
Pilham
Riseholme
Saxby
Saxilby
Scampton
Scotter
Scotton
Snitterby
South Carlton
Spridlington
Springthorpe
Stow
Torksey
Willoughton

Churches Open 16th. & 17th. May

Fiskerton, Reepham, Cherry
Willingham & Greetwell
Churches are all open
May 16th. & 17th.

Cherry Willingham: An exhibition depicting ‘Celebrations Of Life’

Greetwell: “All Saints in Flowers & Craft”

Reepham: An exhibition celebrating the 150th. anniversary of the opening of the village Primary School

Apley
Bardney
Buslingthorpe
Cabourne
Caistor
Cherry Willingham
Claxby
Clixby
Cuxwold
East Barkwith
Faldingworth
Fiskerton
Goltho
Grasby
Great Limber
Greetwell
Holton cum Beckering
Holton le Moor
Kingerby
Kirkby cum Osgodby
Kirkby cum Mire
Langton by Wragby
Market Rasen
Middle Rasen
Minting
Nettleton
North Kelsey
Rand
Reepham
Riby
Searby cum Owmbly
Sixhills
Snarford
Snelland
Southrey
Stainfield
Swallow
Tealby
Thoresway
Thornton le Moor
Walesby
Wickenby
Wragby

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Revd. Sue Bradley (Associate Priest)	17 Holly Close, Cherry Willingham	01522 750292
Revd. Peter Collins (Curate)	The Rectory, Reepham Rd. Fiskerton	01522 750091
Churchwardens:	Mrs F.Styles	Elveden, Lincoln Rd. Fiskerton
	Mrs L. Forman	Applegarth, Ferry Road Fiskerton
		01522 750690
		01526 398316

Church Key also available from: Mrs M Gibson, 14 Ferryside Gardens 01522 752117
Benefice Website: www.lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southlawres

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**MAY 2009****3rd. 4th.Sunday of Easter**

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham
9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15am Morning worship at Reepham
 11am Holy Communion at Greetwell

10th. 5th.Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
2.30pm Remembrance Book Service at Fiskerton followed by refreshments

17th. 6th.Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
 9.15am Family Worship at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

24th. 7th.Sunday of Easter

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

31st. Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

10am Combined Benefice Service at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church: Service Rotas:

MAY	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
3rd	Mrs A Townsend	Mr R Walkinton Acts 4: 5 - 12	Mrs I Taylor Churchview Cres	Mr & Mrs Walkinton	Mrs M Broad
10th	Mrs L Forman				Mrs L Forman
17th	Mrs F Styles	Mr P Forman Acts 10: 44 - end	CLERGY Village Shop	Mrs Gibson & Mrs Forman	Mrs L Forman
24th	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs I Taylor Acts 1: 15-17, 21 - end	Mr R Walkinton Priory Drive		Mrs F Styles

Village Deaths:

We remember in our prayers the families of:-

Jim Cooke,
 whose funeral was at St. Clement's Church, followed by interment in the Churchyard.
 Doreen Patchett
 Maurice Blanshard
 Win Perkins

May those we have loved, rest in peace

Other Church news:

Lottery Draw: The April numbers were drawn by the audience at the 'Lancaster' talk.
£25: Number 18: Mr Ray Massey
£10: Number 57: Michelle Pateman & Adrian Walker
£5: Number 60: Rae Rousseau
£5: Number 1: Mrs Carol Proctor
The next draw will take place on Thursday May 14th. at WI

Stolen Lead

Very sadly, nearly 20 rolls of top grade lead have been stolen from the roof of the South aisle of Fiskerton Church. We think this took place 20th./21st./22nd. March. Many villagers pass the church on their daily commute and if anyone can recall seeing anything odd, or a vehicle parked, either early morning or late evening on these dates, please contact one of the Churchwardens. The South side of our Church is secluded and therefore more at risk from vandalism and theft. Lots of you go by the church both on foot and in vehicles, please can we ask you to be as vigilant as possible and should you notice something strange or different to normal, please let someone know. Thank you.

Thanks: for donations to the Newsletter;
Men's Breakfast, £5 and Mrs Win Perkins £5



Date For Your Diary:

**We will once again be holding a wine tasting evening – with profits going to Church Funds. SO..... BOOK THE DATE NOW!!
Saturday July 18th. 7.30pm – Fiskerton Village Hall
More details to follow**

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Summary of meeting – 23rd March, 2009

- The Clerk was to send a formal letter of complaint to LCC Highways and WLDC Planning Enforcement Officer about the lack of progress towards official ownership of the roads and open spaces on the Chapel Rise estate.
- Representatives from the First Contact and No Cold Calling Zone schemes gave a brief talk outlining their schemes and received the approval of members of the parish council. Both schemes aim to assist people of 60 years and over to remain safely in their own homes. Leaflets for the First Contact scheme will be placed in the rack in the village hall near the Post office and the representative of the No Cold Calling Zone scheme is to liaise with the Police and canvas the village to assess the viability of the scheme within Fiskerton.
- Flooding in the area of 27 Ferry Road and the condition of the public footpath between 19 and 21 St. Clement's Drive are to be brought to the attention of LCC Area Response Team.
- Councillors A. Cooke and N. French volunteered to be Parish Champions and will be the direct contact with WLDC with regard to street cleansing information.
- The contract for grass cutting for the 2009/10 season has been awarded once again to Veolia ES (UK) Limited.
- Planning permission has been granted to erect a single dwelling and attached garage at plot 6, The Close.
- Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 18th May, 2009. Annual General Parish Council meeting at 7.30 p.m.

What's On in May *In The Village.....*

Family disco at the Village Hall

Saturday 2 May, from 7pm

Sounds of the 60s/70s/80s

Bar, nibbles, raffle.

Fancy dress optional but why not dig through your old wardrobe and see what's there!

Tickets £1.50, ages 5 and under free. Available from Wishing Well Stores

or Ann Chesman Tel. 751852

UNDER 18s MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN

Gardening Club:

Fiskerton Gardening Club will meet on Monday **May 11th**. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Mark Fox on 'Crocsmias'.

The summer outing will be on 9th. June, visiting Wortley Hall near Sheffield and Cannon Hall Museum Park and gardens. John Howard, who will be the Tour Guide has worked at Wortley Hall as a gardener. The estimated cost is £12, but this will reduce if all seats are filled. If you are interested in joining this outing please contact Freda Styles 01522 750690

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 **May** are: **Tuesday 12th. & 26th**. Ring Mary on 595291 to book.



Fiskerton W.I.:

The next meeting of Fiskerton WI is on **Thursday May 14th**. starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Barbara Theairs demonstrating Leather Work.

Tea hostesses will be Mrs Walkinton & Mrs Woodthorpe. All welcome.

Fiskerton Scout Group: Second Hand Clothes Collection:

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be collecting to help raise funds for the group. Bags will be delivered a week prior to collection for you to fill with the following items:-

Adult and children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. All bags collected will be weighed and we will be paid £400 per tonne.

Bag Collection on Wed. 20th. May 7pm - 9pm

Please leave bags outside your house, or bring along to the Scout House.

Thank you for your support. Ann Chesman 01522 751852

What's On in May *In The Area.....*

Reepham Methodist Church Spring Fayre:

Saturday May 2nd. 10am at the Methodist Church Hall

Lunches served from noon.

PLANTS BRIC A BRAC BOOKS CHILDREN'S GAMES CAKES
All Welcome

DAWN CHORUS WALK:

Sunday May 3rd. 4.30am – 6.30am Chambers Farm Wood

A gentle walk to hear birdsong, including nightingales. Booking required £3 per person.

TEL: 01526 099943

Herbal Medicines, Teas and Syrups workshop:

Sunday May 3rd. 10am – 2pm Chambers Farm Wood

Join local herbalist Deborah Lincoln on a walk to learn about natural remedies, followed by a workshop to make your own. Booking required £5 per person. Tel: 01526 399943



CHARITY and FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING:

The Church Hall Cherry Willingham from 10.00 -11.30 am. on Saturday May 9th. 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



Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

Come and Join us for coffee and cake at The Methodist Church Hall in Reepham on **Saturday May 16th.** from 10am – 11.30am.. There is no charge, but donations will go to Charity.

THE BRIDGE MONDAY 18th MAY 10-12noon

Dealing With The Credit Crunch Guest Speaker & Advice from Christians Against Poverty

Including coffee and cakes, crêche, books, meet new friends, etc.

Venue – The Cherry Tree Pub, Laburnum Drive, Cherry Willingham

The Bridge is organised by The Vine Community Church Tel. 8720

What is First Contact?

First Contact is a service that allows the over 60's to access a wide range of services and information to help them stay safe and well in their own home through one point of contact.

The checklist addresses issues such as fire and community safety, personal care, housing, heating, falls prevention, money and benefit entitlements, transport, social isolation, home support and caring.

First Contact checklists not only help customer's access services they may otherwise have been unaware of but they also help our partner agencies to do their job effectively. Using the checklist can save partner agencies time as opposed to searching for the correct agencies to signpost a customer to or spending long periods of time on the phone making referrals.

How does First Contact work?

Our customers can complete a simple checklist in one of our leaflets, with a trained member of staff from a partner agency, on the phone with the central coordinators based in Lincolnshire County Council's Customer Service Centre or with field coordinators at events and presentations around the county. The answers customers provide to the checklist questions indicate which agencies they require information and advice from.

Completed checklists are sent to the central coordinators who generate referrals to the required agency prompting them to contact the customer and deliver the services required. Our partner agencies have 28 days to contact the customer and begin delivering services.

The partner agencies that complete checklists and receive referrals include Adult Social Care, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, District Council Housing Teams, Lincolnshire Energy Efficiency Partnership, Age Concern, Lincolnshire Police, Local Pension Service, Accessibility Policy Unit, Voluntary Organisations and Share the Care.

Why introduce First Contact?

First Contact is being developed through Lincolnshire's Local Area Agreement to:

- Encourage agencies to work together
- Prevent agencies duplicating work
- Ensure the public receive all the services that may be available to them
- Work preventatively rather than reactively

How is First Contact being introduced?

First Contact has operated in the East Lindsey area since April 2008 and was rolled out across the rest of the county between October 2008 and January 2009.

It has already helped 870 people with 2320 referrals being made to the partners to assist these people.

A recent evaluation found that over 90% of people felt safer and more independent as a result of First Contact and 83% of partner staff felt confident in offering First Contact to their customers.

Scheme Co-ordinators

Central Co-ordinators

The scheme has 2 central co-ordinators employed by Lincolnshire County Council. They are the main public contact point and manage the referral pathways to the partners as well as processing the checklists completed and delivering training. They can be contacted as follows:

Tel: 01522 782172

Email: firstcontact@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Field Co-ordinators

The scheme also has field co-ordinators employed by Age Concern. Their role is to publicise the scheme within local areas, deliver talks to community groups, provide training to partner organisations and deal with the day to day issues which crop up with partners as well as customers. Their contact details are as follows:

Boston and East Lindsey area:

Eve Roach: eve.roach@ageconcernlincoln.co.uk

Lincoln and West Lindsey area:

Gary Burr: gary@ageconcernlincoln.co.uk

South Holland and South Kesteven area:

Jayne Thomas: jayne@ageconcernlincoln.co.uk

North Kesteven area:

Kathy Lote: kathy@ageconcernlincoln.co.uk

If you would like to discuss how your organisation or staff might be able to work with the First Contact Scheme or have any questions about how the scheme is operating in your area then please contact one of the co-ordinators as detailed above.

Family Fun Day – Saturday 30th May 2009

There is a traditional garden fete being held on the above date at The Chestnuts, Horncastle Road, Bardney. Raffles, tombola, cake stall, games, cream teas and much more. Free car parking and entry. This is followed by an evening's entertainment by The Baltic Donkeys and disco at Bardney Village Hall.

Tickets cost £5 per head; please contact Mrs Diana Swift, 112 Station Road, Bardney.
Telephone 01526 398082.

All proceeds of both will go to the Neurosurgery Unit, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

THE VINE Community Church

Serving Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton and Reepham

Services for May 2009

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	3rd	May	TBA	Day Out - Ring 872011 for more details
Sunday	10th	May	11am	Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
Sunday	17th	May	11am	Fiskerton Village Hall
Sunday	24th	May	11am	Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
Sunday	31 st	May	11am	Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Healing Prayer

Please come for Healing Prayer Saturday 13th June at 7.30 at the Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall. All Welcome.

The Bridge – Its free come and enjoy it!

A Woman's event – Monday 18th May 10am-12pm – Dealing with the Credit Crunch, Guest Speaker & Advice from Christians Against Poverty, Cherry Tree Pub Cherry Willingham. Including coffee/tea cakes, Crêche Available.

Amigos :- Men Only Wednesday 27th May at Reepham Pub. Please ring

Vics Mob. 07534896237 for more details.

The Mix (For Teens) Friday May 8th, 22nd and 5th June Please ring Alison Tel 876996

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

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Village Hall Bookings for MAY

2 nd	Sat	19.30 – 24.00	Disco		
3 rd	Sun	14.00 – 19.00	Private Party		
4 th	Mon	10.00 – 12.00	Cheeky Monkeys		
5 th	Tue	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
6 th	Wed	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club		
9 th	Sat	09.30 – 16.30	Sati Group		
11 th	Mon	10.00 – 12.00	Cheeky Monkeys	19.00 – 21.00	Gardening Club
12 th	Tue	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
13 th	Wed	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club		
14 th	Thurs	19.00 – 21.30	W.I.		
17 th	Sun	09.00 – 13.30	The Vine	14.15 – 16.45	Causeway Projects
18 th	Mon	10.00 – 12.00	Cheeky Monkeys	19.30 – 21.00	Parish Council
19 th	Tues	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do		
20 th	Wed	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club		
23 rd	Sat	19.00 – 24.00	Private Party		
25 th	Mon	10.00 – 12.00	Cheeky Monkeys		
26 th	Tue	10.00 – 14.00	Luncheon Club	19.00 – 21.30	Tae Kwon Do
27 th	Wed	19.00 – 21.00	Computer Club		

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

*Last month we had the first part of **THE AIRFIELD** sent by Alison Lee and written by her brother. We learnt how he had begun to discover the Lincolnshire known by his father. Here is the next extract.....*

As I drove along the A46 I came across RAF Swinderby, at that time still in use. As I navigated with my trusty AA map, names leapt out at me. Barkston Heath, Fulbeck, Digby; all these very English places that had played such a huge part in the eventual downfall of Hitler's Germany. I felt sure that they must now all be shrines to the memory of those tempestuous days and I determined that I would visit as many as I could, - literally, to walk in the footsteps of Heroes.

I already knew that my father had retired to Reepham, a stone's throw from the former RAF Fiskerton. Indeed, not long after my parents move north, my sister and her family had also 'emigrated', to the village of Fiskerton itself. I had searched for (and found) lots of references and photographs of Fiskerton and its aircraft in various publications and collated these into a file. Armed with this, I was intent upon exploring every nook and cranny of this famous place.

Sadly, even then in 1989, most of the airfield had disappeared. Prior to the construction of the airfield, the fields between Reepham and Fiskerton had been prime agricultural land and, as in hundreds of other places across the UK, it had been requisitioned by the War Department as a suitable site for an airfield for the rapidly expanding Royal Air Force. In 1942 when construction began, Bomber Command represented the only means of waging war on Germany and its needs were given the highest priority. Inevitably, with the end of the war and the rapid reduction of the RAF, many of the hastily constructed 'utility' airfields were quickly abandoned to their former (or new) owners. Thus Fiskerton closed as a flying unit in 1945 and was returned to agriculture almost immediately.

In describing RAF Fiskerton as 'hastily constructed', I refer to timescale rather than quality. It was built to class A standard and no expense was spared. Unlike some other wartime airfields, which remained with unpaved runways and where accommodation was largely wooden huts, Fiskerton was equipped with three concrete runways and their associated taxi ways and hard standings. Unusually, Fiskerton had three massive, permanent hangars, so major servicing could be undertaken in relative comfort. Miles of roads were also constructed, linking the operational, administrative and residential areas, all roads neatly bordered by tidy concrete kerbstones. Running in all directions from these roads were concrete pathways to the numerous buildings - truly a self contained village in its own right. Whilst the ubiquitous 'nissen huts' were everywhere, there were also substantial numbers of standard pattern, rendered brick buildings, serving a wide variety of uses. The quality of the construction can be gauged by the fact that the plans called for full damp proof courses and these were inserted, in the manner of the age, using a layer of slate between the concrete floor base and the rising bricks of the wall. This was complex and time consuming and thus added to expense but that seems to have mattered little. Whilst Fiskerton may have lacked the opulence of a pre-war 'permanent' airfield, it had a degree of sophistication in its construction which seems at odds with its intended role.

My research had indicated that the control tower (or watch office), albeit derelict, still stood but at the time of my first visit, this excrescence had already disappeared from what had become a field of ripening crops. The farmers had also reduced the width of the runways and taxi ways to the equivalent of single lane roads, using these as tracks for farm machinery, but sufficient existed to enable the explorer to clearly determine the layout. Around the old technical area, not far from the lost watch office, paths still led to Nissen huts which were slowly decaying - sagging, as if tired of the battle for survival. Despite it being early afternoon, I startled a beautiful Barn Owl from its roost in one hut and it ghosted past me on silent wings. Elsewhere, the locations of other, long gone, buildings were marked simply by the end of a path, marked incongruously by a block of concrete set with an iron boot scraper, indicating the position of the vanished door. I looked at pictures in my file and could readily identify my location.

One of the pictures showed a fading but majestic painting of a Lancaster, created as a giant mural inside one of the buildings, by an unknown hand. The caption noted that this had disappeared - reduced to rubble in the late 1960's by someone who either didn't appreciate its historic significance or simply didn't care. Oddly, such artistic masterpieces on other airfields (especially 8th U.S Airforce bases in East Anglia) did manage to survive long enough to be rescued by the nascent Aviation Archaeology movement in the early 1970's, but this was too late for the Fiskerton mural.

My father's comment about the 17 years since his move to Reepham set me thinking. I had visited my family fairly regularly over the years but had seldom ventured on to the old airfield, except to cross its expanse on the Fiskerton to Reepham road. This road, which was shut 'for the duration', crosses the intersection of the main and subsidiary runways and a few years ago, a small area of land was set aside for a granite memorial to those who served here all those years ago.

The final part next month.....



**Fiskerton has a new Web-site please visit
<http://community.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fiskertonvillagehall>**



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 Always by 19th. of the month please

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