

Vicar's blog:

Two people were walking along a busy city street. One of them lived in the city, the other was a friend who lived in the countryside. As usual, there was traffic, lots of people and the hustle and bustle of a city street. All of a sudden, the country dweller stopped and said to his friend 'can you hear that?' 'what?' said his friend; 'that sound' he said, 'there's a cricket in the tree over there.....' 'Don't be stupid' said his friend, 'you can't possibly hear that with all this din going on..... let's go'. So the country dweller, still certain he was right, shrugged his shoulders and walked on, as instructed. He walked a few paces and took a £2 coin from his pocket and dropped it on the floor. His friend and a few people walking past stopped, and having heard the coin drop, started to look for it. 'You see' the country dweller said, 'you are just listening for the wrong thing'.

This has been a week in which we have listened to many voices. I am writing this at the end of the very sad and shocking week in which some of our (largely) city streets have resembled war zones. Those incidents have been pored over by our news media, social commentators, the sad, the angry and the bewildered. We have heard voices of peace crying for their lost sons and the many voices of those who believe they know who or what is to blame. I don't intend to add to the commentary, except to say that sometimes we need to stop and listen to the one voice that so often is crowded out in our culture. The voice of God. I believe that God does have a way forward for us, it starts with the words that Jesus uttered on the cross: 'Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing' and that way forward becomes further apparent when we get right with Him and follow Him.

I pray regularly, but this week I have set an alarm on my mobile phone to remind me at noon everyday, that I should stop and say the Lord's prayer. I believe that prayer makes a difference and I know that many others do too. Our nation needs prayer - let's make that commitment to pray and see God's Kingdom come among all peoples in this nation.

God's richest blessing

Penny

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Rev. Penny Green (Priest In Charge)	The Vicarage, Church Lane, Cherry Willingham	01522 595596
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
Benefice Website:	www.lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/southlawres	



VILLAGE BAPTISMS:

At St. Clement's Church, Fiskerton

July 17th. Thomas Philip Hoe
July 31st. Ewan Edward Iley-Haigh
August 14th. Harry Christopher Brayfield
We welcome them all into the Lord's family

THANK YOU.....

To the Management Committee of Fiskerton Village Hall for their generous donation of £50 towards the cost of producing the Parish Newsletter.

CHURCH SERVICES for The South Lawres Benefice:**SEPTEMBER****4th. 11th. after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham Church Hall
9.15am *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*
 9.15am Morning Worship at Reepham
 11am Holy Communion at Greetwell

11th. 12th. after Trinity

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

18th. 13th. after Trinity

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham Church Hall
9.15am *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*
 9.15am Family Worship at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Greetwell
 6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise at Reepham Methodist Chapel

25th. 14th. after Trinity

8am Morning Worship at Reepham
9.15am *Morning Worship at Fiskerton*
 10.30am Holy Communion at Reepham
 10.30am Barn Service at Cherry Willingham

St. Clement's Church Rotas:

Sept.	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
4 th .	Mrs F Styles	Mr P Forman Romans 13: 8 - end	Mrs G Walkinton Primary School	Mr & Mrs R Walkinton	M Broad
11 th .	Mrs J Lunn	Mrs S Massey Romans 14: 1 - 12	Mrs A Townsend Hall Lane		E. Blewitt
18 th .	Mr R Walkinton	Mrs G Walkinton Philipp. 1: 21 - end	CLERGY Moor Lane	Mrs Proctor & Mrs Massey	S Massey
25 th .	Mrs G Walkinton	Mrs L Forman Philipp. 2: 1 - 13	Mr R Walkinton Reepham Road		S Massey

Other Church News:**Lottery Draw: The July/August winners were as follows:-**

£25: Number 34: Mr & Mrs B Canner £25: Number 26: Sue Bradley
 £10: Number 44: Mrs M. Gibson £10: Number 13: Jean Hauton
 £5: Number 43: Mr K Townsend £5: Number 34: Mr & Mrs B Canner
 £5: Number 54: Mrs K Bosworth £5: Number 21: Reg Smith

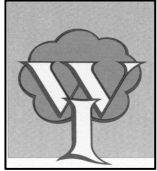
Fiskerton Church Coffee Mornings

The September dates are :-
Tuesday September 13th. & 27th.
 Tea/Coffee and cake £1.50
10am – 11.30am

What's On in September: In The Village.....

THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3.00 each.
September dates are Tuesday 6th. and Tuesday 20th. At 12.30pm.
For more details ring 595291. New people welcome.



Women's Institute:

The next meeting is on Thursday September 8th. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Roma Williams will talk about 'Ear Candling'.
Raffle Mrs Massey and Mrs Walkinton.
New members are very welcome.

GARDENING CLUB:

On Monday September 12th the Gardening Club will meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Mr B Leeder on the subject of 'Dahlias'. Everyone welcome.

Lincolnshire County Council: Library Services

The Mobile Library will visit Fiskerton Village Hall from 11.15am – 12.15pm on Wednesday **September 14th**.

The Mobile Library vehicle has a lift/ramp for easy disabled access and remember it is FREE to join and borrow books.



QUIZ NIGHT:

The Village Hall Committee are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday September 24th. – in the Village Hall
7pm for 7.30pm start.

6 people in a team £3.50 per person to include pie and peas supper
Raffle and bar

To Book a place please contact Iris Taylor 753197

SHORT BREAKS & TOURS

With PC Coaches

DUBLIN SHOPPER

7th—10th October 2011 From £199 per person

Staying at The Regency Hotel,

4 days, 3 nights with full Irish Breakfast

Visiting Kildare Village (shopping outlet)

Sailing from Holyhead to Dublin

The Regency Hotel is a Superior 3 * Leisure & Business Hotel located on the North Side of Dublin City. The Flagship Hotel of the McGettigan Family Group it enjoys a prime location midway between Dublin City Centre and Dublin Airport offering easy access to all that the bustling city of Dublin has to offer.

TO BOOK please call: **01522 533605**

Ann – Marie's

LIGHT AEROBICS

Thursday 9.30am

PILATES

Friday 9.30am

At Fiskerton Village Hall

**Please call Ann-Marie on
07922125145**

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: Fiskerton, Stainfield & Bardney

Please note it will be necessary to impose a temporary restriction to all vehicular traffic on the road(s) detailed below. Adequate arrangements will be made to enable pedestrians to access premises in the affected area while works progress.

REASON FOR CLOSURE: Carriageway, bridge & fencing repairs

LOCATION:

Ferry Road, Fiskerton

Shortferry Road, Stainfield

Shortferry Road, Bardney

(Between Five Mile Lane, Fiskerton & B1202 junction near Bardney)

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: Monday 12/9/2011 to Monday 3/10/2011

(Closures to be implemented for 2 weeks as & when required during this period)

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: B1202 to Wragby, A158 to Reepham, Kennel Lane & Fiskerton Road (Reepham) to Fiskerton & Vice Versa

If you have any queries, or require further information, please contact the Greater Lincoln & Gainsborough Highways Division on 01522 782070.

POLICE NEWS:

PC Donnah Thompson: *Community Beat Manager* M. 07939312757

donnah.thompson@lincs.pnn.police.uk

PC Chris Pointon: *Neighbourhood Police Officer* Christopher.pointon@lincs.pnn.police.uk

PC Dave Morgan: *Neighbourhood Police Officer* david.morgan@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Ross Payne: *Police Community Support Officer* M. 07833 143606 ross.payne@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Jackie Parker: *Police Community Support Officer* M. 07944776801

jackie.parker@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Updates – There have been incidents of criminal damage whereby motor vehicles have been damaged on High Meadows in Fiskerton. This have now quietened down and no more have been reported.

There was a burglary in Church View Crescent – enquiries are ongoing to try and identify an offender.

People have been receiving suspicious calls regarding their computer equipment. The company calling are impersonating Microsoft asking for the user to download a piece of software. This is a scam and Nettleham NPT encourage you not to download the software as it steals personal details like passwords, bank details and login details for websites.

Speeding – The Speed Indication Device (SID) will be deployed in Fiskerton very shortly...keep your eyes peeled!

Events & Priorities



Keep up to date with events, priorities and Policing updates on www.facebook.com/nettlehamnpt.

The Nettleham Neighbourhood Policing Team is now featured on the Official Police website – www.police.uk.

Please be vigilant for suspicious activity around Fiskerton Church whilst work is being carried out.

In an EMERGENCY please dial 999 Non – emergency 0300 111 0300

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Summary of Parish Council Meeting - 27th June, 2011

- The Clerk was asked to contact:
 1. LCC Highways re continued flooding outside 27 Ferry Road, the road breaking away at the edge of dropper kerbs on St. Clement's Drive and provision of a short length of pathway from the Tyrwhitt Arms to the Short Ferry bus stop to incorporate a raised kerb
 2. Mr. D. Needham re cutting back the hedge from over the footpath from Hall Lane to Five Mile Lane
 3. Record RSS Ltd as to whether repairs had been made to the cone climber in the play area
 4. Peter Lee, Lincolnshire Limewoods re suitable cycle racks for the village hall grounds. A Limewoods notice board is to be sited next to the Parish Council one
 5. Morris Homes regards possibility of replacing shrubs on an open space on Holmfield that were lost after building work.
 6. LCC Footpaths re cutting back hedges on public footpath 119 (across disused airfield)
 7. Tony Adams, WLDC, re fitting of flow regulator to one of pond pipes on Flood Mitigation Scheme
 8. Community Consultation Limited (insurance company) as to whether the Parish Council is covered for public liability in the village hall grounds
- Planning permission has been granted for a detached pitched roof brick built motor cycle garage in the rear garden of Charity Cottage, Nelson Road
- The Local PCSO and District Councillor Darcel noted that there are no Neighbourhood Watch Scheme co-ordinators in Fiskerton - the matter has been put on the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting. Any interested residents are invited to come along.
- A contractor from Acis was to visit The Crescent to assess the damaged manhole.
- The delayed works to repair the carriageway outside Diamond House have been scheduled for the week commencing 12th September 2011.
- The Council have been informed that hedge at the field gateway, on St. Clement's Drive is scheduled to be cut back in June 2011 when the contractor returns to the area to work
- The Internal Auditor has not charged the Council for his services.
- It was pointed out by County Councillor Fleetwood that the Amalgamation of District Councillors is a Boundary Commission proposal not WLDC.
- The Flood Mitigation Scheme has been signed off and is ready for handing over to the Parish Council. WLDC have given the Council £3000 towards future maintenance costs.
- The Council had made enquiries and any plans for the Windrow composting scheme are still in abeyance.
- Residents are reminded that ANY public order problems in the village should be reported to the Police so they can be recorded and appropriate resources applied.
- The Chairman had met at Primetake with District Councillor Darcel and a representative from the Environment Agency to discuss the storage of CS gas canisters (which are now classed as firearms) prior to their destruction. It was reported that everything done there is under strict regulation and effective controls are in place.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25th July, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

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



LADIES' BREAKFAST **Sat. September 3rd.**

Rosie Lea Café, Cherry Willingham
8.45 for 9.00am, £5 for a full English



Tel: - Jan 01522 753432 or Ann 01522 800209 by Thurs. September 1st.
to book a place to share with this group of very friendly ladies.

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COFFEE MORNING:



The Charity and Fairtrade Coffee Morning will take place in Cherry Willingham Church Hall on **Saturday September 10th**.. from 10am – 11.30am.

All proceeds from the refreshments and raffle go to a chosen charity.

The Traidcraft Stall will be available for groceries, chocolate & cards. It will be possible to order Christmas Cards too.

Reepham Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

The next Coffee Morning at Reepham Methodist Chapel will be held on **Saturday 17th**. from 10am – 11.30am . ***This will be in aid of The Lincs. and Notts. Air Ambulance***

Please come along, meet old friends or make new ones and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake . There will also be a Traidcraft Stall for cards, groceries and gifts and Christmas cards.

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Flu Vaccinations Programme

We hope to commence our flu campaign towards the end of September. Following the success of our Saturday morning flu clinics, we shall again be running our flu clinics on various Saturday mornings throughout October at both Nettleham and Cherry Willingham surgeries. We will be providing limited Thursday evening clinics at Nettleham for those patients who genuinely can not attend on a Saturday. Vaccination is available for patients who fit one of the criteria listed below:

Aged 65 or over

Have Chronic Heart Disease

Have Chronic Respiratory Disease (including Asthma when regularly using an inhaled steroid)

Have Chronic Liver Disease

Have Chronic Renal Disease

Have Diabetes

Have Suppressed Immune Systems

Are a Carer

Have Multiple Sclerosis

Currently pregnant

Please contact either surgery from the middle of September to book an appointment in one of the flu clinics. There is no need to wait until you receive a letter. If you fit into one of the criteria listed above, please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

New Phone System

The new phone system has now been installed and is working very well. We experienced the expected 'teething problems' in the first couple of weeks so thanks for your patience during this time.

We are noticing that a lot of phone calls are received at the practice between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. I would like to remind patients that the appointment lines for all routine appointments don't open until 8:30 am, and **only emergency calls are accepted from 8.00 am.**

Private Forms & Reports

Fees for insurance forms, "fitness to participate" letters and other non-NHS work are available from reception. Please hand these forms to reception (not one of the GPs) and also ensure that you have completed all of the claimant's section of the form including the consent and declaration sections, as failure to complete these parts will result in the GP being unable to complete the form and an unnecessary delay. We ask for a minimum of 7 working days for completion of private forms (although at busy times of year we may need longer). The practice will contact you when the paperwork is completed and ready for collection. The fee must be paid by cheque or cash upon collection of the completed form.

Monthly Early Closure For Training 2011

In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1.00 pm on the following afternoons. Emergency help is still available by calling 111.

Tuesday 20th September 2011

Tuesday 18th October 2011

Tuesday 15th November 2011

Tuesday 13th December 2011

Contact Details – Nettleham 01522 751717

When they surgery is closed ring freephone 111

Website – www.nettlehammedial.co.uk

Practice Manager – Helen Lunn

Patient Participation Group & Voluntary Driver Scheme

Would you like to help us develop the services we provide? If so, we would like to hear your views. We are in the process of forming a 'virtual patient reference group' in order to find out the views of a cross section of our practice.

If you give us your email details (or contact details if you have no email address) we will contact you a few times each year to ask your opinion on a number of matters.

If you are interested then please complete one of the join up forms at reception or contact Nicola Lamming at the practice for more details.

The voluntary driver scheme carries on being used extensively by many grateful patients, so much so that on Wednesday 15th June we set a new record for the number of patients carried to and from the surgery in one day, when there were a total of 14 clients transported.

We would like to thank all our loyal clients.

Meg Rawden – PPG Chairperson

Alan Price – VDS Co-ordinator

Important 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. Items MUST be with the Editor by 19th. Of the month.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Summary of Parish Council Meeting – 25th July, 2011

- □The Clerk was asked to contact:
 - (a) LCC Highways and Stagecoach about the possibility of having a request bus stop near the cluster of houses between the village and Short Ferry
 - (b) Lincolnshire Police re (a) cars parking on kerbs, especially in the Chapel Road and Chapel Rise estate vicinities and (b) dates for a village Neighbourhood Watch meeting in October
 - (c) LCC Highways about the large potholes in the pathway outside the village hall
- The Governors of Fiskerton School were encouraged to contact the Road Safety Partnership about the possibility of having a 20 m.p.h. zone near the school or a 'No Parking' zone on The Crescent. If they wished they could also request training in the use of the 'speed watch' equipment
- □The Parish Council is looking into the possibility of installing further sports facilities in the village hall grounds, e.g. caged-in five-a-side pitch, skateboard ramp and more litter bins. The school will let organised groups use their field as long as an adult is present; the Council is again asking if there are any volunteers who would help to supervise these groups on a rota basis, maybe once a month or so. Please contact the clerk if you would like to help the young people of our community.
- □The Flood Mitigation Scheme is to be inspected quarterly
- District Councillor Darcel has invited Mark Sturgess and Samantha Smith from WLDC to a public meeting in the village hall on 15th September to discuss a Community Plan. This would record what the community would like to see happen in our village and how future developments may occur. He is to undertake a mail shot inviting all villagers to this meeting – the mail shot will include the Council's draft planning statement.
- □County Councillor Fleetwood repeated that the youth clubs at Cherry Willingham and Bardney will not be closing.
- Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th September, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday	5 th . 12 th . 19 th . 26 th .	Bingo	2pm – 3pm
Monday	5 th .	Parish Council	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	12 th .	Gardening Club	7pm – 9.30pm
Monday	19 th .	Vill. Hall Comm.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	6 th . 20 th .	Luncheon Club	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	6 th . 13 th . 20 th . 27 th .	Pilates	5.45pm – 6.45pm
Wednesday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Antenatal Class	7pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	1 st . 8 th . 15 th . 22 nd . 29 th .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	8 th .	W.I.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	15 th .	Councillor Darcel	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	29 th .	Groundworks	7pm – 10pm
Friday	2 nd . 9 th . 16 th . 23 rd . 30 th .	Bingo/ Social	7.30pm – late ALL WELCOME
Friday	2 nd . 9 th . 16 th . 23 rd . 30 th .	Pilates	9.30am – 10.30am
Saturday	3 rd . 17 th .	Sati Group	9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	10 th .	Dragonfly Moon	8.30am – 11.30pm
Sunday	7 th . 14 th . 21 st . 28 th .	Social Evenings	11am – 1.30pm
Sunday	7 th .	The Vine	2pm – 5pm
Saturday	24 th .	Quiz Night	7.30pm – 11pm
Sunday	4 th . 11 th . 18 th . 25 th .	Social Evenings	7.30pm - midnight
Sunday	4 th .	Private Party	1.30pm – 4pm
Sunday	18 th .	The Vine	11am – 1.15pm
		Causeway Projects	2pm – 5pm
Sunday	25 th .	Private Party	1.30pm – 6.30pm

To make a booking or check availability please contact:- Booking Secretary – Jenny Hayes on 07510281232



FISKERTON POST OFFICE: *AT THE VILLAGE HALL*
OPENING HOURS

Monday: 9am – 2pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am – 1.30pm

VILLAGE FUN DAY - July 2nd.

The FUNDAY and 5 year anniversary of the Village Hall, on July 2nd. Was very successful and £1160 was raised for Village Funds.

The success of the event was largely due to the excellent weather on the day and to the many 'helpers' who were involved, Many thanks to the Parish Newsletter for promoting the event so well, the Events Committee of Emma, Iris, Brenda, Elaine and Barnaby; and to all of YOU who turned up and helped on the day.

Thanks to Alan and Jenny who worked tirelessly behind the bar to good effect as usual.

That the 'Funday' is able to make a profit is due mainly to the generosity of those kind villagers who donated so well to the day and for the work of the Scouts doing the collecting. Thank you to all those who attended for making it such a happy occasion.

Rob Wall: Events Committee Chairperson

NOTE: For those of you already thinking about Christmas!!!! The Children's Christmas Party will be on December 3rd.

More details later.



FISKO KID'S CLUB:

Fiskerton Kid's Club raised £70 at their Strawberry Fayre in June. The following article explains why the money is going to Cambodia and what the money will be used for:-

'My son Robert went backpacking in Cambodia and on the beach he met Father Roberts who was collecting money to be used to send children from the slums to school - to learn English.

Father Roberts took Robert to meet a local family.

This family had been a victim of the Poll Pot Regime. The father had lost both of his legs reducing him to begging, and the mother had been shot in the arm as a child, as she ran away from the soldiers.

Robert decided to sponsor the eldest girl of the family to go to school - it cost him £60 for the year.

When Robert came home and told me this, I thought it would be a good idea if the children at The Kid's Club could raise money to send another child to school. I am pleased to say that they all agreed and so we held the Strawberry Tea, raised £70 and have paid for the first year.

Since Robert has been home he has received a letter from the girl in Cambodia - she is 5th. highest in her class - Well Done Her.

Robert is going back to Cambodia with the intention of trying to set up a system to transfer money raised straight to the school.

This would mean that we would know that all the money we raise will go to this child.

We really would like to continue to support the rest of this young girl's education and so if anyone in the village would like to donate money to the "Send A Child To School Fund", please get in touch with me.'

Thank You

Brenda Wells, Chairperson Fisko Kid's Club. Tel: 07903533491

CAST IRON FIREPLACE FOR SALE:

If anyone would like , or who knows someone who would like, a cast iron fire with timber surround - hearth not included, it is on offer to anyone who is prepared to offer a cheque to me made out to 'Christian Partners in Africa' for £50.

These cast iron fires usually sell for around three hundred pounds up to many times that amount new. Hopefully you will be getting a bargain and the African children some much needed financial help.

The fire as seen in the photo is the usual black finish with two side panels of ceramic tiles. The timber surround is a Mahogany finish made of MDF.

The cast iron surround is well worth the money but I couldn't say that of MDF therefore, this isn't a part of the sale as such, but if you want it it's free.

For more details and how to view the fire surround you can;-

Phone me on 01522 752686

Or text 07721 589372

Or E-mail vision.church@hotmail.co.uk

Regards

Eric Melbourne

(I can deliver as it's very heavy, if it's not taking a liberty in terms of distance!!).

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What's on SEPTEMBER

All the services are family & youth friendly with a vibrant children programme- coffee served fro 10:45.

Sunday Services for September

4th Sept Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

11th Sept Fiskerton Village Hall

18th Sept Fiskerton Village Hall

25th Sept Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

2nd Oct Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Connect groups *Connect groups provide a social setting for you to connect with church life, develop your faith and provide opportunities for helping the community.* **Monday 11am & Tuesday 8pm in**

Fiskerton, Wednesdays 8pm in Cherry Willingham

God's Girls for 6-11yrs is fortnightly on Mondays in Fiskerton. A time of fun friends and learning about God.

THE MIX for all 12-17's -loads of exciting activities on Fridays A new programme of events will be starting this September.

For more details of any of these events visit

www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk or Telephone Rev. V Podbury on 872011

KENYA TRIP

This July, a team of six people from the Vine Community Church went to Kombewa, Kenya to visit friends and church partners. We have partnered in various projects there to date, including the provision of boreholes, school desks, uniforms and toilets, and buying land to make available allotments for poor widows, together with seeds for growing their own food. We saw all of these except the seeds which were now a field of very healthy maize. We also visited the school in Akala which we support, saw the various projects, spent time with the churches of the area, talking to leader about the needs of the people and projects that would help lift them out of poverty into a sustainable independent lifestyle. Then it was on to Nairobi for a few days working with abandoned babies and children in the babies' home and The Ark children's home. It was great that the children remembered those of us that had gone 2 years ago and told us how much they enjoyed getting letters from the children at the Vine Church. Of course since then we have all seen how bad the drought in East Africa has become and The Vine has sent a substantial donation to the New Life Homes and St Barnabas Trust to help with a feeding programme for those suffering, knowing that the money will go swiftly and directly to those in need. If you too would like to contribute to please contact Rev Veronica Podbury,

From Chris Darcel:

Roads and Potholes and Speeding Traffic.

Since the last news letter many of the potholes in Ferry Rd and the junction of Chapel Rd / Blacksmith Rd have been filled and there are promises of further work, comprising the rebuilding the road edges from Diamond House to Ferryside Gardens in September. Some other work has been promised.

Councillor Stuart Canner is helping prepare a list of the more serious pot holes and uneven pavements that we will suggest are “seen too” when the “troops are here”.

Highways Manager, Alan Brown, did say to me, recently, that a **foot path and bus stop for the Short Ferry residents** might be possible, from some budget other than his road repair account.

Mr Brown also informed me that the highways department have conducted speed tests in the village and that there is not a speed problem. I think most of us have a different opinion!

The school, the Head Mistress and Governors, together with a number of parents and residents are all worried about the excessive speed of some motorists through the village and particularly by the school. It seems commonsense to prevent an accident rather than waiting till after it has happened before taking preventative measures.

Facilities for the younger generation.

This picture was taken just after a rain storm and the youngsters were sheltering under the village hall canopy to keep dry. There is nowhere else for them to go! Nor is there much else for them to do either. One suggested a five a side football pitch and another a skate-board ramp would help keep them active.

Neither of which are un-achievable and help and ideas from mums and dads would be much appreciated. I am sure our parish councillors will be pleased to hear your suggestions. This leads on to the next point.....



Parish Plans/Neighbourhood Plans & Localism.

Under the Localism Bill now going through Parliament, Parish Councils are to take on more responsibilities than hither too. This will include designating land for future development, for sport and recreational facilities and for raising funds for such facilities. It will also include an input on wider matters such as a late night bus for picture goers or even a Sunday bus service, or a more frequent library service.

While I am quite happy with the status quo, Localism is likely to happen, which ever party is in government, and I would rather decisions affecting my life be made here in Fiskerton where the Parish Council can have some influence, rather than by someone in a remote regional planning office. To get this influence we need a Neighbourhood Plan and hopefully everyone will be involved, even if only in filling in a questionnaire.

West Lindsey District Council is keen for these plans to be drawn up and the Head of the Planning department has volunteered to talk to interested parties in the village early in September. He will be able to give a full and businesslike explanation of the pros and cons and whys and wherefores of Neighbourhood Plans and Localism.

If you would like to find out more of the changes in store see

www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1923416.pdf or ask a parish councillor. That would be much easier!

Chris Darcel. West Lindsey District Councillor. Tel 01522 750411. Email chris@darcel.entadsl.com

Men2gether

The Local Men's Breakfast

When – Saturday 17th September

Where – Rosie Lea Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham

Time – 8.45am for 9.00 start. Finish by 10.00

Cost - £5, payable when you arrive.

Come along and enjoy a full English breakfast, meet old friends, make new friends and listen to a short talk from Andy Burrows, a Methodist minister and former Salvation Army Officer.

All men are most welcome.

To book a place, or places, please email Neil French Tel: 753432, neiljan@btinternet.com, or John Pycock john.pycock@btopenworld by Tuesday 13th September.

Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.