

## **Vicar's Blog!**

### **‘Cutting through the stuff’**

Last week I attended a development day for Church School Governors run by the Diocese of Lincoln Board of Education. It was an excellent day, although rather overwhelming at times. Overwhelming because the days of school governors just popping in for a chat, are well gone. Now the task is to monitor and steer and challenge and read copious amounts of information sent out by the Department for Education – and that presents an issue for many of us who want to serve our schools and local communities. Sometimes I feel overwhelmed by stuff. So it needs someone or something to ‘cut through the stuff’ for us and take us to the heart of it all. On that day, it was a brilliant presentation from a Headteacher and Chair of Governors who told a story, a story of how they had set a new school up, a story of how they had set the vision for the school and how they had found ways of cutting through the ‘stuff’ and made the task of the Governor less overwhelming and more focussed. I came away feeling that actually I could do it, that it just needed me to focus on the right things...

Focusing on the right thing is key to our wellbeing. I have been listening recently to some talks by Archbishop Justin Welby. I expect he is a rather busy man faced with what must seem like intractable difficulties. However, he gives me a sense that he is a man who knows what is most important and where to focus – ‘seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness says Jesus ***and then all things will be added***’ for that is what ‘cuts through the stuff’. Focus on God. We are doing that in our villages over the next 40 days as we launch **40 DAYS OF PRAYER**.

**Christians in our villages (from whichever church) praying together from 31<sup>st</sup> October with Communion together on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please join in. We will publish the where and the when as we go. Contact me, or Veronica and Dave Podbury or Alan Swann for more details, but trust me, when we pray together, God will ‘cut through the stuff’**

Every 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 L. Forman Applegarth, Ferry Road Fiskerton 01526 398316

Mrs A Townsend 25 St. Clement's Drive Fiskerton 01522 595109

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

Benefice Website: [www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk](http://www.southlawresbenefice.org.uk)



**4pm SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Fiskerton Church**

**ALL PARENTS AND CHILDREN VERY WELCOME**

**CHURCH SERVICES for the South Lawres Benefice****NOVEMBER 2013****3<sup>rd</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday before Advent**

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham  
**9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton**  
 11am Holy Communion at Greetwell  
 4pm Messy Church at Reepham School

**10<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>. before Advent**

9.15am Remembrance Service at Reepham Church  
**10.30am Remembrance Service at Fiskerton**  
 10.30am Remembrance Service at Cherry Willingham Community School  
 4pm Family Worship at Cherry Willingham

**17<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**

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

**24<sup>th</sup>. Christ The King**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham  
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham  
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham  
**4pm Messy Church at Fiskerton**

Holy Communion Services will be held at Cherry Willingham Church at 9.30am on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. & 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Service Rota for November:**

Nov.	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Carol Proctor	Lynda Forman 2 Thess. Ch.1 OR Hebrews 1: 18 - 24	CLERGY Church View Cresc.	Annette Townsend Jean Lunn	Jean Lunn
10 <sup>th</sup> .	Lynda Forman Annette Townsend	Paul Forman 2Thess. 2: 1-5,13-end	CLERGY		G Walkinton
17 <sup>th</sup> .	Gill Walkinton	Gill Walkinton 2Thess. 3: 6 - 13	CLERGY Village Store	Maureen Broad	M Dunkling
24 <sup>th</sup> .		Messy	Church		Lois Woodthorpe
Dec 1st.	Jean Lunn	Sandy Massey	CLERGY	Carol Proctor Sandy Massey	

**Village Baptism:**

We welcome into the Lord's family: Grayson Adrian Williams  
 Baptised on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. at St Clement's Church.

**Other Church News:****'Friend's of St. Clement's Lottery: October Winners:**

£25: No. 62: Mrs J Hemmings

£ 5: No. 33: Mrs V Pettit

£10: No. 15: Mr &amp; Mrs D Willey

£ 5: No. 20: Lois Woodthorpe



## THE FANTASTIC FISKERTON QUIZ!

Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>. 7.30pm start

FISKERTON VILLAGE HALL

Teams of no more than 6 people

£4 per person – includes Supper. BAR also available

To Book: Contact Mary Gibson 01522 752117



## Candlelit Concert



FRIDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>.

St. Clement's Church; Fiskerton

To Begin at 7.30pm

Featuring

Cherry Willingham Community Choir, Reepham WI Choir,

Christine Burnett, The Strummers.

After the Concert wine & soft drinks will be served  
along with a selection of 'bite-sized' refreshments.

You will have the chance to be the first to view this year's decorated trees.

There is no charge for this concert, although a Retiring Collection will be taken.

**We hope you will be able to join us for a lovely evening  
of Music and a Leisurely Wander through the Christmas Trees.**



### Christmas Tree Spectacular,

Saturday/Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>.

### St. Clement of Rome, Fiskerton

Saturday/Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>.

11am - 4.30pm each day

To be opened on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>. by children from  
Fiskerton Primary School.

*13 Trees decorated by local people and Village Groups*

Tea, Coffee, Mulled wine and mince pies,

Home-made preserves for sale.

Live music both weekends



*A lovely way to get into the spirit of Christmas  
and see what talented people we have in the local community*

## What's On in November:

## *In The Village.....*

### THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3. 00 each.

The dates for **November are Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. & 18<sup>th</sup>.**

For more details ring Mary on 595291.



### Gardening Club:

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. November**, in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm.

The subject is:- 'Live Fast— Die Young' - a talk by Pam Tatam. All welcome

### The Mobile Library:

The mobile Library will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>**. between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. The vehicle has a lift/ramp for easy disabled access. Don't forget it is FREE to join and borrow books



The next meeting of **Fiskerton WI** will take place on **Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>**. in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. Emma Stevenson will be demonstrating 'How to make a Christmas wreath' and members will be having a go at making one. The competition is a handmade Christmas decoration.

### History & Archaeology Group: Fiskerton Iron Age Causeway

**Tuesday 19th November** in the village hall at 7.30pm - Don't miss the talk on **"Reflections on the archaeological work on the Fiskerton Iron Age Causeway"** to be given by **Naomi Field**, of Prospect Archaeology who has been involved since the first dig in 1981. This fascinating topic is of great interest to all those of us who live in Fiskerton and is of national and wider significance. All welcome.

### Book "Fiskerton Through The Ages"

At long last Dave and Sally have completed the book **"Fiskerton Through The Ages"** and are getting quotes from printers. We hope to have the book printed and ready for December – in time for Christmas presents! We will post fliers around the village and will have information at the talk on the 19th November and an item in the December newsletter.



**You are Invited To a  
COFFEE MORNING**

In aid of

**Action for Children (National Children's Home)  
Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2013**

Fiskerton Village Hall 10am – mid-day  
COFFEE & BISCUITS £1, STALLS, QUIZ available

*Please come and support this worthwhile event as sadly it will be the last one Marion will do.  
Let's make it a "BUMPER" event!*



### **Sunday Services – November**

All services are family and youth-friendly with a vibrant children's programme. Coffee 10.45am

**Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am at Reepham & Cherry Village Hall with KidZone for children**

**Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>. Faith Lunch – for details contact the Church Office – 872011**

**Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>. 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall with Kidzone and a SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

**Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>. 11am at Reepham & Cherry Village Hall - Bacon Butty Special!**

### **The Third Thursday Book Club**

For women who love to read a good book and talk about it with friends. We read a wide variety of good books. A different one each month.

Copies available for you.

7.30pm **Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>.**

For further details contact Veronica:  
01522 872011

The Vine Church is linked to a children's home and home for abandoned babies in Kenya, through regular support and short-term work as volunteers in the homes; there is a range of opportunities to get involved in this important work.

**Connect groups for all ages, *providing a social setting for you to connect with people, understand the Bible and grow in faith***

**Adults : Tues 8pm, Cherry Willingham, Wed 7.30 pm, Fiskerton**

**Youth Connect Thurs 3:30-4.40, Cherry Willingham Youth Wing**

Other Activities and Events for all ages

**The Mix for 11-17 year-olds**

**Friday Nights 7pm**

**Lots of different activities**

**Tel 876996 for details**

**For other church activities, [www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk)**

**or Tel (01522) 872011 (Church Office)**

**The Vine Community Church Reg Charity 1142056 is part of the Ground Level Network of Churches**

**Starting on Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> – 40 Days of Prayer.**

**All the churches in our area joining together to pray.**

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### **The great Downsizing Donateaway.**

You donated £497.41!!! on the day. Plus we've had a further £28.10.

We tossed the penny and it (the penny) is going to Action for Children. That makes £262.76 to Action for Children and £262.75 to The Salvation Army.

Well done to all of you that came along and joined in. It just shows how incredibly caring and generous you are!

May God bless you in all the jobs you get to do with what you have taken – no matter what you donated! Let's all celebrate the giving and the receiving!

By-the-way, the gentleman who had the band saw left his spare blades behind. If he would like to pop round, they will be waiting for him.

Peter and Marion Howarth

## **VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR NOVEMBER:**

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> .	Parish Council	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> .	Gardening Club	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> . 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Lunch Pot	10am – 2pm
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Workshop	9am – 4pm
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> . 13 <sup>th</sup> . 20 <sup>th</sup> . 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Dance Classes	5pm – 8pm
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> .	Private Booking	7pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> . 14 <sup>th</sup> . 21 <sup>st</sup> . 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> .	WI	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> .	Coffee Morning	10am - noon
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> . 8 <sup>th</sup> . 15 <sup>th</sup> . 22 <sup>nd</sup> . 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Bingo/Socials	7.30pm – midnight
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> . 16 <sup>th</sup> . 23 <sup>rd</sup> . 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Weight Watchers	9.15am – 11.45am
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> .	Sati	9.30pm – 4pm
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> .	Church Quiz	7.30pm – 10.30pm
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Workshop	9am – 4pm
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> . 10 <sup>th</sup> . 17 <sup>th</sup> . 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5pm
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> .	The Vine	11am – 1pm

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

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## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Michelle would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning at the Scout Hall in September. We raised £200.00 - not bad for a couple of hours drinking tea and eating cake!! Thanks also to those who helped out.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

*Please be advised that these are notes of the meeting taken by the Clerk and cannot in any way be regarded as the official minutes of Council proceedings until they are approved and signed at the next meeting. Official minutes are available at [http://www.fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/html/meetings\\_minutes.html](http://www.fiskerton-lincs.org.uk/html/meetings_minutes.html)*

### **PARISH COUNCIL– 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2013**

- The Clerk was asked to contact LCC Highways about the condition of the roads throughout the village and towards Short Ferry – to include an email of complaint received from a local resident
- District Councillor Darcel offered to look into enforcement measures to tidy up the building sites in front of The Close and 18 Ferry Road.
- Councillor Fleetwood reported that LCC intend to carry out road repairs around the end of the year – he asked that residents let him have specific details of repairs needed and he will look into them - [ifleet@barlings.demon.co.uk](mailto:ifleet@barlings.demon.co.uk).

He also reported that

(1) LCC hope to have a static library service in Cherry Willingham and the mobile library service will be smaller and manned by one person;

(2) plans for the eastern bypass are available for viewing and commenting on on-line.

- The Environment Agency have surveyed the river bank and concluded that it is providing the required Standard of Protection
- LCC Footpaths are hoping to widen the public footpath from Corn Close towards Hall lane and lower the hedge
- The planning application for the storage container on the airfield near the memorial has been withdrawn
- During the RoSPA play area safety inspection, several items had moved from low to medium risk; necessary remedial repairs are to be made to lower the risk
- District Councillor Darcel is to continuing to look into lighting measures for the teenage shelter and replacing broken windows
- An application for a bus shelter opposite High Meadows is being processed. LCC is prepared to consider a grant application in future years for further bus shelters in the Parish.
- Date of Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

## **FISKERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

### **F.P.S Community Project.**

The School Council have decided this year to do a project which will hopefully not involve just the school but also our local community.

After the half term break we are asking if you could donate to the school **a planter from your garden-one that is made out of pot if possible and a packet of bulbs to plant in it.** If you have any spare compost and don't mind donating it this would be appreciated, too.

A map, with a list of planters, what is in it and who donated them will be placed on the School Council boards in School for you to see where your pot is situated.

So that we can get all the pots planted we will also have a Project Club one evening after school when the children can help pot up the planters and place around the School. More information will be sent out following the holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tyler

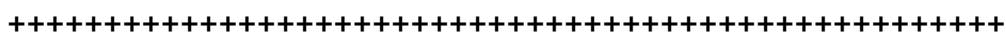
School Council.



### **INTRODUCING THE JOURNEYMAN PROJECT**

The Vine Community Church has partnered with the national charity Worth Unlimited to form Worth Unlimited Lincolnshire in order to set up and run the Journeyman Project. This project had a very successful pilot year on land in Cherry Willingham and has now moved to a larger 2 acre plot of land in Reepham, on the south side of the railway line. The objective of Journeyman Project is to run a self-sustaining Market Garden onto which we will take young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET). These young people are then helped to get the skills needed to obtain employment, an apprenticeship or a full time course.

Dog walkers who use the footpath round the edge of the field in Reepham can watch the progress of the vegetable growing and we hope that everyone will look out for our vegetable sales and support this local charitable project by buying our fresh produce. For more information contact [Lincoln@worthunlimited.co.uk](mailto:Lincoln@worthunlimited.co.uk) or follow us on twitter or facebook.



### **ASSIST:**

#### **What is Assist?**

Assist provides one to one support to people who are lonely; people who are recovering from an illness or accident; and people who need help to 'get back on their feet' after a setback in life.

#### **How can we help?**

We can visit you at home but we can also help you get out and about to enable you to rebuild your confidence. We can assist you to obtain help from other services or accompany you to an appointment where you feel you need some support.. If you need a listening ear then we are here for you. If you are a carer and need a little moral support, or just a few hours break, then why not talk to us?

#### **Contact details:**

**Tel:** 01522 370164 **or by post to:** Assist, PO BOX 1236 Lincoln LN5 5NW

**Email:** [contact@assistlincs.org.uk](mailto:contact@assistlincs.org.uk)

**Contact Times:** 8.45am – noon Wednesday Thursday, Friday (answer phone available other times)

*Assist is supported by the churches in Reepham, Cherry Willingham and Fiskerton*

**Chris Darcel, West Lindsey District councillor, Fiskerton and Langworth Ward,  
3 Homfield, tel 01522 750411 or email [chris@darcel.entadsl.com](mailto:chris@darcel.entadsl.com).**

Well, we are just off on our holidays as I write this, but we will be back by the time the Parish News is delivered.

So, as I do not know what will be topical in 14 days time, I am writing about the local elections to be held in May 2015. Both the District Council and the Parish Council will be holding elections for members. Putting something back into the community in which you live is rewarding and you can make a difference as to how the future unfolds. Why not think about standing?

One thing is certain if you sit on your hands the world will pass you by.

Both elections are important. In the Parish Plan survey a number of key issues were raised, from keeping Manor Paddock an open space, a MUGA( Muliti Universal Games Area), footpaths to Cherry Willingham and Reepham and from Short Ferry to the bus stop and bus shelters in Ferry Road and at Short Ferry. All of which are affordable and achievable and the prime driver has to be the Parish Council. The Parish Council is responsible for administering the Parish Precept. This is the money that is added to your council tax bill that comes straight back to the Parish Council to be spent in the village.

Last year the precept was about £15,000 and this spring the council voted to reduce the precept by £1000. Spread over nearly 500 homes in the village, not all of which pay council tax, this represents a saving of just over £2 per year per household. I expect a number of readers feel this is a definite move in the right direction and at first sight I would agree totally.

Except we cannot rely on charity: if we want bus shelters and many residents in the village rely on the bus service, we have to pay for them. £1000 per year with matched funding from various sources would quickly pay for two extra shelters. It would be the same for the MUGA and for Manor Paddock or road calming measures in Ferry Road. To me, I would be happy to spend £2 per year on any of the above. I might not use the bus much now but who knows about next year.

With the District Council Elections this ward will be merged with Cherry Willingham. In the two and a half years I have been a councillor I have learnt this is worse than I originally imagined. Firstly with three councillors, all likely to be chosen by the larger Cherry vote, how do voters in Fiskerton or Langworth decide which of the three is pulling their weight for the village? They can't. Neither of the two existing Cherry Willingham councillors nor the Cherry Willingham Parish Council wanted their ward extending but we did not make enough noise to resist the change and three seat wards suit the big political parties. With a smaller cake to go round councillors will look after their home vote first and Fiskerton and Langworth will lose out even more. The only way small communities can get even a fair slice of the cake is by having accountable representatives who are prepared to stand up and be counted.

If you are interested in putting something back into the community please contact me.  
Fiskerton needs You!

**CHARITY NEW YEAR'S EVE  
FAMILY PARTY!  
DISCO, BAR AND RAFFLE  
FISKERTON VILLAGE HALL  
31 DECEMBER 2013 7.30PM TIL LATE  
PROCEEDS IN AID OF  
CANCER RESEARCH  
AND  
LINCOLNSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE  
TICKETS ON SALE FROM  
1 DECEMBER  
FROM  
THE WISHING WELL STORES,  
FISKERTON  
Adults £7.00      12 & Unders £3.50**

**MILES MORE  
ADVENTURE**  
[fiskertonscouts.org.uk/join](http://fiskertonscouts.org.uk/join)  


**Contact the GSL Andrew Cooke  
on 0798 361 0026  
Email: [gsl@fiskertonscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@fiskertonscouts.org.uk)  
Hall Bookings : Contact Ann 0774 983 6283**

**Beavers (Age 6-8) meet on a Tuesday  
Cubs (Age 8-10) meet on a Thursday  
Scouts (Age 10-14) meet on a Wednesday  
Explorers (Age 14 – 18) meet on a Friday**



## **What's On in November: In The Area.....**



### ***LADIES BREAKFAST***

**Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Ladies, come along and enjoy

♥ a full English breakfast

♥ friendship and fellowship

♥ a short talk by a Christian speaker

at 'Rosie Lea Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham

**8:45am for 9:00am - Cost £5:20**

*Contact Ann 800209 or Jan 753432 for further details or to book a place*



### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Tea, Coffee and cake at Reepham Methodist Chapel

**10am – 11.30am**

Everyone is welcome to come along.

There will also be a Tradecraft Stall

## **Men2gether**

### **More than just a Men's Breakfast!**

Are you lonely? come along and enjoy some friendly company. Do you have a problem?

Would you like someone to pray alongside you?

Or just want to enjoy some friendly Christian company.

**Come along to Rosie Leas Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (If this is your first meeting with us, you could enjoy a FREE full English breakfast)**

Time – 8.30am for 8.45am start. Finish by 10.00am

Cost - £5.20, payable when you arrive.

Couldn't manage a full breakfast – come and have some tea and toast and enjoy the company.

To book a place, or places, please email [david@theburrows.net](mailto:david@theburrows.net) or ring 824936 by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Numbers are limited so please book early to ensure a place.

### **CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**Do you enjoy singing?....Yes**

**so men and ladies**

**Come along to**

**Cherry Willingham Primary School**

**Infant Hall**

**7.30 – 9.00pm**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**November 2013**

**We sing:- Dona Nobis Pacem, Flying Free by  
Don Besig, Abba songs and lots more**

**For more info please contact**

**Jane Mob. 07720050214**

**E-mail [jane.george1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jane.george1@ntlworld.com)**

**Supported by The Vine Community Church**

### **Important Newsletter Information:**

Please note that items for inclusion in the Parish News can be handed in at Wishing Well Stores, or they can be posted to

Mrs L. Forman, 'Applegarth', Ferry Rd.

Fiskerton,

Lincoln LN3 4HU Please telephone  
01526 398316.

You can also e-mail items to

[fiskertonnews@btinternet.com](mailto:fiskertonnews@btinternet.com)

**All items MUST be with the Editor by  
the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

## Nettleham and Cherry Willingham Patient Participation Group

What a mouthful you say – well maybe – but we are folks just like you who give up time to provide input and help like any other voluntary group. We are attached to and support Nettleham Medical Practice, which covers your area.

We have been in existence for over 8 years to give information and views about GP services from the patient's perspective. To support the Practice in any way we can so that together the surgery and its staff can provide the best possible service to its patients. We cover the whole Practice area – hoping to have members representing all areas at our meetings.

### **BUT - We Need More Members of All Ages: Could You Help?**

We meet bi-monthly, at either Nettleham or Cherry Willingham Surgery, together with a Practice GP, the Deputy Practice Manager and the Senior Receptionist.

We also run a Voluntary Drivers Scheme, co-ordinated by a Committee Member

### **BUT - We Need More Drivers**

The healthy running of the scheme – which transports patients from their home to either surgery, waits for them and then returns them back home again on a not-for profit basis – does not have a driver from Nettleham at the moment, and needs other drivers to cover other areas too.

Could You Be One? - Even driving one day a week would ease the pressure on our existing drivers. You understand our message:

**We exist to help fellow patients:**

**We need more PPG members:**

**We need more drivers:**

**WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

For further information, an informal chat about the Patient Participation Group or the Voluntary Driving Scheme or about becoming involved please contact:

Pam Henderson, Chairperson, on 01522 858451 or by e-mail at: [pam.henderson36@ntlworld.com](mailto:pam.henderson36@ntlworld.com).

### **Nettleham and Cherry Willingham Surgery.**

Carol Varnam, Practice Nurse for 26 years, has recently announced her (early) retirement. She will be missed by everyone at the Practice, as well as by her patients.

The Practice is pleased to announce that Dr Ngozi Nwanosike will be joining us shortly as a new GP Partner. We also have two new receptionists, Aileen and Anna, who have recently joined the team.

Christopher Malone, (known as Chris) is our new Nurse Practitioner. He grew up in Nettleham and qualified as a nurse at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston in 1987. He has spent the majority of his career in Accident and Emergency, mainly in Lincolnshire but elsewhere at times. Following this he has worked in the Out of Hours GP Service and helped set up the Walk In centre in Lincoln. For the last 3 years he has worked as a Nurse Practitioner in a busy surgery in Sleaford. You can see him by appointment mostly for on-the-day health issues. He is able to prescribe if necessary and also refer on to other health professionals if this is required.

### **Patient Record Sharing Changes:**

With effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> December you will have new options about whether to share your GP electronic record with other local health services who use the SystmOne programme, such as District Nurses, Podiatry and A+E at Lincoln. For more information please refer to the leaflets which will be displayed around the practice or ask a member of staff for more details.

### **Vaccinations:**

The surgery is now offering appointments for flu and shingles vaccinations. A new Rotavirus vaccine is now available for babies. Please contact reception to arrange an appointment or to see if you are in the eligible groups.

### **Monthly Early Closures for Training:**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

*Contact Details - Nettleham 01522 751717*

*Website - [www.nettlehammedical.co.uk](http://www.nettlehammedical.co.uk)*

*When the surgery is closed ring Freephone 111*

*Practice Manager - Helen Lunn*

## **Nettleham Police Team**

What a glorious summer we have had, but the nights are drawing in and Halloween and Bonfire night will soon be upon us.

Most of us like a good bonfire and fireworks display, so check out the fireworks codes below to ensure your party goes well with the right type of flashing lights.

### **Fireworks Code for Children**

- Fireworks will scare your pets, so keep them safely indoors.
- If you are given a sparkler, always wear gloves.
- Always hold sparklers at arm's length.
- When a sparkler goes out, **DON'T TOUCH IT**. It could still burn you, so put it in a bucket of water, hot end down.
- You have to be 18 years old before you are allowed to buy fireworks in the shops.

### **NEVER PLAY WITH FIREWORKS.**

- They are dangerous and can hurt you.
- Never go near a firework when it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Only adults should light and hold fireworks.
- When you are watching fireworks, always stand well back.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.

### **Fireworks Code for adults**

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.

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## **FISKERTON POST OFFICE:**

'Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances Fiskerton Post Office will only be open for two mornings a week throughout November and December.

Please note the opening dates and times for November as detailed below, these will also be displayed in the village hall. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

I hope that the service will be fully restored in the New Year.

Monday 4th November- 9.00- 13.00  
Tuesday 5th November- CLOSED  
Thursday 7th November- 9.30- 13.30  
Monday 11th November- 9.00- 13.00  
Tuesday 12th November- 9.30- 13.00  
Thursday 14th November- CLOSED  
Monday 18th November- 9.00- 13.00  
Tuesday 19th November- CLOSED  
Thursday 21st November- 9.30- 13.30  
Monday 25th November- 9.00- 13.00  
Tuesday 26th November- CLOSED  
Thursday 28th November- 9.30- 13.30

**May I take this opportunity to ask you to support the Post Office as much as you can as this service may be under threat to close if this facility is not used.**

Thank you for your support at this time  
Sarah Goode, Sub postmaster,  
Reephram Post Office