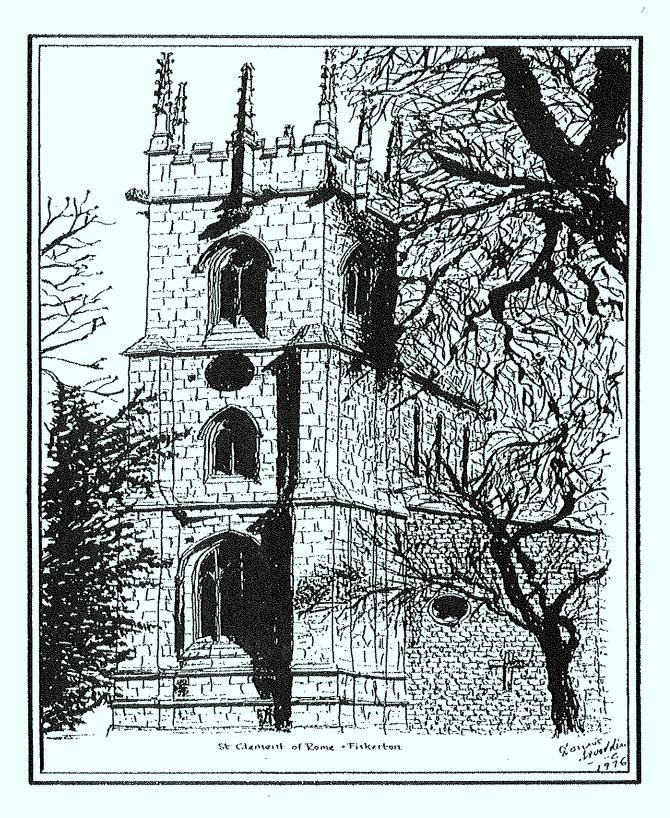
# Fiskerton Parish News



March 2014

#### VICAR'S BLOG:

I think I have shared with you before that prior to coming into the Ministry I used to be a teacher at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School. One of the things that has always struck me about that school is its history. Whilst I was there, it celebrated 900 years of education on that site in Lincoln. Of course, the school hasn't always looked as it does now, because it has changed with the times and needs of the students that attend, but in so many ways it seemed to me that it managed to keep its rootedness, whilst still changing to cater for many different generations of students with different needs. I remember not long after my time there discovering an old table, and I mean really old (!), and into it was etched medieval graffiti, containing the names of previous students - and that always reminded me that history is made by people.

We are blessed with some beautiful churches in our now two groups, and now the newly refurbished church hall in Cherry Willingham. It has really thrilled me though that in those churches, we look for ways in which we can cater for the needs of the current communities in which they are set. Church buildings are not merely monuments that celebrate the past, they have always changed in character and if you go into many of our buildings, you will see the work of generation upon generation. Churches need to keep their rootedness, but also reflect current needs. Those of you who have popped into Reepham Church recently will have seen massive change, and at Fiskerton, how wonderful it is to see the development of a new toilet and kitchen area. You might ask, why do this? Well our churches should be at the heart of serving our community and it's important that our buildings reflect that. I want to maintain our roots, but adapt to the needs of our communities, as far as we can. In Fiskerton, I have made no secret of the fact that I would like to see the building open more regularly - but that will need the Fiskerton community to pitch in and help out. Ultimately, the future of this building and its use is in your hands - if you want it to be there for generations to come, we need to open it up and use it to provide a stopping place for people in the context of busy lives. I am thrilled with what's happening and thankful for a relatively small number of people who are working hard to get things done - but when you are tempted to think - that's for someone else to do, actually it might be you! If you want to know what help is needed - then call me!

Every blessing

Penny

(Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with opening the Church, you will be contacted soon, but it would be great to have more)

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact:-

Revd. Penny Green (Priest in Charge) The Vicarage, Church Lane

Cherry Willingham

01522 595596

Mrs L. Forman Churchwardens:

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

GUNDAY MARCH 23rd

4pm. St. Clement's Church

All parents and children are very welcome



#### CHURCH SERVCES for the South Lawres Benefice MARCH 2014

2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday next before Lent

8am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton
11am Holy Communion at Greetwell
4pm Messy Church at Reepham

5<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9th. 1st. Sunday of Lent

9.15am Morning Worship at Fiskerton9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham 4pm Family Worship at Cherry Willingham

16th. 2nd. Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton9.15am Family Service at Reepham

10.45am Morning Worship at Cherry Willingham

6.30pm Compline at Cherry Willingham

23<sup>rd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

4pm Messy Church at Fiskerton

30th. 4th. Sunday of Lent

10.30am Benefice Service at Fiskerton6.30pm Evensong at Cherry Willingham

Holy Communion will be held at Cherry Willingham Church at 9.30am on Wed. March 12th & 26th.

#### Service Rota for March:

March	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Sandy Massey	Gill Walkinton	CLERGY	Lynda Forman &
			Chapel Rd	Mary Gibson
9 <sup>th</sup> .	Carol Proctor	Sandy Massey	Lynda Forman	
		1 Corinth 2: 1 - 12	Ferryside Gardens	
16 <sup>th</sup> .	Gill Walkinton	Annette Townsend	CLERGY	Maureen Broad
<u>.</u>		1 Corinth 3: 1 - 9	Meadowbank Ave.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> .		MESSY	CHURCH	
30 <sup>th</sup> .	Annette Townsend	BENEFICE	SERVICE	Jean Lunn & Annette
				Townsend
April 6 <sup>th</sup> .	Jean Lunn	Paul Forman	CLERGY	Carol Proctor &
6 <sup>th</sup> .				Sandy Massey

#### Internal work at St. Clement's Church:

#### Other Church News:

#### 'Friend's of St. Clement's Lottery:

January Draw Winners:		Februa	February Draw Winners:	
£25	No 46: Mrs I Masterton	£25	No 24: Mr & Mrs S Canner	
£10	No 1: Mrs C Proctor	£10	No 43: Mr K Townsend	
£5	No 20: Lois Woodthorpe	£5	No 21: Mr R Smith	
£5	No 66: Mr M Proctor	£5	No 20: Mrs L Woodthorpe	

#### **DON'T FORGET:**

<u>Guerrilla Knitting, Crochet and Craft</u> comes to Fiskerton.....

We hope you are working away at making something for the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. around the theme of 'Life in and around a Country Village'

This can be any aspect of rural life. Just to give you a start with ideas.....

- clubs and societies
- outdoor activities like hunting, shooting and fishing, walking, cycling
- countryside jobs such as farming, the blacksmith etc
- events like fetes and fun days
- village sports football, cricket
- anything to do with nature, the river, the woods etc.

Or anything else which inspires you and fits into this theme.

#### AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNIT.

You can make something to display in any craft which you choose to do.

Or perhaps you are already knitting squares for the blankets we wish to make for charity. Please remember that Knitting needles and wool are available if you don't have any to hand. Just contact Lynda Forman – they can be delivered if necessary!

#### West Lindsey District Council:

Help is available to support vulnerable tenants move.

The council is piloting a new scheme to help elderly and disabled residents move into accommodation suitable to their needs.

The Assisted Move Scheme aims to help tenants moving between or into social housing. It recognises that many people are living in property that is no longer suitable to them. This can be for reasons such as their bathroom is no longer accessible or they are struggling to use the stairs.

Some people may be struggling to pay fuel bills or simply want to move into a smaller property. Help will be available until the 3 November, with applications accepted until Friday, August 1, to support those residents who need support moving into accommodation that meets their current or future needs.

Cllr Malcolm Parish, Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee said: "There are many reasons why some people might be worried about moving house. Some people simple don't want the hassle of moving or are worried about their pets or even where to look. We are here to help make the move as easy as possible and tailored to your needs."

For more information visit www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/assistedmove, email IndependentLiving@west-lindsey.gov.uk, or call 01427 676676 and ask for the Independent living team.

#### What's On in March:

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

#### THE LUNCH POT

Join us for a two course lunch. It will only cost you £3, 00 each. The dates for March are Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. & 18<sup>th</sup>.

For more details ring Mary on 595291.



#### The Mobile Library:

The mobile Library will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday March 4<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 March 13<sup>th</sup>**. starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the AGM, which will be followed by a quiz and cheese and wine refreshments.

#### Fiskerton Gardening Club:

The next meeting will take place on **Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>** in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Dave Newman will be the speaker on the subject of 'Climbers'. New members will be very welcome.



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#### Sunday Services - March

All services are family and youth-friendly with a vibrant children's programme (Kidzone).

Coffee and cake served from 10.45am

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall

March 9th 11am at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village

March 16th & 23rd. 11am at Fiskerton Village Hall

March 30th 11am at Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall

#### 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 March 20<sup>th</sup>.

For further details contact Veronica:
01522 872011

The Vine Church is linked to a children's home and a 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

<u>Connect groups</u> 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 Souled Out – after school on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm - hot dogs, games, life and faith for 11-14year-olds

**Go Wild** – once a month-exciting new group for 7-11years which goes out to do exciting stuff

The Mix
for 11-17 year-olds
Friday Nights 7pm
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Tel 876996 for details

For other church activities, <u>www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk</u> or Tel. (01522) 872011 (Church Office) The Vine Community Church Reg. Charity 1142056 is part of the Ground Level Network of Churches

Chris Darcel, WLDC Councillor for Fiskerton and Langworth, 3 Holmfield, Fiskerton LN3 4GD, tel 01522 750411, or email chris@darcel.entadsl.com

#### Two things:

The closing of Hawthorn Road Enquiry. I must have spent a week attending the hearing and I only hope the outcome will be that the County Council in spite of all their huffing and puffing will be persuaded to build a proper bridge over crossing, rather than the proposed left in, left out, junction with a footbridge over that will carry pedestrians, horses and cyclists.

Not everyone thinks the stopping off of Hawthorn Rd is a bad idea. It will certainly make the road safer for pedestrians. But when I first heard of the plan I did not think the closing of Hawthorn Rd was a big deal. However, when delivering leaflets advertising the meeting at Reepham Village Hall on January 10<sup>th</sup> I met several mums who were most concerned. The mums drop their children off at Reepham or Cherry Willingham and then carry on to Lincoln to shop or drive on to work. It will be a pain for them, however, the highways planners are keen to point out, their journeys do not, in their minds, justify spending an extra £1m on a drive over bridge.

As the inquiry progressed it became apparent the problems are not just to a few Fiskerton residents but to residents in Reepham, Cherry, the Carlton Estate and St Giles and elsewhere in the City.

It is the schools. 200 children travel West to East to get to the senior school in Cherry Willingham, 96 are booked in to the junior school and I was told some even come to Fiskerton. Closing the road could jeopardise that intake, and this could impact on the schools viability and that would then affect parents living in this village.

There are two other issues. I have not seen figures but it has been suggested there are 5000 traffic movements a day on Hawthorn Road. Adding these figures to the Kennel Lane junction and the Wickes roundabouts and the journey through the "Hollows" can hardly add to road safety.

It is clear the County Council wants to stop the road. They came up with the idea to cut costs, which is fine, but will not listen to other well thought out and reasoned suggestions(even when presented by people with excellent qualifications). Some of the information presented by LCC was just plain wrong. For instance LCC claim WLDC approved the closure at a planning committee meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Perhaps it should have been on the agenda but it was not. However, the plan to cut Hawthorn Rd was on the LCC agenda well before the County Council elections in May. Why was the closure of both the road and the libraries not up for debate? Much was made of the extra cost of the road bridge over the foot bridge (£750,000 or £1m) but the proposed junction requires more land, far more tarmac, a central island and street lighting. The junction is deemed a safety hazard and so requires lighting. No mention was made of the extra miles travelled by residents and the increase in carbon footprint so caused. The expert representing Reepham felt the drive over bridge would be the cheaper, safer, more environmentally friendly option. LCC also suggested that changing the foot bridge to a "bridge over" would mean completely redesigning the bypass and the whole project would fail. I cannot see this. In the summer there was to be no footbridge. After complaints from the school and Cherry Willingham Parish council the foot bridge was designed and went through planning in 6 months. All of this could all have been avoided if the County Council had consulted the villages first.

Sorry to go on! Lastly, at the time of writing, the glass in the **youth shelter** has not been replaced. This is a pity. I volunteered to pay for the replacement as soon as the damage was done. This proved impractical. The youngsters must feel let down. Hopefully it will be sorted out soon.

#### Fiskerton History and Archaeology Group

#### Meeting:

If you are interested in the work of the group and would like to come to a meeting to discuss "what next" after the publication of Fiskerton Through The Ages, please contact Sally Scott by telephone on 01522 750121 or email at <a href="mailto:sally.scott@mypostoffice.co.uk">sally.scott@mypostoffice.co.uk</a> so that I can then contact you with a date for a meeting at my house Peartree Cottage, High Street Fiskerton where all the data we have collected so far is held.

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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

#### PARISH COUNCIL-3rd February, 2014

- > All approvals have been received for the installation of the bus shelter opposite High Meadows. The invoice for the grant funding has been submitted and the bus shelter ordered. When the shelter is installed, a plaque will be bought in memory of Mr. D. Welch whose bequest enabled this project.
- ➤ The Clerk was asked to contact LCC Highways about flooding on Ferry Road near Ferry Hill Farm and the Pump Station. This problem constitutes a road hazard and has been reported many times Councillors felt it should be resolved with some degree of urgency. The Clerk was to include ongoing highway problems
- Open space, Holmfield. Hedging/fencing could be provided by the Woodland Trust (free provided there is community backing) or from Lark Energy (Solar Farm project) who are prepared to fund village projects if any villager knows of any suitable projects could they please contact the Parish Council. There may be a possibility of receiving an annual sum from Lark Energy for ongoing village projects. Hopefully lighting for the teen shelter will be provided via the Solar Farm scheme.
- Planning permission has been granted for an extension to 2 Manor Farm Cottages and for the Solar Farm on the airfield.
- ➤ Changes to the library provision in Lincolnshire will see Fiskerton keeping a mobile library for at least one hour per month. However Short Ferry residents will lose their mobile library from 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
- Councillor I. Fleetwood gave an update on the Eastern bypass and Hawthorn Road closure he is hoping that the plans can be modified and the motorised access kept for Hawthorn Road.
- District Councillor Darcel felt that a Neighbourhood Plan would be preferable to a Parish Plan and suggested Councillors looked at Cherry Willingham's Neighbourhood Plan.
- Residents at Short Ferry are trying to set up a Residents Group which would be able to discuss any problems with the owners of the site.
- Date of Next Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 in the village hall Parish Council meeting at 6.45 p.m. followed by Annual Parish meeting at 7.30 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS FOR MARCH:

Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> .	Vill. Hall AGM	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> .	Parish Council	6.45pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> . 18 <sup>th</sup> .	Lunch Pot	10am – 2pm
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> . 12 <sup>th</sup> . 19 <sup>th</sup> . 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Dance Classes	2pm - 2.30pm & 5pm - 7pm
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> . 13 <sup>th</sup> . 20 <sup>th</sup> . 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Aerobics	9.30am - 10.30am
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> .	WI	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> . 14 <sup>th</sup> . 21 <sup>st</sup> . 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Bingo/Socials	7.30pm – midnight
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> . 8 <sup>th</sup> . 15 <sup>th</sup> . 22 <sup>nd</sup> . 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Weight Watchers	9.15am – 11.45am
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> .	Private Party	1pm – 3pm
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Private Party	12noon – 5pm
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> .	Workshop	9am – 4pm
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> . 9 <sup>th</sup> . 16 <sup>th</sup> . 23 <sup>rd</sup> . 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – midnight
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> ,	Private Party	1pm – 5pm
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> .	Causeway Projects	2pm – 5pm
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> . 16 <sup>th</sup> .	The Vine	11am – 1pm
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> .	Workshop	9am – 4pm
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<u>NEWSLETTER INFORMATION</u>: If you wish to place items in **Fiskerton Newsletter**, they MUST be with the editor before 19<sup>th</sup>. of the month. Items can be handed in at Wishing Well Stores, or they can be posted to Mrs L.Forman, 'Applegarth', Ferry Rd. Fiskerton, Lincoln LN3 4HU TEL: 01526 398316. You can also e-mail items to <u>fiskertonnews@btinternet.com</u>

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J 07897 480 404 - Lester Tyler

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Tues 4th Mar, Brigg Garden Centre & Mount Pleasant Windmill Tour, £20 Fri 14th Mar, X factor Live, Nottingham £43 Wed 26th Mar, Worcester, £22 Wed 9th April, Dancing on Ice, Nottingham, £48 Mon 14th Apr, Chesterfield Market, £18 Thurs 24th Apr. Cambridge, £22

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### Lisa Hurst Dance

Wednesdays at Fiskerton Village Hall

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#### LADIES BREAKFAST SATURDAY 1st. MARCH 2014



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We are meeting at 8.45am for 9.00am and after enjoying our breakfast, we will listen to our speaker ALISON HARBOURNE- all for £5.20.

Ladies going from Fiskerton can provide you with a lift so book your place by ringing Jan 01522 753432 or Ann 01522 800209.



## Charity Coffee Morning at Cherry Willingham Church Hall

from 10am - 11.30am on Saturday March 8th.

Come along for delicious coffee and cake, take a look at the Hall and meet up with friends. There will be a Traidcraft Stall for groceries and cards

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Saturday 15th March from 10am

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Interested in friendship, good food, good conversation and a great welcome? Come and join us for our next breakfast which is on Saturday March 15th

WHERE? Rosie Leas Café, The Parade, Cherry Willingham

TIME? 8.30am for 8.45am start.

Breakfast is usually followed by a talk from an interesting Christian speaker. We will finish by about 9.45am.

Cost - normally £5.20, payable when you arrive but........ If this will be your first breakfast with us, come and enjoy a FREE full English breakfast, but you do need to book in advance and mention this offer when booking. To book a place, or places, please email david@theburrows.net or ring 824936 by Wednesday March 12th.



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#### WHAT'S ON - MARCH 2014

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## NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE AND CHERRY WILLINGHAM BRANCH SURGERY DISPENSARY OPENING HOURS

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion regarding Dispensary opening times at our Cherry Willingham surgery. The Dispensary is open Monday 8.30 - 12.30 and 2.00 - 6.00. Tuesday to Friday the opening hours are 08.30 - 12.30. Full details regarding opening hours can be found on our website www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

#### PATIENT RECORD SHARING CHANGES

The Patient Record Sharing Changes have now come into action. This means that you will have new options about whether to share your GP electronic records with other local health services that use the SystmOne programme, such as District Nurses, Podiatry and A+E at Lincoln. Information leaflets are now available in the waiting room for patients to refer to. At your next visit you will be asked to complete a form indicating whether you would like to opt in to this new scheme or not. Members of the Patient Participation Group have been available in the Waiting Room to provide more information and help with the completion of the consent forms, alternatively please ask a member of staff for more details.

#### SMS MESSAGING SERVICE

The Practice is now able to provide SMS text messages confirming appointment details. When you next contact the surgery you may be asked for verbal consent to register for this service. Once registered a text message will be sent confirming appointment bookings immediately after the appointment has been made, and a further reminder will be sent the day before your appointment. Please can we request that all patients make sure that we hold the correct mobile phone numbers and notify the Practice of any changes.

#### MONTHLY EARLY CLOSURES FOR TRAINING 2014

In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1pm on the following afternoons. Emergency help is still available by calling 111.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April (due to Easter the surgery will re-open at 4 pm) Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Please note that the surgery will be closed Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April. We will be open as normal Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone - 01522 751717 When the surgery is closed please ring Freephone 111
WEBSITE - www.nettlehammedical.co.uk PRACTICE MANAGER - HELEN LUNN

<u>Cherry Willingham Community School:</u> In 2015 Cherry Willingham Community School will be 50 years old. Many of us, in the communities served by this village news, attended, or had children who were pupils at, the school. In preparation for the anniversary we would like to collect 'where are they now' anecdotes from past pupils. Memories of your time at the school would also be gratefully received. Please email to <a href="mailto:rachel.coxon@cwcs.lincs.sch.uk">rachel.coxon@cwcs.lincs.sch.uk</a> or post through the school letter box.

#### THANK YOU LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE NOMAD TRUST

Staff and students have received a thank you letter from the Nomad Trust for their help in providing a food donation for the charity in the week before Christmas. The letter stated that: "On behalf of the service users, volunteers, staff and Trustees, I would like to thank you for the kind donation of the food which we recently received. It is with the on-going support of individuals, churches, schools, businesses and groups that we are able to continue our work with the homeless and needy". The Nomad Trust is a Christian based registered charity which provides welfare services in the City of Lincoln for those who are homeless or otherwise in need. The Nomad Trust upholds the worth and dignity of all individuals and asserts that everyone should have the basic essentials of life, not least companionship. *Mr Brewer - Head of Year 11* 

#### STUDENTS BECOME TRAINEE FIREFIGHTERS

Seven boys from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue's 'Firebreak' programme. The course takes place at a working fire station and enables the students to become trainee fire fighters. The course offers the opportunity to be involved in physical challenges, a chance to learn fire fighting skills, first aid and develop communication as part of working in a team. The boys found the experience really positive and were congratulated on the way that they participated and took the opportunity to learn new skills. Mrs Burrows - Assistant Headteache

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We have recently re-launched the Witham Valley Access Project (WVAP) with the aim of improving the connections between communities in our area and developing a network of footpaths and cycle paths.

The project already has a strong foundation based on the work of the original Witham Access Project group. The latter was made up primarily of residents in the Cherry Willingham area and was active between 2008 and 2010. The group held a number of informal meetings and consultations with residents, organisations and interested people, which proved there was a strong, local desire for more cycle paths and footpaths. The Cherry Willingham community led plan (CW2020), produced in 2013, also emphasised the need for improved access to green spaces and the need for better cycle and footpath connections.

With this background in mind, the newly appointed committee agreed that the Project's priorities would be to develop:

- Access to the River Witham, the Viking Way and the Water Rail Way for walkers, cyclists
  and horse riders in the Cherry Willingham area
- 2. A Footpath/cycle route to Greetwell Church from Cherry Willingham
- 3. A Footpath/cycle route to Fiskerton Village from Cherry Willingham
- 4. Footpath/cycle route from Green Lane to Hawthorn Avenue.

Change is inevitable (as someone once said) and the new bypass has the potential to bring unwelcome change and disadvantages – such as the impact of the route from Wragby Road (now planned to cut off Hawthorn Road access to the villages of Cherry & Reepham etc). These are clearly not welcome. The original road bridge plan over the bypass is clearly the safe and practical option for all users.

But with these many challenges come opportunities too. The new road bridge the bypass will bring over the River Witham gives opportunity to link communities North and South of the river in a way that was not possible before. However, the fact that the bypass cycle route does not come down to join the foot / cycle paths on the north side of the river is clearly something to work on! Those present agreed the impact of the bypass should be used as an impetus to make sure that the wider needs of everyone in our area— not just car drivers and business commuters - are supported in a positive way.

It was also felt that a 'joined up' co-operative approach to other planned developments would also help to make a success of the proposed marina at Cherry Willingham as a resource and asset for all in the community.

So, with that in mind we would like to welcome all residents in the Witham Valley area – especially the residents of Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton, Reepham, Greetwell, Washingborough, Nettleham, and Langworth and the eastern edge of Lincoln - to contact us with your views, ideas and support.

The Project's present members have a strong Cherry Willingham and Hawthorn Road perspective but want to broaden the input and anyone wanting to take a more hands-on approach will be especially welcome!

You can contact us at: WVAP@outlook.com

Or just pop along to one of our meetings: Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014, or Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, both at 7.30 pm at the Millennium Hall *(the Parish Office – old Methodist Chapel)*, 16 High Street, Cherry Willingham, LN3 4AQ

We look forward to meeting you!

Jenny Robinson

(Chair Witham Valley Access Project)

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