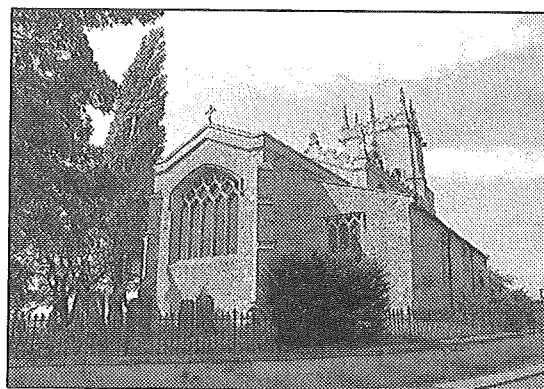


# *Fiskerton Parish News*

*May 2016*

## *West Lindsey Open Churches*



St. Clement's Church, Fiskerton

*Open*

Sat/Sun. May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 11am - 4.30pm both days

**CELEBRATING**

## **Our Glorious Building**

*History and Heritage, Architecture, Stained Glass,*

*Village Families, Registers etc. from the Archives*

*Tower Tours*

**Much more information inside**



### Curates's Blog:

May is one of those months when in the world around us, we start to see early summer flowers appearing and vibrant new green leaves fluttering on the breath of a breeze in hedgerows and on trees. There can still, of course, be a lingering chill in the early morning air, but the warmth of the summer sun is starting to make its presence felt. Throughout the year we have great seasonal changes, but for me May and September offer the starkest contrast to 'what was' and to 'what is to come'.

In the Christian church, May is also a month of looking at 'what was' and 'what is to come', and this year, three of our principal festivals all fall in May. They are namely 'The Ascension' the day we mark the risen Jesus, leaving this earthly life for good, and returning to the father. We also have 'Pentecost', which many of you will still know as Whitsunday. Pentecost is the day we remember the Holy Spirit coming to Earth. Coming to breathe Gods power into his disciples that they may now go forward and carry on the work of Jesus among all Gods people. This is something we believe continues to this day. And finally we reach 'Trinity Sunday', not a great feast in the sense that it marks the various guises of God coming or going, but a great feast in the sense that we celebrate God in all his guises, as Father, as Son and as Holy Spirit, the 3 in 1, the triune God, the Holy Trinity. As Christians, we believe the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are all expressions of the one true God, the one God who throughout time has been with humanity in different forms according to the seasons of our relationship with him.

We as human beings are like the bright summer flowers and the vibrant green leaves of the trees, we grow when the conditions are right, but we don't just grow, we can, and do, bloom! We bloom when we let our spiritual sides feel Gods presence, when we are nourished in so many other ways by God, than when we just rely on the functional nourishment that we provide for ourselves.

During Lent, the five weeks before Easter, around 35 people attended our weekly Lent Course, this year looking at religious works of art. They say a picture paints a thousand words, and I think in this case they were right. We had some amazing insights into Jesus, and his ministry. Many of which are difficult to extract from the written word, but the pictures allowed us to explore and realise how God interfaces with our world today, whether we experience him, accept him or not! And it is not too outrageous to say that many people blossomed during the course, a spiritual blossoming, I like to think the way nature and God intended. Eyes and minds were opened, and to many the step from 'what was' was taken and they started to look and think about 'what is to come'.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find details of the walk around all our 8 churches that Penny, myself and others are going to make in the week leading up to Pentecost (15<sup>th</sup> May). We will stop, think and pray along the way, it would be great for you to join us along the route, and maybe that might be just the step you need to go from 'what was' to thinking that maybe there is something more to come.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

Chris

#### **Lawres Group Clergy:**

Vicar: Revd Penny Green

01522 595596

[revdp@virginmedia.com](mailto:revdp@virginmedia.com)

Associate Priest: Revd Sue Bradley

Associate Priest: Revd Carol Bason

Assistant Curate: Revd Chris Hewitt

**Church Wardens** Mrs L. Forman

Applegarth, Ferry Road Fiskerton 01526 398316

(Fiskerton) 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)

**THANK YOU:** to Fiskerton WI for their kind donation of £20 towards the printing of the newsletter

**SERVICES for the Lawres Group****MAY 2016****1<sup>st</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

**9.15am Easter Praise at Fiskerton**

10.45am Holy Communion at Greetwell

4pm Messy Church at Reepham

**5<sup>th</sup>. Ascension Day (Thursday)**

8am (Said) Holy Communion at Langworth

7.30pm Holy Communion at Scothern

**8<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension Day**

9.15am Ascension Praise at Reepham

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

**2.30pm Remembrance Book Service at Fiskerton****15<sup>th</sup>. Pentecost****9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton**

10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

6.30pm Evensong at Cherry Willingham

**22<sup>nd</sup>. Trinity Sunday**

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham

10.45am Morning Praise at Cherry Willingham

**4pm Messy Church at Fiskerton****29<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday after Trinity**

10am Holy Communion at Reepham

6.30pm Evensong at Cherry Willingham

Holy Communion will be held at Cherry Willingham Church at 9.30am on:-

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 25<sup>th</sup>.**Service Rota**

May	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning	Flowers
1 <sup>st</sup> .	Jean Lunn	Carol Proctor Acts 16: 9 - 15	Lynda Forman Blacksmiths Rd.	Annette Townsend & Jean Lunn	G Walkinton
8 <sup>th</sup> .	A Townsend & L Forman				M Broad
15 <sup>th</sup> .	Carol Proctor	Gill Walkinton Acts 2: 1 - 21	CLERGY Lincoln Rd.	Mary Gibson & Lynda Forman	M Broad
22 <sup>nd</sup> .		Messy	Church		C Canner
June 5th	Gill Walkinton	Lynda Forman	A Townsend Scout Group	Carol Proctor & Sandy Massey	A Thompson

**Friends of St. Clement's Lottery:****APRIL Winners.**

£25: No. 19: Mr D Houlden

£5: No. 7 : Paul Forman

£10: No. 30: Iris Taylor

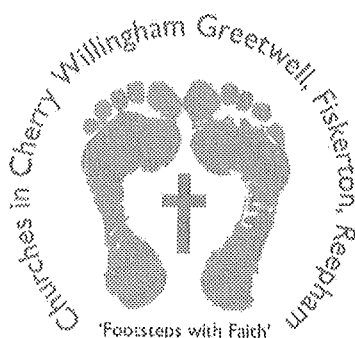
£5 No.46 : Mrs I Masterton

## Walking and Praying

Last month I talked in my blog about the Archbishops of Canterbury and York asking parishes to pray for their communities in the period between 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016. We have decided to Walk and Pray – walking from church to church and covering the 8 churches in our group – we also hope to call in at other churches and pray as we go along!

*If you are a praying person – come and join in! All welcome!*

*The plan goes like this.... (please note timings are approximate)*



### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

- 9 – 9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints, Greetwell
- 9.30am Walk to Cherry Willingham
- 10.30am Prayer in Cherry Willingham Church
- 11.00am Set off for Fiskerton
- 12noon Prayer in Fiskerton Church

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

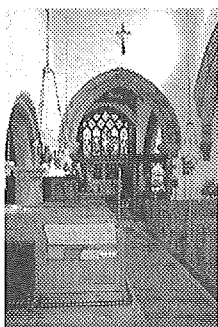
- 9.30am Holy Communion in Cherry Willingham Church
- 10.30am Walk to Fiskerton and straight onto Reepham
- 12 noon Pray in Reepham Church
- 12.30pm Walk to Barlings
- 1.45pm Pray in Barlings Church
- 2.15pm Walk to Stainton by Langworth
- 3.30pm Pray in Stainton by Langworth Church

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

- 10.00am Morning Prayer in Stainton by Langworth Church
- 10.30am Set out for Langworth Church
- 11.15am Pray in Langworth Church
- 11.45am Set out for Sudbrooke Church
- 1.15pm Pray in Sudbrooke Church

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- 3.00pm Pray in Sudbrooke Church
- 3.15pm Walk to Cherry Willingham Church
- 6.30pm Evensong at Cherry Willingham



## WEST LINDSEY OPEN CHURCHES WEEKEND

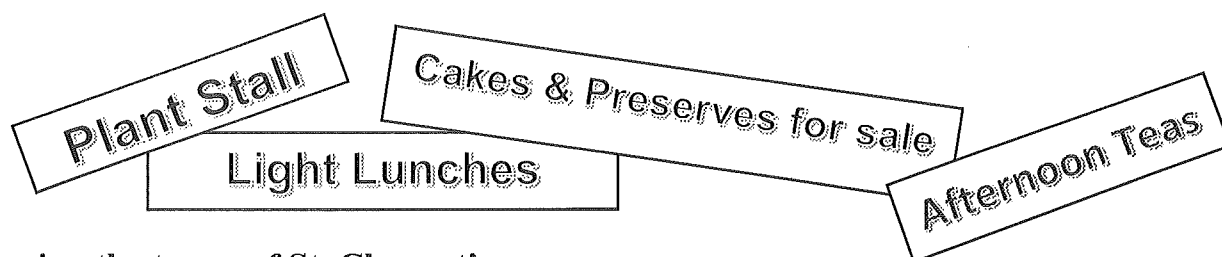
May 14th & 15th.

11am – 4.40pm

### OUR GLORIOUS and HISTORIC BUILDING

St Clement's has quite an imposing presence as you enter the village from the west and it has some architectural interest. So this year we have decided to celebrate this.

- On display will be all our records and registers usually held in the Lincolnshire Archives – dating back to 16<sup>th</sup> century
- A specially designed church trail to take you round all the interesting bits.
- Some graves will have information about the people and families buried there
- Village Scrapbooks of past events
- Power-point presentation of past West Lindsey Open Church Weekends
- AND**
- The opportunity to go up the tower (see below)



### Opening the tower of St. Clement's

As part of this weekend of celebrating St. Clement's Church, we are hoping to open the tower.

The **first floor** is from where the bells were rung. It also houses the clock mechanism which is accessible via a ladder to the platform.

The **second floor** houses the three bells. Sadly these are no longer rung.

The **third stage** is out onto the roof of the tower and is very steep, very narrow and dirty. You will need to be quite supple to get out onto the roof, but if you are able, the views across Fiskerton are worth it.

You do not have to go out onto the roof, you can still visit the first 2 floors.

We propose to take guided groups of up to 8 people at a time and to allow approximately 30 minutes per group. On the day you visit you will be asked to book in for a timed tour. It is not practical to allow unrestricted access because of the severe problem of people trying to pass each other on the steps.

There will be a charge of £2 per person

#### PLEASE BE AWARE:

- The Tower steps are worn, steep and uneven.
- The exit onto the roof is very dirty and narrow
- Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing
- If the weather is particularly 'inclement' we will not be able to allow access to the roof, the other 2 floors will be available to visit.
- You do this entirely at your own risk.

#### **Across the Benefice: Our Churches are open for the weekend as follows:**

*Cherry Willingham:* Sat. 10am – 4pm / Sun. noon – 4pm: Crafts, bric-a-brac, books & refreshments

*Greetwell:* 10am – 4pm both days; 'Farming over the last 100 years'

*Reepham:* Sat. 10am – 4pm / Sun. 11am – 4pm; 'Village Portraits'

*Langworth:* Sat. 10am – 4pm / Sun. 11am-4pm; Built 1960 – 62 and a lovely interior – worth seeing.

*Sudbrooke:* Sat. 10am – 4pm / Sun. noon – 4pm; Grade 2\* listed, opening for the first time. Do go.

### What's On in May In the Village:-

#### *Remembrance Book Service*

*St. Clement's Church will be holding a special **Thanksgiving Service** for those who have the name of family or friends entered into the Remembrance Book in Church.*

*This will take place on **Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30pm.*

***Everyone** is very welcome to attend this Service and remember loved ones, however long ago they passed away.*

*Refreshments will be served afterwards.*

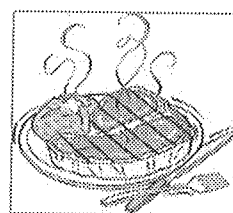
#### THE LUNCH POT

Do come and join us for lunch in the Village Hall.

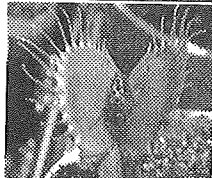
It will only cost you £3. 00 pp

The dates for May are **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. & 24<sup>th</sup>.**

To Book a place, please call Mary on 595291



#### Fiskerton Gardening Club:



On **Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>**, the speaker at Fiskerton Gardening Club will be Leigh Perkins on the subject of Carniverous plants.

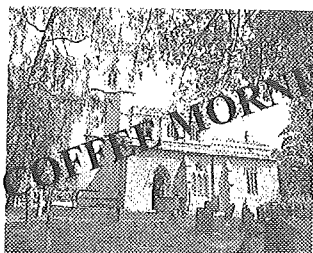
Meetings begin at 7.30pm and take place in Fiskerton Village Hall.



The next meeting of Fiskerton WI is on **Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We shall hear Sue Stephenson tell us about "Puddle Paddock" – a lighthearted look at the Makeover of an acre of land.

We are a very friendly group of ladies who would love you to come and see what the W I is all about.

It won't cost you anything to spend an evening with us, there is no Jam, just Jerusalem - and lots of cake!



#### **ARE BACK!**

May is upon us, which means our Coffee mornings in St. Clement's are BACK!

We would love to see you for coffee/tea and CAKE on .....

Tuesdays 17<sup>th</sup>. & 31<sup>st</sup>. May. 10am - 11.30am

There will be a raffle and book exchange as usual.



### Village Hall Bookings for MAY:

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Fiskertots	10am – 11.30am
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Karate Classes	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> .	Gardening Club	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> .	Parish Council	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Private Hire	7pm – 9pm
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Lunch Pot	10am – 2pm
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> .	Vill. Hall Comm.	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Dance Classes	2pm – 3pm & 5pm – 7pm
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> .	ELECTIONS	6am – 10.30pm
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Aerobics	9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> .	WI	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> .	NPG	7pm – 9pm
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Bingo/Social	7.30pm – 11.30pm
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Weight Watchers	9.30am – 11.30am
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> .	Private Hire	6pm – 11pm
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Social Evenings	7.30pm – 11.30pm
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> .	Prospects	2pm – 5pm

To make a booking or check availability please contact Jenny Hayes on 07510281

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

The Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) has had five meetings since the February Newsletter and update. The main points discussed have been: planning for the Consultation Event to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall, 7.00-9.00 pm, the expansion of the group which is a steering group of the Parish Council and the Fiskerton Housing Needs Survey to be conducted independently by Community Lincs. Regular communications have been maintained with WLDC and the Church Commissioners and a Facebook page has been established.

The Consultation Event on May 19<sup>th</sup> will be a landmark event for all those interested in maintaining Fiskerton as a viable rural village and a desirable place to live. All are welcome, I hope the Village Hall is full. The NPG will be presenting the draft plan for approval by those present and if it is approved it will be sent to WLDC for a further 6 week period of consultation and an examination of its content and policies. During the consultation period you will be able to make comments and suggestions to the NPG and WLDC and these will be carefully considered. After the adjusted plan is examined and passed by WLDC it will be put to the village residents as a referendum and if 50% or more accept the plan it will become part of the local planning law.

The NPG has expanded to 12 members, 4 Parish Councillors and 8 residents, to give a wider range of opinions and experiences. If you know any members of the group they will be happy to discuss the plan with you.

The Housing Needs Survey deadline was extended to the 10<sup>th</sup> April. Stuart Duckworth of Community Lincs tells me that he expects to complete the analysis and report before the end of April. He also reports that about 30% of the questionnaires have been returned which apparently is a good and higher than average return. Thank you to all those who returned theirs.

Robert Wall  
Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

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



### **DO YOU NEED TRANSPORT?**

If so, then RVS Lincoln may be of assistance to you. We run a countywide Community Transport Scheme especially for older people. This is a door to door service that gives you the freedom to get out and about. Whether it be to visit family and friends, go to a lunch club or do some shopping, health appointments, such as visits to hospitals, dentists, chiropodists or any other health related matters.

All journeys are mile based, so all you have to do is tell us where you would like to go and we will give you a cost for the journey. Most times our drivers will wait for you, so you are safe in the knowledge that the person that has driven you will also be able to help you if necessary. All our drivers have been DBS checked and carry identification. All you need do is ring our Transport Desk with your request whether it be a short local journey or a more distant destination. The Transport Desk is manned between the hours of 10.00am to 15.00pm on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, all other times just leave a message on our answerphone and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Our only stipulation is that you give us at least 3 working days notice to allow us time to sort one of our lovely drivers out for you!

**Our Transport Desk number is 01522 300506**

While the scheme has been up and running for some time, we feel now is the time to expand it to help older people who struggle with either, mobility or do not have the confidence to get out using other transport means, to lead a better quality of life throughout the County.

### **WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

If you are one of the lucky people who do not need to rely on others for transport and get on well with people then perhaps you might consider becoming one of our volunteer drivers. If you could spare some time (the amount you do is entirely up to yourself) and have the inclination to help others less fortunate then we would love to hear from you. You will receive generous expenses towards your costs. Interested? then ring RVS Lincoln on **01522 305313**

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**POLICE NEWS:** Nettleham Neighbourhood Policing Team, Police Station, Scothern Lane,  
Nettleham LN2 2TU E.mail [nettleham.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nettleham.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk) [twitter.com/npt-nettleham](https://twitter.com/npt-nettleham)

**Call your LOCAL Police: 101**

**Only in an EMERGENCY call 999**

**Thieves are targeting vans in our area, below are our tips to help stop this happening to you.**

- Try not to leave anything of value in your vehicle
- Sat Navs should be kept out of site with the cradle if not in use
- Additional locks on your van are a good idea
- If possible take tools out at night
- Security mark all your tools
- Although this may seem obvious make sure your van is locked when you leave it, try the door!

It is worth remembering that most thieves are opportunist and are looking for an easy way to steal, making their job harder minimises your chance of being a victim

Dear Patient,

Lincolnshire GPs are aware that some patients are finding it increasingly difficult to get the appointments and services that they need from us, and feel you should be made aware of some of the reasons this is happening.



Demand for general practice appointments has doubled in a decade. GP surgeries provide six appointments per year per patients on average, compared to three appointments per year a decade ago. UK general practice provides over one million appointments per day.

Bureaucracy has also increased, with ever more regulation from NHS England, Clinical Commissioning Groups, and the Care Quality Commission.

Increasing workload, increasing bureaucracy, and reduced funding to provide services, has caused low morale of general practice staff, doctors, nurses and administrators alike. GPs are concerned about patient safety, as they can no longer cope with the increased workload with reduced workforce. As a consequence, doctors are retiring early, or leaving the profession to work in other roles or other countries. There are currently over forty GP vacancies in Lincolnshire.

Despite the government's target that fifty per cent of doctors should be GPs, fewer junior doctors are coming into general practice training. Of thirty places on the Lincolnshire GP training scheme, only six have been filled.

GPs and surgeries want to provide patients with the best services that they can, and we are disappointed that the current climate does not allow us to do so. Please accept our apologies for this, and support us in our efforts to make general practice stronger and sustainable for the future.

We would like your help to improve this situation. Please contact your Practice's Patient Participation Group (PPG) to get more facts and figures. Please write to your MP to insist that they address this crisis in general practice. Your PPG will be able to tell you how to lobby your MP.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kieran Sharrock, Medical Director, Lincolnshire LMC Ltd

&

**Partners at Welton and Nettleham Medical Practices**

## What's On in May

## In the Area:-



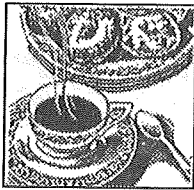
### **LADIES BREAKFAST**

Ladies come to the  
**ROSIE LEA CAFÉ, Cherry Willingham**  
for a good breakfast, friendship and conversation

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. 8.45 for 9.00am.**

Listen to a Christian speaker – this month it is Veronica Podbury from The Vine Church  
Cost: £5.20 - Lifts can be provided.

So come and join us by ringing Jan 753432 or Ann 800209



### **Charity Coffee Morning at Cherry Willingham Church Hall** **from 10am – 11.30am on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

This monthly coffee morning is always well supported and all profits go to charity.  
So please come along and enjoy coffee, cake and the opportunity to chat with friends old and new.



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### **Sunday Services – May**

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

All our services are now held in The Vine Centre, The Parade, Cherry Willingham (the Library building)

Coffee and cake are served from 10.45am and services start at 11.00 am

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 8pm**, Fiskerton  
**Souled Out** – after school on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm - hot dogs, games, life and faith for 11-14-year-olds

**The Mix for 11-17 year-olds**  
**Friday Nights 7pm Lots of different activities**  
**Tel 876996 for details**

For other church activities see  
[www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk)  
Or phone (01522) 872011 (Church Office) The Vine Community Church Reg. Charity 1142056 is part of the Ground Level Network of Churches

**The Third Thursday Book Club**  
*For women who love to read a good book, and talk about it with friends! It's on the third Thursday every month. You'll enjoy it, and meet new friends. We read a wide variety of great books, a different one each month. Free copies available*  
Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Tel : Veronica on 872011

**Cherry Willingham library has reopened**, operated by volunteers from The Vine Community Church. Opening hours are:- Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm & 3.30pm to 5.30pm  
Saturdays 10.00am to 12.00noon

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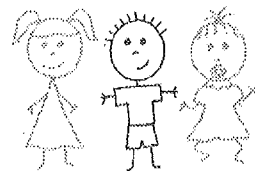
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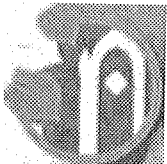
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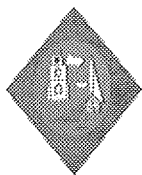


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**PLEASE NOTE:** *The opinions expressed in the following piece are the personal views of Councillor Darcel and do not necessarily represent the views of other local officers and organizations.*

**What's on for May?** The three big issues I see are the Fiskerton Neighbourhood Plan, the election of a Police Commissioner and all the extra houses planned for Cherry Willingham. But firstly, now that we have had some sunshine, it is a joy to walk the river bank. The rape and cornfields above Ferry Rd seem to come alive in the sun.

Starting with the Neighbourhood Plan, the Church Commissioners will be presenting their latest proposal to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) on May 17<sup>th</sup>, ready for the consultation event, on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you like the plan and vote yes, that's great, if you don't and say no, all it means is that the NPSG have to take note of your decision and rush back to the drawing board. We do need a Neighbourhood Plan but we need to get it right and to the satisfaction of as many residents as possible.

One proposal that has crossed my path several times recently is that some of the new housing is put either side of the suggested link road from Reephams Rd to down to Lincoln Rd. The road is shown on the draft document and skirts the western boundary of the village. This idea has a number of bonus points.

1 we would be building two smaller developments rather than one big new estate above Ferry Rd and

2 this new housing would pay for the link road to take traffic away from the High St and Plough Lane.

3 Lincoln bound traffic would not need to come through the village.

A Holmfield resident was first to voice the proposal. But there are other suggestions too.

The Cherry Willingham ward. I have lost count of all the new planning applications submitted for Cherry Willingham. If you add in the existing proposals outlined in the Local Plan the total must be approaching 900. If you add to that the 500 already approved for Greetwell, and the extra proposed houses for this village the Cherry Willingham ward will close on double in size over the next 20 years.

Not all these latest plans will be approved, but whatever happens there will be pressure on our existing services. This is one big reason we need a Neighbourhood plan. We do get a say in what goes where. I am not against new homes but I want to be sure we get something back that benefits the village.

Greetwell does not have a Neighbourhood Plan. Greetwell will get 500 new homes, but the Parish council will get nothing. Nothing to help build community spirit, increase the open space, build sports facilities or a village hall. The development will raise £2.2M S106 money as part of the deal for the County Council, yet not one penny will go to Greetwell.

With a Neighbourhood Plan we will have more control, but our negotiators must be alert to the needs and requirements of the village. I think the future for the village is exciting and this is an opportunity for the village to recover and enhance some of the facilities it has missed out on in recent years.

Later in the month we will be called to the polls again for the election of a police commissioner. As an individual I am not an enthusiast of either Police Commissioners, Mayors for Lincolnshire or unitary authorities.

If we have to have them, I would hope they will be independent of political parties and last time round in Lincolnshire, Independent candidates came both first and second. It will be interesting to see what the leaflets have to say this time....

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