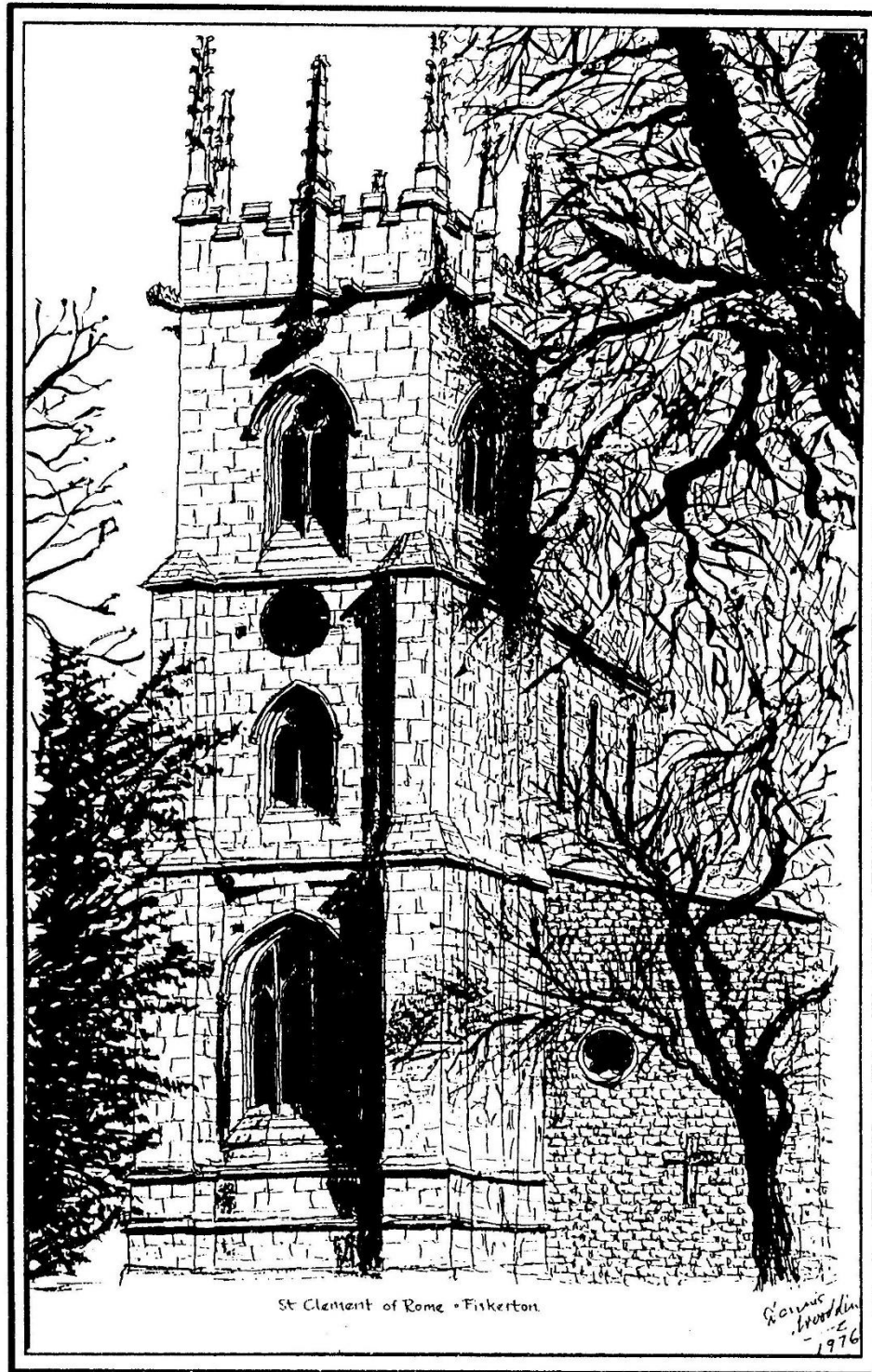


Fiskerton Parish News



January 2018

Vicar's Blog:

First of all may I wish you every blessing in the New Year and beyond!

Just before Christmas in the season of Advent we were reading these words from the last chapter of the book of Isaiah

*Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
We are the clay, and you are our potter.
We are all the work of your hand. ~Isaiah 64:8*

Isaiah wrote those words at a time in the history of Israel when something was very wrong. The people had been exiled out of their land, but had now returned. This is what they had dreamt of, to come back to their cities, to come back to their Temple and to find it as it was when they had been exiled. In fact they came back to devastation, Jerusalem was laid to waste, the Temple was gone. Something was very wrong. The prophet Isaiah weeps and wails over the devastation in the land and the uncomfortable truth that the people are responsible for this mess. He and the people yearn for the coming of a Saviour, someone who will tear open the heavens and set things right, someone who will come in a great show of majesty and power..... and then it changes with the words *Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter, we are all the work of your hand. Those are words, not of brashness or power, of God breaking in from the outside, they are words of closeness and intimacy, of God being invited in, of relationship and presence.*

What does it mean that God is the potter and we are the clay? Simply, the wisdom of the ages is that God prefers to work on us quietly and diligently, as we allow ourselves to be moulded by Him. We are all broken people in one way or another, none of us is the perfect specimen of humanity and we can all look for the quick fix from the outside – the job, the lottery ticket, the pill, the person who will make us feel better about ourselves, but ultimately its an ‘inside job’ that is needed for all of us.

I don't know if any of you have seen the Japanese art of Kintsugi – fixing broken pots and highlighting the cracks with gold or silver or bronze, to highlight the crack. It makes for pots more beautiful than when they were first created – this is a beautiful image for me of how God takes the scars of our lives and restores them to be something amazing – the key is to place ourselves into His hands and let ourselves be moulded. The only way that can happen is that we acknowledge His presence and His desire for relationship with us.

Once again, every blessing in this new year, and whatever you face may you know that God holds you in the palm of His hand.

Penny

Lawres Group Clergy:

Vicar: Revd Penny Green 01522 595596 revdpg@virginmedia.com

Associate Priest: Revd Sue Bradley

Associate Priest: Revd Carol Bason

Assistant Curate: Revd Chris Hewitt

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(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



MESSY CHURCH

3.30pm Monday January 15th. at Fiskerton Primary School

Lots of fun activities. All parents and children are very welcome.

Church Services for Lawres Benefice:**JANUARY 2018****7th. Epiphany**

9.15am *Epiphany Praise at Fiskerton*
 10.45am Holy Communion at Greetwell
 4pm Messy Church at Reepham

14th. Second Sunday of Epiphany

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 9.15am Epiphany Praise at Reepham
9.15am *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham

21st. 3rd. Sunday of Epiphany (week of prayer for Christian Unity)

9.15am *Holy Communion at Fiskerton*
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 4pm Family Worship at Reepham

28th. Candlemas

8am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
 9.15am Holy Communion at Reepham
 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham
5pm *Healing Service at Fiskerton*

Other Services

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

Wednesday **January 3rd. 10th. 17th. 24th. 31st.**

Evening Prayer will be held at Fiskerton at 4.45pm on:- Monday **January 8th. 15th. 22nd. 29th.**

St. Clement's Service Rota for January:

	Sidesperson	Reader	Intercessions	Cleaning
7th.	Sandy Massey	Carol Proctor Ephesians 3: 1 - 12	Lynda Forman Ferry Rd.	Carol Proctor & Sandy Massey
14th.	Jean Lunn	Jeanette Bocking Revelation 5: 1 - 10	Clergy Post Office	
21st.	Carol Proctor	Annette Townsend Revelation 19: 6 - 10	Clergy Orchard Rd.	Carole Mackinder
28th.		HEALING	SERVICE	
<i>Feb. 4th.</i>	<i>Frank Johnson</i>	<i>Paul Forman</i>	<i>Annette Townsend</i>	<i>Mary Gibson & Lynda Forman</i>



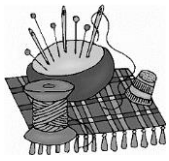
**Bereavement
Café**

2pm - 3.30pm Sunday 7th January
 In St. Clement's Church

A quiet and friendly place for anyone who is feeling the loss of loved ones, recent or otherwise. You do not need to talk about your bereavement; this is a chance to remember your loved ones and to be with others who have experienced loss.

Come and join us at our....

CREATIVE COFFEE MORNINGS, every Wednesday, starting **10th January**
at the Scout Hall (next to Village Hall) **10.15am - 11.45am**



Join in with creative activities if you wish,
(it's also fine just to come along for coffee and a chat.)



On 10th January we will want to hear about any activities that you would like.
At future sessions there will be a selection of things to try out, but for the first one
you may like to bring along something that you are currently working on yourself,
or you can join in with some quilt-making (full instructions given!)



Just turn up, but any questions, contact Carole 07935 977734
or carolem@dsl.pipex.com



Supported by St Clement's Church

'Friends of St. Clement's Lottery: December 2017 Winners

£25	No: 22	Marilynne Dunkling	£10	No: 18	Sandy Massey
£5	No: 25	Diane Moore	£ 5	No: 2	Lynda Forman

IT IS NOT TOO LATE: If you would like to Join the "Friends of Saint Clement's Lottery".

The cost is £2 per month. For this you have a chance of winning £25, £10, £5 or £5.

Please contact P E Forman, Applegarth, Ferry Road, Fiskerton Lincoln LN3 4HU

or Tel: 01526 398316 or email: pauleforman@btinternet.com. For further information.

Parking on Blacksmith Lane:

When parking to attend Church services, would drivers please take care not to park too close to the junctions either end of Blacksmith Rd. Concerns have been expressed that an accident could be caused, or that a car could be hit. Thank you for your consideration.

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St. Clement's Church Boundary Wall: UPDATE

Many of you will have noticed how much better the wall is looking. Indeed quite a few people have commented positively on it and on the excellent work of our stonemason Paul Booth. The Western end has been repaired so far with Lincolnshire rubble stone and it is the intention of the PCC to continue with the same material to the North Gate. When all the rendering was removed it revealed that the eastern end of the wall is Industrial red brick which is in quite good condition. This will be cleaned up and have new lime mortar pointing. However, we now have to pause a while. This second stage of work cannot take place until further permissions have been granted and until the St. Clement's has raised some finance to complete the re-building and repointing. This is a tricky business, as there are few -if any- grants available for walls! We are, however, undaunted and have some ideas which we will tell you about in the new year when they are finalised. However, we are open to suggestions too! So if anyone has a good idea to raise money and help us finish this task (which certainly improves the look of the Village), then please get in touch with either of the Church Wardens. Thank you.

Fiskerton WI

We meet on 2nd. Thursday of each month in Fiskerton Village Hall. The meetings begin at 7.30pm.

The January Meeting is our annual dinner, however we shall meet as normal on February 8th. when it is all about Medieval Dances.

We are a very friendly group of ladies and would welcome some new members.

For more information ring 01522 595291





Are you over 55? Do you want to keep your mind and body active, meet new people, maybe learn new skills, or do you have a skill you could pass on to others? Do you like listening to interesting and informative talks on a wide variety of subjects? If so, come along to **Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall, Hawthorne Road** on the third Thursday morning of each month (10am-12noon)

Our first speaker of 2018, on January 18, is Martin Lloyd with what promises to be

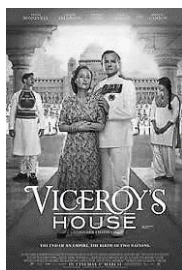
intriguing presentation on Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies. This is followed on February 15 by Ella Beale who is speaking on behalf of St Barnabas Hospice. A local organisation well worthy of support.

You can Google us - Witham U3A, Lincolnshire is the easiest way. Here you will find a list of all our groups with something for everyone, including architecture, bridge, craft, walking and many more.

We are a friendly group. No need to book, **just turn up**, have a cup of tea/coffee, and get to know us.

Flix In The Stix - Fiskerton January Screening

Flix in the Stix continues its monthly film screenings at Fiskerton Village Hall in the new year.



On Thursday 18th January they will be showing 'Viceroy's House' (2016)

The film is a historical drama based on true events surrounding the titular house in Delhi, which was the home of the British rulers of India. After 300 years, that rule was coming to an end. For 6 months in 1947, Lord Mountbatten, great grandson of Queen Victoria, assumed the post of the last Viceroy, charged with handing India back to its people. The film's story unfolds within that great House. Upstairs lived Mountbatten

together with his wife and daughter; downstairs lived their 500 Hindu, Muslim and Sikh servants. As the political elite - Nehru, Jinnah and Gandhi - converged on the House to wrangle over the birth of independent India, conflict erupted. A decision was taken to divide the country and create a new Muslim homeland: Pakistan. It was a decision whose consequences reverberate to this day.

Each ticket for the screenings will cost £4, half of which is donated to the village hall committee or parish council for use within the venue or local community. Blueprint: Film Foundation are a non-profit organisation and all other box-office proceeds will be put towards running the project. Food and drinks will also be available at each screening, with all proceeds going to the local village hall committee.

Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm

For more information about the film programme, visit www.flixinthestix.co.uk

You can also stay up to date by 'liking' Flix In The Stix on Facebook at www.facebook.com/flixinthestixlincolnshire or by following them on Twitter @FlixInStix.



Fiskerton Community Lunch Club:

We shall meet for lunch on Tuesday **January 9th. and 23rd.**

If you are unable to attend then please leave a message on: 07919-935967



LADIES BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 6th JAN. 2018



Come and join us for a full English breakfast at '**Rosie Lea Café, Cherry Willingham.**

We meet **at 8.45am for 9.00am** and after enjoying our breakfast, we listen to our speaker – Janice Duke – **all for £5.20.**

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

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Newsletter Information:

Items for the **FEBRUARY** edition MUST be with the Editor BY **JANUARY 18th**. Items can be posted to Mrs L Forman 'Applegarth' Ferry Rd. Fiskerton LN3 4HU or TEL: 01526 398316 or

Email: fiskertonnewsletter@btinternet.com

Items arriving after this date cannot be guaranteed to be included.

Christopher Darcel, one of your 3 West Lindsey Councillors. Tel 01522 750411
or email chris.darcel1@gmail.com

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 organisations.

Happy New Year!

I have not had much time since the last newsletter to think about what to say in this New Year's January 2018 edition. The Luncheon Club's Christmas dinner was a great success and that the previous dinner I jokingly said I would like a "yo-yo" for Christmas. And guess what popped out of the Christmas cracker!

I did enjoy the little I saw of the Christmas Market. I went on Saturday afternoon got frozen! I was particularly impressed the Mediaeval Market but I can see it would have been a bit of a quagmire if the snow had been falling. I feel very sorry for the traders who lost a day's trading and had to write off considerable sums of money for unsold stock. I am quite relieved it wasn't me who had to make the decision to close the market. However, there were a number of things I wished I'd mentioned earlier in the year.

The most important is my regrets at the closure of the village shop. I know I am not alone. However, the world and markets are always changing and entrepreneurs have to be free to make their choices. I would like to thank Steve and Rachel for the excellent service they provided to the village over the last 12 or 13 years and I am sure many of you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and to wish them well for the future, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Generally, though, I am not sorry the year is coming to an end. I am tired of BREXIT, spending cuts, price rises, council tax rises, poor roads, and services being axed. I am looking forward to having a very Merry Christmas with my family. I will be turning off the television news programmes and forgetting the world outside. What Bliss.

Regards West Lindsey, there is little I can say at this moment in time other than much of our future "Community Infrastructure Levy" or "CILs", remember them, will be sent in paying for the bypass.

This is an inevitable disappointment and I'm sure it was not what the intended purpose was behind their introduction. Four or five years ago I was so hopeful that the money raised from CILs would be spent on improving the infrastructure of this ward and in our local communities. Who knows we might even have had a swimming pool in Cherry Willingham! Once again most of the money raised in the village will go elsewhere. Fortunately though, it is not all doom and gloom. I have just read the latest Neighbourhood Plan Documents on the Fiskerton Parish website. It looks brilliant and most professional!

And the two open spaces on the Holmfield estate and the pond at the Ridings have been given protection in this plan. This is great news and is one battle I am delighted I do not have to fight.

However, I am disappointed that while the documents look most professional and glossy there are a number of the incorrect statements and judgements made that need challenging and corrections issued. I have no wish to detail them here but if you are concerned about the future of the village I would recommend you spend some time reading the documents. As one of your three district councillors and a resident on the Holmfield estate the future of the village is important to me. We need to get it right.

I will be delivering a condensed, detailed critique for the New Year and I invite you to be the judge.

If you have any concerns about the neighbourhood plan or any other West Lindsey District matter please contact me either by phone on (01522) 750411 or by email to Chris.darcel1@gmail.com

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**For your diary- 9 March 2018: Following our very popular music evenings in Reepham Church this year, we have arranged another musical treat.**



An Dha is Gaelic for "The Two" and is the name of a duo who play violin and cello.

Sarah and Jaya have been classically trained and they specialise in playing and composing Gaelic music alongside classical, jazz, pop and folk music. They have received awards for their playing and their compositions have been "Track of the Month" on BBC 3.

It will be an evening of foot-tapping music to suit all tastes and ages. More details to follow.

**Cllr. Ian Fleetwood's - December 2017 brief: What's happening in the public sector in Lincolnshire.**

**Autumn Budget 2017 reaction:** Cllr Colin Davie, Executive Member for Economy and Place, said:

*"The chancellor has had little room for manoeuvre recognising the OBR economic forecasts, but he has recognised the importance of putting the country on a strong footing for life after Brexit."*

**Share your views on part-night streetlighting:** Local residents, businesses and organisations are being asked to take part in a survey on the impact of part-night streetlighting as part of a formal review. All responses must be received by 5pm on Friday 5 January. For more details see our website. In April 2016, the council began a streetlight transformation programme, in a bid to save £1.7m per year from the £5m annual streetlighting budget. Around 42,000 streetlights are now switched off between midnight and 6am.

**Lincolnshire goes online with new marketing website:** It's become easier for businesses to shout about Lincolnshire and everything the county has to offer thanks to a new website.

marketinglincolnshire.com has been launched as an online toolkit for Lincolnshire businesses, helping them to create tailored content to showcase the best things about living, working, visiting and investing in Lincolnshire.

**National recognition for LCC social work recruitment campaign:** Congratulations to our social work recruitment team – Sam Clayton, Nikita Lord and Paige Hancy - who were runners-up out of hundreds of entries in the national Guardian Public Service Awards 2017. Applications for social work positions have increased dramatically and spending on agency workers is down by 45%, thanks to an innovative campaign involving digital media and input from frontline staff.

**LCC Insurance and Risk Team national award recognition:** A Children's Services Guide to Managing Risk, produced by public risk management association Alarm, collaborating with our insurance and risk lead Mandy Knowlton-Rayner, has achieved national recognition. The guide gained the Public Sector Risk Management Award at the CIR Risk Management Awards 2017 at a ceremony in London.

**New pumps help Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue improve flood response:** Prepared for flooding! Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue have taken delivery of new equipment to help county residents when flooding occurs. Two new 4x4 vehicles, complete with trailer-mounted flood pumps, have now been delivered to the services' Waddington Training Facility, funded by the county council. The new equipment, which will be operational by mid-December, will mean that firefighters can deal with flooding more quickly and efficiently.

**Sexual health services for young people from age 13:** The Lincolnshire Integrated Sexual Health service now delivers a service focused on young people aged 13 to 19, and up to 25 for those with Special Educational Needs. To find out more, please see the LCC website. This is all part of the new way of delivering health services for children and young people.

**Make saving on your fuel bills your New Year resolution for 2018:** One way might be to investigate switching electricity and gas providers. Check out the Lincolnshire Energy Switch scheme - you could save a substantial amount. Registration opens on December 5 but does not commit you to anything. The last day to register is Monday, February 12.

**Dressed to Kill – Arms and Armour at the Castle:** View a selection of real arms and armour from Tudor to Victorian times in this Lincoln Castle exhibition on show until 31 December. Imagine the warriors and soldiers who would have worn and used these arms and armour.

**National Gallery exhibition to Lincoln:** Turner Prize nominee George Shaw brings National Gallery exhibition to Lincoln. "My Back to Nature" will be at The Collection from Saturday 4 November until Sunday 14 January 2018. The Collection is open from 10am to 4pm, daily. Entry is free. For more information, visit www.thecollectionmuseum.com.

**Tutankhamun's tomb:** The discovery of **Tutankhamun's tomb**, The Collection hosts a unique exhibition, from 10 November – 28 January, about the photographs that Stamford-born Harry Burton took during the decade-long excavation. Admission is free of charge.

**Cllr. Ian Fleetwood**

**Bardney & Cherry Willingham division.**

**Tel: 07921 161113 or Email: cllri.fleetwood@lincolnshire.gov.uk**



The Vine Community Church welcomes people from every background. Up-to-date and informal in style, offering hope, faith and friendship

**Sunday Services** – every Sunday, 11am at the Vine Centre, The Parade,

Cherry Willingham. These are family-friendly and include activities for young people and kids too. Coffee & cake from 10.45. **Also**, evening groups for adults, Souled Out for teens on Friday evenings, That Saturday Thing for kids 6-11, Coffee Connect Friday mornings 10.30am, bible study, drama group, community choir, book club. All these activities are free – Tel 872011 for details.

**The Vine** supports children's projects in Kenya and is a partner church of Open Doors UK, helping persecuted Christians around the world. Alongside other churches in this area we also support **Assist** – a project which provides help to vulnerable people in the local community. **Our values are:** Passion for Jesus, Building Faith, Authenticity, Impacting Life, Abundance and A heart for the least and the lost [www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.org.uk)

**The Vine** is a member of the Ground Level Network of Churches in Lincolnshire

Library sessions are provided in the Vine Centre as part of the community work we support.

Opening Hours : Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm & 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Saturdays 10.00am to noon

### **CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR**

We are.....  
Looking forward to 2018  
So what are you waiting for?



Come along to  
**The Vine Centre**  
(Library) LN3 4JL  
The Parade  
**Cherry Willingham**  
7.30-9.00pm  
when

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 2018

We will be singing a variety of songs.

For more info please contact  
Jane Mob. 07720050214  
E-mail [janegeorge24@gmail.com](mailto:janegeorge24@gmail.com)  
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### **ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH.....**

Would like to thank everyone in Fiskerton who supports this Newsletter by advertising annually or by donating to the printing of it.

We would like to thank The Vine Church for their recent, very generous donation.

### **The Pembroke Press Monthly News Bulletin**

This month we want to share how much we are working alongside our local primary schools. In fact we are running out of hours in the week. We follow Cherry, Reepham and **Fiskerton** on Twitter and are often tagged in posts allowing us to share the work of our students. Pembroke is highly active within our primaries and is bringing all students and staff together this festive season on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December by hosting a Christmas Arts Celebration Evening. Performances from all year groups along with their art work will be show cased on this evening. This evening brings together work schools have done independently but also work they have done alongside Pembroke staff. All are welcome, so we hope you can join us.

**Fiskerton Primary** are showcasing the stunning vocals of their Young Voices singing group who will perform in Sheffield at a big competition in January, in which we wish them luck and are honoured to hear their songs before the judges. Their year 3&4 class will be showing off their felt making skills in the art exhibition

With the support of Pembroke teachers, our local primary students are exploring opportunities to develop art skills, literacy and will soon be challenged in Mathematics. We are thoroughly enjoying working together and exciting all our learners to become curious resilient students. Our pirate day was truly fantastic and enjoyed by all year 6 students. They completed a PE pirate assault course, mathematical problem solving, creative wave writing, skull drawings and also science practical's which enabled them to learn new skills and be enthused for secondary school subjects in an engaging thematic way.

Look out for more primary liaison news by following us on our twitter and facebook pages.