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EVENT & LOCATION	DATE & TIME
Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Council Annual Meeting and Parish Council May Monthly Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 14 th May 6.30pm
Horncastle Young Stagers: Wind in the Willows, Lion Theatre	Thu 15 th - Sat 17 th May 7.30pm
Rogation Sunday, Bag Enderby St Margaret	Sunday 18 th May 10am
Tetford Cricket Home Game, the Rec	Sunday 18 th May 1.30pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 20 th May 2-4pm
Tetford Walking Group Walk, meet Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 21 st May 9.50am
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 27 th May 2-4pm
Reading Group	Friday 30 th May 7pm
Informal Worship, Tetford St Mary	Sunday 1 st June 10am
Tetford Cricket Home Game, the Rec	Sunday 1 st June 1.30pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 3 rd June 2-4pm
Tetford Walking Group Walk, meet Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 4 th June 9.50am
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Tetford Cricket Home Game, the Rec	Sunday 8 th June 1.30pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 10 th June 2-4pm
School Sports Day	Wednesday 11 th June
Parish Council June Monthly Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 11 th June 7.30pm
TTOTAS Copy Deadline	Friday 13 th June
Eucharist, Brinkhill St Philip	Sunday 15 th June 6pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 17 th June 2-4pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 24 th June 2-4pm
School Summer Fair	Friday 11th July from 15:45

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**THIS MONTH** Mark Moscrop takes us on an exotic journey and we have an innovation in the form of our first crossword, from Shirley Muirhead. May is the month for the Annual Parish Meeting for all residents, although this issue may arrive on your doorstep after the event. Let’s hope we get/got a good turnout! There’s a large Arts and Culture section including poems, a short story and the film rundown, plus chapter three of ‘Kia and the Headless Monk’ – the tension is terrifying! We have started the build-up to Tetford’s two major summer events, the Flower and Vegetable Show and Terrier Racing on the Rec – see you there! The Edward Richardson School features strongly, as it quite rightly should, including a photo on the back cover, and we have a tricky Children’s quiz all about Lincolnshire – adults should try it too! Plus most of our regulars to boot. Happy reading!

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**Please keep us up to date** by submitting dates and details of your events **well in advance of our deadlines, around the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month**. And please, please bring us NEWS!

# NEWS ROUND UP ROUND THE VILLAGES

## TETFORD

**THE TIMES OF TETFORD & SALMONBY** can now be viewed on the Parish Council website <https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> Find it under "VIEW ALL PARISH INFORMATION". And the pictures are in colour!!

**THE HONESTY SHOP** outside the Mansion House in Little London opening times now include Bank Holidays as well as Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8am 'til dark. Cash or QR Code. Contact: [odile@the-mansion-house.com](mailto:odile@the-mansion-house.com)

**SALMONBY BENDS.** Please everyone keep complaining! The Salmonby Bends are a mess, and potholes are gradually reappearing in spite of the dry weather! Email Alex McGonigle our new County Councillor at [clla.mcgonigle@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:clla.mcgonigle@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or write to Mr McGonigle at c/o Democratic Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln, LN1 1YL or find 'Salmonby' on FixMyStreet Lincolnshire or go to [lincolnshire.gov.uk](https://lincolnshire.gov.uk) and find 'Roads and Transport.' A link to FixMyStreet can also be found on the Tetford Parish Council website. <https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

**THE SPRING LITTER PICK** took place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Trevor Cawthorne, the organiser, writes: *"Many thanks to the large number of people who took part. There were so many that we ran out of hoops to hold the bags open and I had to manage without a litter picking stick. I'll get some more from the council before the next litter pick, which will be in September/October. It was heartening that there was a relatively small amount of rubbish this time. No doubt there will be more after the summer."* (see photo of the resulting litter pile in the Parish Council section)

**CRICKET.** The 2025 cricket season started at home on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> with a defeat at the hands of Grimsby Town. Tetford scored 94 all out, while Grimsby romped home with 96 for 5. We were away to Clee Town Laportes on May 11<sup>th</sup> (result next month) and will be home to the same team on the 18<sup>th</sup>. No game on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, home to Alford on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, home to South Bank on the 8<sup>th</sup> and away to Cleethorpes on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the club the contact details are in the *Activities and Facilities Section*.

**HAMILTON HALL.** The faults which have led to intermittent leakages through the kitchen ceiling have now been fixed.

**THE LOCAL PLAN** which is already delayed waiting for the Government to clarify a new planning perspective at local level now faces a new level of cynical risibility due to the change in political colour at county level. Chaos and confusion reign as usual, no doubt encouraging the unscrupulous to exploit the control vacuum.

**THE TETFORD & DISTRICT FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW.** The schedule for this event on the 26<sup>th</sup> July will be on its way to you shortly.

**TETFORD TERRIER RACING 2025** Ali Sparks, Secretary of the Tetford & Salmonby Recreation Ground Trust.... writes,

*"Dear all, If you are able to help us set up the marquees for Terrier racing on Thursday 10 July at 6 pm (on the Rec) then as usual we would be very grateful for any help. If you can spare an hour on the afternoon or evening of 11<sup>th</sup> to help with the final prep then please let Alison know.*

*Many thanks and we are hoping for good weather, speedy terriers and to see you all there!"*  
Alison, Secretary, [alisparks@sky.com](mailto:alisparks@sky.com)

*The Times of Tetford & Salmonby will be at the Terrier Racing so come and have a chat! (Ed)*

**THE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY** will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** and the **SUMMER FAIR** will be held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** from **15.45**

**PARISH COUNCIL** Both the Monthly Parish Council Meeting for May 2025 *and* the Parish Council Annual Meeting (AGM) will be held in the Hamilton Hall on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, as displayed on the official poster. Unfortunate timing and prevarication over the format of the evening has meant that this issue of The Times of Tetford may be delivered after the event.

Preceding these meetings, also to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and starting at 6.30pm in the Hamilton Hall, the *Annual Parish (Residents') Meeting* is an event for all the village, and all residents should attend.

This is because the Council will present its annual report to the residents, village-wide issues will be discussed and it is hoped that our District Councillor, Daniel Simpson, and our new County Councillor for Louth Wolds, Alex McGonigle, will attend, in order to justify their existence, clarify what the latest election result implies and explain how they intend to improve life for all of us.

**THE BOWLS CLUB** will be taking a break from the beginning of June until the first Tuesday of September.

**VANDALISM IN TETFORD** Two incidents of vandalism have been reported to the magazine this month. The 30mph speed limit sign on the telegraph pole outside the School in North Road has had the bottom left-hand corner of it broken off. It was found lying on the grass below. It would have taken quite a lot of strength to break it off, so is unlikely to have been done by a youngster. Also, it seems that someone has deliberately broken the front timber rail of the wooden bench seat immediately outside the Village Surgery, possibly by jumping on it.

**FOOT PATH No. 30** The footpath diversion which runs from the junction of Church Lane and Clay Lane in Little London to the start of Tetford Hill has been approved by the Secretary of State. See planning application S/177/00284/22.



# TETFORD & DISTRICT FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW IS BACK FOR 2025

SHOW DATE: Saturday 26 July 2025.

Exhibits to be in the hall by 11.30pm. Show open to the public from 2pm. Sell off of produce from 3pm.

We think growing flowers and vegetables is for everyone. So, we want as many people as possible to join in. There really is a category for everyone. Don't forget if you are not a grower there is the produce section with cakes, jams, bread, chutneys and more.



New this year is a craft section too:

- A piece of handmade jewellery.
- A decorated, wrapped present, no bigger than a shoe box.
- A knitted item.
- An item crafted by wood.

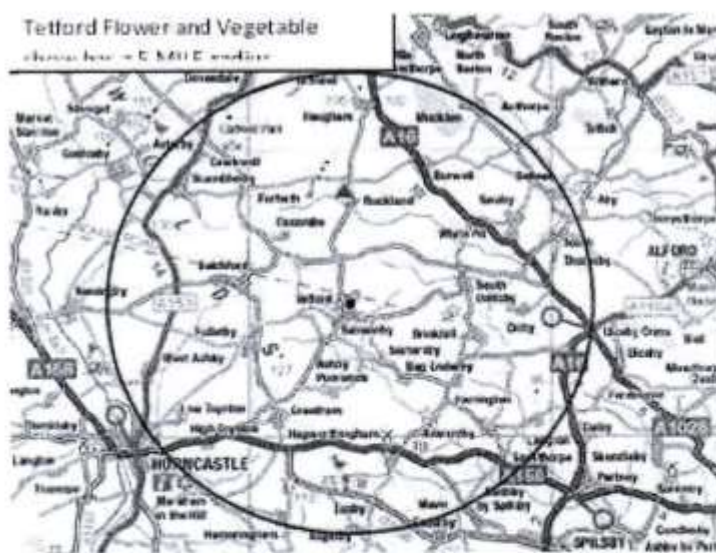
Afternoon teas are available.

At the end of the show there will be the selling off of the produce donated by entrants and a raffle. Any profits will go to a local charity.

The schedules are to be put through letter boxes of Tetford and Salmonby soon and published on the Tetford Matters Facebook.

Anyone who lives within a 5 mile radius of Tetford can enter the Tetford and District Flower and Vegetable show. Children who enter can live anywhere!

If you'd like more information please email [tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com](mailto:tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com)





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8 x glass display cabinets each 39cm (wide) x 35cm (deep) x 163 cm (high), all with lights & 4 shelves **£40 each (discounts for 2+)**

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# THE BEST EXOTIC SRI LANKAN HOTEL

Or 5 hotels in our case !

As I sit on the plane home reminiscing, I now understand why our neighbours in Tetford have disappeared to this neck of the woods each winter/spring, for months at a time and even lived there for a while.



Our trip started at Negombo peninsular near Colombo with lagoon one side and Indian Ocean the other, street dogs and pups played in the crashing surf. On leaving, we stopped at a rather potent dried fish market, where a whole flock of

Egrets watched intently as the men brought ashore the latest catch.

Dambulla



Dambulla 1st century caves, a UN world heritage site followed, although the coach did have to stop to allow the wild elephant on the roadside to miss the oncoming traffic which was giving it a very sensible wide berth. At the receiving hotel, we even had an elephant waiting for us on the bed (the very rare towel kind).



At our next destination, we climbed the 600 foot towering Sigiriya rock (aka Lion Rock). The Royal Botanical



Gardens near Kandy were next, where we saw a tree planted by our late great Queen Elizabeth, before visiting the temple where people in searing heat queued



for 6-12 hours to see Buddha's actual tooth. Eagles soared overhead watching for any unaccompanied flagging children.

We then stopped off for a cup of Ceylon tea at a plantation, before ascending with amazing views to 7000 feet in Nuwara Eliya, nicknamed 'Little England' where the climate was cool, just like a hot summer's day could get used to it, we Ravana Elle waterfall where nicknamed Scary Spice a British couple jived away. Macaques (monkeys with dismay whilst chomping on drinking half full bottles of



back home. Before you were off again via the a local one man band murdered a few tunes as 'The local Toque toupées) watched in their corn cobs and discarded Tango !

The next day felt like one of those TV travel competitions, where we travelled by bullock and cart ride down a very bumpy dirt track (knew I'd packed that Preparation H cream for a reason!), before disembarking to awaiting paddle boat, then onto our final evening entertainment by Tuk Tuk. What was it? Yes, it was a brightly coloured local drum/dance/fire breathing/hot coal walking variety act with no requirement for Health and Safety apparently...just a smell of spent kerosene and 'singled' eyebrows.

Next on the cards was a trip with lots of 'oohs and aahs' up call/visit to Yala National saw the elusive Leopard. crocodile, hornbills, eagles, peacocks and mongoose



to a baby elephant sanctuary followed by a 4.30am wake Park where some lucky folk Still, the water buffalo, kingfishers, dancing made up for it for me.

Back on the coach we headed off via the old Dutch Fort (circa 1668) at Galle, stopping at a daytime bat colony on the way before arriving at our final hotel in Kalutera on the coast. Here we took another optional boat tour via mangroves; locals demonstrated cinnamon bark collection before heading off to see/hold Monica, one of the locals at the Victor Hasselblad Turtle preservation centre.



We ended the holiday with a seafood platter at a local beach BBQ, followed by dancing. Just as we were leaving, a fellow traveller decided to let her hair down along with most of her clothes and leapt into the water. I thought Group Accountants would have known better ! Someone else commented "Why is it always the ones that you don't want to take their clothes off !"



This island was alive 24/7, with most of the abundant fish, bird and mammal life probably living on constant high alert of being something's next snack. Our tour guide had been previously stung on both cheeks by a friendly scorpion, had a giant millipede down his shirt and a 10 foot crocodile in one of the hotel swimming pools. My last experience was being a few feet away from the 'Mother of all Water Monitor Lizards', a 7 foot dinosaur in the stream behind the last hotel.

All I can say is "What a place !" If variety is the spice of life, then that is Sri Lanka !

Mark Moscrop



# The Men on the Tetford War Memorial by Jonty Wild

**Stoker 1st Class 288420, 1/5th Bn. Royal Navy. Died 10/05/1916, aged 35.**

Ernest was born on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1878, in the Newport area of Lincoln, and was the first child of John Sutton Clarke and his wife Harriet, born in Lincoln and Marston respectively and married in 1876. Ernest had three younger siblings.

In 1881 the family were living with Harriet's parents, William and Elizabeth Leighton, in the hamlet of Kingthorpe, Lincs. Harriet's father was a farm bailiff, employing six labourers and six boys. John was working as a machine erector.

By 1891 they had moved to Church House, Christ's Hospital Terrace, Lincoln. John was now a threshing machine erector. All the Clarke family listed above were present, plus Hetty Williamson, their 'general servant domestic'.

The census does not always explain the family situation, and this is the case in 1901. His father was found boarding at 69 Ashbourne Close, Lincoln with Ernest's brother, John, who was at school. John (senior) was working as a machine fitter/erector. Ernest's mother was found at a house in Main Road, Bourne, listed as a housekeeper, the only other occupant was Alfred C Bratley age 67. Perhaps husband and wife both had temporary employment, or perhaps the marriage had broken down. The 1911 census might have clarified the situation, but this has not yet been found.



STOKER ERNEST CLARKE.

Ernest was also found in the 1901 census and was listed in a Royal Navy census return, as single and a member of the crew and stoker aboard HMS Victorious. In fact he had enlisted as a stoker on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1898, aged 20, for a period of 12 years. He was 5' 3 1/4" and recorded as having brown hair and brown eyes – *although, curiously, he was later recorded as blue-eyed!*

His pre-war service was extensive and many ships and shore-based training establishments are listed. He was promoted to Stoker First Class on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1906, while on board H.M.S. Revenge. He left the Royal Navy on April 19<sup>th</sup> 1910 with his character always recorded as 'Very Good'.

At 31 he married Jessie Kate Keal in 1910 – she was about 10 years younger and was born in Great Carlton, Lincs. They moved into 22 Kent Street, off Monks Road, Lincoln, and he worked as a stationary engineer for a mineral water manufacturer. There were no children listed in the 1911 census, but later there was a daughter Elsie R S, born July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1912.

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1914, he re-enlisted, or more likely was recalled from the Naval Reserve, for the duration of hostilities as a Stoker First Class, and after a short period was assigned to HMS Laertes on September 4<sup>th</sup>. It was probably during this period that his wife moved to Tetford to be with her parents.

HMS Laertes was a Laforey class destroyer built by Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson, Wallsend (later just Swan Hunter) and launched June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1913, under the name HMS Sarpedon, then subsequently renamed HMS Laertes on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1913.



Before Ernest joined her she was part of the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla based at Harwich and took part in the Battle of Heligoland Bight where she was seriously damaged by four shell strikes and was dead in the water, but was saved and towed back to England for repair and that is when Ernest joined the crew.

HMS Laertes was then one of the destroyers which attempted to head off the attacking German ships during the 'Lowestoft Raid' – a planned short bombardment of Yarmouth and Lowestoft on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1916. The German battlecruisers first fired on Lowestoft destroying 200 houses and two defensive gun batteries, injuring twelve people and killing three or four. The German ships then moved to Yarmouth, where they only managed to fire a few shells there before British ships arrived and engaged them. During this exchange HMS Laertes was severely damaged, with shellfire hitting the boiler room, and would probably have sunk, but for Ernest's actions.

He was incredibly brave and was very badly injured: "*scalded from head to foot*", and "*such deep scalds were inflicted that after lingering for a fortnight in the Royal Naval Hospital, Shotley, the sufferer passed peacefully away.*" He died on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1916, leaving Jessie a widow with a young child aged three. He was posthumously awarded the D.S.M. - a medal just two below a V.C.

One newspaper reported: "*We understand from what details have reached us, that it was largely by the courage of the deceased (Ernest Clarke) that the ship reached port at all.*" . . . "*The damage to the destroyer caused an immense escape of scalding steam, but with an admirable presence of mind and the full knowledge of the danger involved, Stoker Clark heroically dashed into the escaping steam and performed in the engine room an action which saved many lives.*"

The captain of the ship wrote personally to Ernest's widow and his mother with great sympathy and obviously thought highly of Ernest's action. "*nothing I can say will really ease your heart of its burden. I can only offer you my most sincere sympathy, and assure you of any help it may be in my power to give. Believe me, yours sincerely M Lennon Goldsmith, Commander RN.*"

Incredibly his burial was controversial. Although his wife and daughter were living on the Ormsby Road – probably with her parents. The Rev William Wood, the Rector of St Mary's Church, refused permission for a Tetford burial on the grounds that he was not a native of the village. She must have been terribly distressed, but perhaps relieved when he was allowed to be buried at the church of St Olave just 2 ½ miles away in Ruckland on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1916.

Unsurprisingly some people were angered and a week later a long anonymous letter was published in the local paper. The gist of the letter can be accurately inferred from the following excerpts:

"*SIR, - May I through the medium of your paper voice the sentiments of disgust expressed by the parishioners of Tetford and its neighbourhood at the refusal of their Rector to bury the remains of one of our brave sailors in his churchyard*" . . . . . "*I wonder what will be the thoughts of that mother who proudly, gladly, gave her best - what was once a part of herself - at the call of our countries need! And what thoughts of that wife who held his hand and forced back the tears as she watched him depart!*" . . . . (signed) "*A SAILOR'S FRIEND.*"

Certainly the Village was happy enough to commemorate him on the Tetford War Memorial later.

*These are abbreviated biographies. Longer versions ('book' or 'full' versions) are available via [jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk) or will be available to read in the church. If you can add anything for the men, such as information/photographs/corrections please tell me. Jonty Wild*

## **NATURE'S NOOK** – *from Paul Learoyd, CEO, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust*

***Ocean***, narrated by David Attenborough

What connects the North Sea washing up on the shores of Lincolnshire and the Southern Ocean around Antarctica?

Not a trick question, just a straightforward but rather amazing answer: the Atlantic Ocean, one of the five major interconnected oceans on our planet.

In his recently released film, Sir David Attenborough at 99 years old explores the planet's undersea habitats revealing both their beauty and the ways in which humans are depleting their riches.

Odeon (see their website <https://www.odeon.co.uk/films/>) describes the film as “stunning, immersive cinematography [which] showcases the wonder of life under the seas.” But never before-seen footage reveals the realities and challenges facing our oceans, from destructive fishing techniques to mass coral reef bleaching resulting from climate change.

Sir David warns that “we are almost out of time” but his key message is “not all is lost.... the ocean can bounce back to life....if left alone it may not just recover but thrive beyond anything anyone alive has ever seen”.

You can watch *Ocean* with David Attenborough at most local cinemas.

Do stay on after the end credits roll to hear powerful first-hand accounts from the underwater camera team, their voices breaking with emotion as they describe what they witnessed. It will certainly make you think about what fish you eat and the other fish-derived products we use, such as fish meal and supplements.

*Paul Learoyd*

To find out more about Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust: [www.lincstrust.org.uk](http://www.lincstrust.org.uk)

If you have a wildlife or nature topic you'd like Paul to address, please let him know at [paullearoyd@googlemail.com](mailto:paullearoyd@googlemail.com)

## GROUP NEWS

### TETFORD & DISTRICT W.I.

*from Stephanie Wilkinson*

Our animal loving members were treated to a really interesting presentation at the meeting on April 23rd. Ex RAF Kenneth Moore, a lively and engaging presenter, provided a fascinating insight into some extraordinary creatures who have aided and supported people in times of war and civil disaster, often in some quite amazing ways.

The PDSA Dickin Medal is the highest Award for Animals serving in military conflict. It is recognized worldwide as the animals' Victoria Cross. To date, the medal has been awarded to 38 dogs, 32 pigeons, 4 horses and 1 cat! Kenneth explained the creation of the award in 1943 by Maria Dickin CBE and illustrated with excellent visuals the astonishing stories of some of the animals recognised for their gallantry.

For example, Kuga the Belgian Malinois, part of the Special Air Service Regiment of the Australian Army, was awarded the medal for his 'unstinting bravery' in Afghanistan. Rip, a stray mongrel, was decorated for locating many air raid victims during the 1940 London Blitz.

The extraordinary homing abilities of the humble pigeon are now not needed in this era of high tech communications, but their work carrying messages saved many lives in twentieth century conflicts.

Horses are of course another animal not deployed as widely in theatres of war these days, but many real life 'War Horses' served on hellish battlefields, their bravery earning them this medal.

Simon the ship's cat is the only feline who earned the Dickin Cross, posthumously sadly, for his brave ratcatching despite being wounded by a shell blast in the Yangtse Incident of WW2.

Members were moved by the stories of devotion, loyalty and love displayed by these beautiful animals and thanked Mr Moore for a most enlightening evening.

At the meeting a representative from Andy's Childrens' Hospice was presented with a cheque for **£600** which was raised at the WI Coffee Morning on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting is on May 28th when we shall be discussing the WI 2025 Resolution and enjoying a bring and share supper.

Further details can be obtained from our President, Terri Willings on 07488 323847 or 01790 612341

### READING GROUP

*from Karen Watkins*

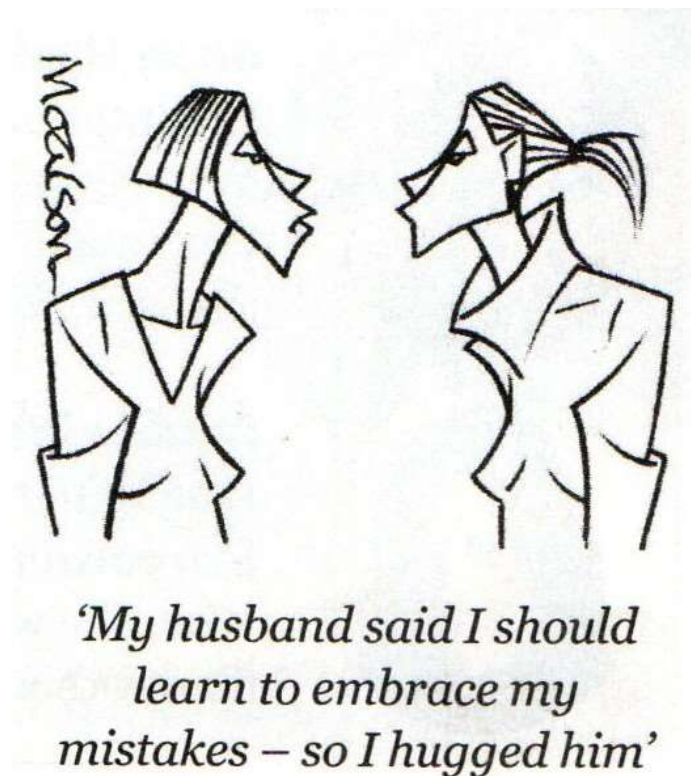
The Reading Group's next meeting is on **Friday, 30th May at 7.00pm** and the book for discussion will be *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*, an autobiography and memoir by James McBride. Contact Karen at [kwatkinshmg@gmail.com](mailto:kwatkinshmg@gmail.com)

So far, every walk has reminded us of one of the main reasons why Irene and I moved here four years ago - *I can't believe it is four years!* - we both love the green rolling beauty of the Lincolnshire Wolds, and we have been really lucky with the weather - as I keep telling people I guarantee it (that we get some!).

I believe everyone has enjoyed the walks and I am sure the dogs have – Chester entertaining us with his love of water, and little Milly helping Richard up the hills! All of them fully concentrating on what is ahead. We now have about 20 members, usually with about 12 walking, plus dogs.

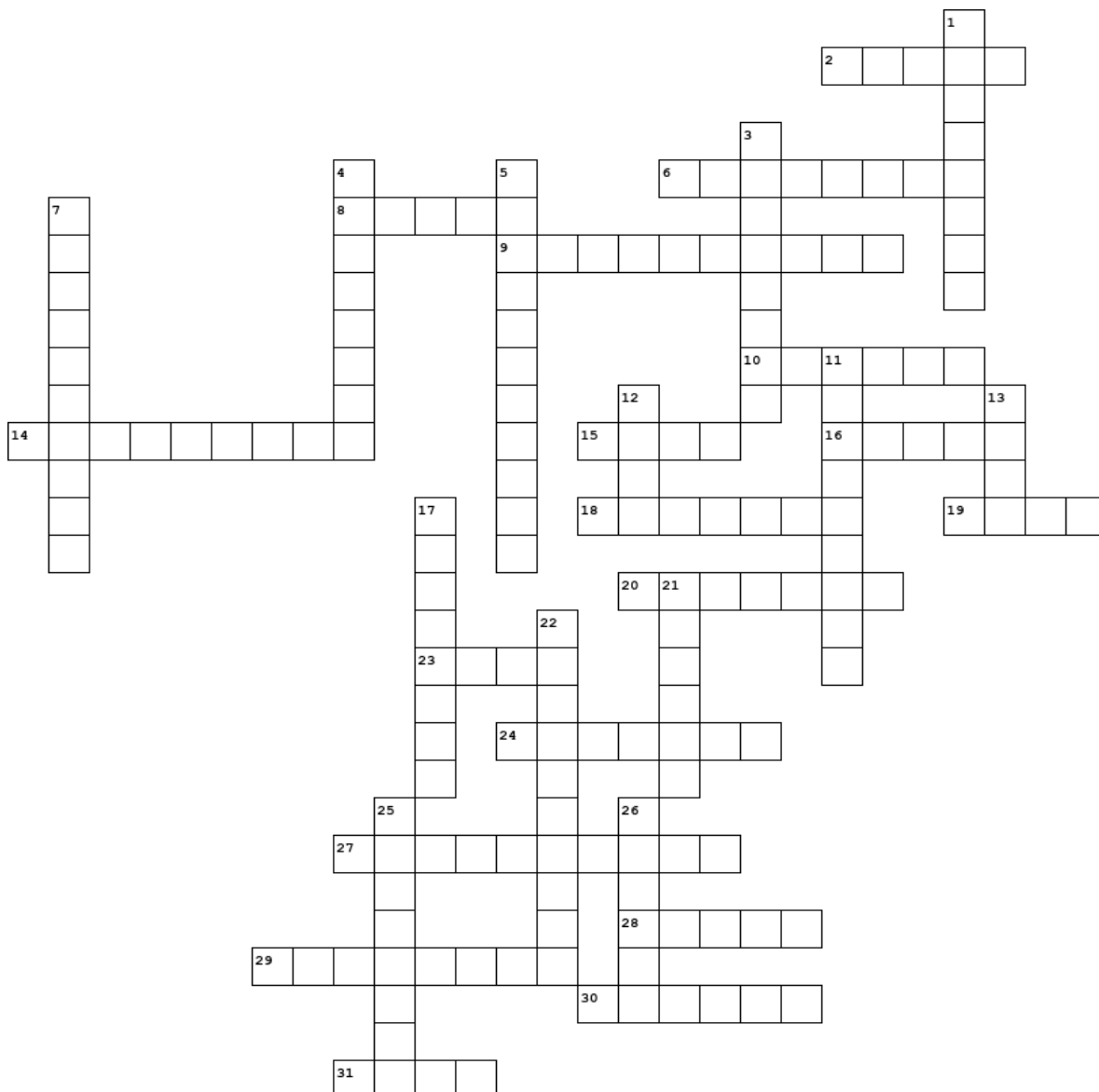
At the time of writing, we have completed three walks and by the time you read this four. All just under 5 miles. I shall now try to keep in sync with the magazine, so the next walks will be Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May and Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June. The walks have all been local, but the plan is to do some further afield, perhaps travelling up to 20 miles to the start. So, to test that, one of the walks will be Tealby/Walesby (one of Simon Wood's from this magazine) and the other Tetford/Salmonby/Somersby, but I haven't decided which way round to do them yet. If you don't want to drive, we should share cars as far as possible, and, so far, there has always been an excess of cars, so don't let that stop you.

We meet at the village hall at 9:50am to leave 10am prompt (Church bell), but if you plan to join us, and you are not already a member, it would be really helpful if you would contact [jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk) in advance, as this will save time on the day.





# TTOTAS CROSSWORD *from Shirley Muirhead*



## Across

2. first appearance
6. under obligation
8. to put in order
9. perplexed
10. Catholic accessory
14. suitable for all
15. arm or leg for example
16. to declare invalid
18. to refuse
19. follow orders
20. common garden bird
23. communicate silently
24. to strengthen
27. Understand
28. to give permission
29. delay
30. strongly request
31. (slang) to sell

## Down

1. young bird
3. speaks softly
4. colourful parade
5. remembrance of a date
7. to act as scribe
11. one who takes blame
12. pay for the use of
13. a smooth talker
17. Italian dessert
21. slow to anger
22. to begin again
25. unsure
26. take to task

## CHURCH NEWS – St. Mary's, Tetford

A Sunday informal worship is held on the first Sunday of the month in St Mary's Tetford at 10am. There is time for coffee and a chat afterwards, all welcome.

### Friends of St Mary's

The friends help with the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard, many thanks to everyone who cleans, provides the flowers and particularly with keeping the Churchyard tidy, you really are appreciated. Donations towards the upkeep of St Mary's Church can be made to 'Friends of St Mary's' account number 34267660; sort code 30-99-50. Cash, and cheques payable to "Friends of St Mary's" please deliver to 'Hill View', North Road, Tetford.

### TETFORD CHURCH BELLS

A Diocesan Faculty, which is a necessary precondition for carrying out any work on a church, was applied for in early April for the installation of the three new bells in the tower of St Mary's, but the application has not yet initiated any response.

### THE SOUTH ORMSBY GROUP OF CHURCHES

For general enquiries contact the Rural Dean Reverend Fran Jeffries 01790 752526

BAG ENDERBY BRINKHILL CALCEBY DRIBY FARFORTH KETSBY HARRINGTON HAUGH

Each month there is a lay-led family service at **Tetford St Mary** on the first Sunday of the month and then two weeks later a further service in one of the other churches in the South Ormsby Group, taken by a member of the clergy.

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|-----|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------|
| Sun | 18 <sup>th</sup> May  | Bag Enderby St Margaret | Rogation Sunday  | 10am |
| Sun | 1 <sup>st</sup> June  | Tetford St Mary         | Informal Worship | 10am |
| Sun | 15 <sup>th</sup> June | Brinkhill St Philip     | Eucharist        | 6pm  |

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### The Hamilton Hall

is available to hire for all events such as private parties or fundraising events.

**To book the hall ring 07795 662007**

#### Hamilton Hall Committee

|                                                                          |                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kate Stark (Chair)<br>David Needs<br>Pat Sparks<br>Paul Head (Treasurer) | Marlene Renshaw (Bookings etc.)<br>Pat Harrison (Secretary)<br>Lesley Harper-Smith |
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*Update from Marlene Renshaw:-*

- Table tennis on Monday evening and Thursday afternoon, Pilates and Yoga are going well
- The Bowls Club will be taking a break from the beginning of June until the first Tuesday of September. Otherwise the club meets on Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members always welcome, and the first three evenings are free.
- The Farmers Market has been discontinued, although there could be ad hoc events.
- Tea and chat, Tuesday afternoons 2 – 4pm. A lovely friendly group, please come and join us as we enjoy that Summer sunshine.

### REGULAR HAMILTON HALL ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES:

**Tea & Chat** Tuesdays 2-4pm. All welcome

**Short Mat Bowls**, Tuesdays at 7.30pm Contact Mr D Needs 01507 533705

**Wednesday Club** First Wednesday of the month **from September to May** 7.30pm (usually). Contact Lesley Harper-Smith on 01507 533355. See Group News

**Tetford Village Market** – DISCONTINUED (hopefully temporarily). Previously every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Contact Marie Gray on *Tetford Matters* [www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/).

**Table Tennis** Monday evenings from 7-9pm and Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm. Email [tetfordtabletennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:tetfordtabletennisclub@gmail.com) for enquiries. The club has five tables.

**Pilates-Plus** Mondays 09.30am. Contact Debbie Jenner [debbiejenner@outlook.com](mailto:debbiejenner@outlook.com). £9 per class. Also on Zoom Tuesday & Friday 09.30am and at Spilsby on Wednesdays.

**Yoga** –Thursday 6-7pm run by 'Claire' from Hagworthingham

**Teas for the Walkers** This service is available for booking in the Hamilton Hall by walkers' groups. Groups should contact Marlene Renshaw 01507 533209

**Parish Council** Usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7.30pm. See feature(s)

**Tetford and District W.I.** Fourth Wednesday of the month 7.30pm (see Group News). Contact Terri Willings (Branch President) 01790 612341

# TEA & CHAT



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AFTERNOON



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Build a stronger core, improve your posture- flexibility, mobility, breathing and circulation.

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Classes are for all levels and ages taught by Debbie Jenner a teacher trainer with more than 24 years experience of teaching Pilates to instructors and consumers and 43 years of group exercise teaching.

Contact for more info/questions: [debbiejenner@outlook.com](mailto:debbiejenner@outlook.com)

**READING GROUP** An informal group of people who like to read that meets every other month. We take it in turns to choose the book and lead the discussion. Meetings are held at various venues and the books can range from classics to modern – free choice. **Next meeting 7pm Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.** May's book title is ***The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride.*** Contact Karen Watkins Email [kwatkinshmg@gmail.com](mailto:kwatkinshmg@gmail.com)



## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (2 of 5)

**TETFORD RECREATION GROUND** If anyone feels they would like to make a donation (thank you to those who have) or to support us through our weekly lottery (it's £1 per week by direct debit – cancel anytime) then please get in touch, lottery details below. We continue to seek grant funding where we can to keep the rec going for the next year.

Many thanks to you all.

[www.selcplottery.co.uk/support/tetford-and-salmonby-recreation-ground](http://www.selcplottery.co.uk/support/tetford-and-salmonby-recreation-ground)

Secretary Alison Sparks Email [alisparks@sky.com](mailto:alisparks@sky.com) Tel. 01507 534384; Chairman Paul Learoyd Email [paullearoyd@gmail.com](mailto:paullearoyd@gmail.com) Tel. 07885 135406

**THE MANSION HONESTY SHOP** for homemade bakes in Little London is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 8am 'til dark weather permitting and while stocks last.

**CRICKET** Tetford Cricket Club's home ground is the village recreation ground. The team plays on Sundays in the East Lindsey Cricket League. Information about fixtures, results, teams and stats can be found by searching for **elcl.play-cricket.com** on the Internet. Mark Hughes is captain (07887 750696) and Kai Stephenson is vice-captain (07871 720882). Mark Kelsey (07789 626804) is the face of the team in Tetford, being the local postman! The team has 2 gazebos for them to change in, plus plenty of seating for spectators.

**TETFORD WALKING GROUP** – Jonty Wild [jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk) 01507 534075

**SOUTH ROAD RED TELEPHONE KIOSK** The kiosk acts as a book exchange and tourist information hub

**FISH and CHIPS** The Jolly Rogers Mobile Fish and Chips van stops in South Road opposite the Care Home between 5pm and 5.15pm every Monday.

**HORNCastle LIBRARY** is open Monday 9am-4pm; Tuesday Closed; Wednesday 9am-1pm; Thursday 9am-6pm; Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-1pm; Sunday Closed. Tel. 01522 782010 (Lincs County Council)

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE.** The Mobile Library stop at Tetford has been withdrawn due to insufficient borrowers using the service. Borrowers who struggle to reach their local library or community library facilities, due to mobility, age or ill health are invited to use the Access Mobile North home delivery service instead. Contact Graham Owen (Team Leader North) tel. 07483 017085 – email: [graham.owen@gll.org](mailto:graham.owen@gll.org) with your library borrower number and he will add you to the route, all free. Delivery/ Collection is monthly, on Thursdays:- June 5<sup>th</sup>; July 3<sup>rd</sup>; July 31<sup>st</sup>; August 28<sup>th</sup>; September 25<sup>th</sup>; October 23<sup>rd</sup>; November 20<sup>th</sup>; December 18<sup>th</sup>

**THE HORNCastle TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (Tel. 01507 526065)** is in the Sir Joseph Banks Centre at 11 Bridge Street LN9 5HZ, run by the Sir Joseph Banks Society. Follow the link <https://joseph-banks.org.uk> to start. The centre is also home to the Horncastle History and Heritage Society <https://horncastlejbc.info/horncastle-history-heritage-society>; some battery and printer ink recycling, a natural history museum and Victoria Atkins, our local MP. It is open from 10am-4pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (having said that, members of the individual societies and groups are often around outside those hours, so if you are happy to take pot-luck...). The Society is working on creating a digital OS Map of local places of interest.

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (3 of 5)

**SURGERY.** The Wolds Surgery in Tetford is open from 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday; closed weekends and bank holidays. The surgery is part of the East Lindsey Medical Group (ELMG), Newmarket, Louth Tel. **01507 603121** (**Option 1** Automated system to book, set or cancel appointments/order repeat prescriptions **Option 2** Care Navigation Team **Option 3** Pharmacy/Prescriptions 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm). Dial 999 for life-threatening emergencies. There is a doctor in the practice at least 4 days a week and extra cover is provided by the advanced nurse practitioners. The practice has a Care Coordinator, who in liaison with the hospital can help patients in need to access services such as Macmillan, physio, medication, and has links with the disability nurse. There is a Veteran's liaison and a digital liaison person.

**PRIVATE GP CLINIC** A new private practice is up and running in Louth, a 20 minute appointment is £120, any forward treatments can be continued privately or referred back to the NHS.

The **online** ordering system (mainly for blood or smear tests, ordering repeat prescriptions and viewing your medical record), is at <https://systmonline.tpp-uk.com>. You will need to register with the surgery before you can log into this online system.

**Also** there is an app – 'Airmid' – which "provides you with existing SystmOnline functionality plus lots more." You can log in with your SystmOnline username and password. However it has received very poor reviews with one reviewer judging it as "about as useful as a trap door in a canoe."

You can also download the **NHS App** which enables you to

- Order repeat prescriptions.
- Book nurse and health care assistant appointments.
- View medical records.
- Access test results and hospital letters.

The main difference between the **SystmOnline** and the **NHS App** is that the NHS App provides access to hospital letters.

The old separate Wolds **pharmacy** number **01507 535001** will now take you to the same options as the surgery number. The pharmacy is Option 3 but the availability of the option to request repeat prescriptions over the phone is under review. The pharmacy is open for collection of medicines from 9am to 2pm & 4pm to 6pm Monday or 9am – 6pm Tuesday -Friday. Controlled drugs must be collected before 5pm.

**The ELMG website is at** <http://www.eastlindseymedicalgroup.co.uk/>. The new 'total triage' system is accessed here. Search on 'East Lindsey Medical Group' and select 'Appointments' then you have various options including 'Use our online form' which takes you to 'Medical request/New condition' which takes you into the triage. Operates from 8am to 1pm.

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (4 of 5)

**The Wolds Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)** represents patients and ELMG medical staff of the Wolds Surgery Tetford and is scheduled to meet every two months and to deliver a regular Newsletter. Reports from the meetings are, when available, printed in this magazine. Minutes/Notes from the meetings can be found on the **East Lindsey Medical Group database** under **Online Services/Get involved**: i.e. <https://www.eastlindseymedicalgroup.nhs.uk/get-involved/patient-group/>. If you wish to correspond with the PPG contact the Practice Manager Mickaela Crane at [licb.c83056@nhs.net](mailto:licb.c83056@nhs.net), or call the ELMG (East Lindsey Medical Group) switchboard on 01507 603121 or leave your correspondence at reception or with any PPG Member (names are on the Notes).

**‘LIVES’ First Responders.** For cardiac arrests, phone 999 and report the incident. You will be given a code for either the DEFIBRILLATOR on the Wolds surgery outside wall or on the village hall outside wall by the front door. Follow the instructions and close the defibrillator door (to stop the alarm). An ambulance will have been despatched and a LIVES First Responder alerted.

### LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS:-

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tetford   | Hamilton Hall and the Wolds Surgery <i>NB. If a defibrillator is used please alert Councillor Julia Larder on 07852 877425 as soon as possible after the event to ensure the necessary used items are replaced.</i> |
| Brinkhill | The porch of St Philip’s Church                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Langton   | Langton village hall                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Raithby   | Red Telephone Box, Raithby Road                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Somersby  | Somersby Farm Office                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**SOUTH WOLDS NURSING HOME** is offering tea and sandwiches to those who need a bit of company. They also offer, at cost, their chiropody and hairdressing services and will order milk in for you. Contact Linzy Stockdale on 01507 533393

**NEWSPAPERS** The nearest newspapers are at the Shell garage this side of Horncastle, but they sell out early (they don’t get many in of some titles). Later in the day it’s safer to go to Perkins newsagent in the centre of Horncastle or one of the supermarkets

**EDWARD RICHARDSON PRIMARY SCHOOL** Head Teacher Mr Stuart Spendlow. Contact: [enquiries@edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk) Tel. 01507 533686  
<https://www.edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk/index.html>

**MILK** is once again being delivered to Tetford, this time by McQueens Dairies who now have a milk round that includes Tetford (even though their website says they don’t). They make weekly deliveries on a Monday and Thursday. You can alter your order online and pay via direct debit. Tel. 0330 555 5588; website [www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk](http://www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk).

**POSTBOX COLLECTIONS** in Tetford and Salmonby are 9am weekdays and 7am Saturdays from all four postboxes.

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (5 of 5)

**BUS SERVICE 24** between Horncastle and Louth. Bus stop at St Mary's Church, Tetford. 30mins to Louth, 20mins to Horncastle. No Sunday service. **Tel. 0345 234 3344; <https://lincsbus.info>**

Louth to Horncastle **Mon-Fri** 09.27; 11.57; 13.57. **Sat** 10.17; 13.47 in Tetford

Horncastle to Louth **Mon-Fri** 10.13; 12.43; 14.43. **Sat** 11.00; 14.30 in Tetford

Buses leave Horncastle Interchange Shelter at 09.50, 12.20 and 14.20 **Mon-Fri** and 10.40 and 14.10 **Saturdays**

Buses leave Louth Bus Station at 09.00, 11.30 and 13.30 **Mon-Fri** and 09.50 and 13.20 **Saturdays**

Buses leave Louth Hospital at 10.40 and 13.10 **Mon-Fri**, connecting (sort of) at the Bus Station

There is also a CALLconnect On Demand Bus Service, subject to availability and within a radius of 12 miles (from Louth or Horncastle). You can book by app or by phone at one hours notice or up to 7 days in advance. It costs a maximum of £2 per single journey and can pick you up near your location. It is available to anyone and concessionary bus passes are accepted. The service operates 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday excluding Bank Holidays. Journeys are available to be booked from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm on Saturdays <https://lincsbus.info/callconnect/more-information/>

**HORNCASTLE POST OFFICE and DELIVERY OFFICE** These are two separate operations, even though they occupy the same building. So if you've missed a delivery you go to the Delivery Office, but to click and collect you go to the Post Office counter. The following opening times may change without notice, especially during pandemics:

**The Post Office** is open 09.00-17.30 Mon to Fri and 09.00-13.30 Saturday.

<https://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/1543245/horncastle>; Tel. 01507 523 520.

**The Delivery Office** is open 08.00-10.00 Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri; 08.00-10.00 & 16.00-19.00 Thursday and 08.00-12.00 Saturday. <https://www.localmint.com/uk/royal-mail-delivery-office-horncastle-hours-615198>; Tel.0345 774 0740

**RUBBISH and RECYCLING** collections are on a MONDAY. Household waste (black bins) every two weeks. PURPLE-LIDDED BINS (FOR RECYCLING DRY PAPER AND CARDBOARD) and GREY BINS (other recycling INCLUDING GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS) alternate every two weeks on non-household weeks (so purple and grey are collected every 4 weeks each). Green waste (green bins) Tetford Friday, but Salmonby Monday, of purple or grey recycling weeks (reducing December to March). Apply to East Lindsey District Council for a collections calendar and, if required, a green waste bin (**£52.50 per year**). Ensure bins are available from 5.30am on the morning of your collection.

<https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/article/6714/Refuse-Recycling-and-Green-Waste-Collection-Days>

### INTERNET TETFORD INFORMATION SITES

|                                               |                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tetford & Salmonby Community                  | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/tetfordlincolnshire/">www.facebook.com/tetfordlincolnshire/</a>                             |
| Tetford Matters                               | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/">www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/</a>                       |
| Tetford Area Community                        | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/tetfordareacommunity/">www.facebook.com/groups/tetfordareacommunity/</a>             |
| Tetford & Salmonby Recreation Ground          | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/TetfordandSalmonbyRecreationGround">www.facebook.com/TetfordandSalmonbyRecreationGround</a> |
| Tetford Area Crimewatch                       | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/189857514689064/">www.facebook.com/groups/189857514689064/</a>                       |
| Tetford Parish Council                        | <a href="https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk">https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk</a>                          |
| NextDoor                                      | <a href="https://nextdoor.co.uk/">https://nextdoor.co.uk/</a>                                                                |
| Tetford and Surrounding Area Buying & Selling | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/169398526795061/">www.facebook.com/groups/169398526795061/</a>                       |
| Tetford Memories                              | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/Tetford/">www.facebook.com/groups/Tetford/</a>                                       |
| East Lindsey District Council                 | <a href="http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk">www.e-lindsey.gov.uk</a>                                                               |
| Tetford & District Flower & Veg Show          | <a href="mailto:tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com">tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com</a>                                     |

## Our world under threat

We all know that our environment is in a precarious state and that we are encouraged to aim for sustainability. One manifestation of our changing world is climatic extremes such as typhoons, floods and drought. One day in August I experienced one such extreme of weather at a beach near Redcar whilst on a visit to a friend. It was an extremely harsh and blustery day, despite it being a summer month, and the starkness of the beach at that particular time inspired me to write the following poem and reflect on man's persisting negative influence on his environment.

### Marske Beach

In place of summer breezes  
A hurricane wind raged that August day,  
Deserted beaches  
But for man and dog intent on play.

Swirling sand-spray jetted high  
Along the barren foreshore, hard and stark,  
And waves in torment  
Turned and churned in waters deep and dark.

No trippers felt invited  
To brave the sea or stroll the shifting sands,  
Dark clouds threatened rain,  
An alien place, shadow of distant lands.

A summer scene in turmoil  
Echoed the restless world that we have made,  
Forever trembling,  
Ours is a fragile earth that stands betrayed.

*Kath Thomas*



# Pipistrelle Bat

*by Man Yarner (from 10 minutes in Miriam Darlington's  
Green and Away workshop....based on a true story)*

My dear Pipistrellus  
I love you so much  
When they destroyed your home  
I thought we had lost touch

Some humans don't care  
For creatures - you see  
Whether badger, bat  
Or humble honeybee

Your roost was a barn  
Crumbling, decayed  
But in the eyes of man  
There was money to be made

I waited each dusk  
The evenings dragged by  
Didn't know where you had gone  
But I sure knew why

Neighbours though I was batty  
As I stood on the lawn  
I thought I was too  
It was almost dawn

Glass of red wine in hand  
Piece of cheese on my head  
I thought you located by smell  
But you use radar instead!

Then you finally arrived  
And all was bliss  
You flew up my arm  
I could give you a kiss!

## **Kia and the Faceless Monk** by Lara Watson, aged 8

This is an ordinary story in an ordinary town. It's where no-one was scared that much, until someone was.....!

### **Chapter 3**

Kia's mum came back two hours later and by then they had constructed a thing that could be called a scary costume. It was a spider with a smiley face and four legs, two on each side. It didn't have fangs or hair all over it so it certainly was not scary at all. Finally, they went downstairs and sat down at the table. The friends had hot chocolate and biscuits for supper. Finally, an hour after laughing and chatting with Mr and Mrs Cottons, Maisie and Rozi went home to bed. Kia went upstairs and brushed her teeth, got changed and got into bed. She barely slept a wink that night. She was thinking too much about Halloween, and sweets, and costumes. Kia was so excited!

She eventually fell asleep and dreamt about giant hairy spiders as big as a small-ish room. They are very immense. So immense that you could fit a family of five under it and use it as an umbrella.

*To be continued!*

## **HUMOROUS HEROES THROUGH THE AGES**

**(Inadequately researched by Andrew Truscott)**

**5. Attila the Hun (406 – 453)** was the king of the Huns and one of the greatest barbarian rulers to assail the Roman Empire. Attila's own empire was not a centralized state but a tribal confederation with no clear capital city. As warriors, the Huns inspired fear throughout Europe. Their ferocious charges, unpredictable retreats and the speed of their strategic movements brought them overwhelming victories. They were very accurate mounted archers with complete command of thousands of highly trained horses. Also the rhubarb in their part of the world was simply magnificent.

**6. Charlemagne (742 to 814)** was responsible for uniting most of Europe under his rule by power of the sword, for helping to restore the Western Roman Empire and becoming its first emperor, and for facilitating a cultural and intellectual renaissance, the ramifications of which were felt in Europe for centuries afterwards. His father was Pippin the Short, one of his eighteen children was Pippin the Hunchback and one of his grandchildren was Charles the Bald, which only goes to show how few good names were around in the 9<sup>th</sup> Century.



## FILM RUNDOWN by James Learoyd

Hello all! I'm back with another rundown of what's been happening in film recently...

***Sinners*** is quite simply magnificent, and deserves to be seen in a cinema. The latest from director Ryan Coogler (*Creed*, *Black Panther*) is a horror-action-music-period piece about twin brothers (both Michael B. Jordan) returning to their home in Mississippi in 1932. It demonstrates what is occasionally great about Hollywood movie making. Concerned with many topics (music, race, the afterlife, vampires), it's separated into two halves to tell this epic story: buildup and drama; payoff and gore. I personally would argue that this film is made not just for horror fans, but then again, the tension and bloody violence of the third act is not for a weak stomach. A pretty perfect piece of entertainment in my eyes.

***Neil Young: Coastal*** is an incredibly lovely documentary about one of my all-time favourite artists. Comprising a combination of iPhone footage and concert coverage, the film follows his first tour following lockdown.

The music is beautiful, and it's incredibly sweet, but my biggest takeaway from Daryl Hannah's latest (also Young's wife of many years) is just how funny Neil is! He's really a laugh-riot and can work a crowd with his off-the-cuff onstage comments. It was a pleasure to see this at the Kinema, and is certainly worth your time if you enjoy Neil Young's music and personality.

***Anatomy of a Fall*** was recently added to Netflix and is a pretty great watch if you're looking for a unique legal drama/mystery. It took home the Oscar in 2024 for Best Original Screenplay, but the standout aspect is the complex performance from Sandra Hüller.

***Mission: Impossible*** is one of (if not my number one) favourite film franchise, so I'm obviously very excited about ***The Final Reckoning*** which is just around the corner (screenings at the Kinema start May 19th). It may also be about time to give the most recent entry, ***Dead Reckoning***, another visit. Or heck, any previous entry! The best action set-pieces you'll find in an English-Language movie.

***Garden Story* is my latest film!** Presented in an abstract, non-sequential fashion, it tells the story of a filmmaker's growing frustration as he attempts to make a movie about his back garden. You can watch it for free on YouTube if you visit "James' Film Studies" where you can also find all my other movies!

As always, thanks for reading -- James Learoyd, Laurel Cottage

## LUCIFER'S KITCHEN *by Anonymous*

Jason Christopher Smith regarded the text message. 'Jason, please to come EXACTLY 30 minutes early for a special preview! Lucifer.' Jason's phone indicated 7.29 p.m. *Perfect!* He pressed the lift button.

Lucifer was the nickname of his brother-in-law, Luciano De Ville. Lately, the zany chef had gained some notoriety on breakfast TV.

Jason examined a card inviting him to 'The Grand Opening of Lucifer's Kitchen at 8 p.m. ... in the basement of Spark's department store.'

He examined the other passengers. A lady whose ample form protested against her red trouser suit was accompanied by a younger man, occupied with caressing her bottom. He wore a neat goatee beard.

An aged skinhead sporting a faded tattoo, 'WAR', on his forehead stood with an equally old punk woman with spiky pink hair and lime-green leggings.

Finally, there was a shifty-looking fellow in green tweed and an elderly lady in grey, wearing an inverted crucifix.

The doors opened onto his sister Bernadette, sparkling in silver, and Luciano in gold lamé.

"Welcome all!" exclaimed Luciano, enjoying his catchphrase.

To Jason's surprise, they both entered the lift. The doors closed again.

Luciano handed out cards with *Inferno* emblazoned on them. "Ladies and gentlemen, I change the restaurant's name!"

He continued, "I study literature in university of Milano - *The Divine Comedy of Dante Alighieri!* So I invite seven special friends here today. Let us regard this lift as 'limbo'!"

Bernadette showed amazement.

Luciano indicated the plump lady, "Henrietta has much fondness for the pastries so she represents 'gluttony'."

"Cheeky sod!"

Laughter.

"Whilst Adam," he gestured towards her companion, "you represent 'lust'!" Adam blushed.

More laughter.

"Mark," indicating the skinhead, "you were always quick with your fists and boots, and Matilda, your language would make a soldier blush! So 'violence' and 'anger'!"

Tentative laughter.

"I admit I am a greedy man, greedy for money and fame!" Luciano laughed. "So I represent 'greed'." He indicated inverted-crucifix-lady and green-tweed-man. "Now my dear Jason, who d'you think these two represent?"

"Well, presumably 'heresy'." He indicated the woman, his face flushing. "So this gentleman represents, er, either 'fraud' or 'treachery'."

"*Al Contrario*," Luciano exclaimed, "yes, Susan worships my namesake, but Harold is actually a private detective who has discovered, ah, a little family deceit! So I declare that *you*, Jason, represent 'fraud' and Bernadette, my *dear* wife, 'treachery'!"

A gasp of astonishment went up.

"Please, all to exit the lift," announced Luciano.

"Lucifer, this is a mistake!" Jason protested.

"No mistake!"

"What'll happen?"

Luciano laughed. "I toss a coin. First, you enjoy my delicious food, then 'heads' you go two minutes with Mark, 'no holds being barred' as they say!"

Mark, grinning, made a head-butting gesture.

"Tails you go with Susan."

"Why Susan?"

Susan chuckled. "We need blood, much blood, taken against the will, for a ritual."

Luciano threw a coin up which clattered onto the lift floor. All stood aside, mesmerized. Jason peered down at it. "Just call the police!"



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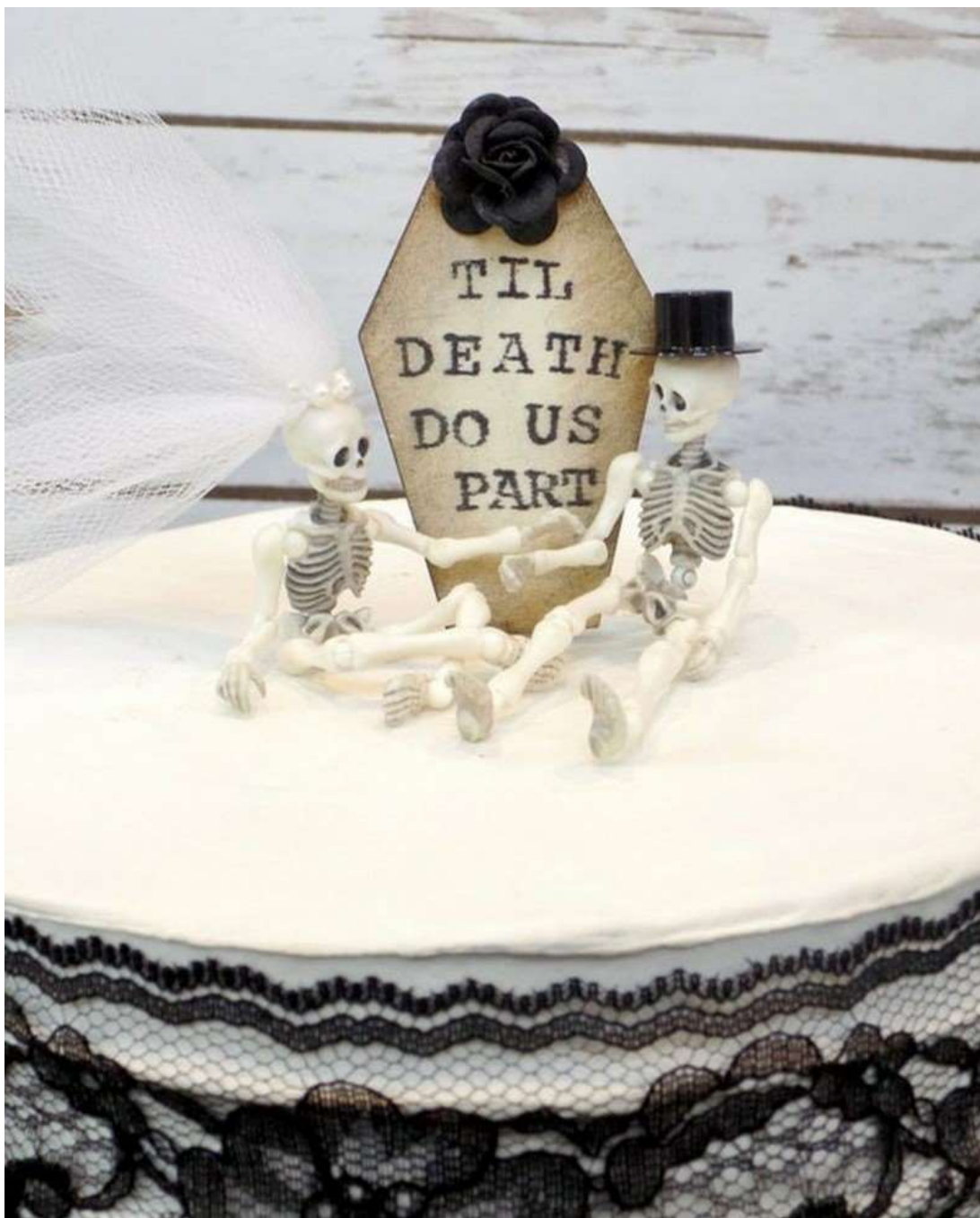
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## CHILDREN and SCHOOL SECTION

### Answers to the April Quiz

(1) 1,2,1,2 (2) 1,2;3,4 (3) 1,2,3,4 (4) 3.14 (5) 77 (6) 88 (7) 25 (8) 25 (9) 20 (10) 6 (11) 40 (12) 7 (13) 50  
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### THE MAY QUIZ

The questions in this month's quiz all have something to do with Lincolnshire. You might have to look these up!

1. What 4 colours are on the Lincolnshire flag?
2. Who is the new mayor of Greater Lincolnshire?
3. Which notable female politician was born in Grantham?
4. Which notable apple-linked scientist was educated at the King's School, Grantham?
5. What is the name of the famous Horncastle fair that was held every summer up until the middle of the last century?
6. Whose statue is in Spilsby market square, and what did he discover??
7. What field of science was Sir Joseph Banks most known for?
8. What sea is off the east coast of Lincolnshire?
9. If Lincoln is the largest town in Lincolnshire, what is the second largest?
10. What is the biggest river in Lincolnshire?
11. What was the largest mammal ever to have roamed the Lincolnshire countryside?
12. A Lincolnshire tradition is that front doors are used for only three things: a new baby, a bride, and a c.... What is the third thing?
13. What is the Lincolnshire motor-racing course called?
14. What is the name of the only daily newspaper published in Lincolnshire?
15. Where are the Red Arrows based?
16. What famous World War Two bomber is housed at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre on the airfield of RAF East Kirkby?
17. What is the nickname of the Lincoln City Ladies Football Club ?
18. What does the dialect word 'mardy' mean?
19. What is 'haslet'?
20. What colour are traditional Lincolnshire cattle?

### JOKES

Doctor to patient: "Your coughing seems easier this morning." Patient: "It should be, I've been practising all night!"

A man went into a hairdresser's advertising David Beckham style haircuts. Half an hour later he's horrified to see his head half bald and covered in cuts. "That's not how David Beckham has his hair," he complains. "It would be if he came here," replied the barber.

A man checks into a hotel and asks the price of a room. The receptionist asks him if he'd like one with a bath or a shower. "What's the difference?" asks the man. "You can sit down in a bath," explains the receptionist.

# The Edward Richardson Primary School

The summer term is flying by at lightning speed, and what a packed adventure it's been already!

Class 1 have had a very exciting start to the term, heading out on their very first school trip! The children spent a fantastic day at Tattershall Farm Park, diving into their topic of Food and Farming. Despite the one-day-heatwave(!), they enjoyed meeting lots of adorable baby animals and learning how to care for them. A particular highlight was taking the goats for a walk - although some might say it was the goats taking them for a walk! The children are now looking forward to using this experience to help them understand how farming has changed over time as they move into the history side of the topic. They're also keen to put their knowledge of healthy eating to the test when they create their own fruit salads in upcoming DT lessons.

Class 2 have been making exciting local and global links in Geography by comparing Tetford with Shanghai. To start, the children explored the village to identify human and physical features - a great way to appreciate the familiar in a new light. A special thank you goes to Mrs Harper-Smith, who kindly invited the class to view the waterwheel and brought this local landmark to life. In Science, Class 2 are learning all about living things, including food chains and microhabitats. The children have been designing their own bug hotels and investigating the world of mini-beasts. Meanwhile, their English work has been closely tied to looking after the planet. After reading a story focused on littering, the class went on a school-wide litter hunt and created their own action plan to help reduce waste - they're doing Mr Spendlow's job for him!

Class 3 have been diving into the world of imagination and design. Inspired by the picture book Gorilla by Anthony Browne, the children have been exploring the story's rich illustrations and are beginning to write their own fantasy tales. In DT, they have been experimenting with toothpicks and plasticine to understand structures, ready to design and build their own model pavilions. The sunny weather has even inspired their artistic sides - blossom trees have been sketched in the school grounds as part of their 'Still Life' art project.

Class 4 have been deepening their scientific understanding by studying evolution and inheritance. In English, they've been time travelling 25 years into the future to create their own survival guides, which are full of imagination, creativity and a variety of predictions! Their RE work has focused on Humanism, prompting reflective discussions on morals and role models. Year 6 pupils have also been working hard in preparation for their SATs - and at the time of reading, these will be completed! Staff and parents alike are incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience shown. As a well-deserved reward, many Year 6s are heading off to Caythorpe for their PGL residential, where they'll take on adventurous challenges such as abseiling, high ropes and zip lines.

Looking ahead, Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 11th June. So, if there's a lot of noise coming from the school that afternoon, please don't worry! It'll just be the sound of cheering, music and plenty of team spirit as the children take to the field to celebrate fitness, fun and friendship. Oh, and we have our Summer Fair happening on Friday 11th July from 15:45 and we hope to see many of our families and friends there too

Best wishes,  
Stuart Spendlow  
Headteacher

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## TETFORD & SALMONBY PARISH COUNCIL *by the Editor*

The Parish Council for Tetford and Salmonby consists of up to seven local elected members plus the Parish Clerk, who usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Hamilton Hall, Tetford at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome. Meeting agendas and official minutes are published on the Parish Council website: <https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk> or specifically <https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/34/minutes-2024---2025> and on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Hamilton Hall (take your reading specs and possibly a ladder). Parish Clerk Pauline Murray email: [clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Your Parish Councillors are:

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|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                           |                |                          |                  |                               |                                           |
| Bluebell Woods            | S/177/01795/17 | Oct 2017                 | 11/12            | 11 Approved 1 not applied for | In progress North Road                    |
| Land Behind Mercia House  | S/177/01913/19 | Oct 2019                 | 8                | Approved                      | In progress South Road                    |
| Manor Farm                | S/177/02206/20 | Dec 2020                 | 6                | Approved                      | 4 Building plots for sale, East Road      |
| Manor Farm                | S/177/01352/24 | Sept 2024                | 2                | Approved 20.1.2025            | Pair of semis East Road                   |
| Manor Farm                | S/177/01862/24 | 6 Dec 2024               | 1                | Registered                    | Dwelling & vehicular access, East Road    |
| Cross Keys Site           | S/177/00644/23 | April 2023               | 2?               | Approved                      | 1 built, 1 status unknown. Salmonby Rd.   |
| Aura Soma                 | S/177/01273/17 | July 2017                | 35               | Withdrawn Oct 2017            | A 'sleeper'? South Road                   |
| Aura Soma                 | S/177/01465/24 | Sept 2024                | 9                | Approved 9.12.2024            | South Road                                |
| Land South of Upper Garth | S/177/01047/16 | May 2016                 | 7                | Refused on Appeal             | A 'sleeper' Salmonby Road                 |
| Land Adjacent to Arden    | S/177/01443/24 | Sept 2023                | 1                | Approved 8.11.2024            | North Road, between Wood Farm and 'Arden' |
| Ashwood House             | S/177/02149/20 | Nov 2020                 | 1                | Approved                      | In progress, Little London                |
| Whitegate House           | S/177/00695/22 | April 2022               | 1                | Approved                      | In progress, Tetford Hill                 |
| Field View                | S/177/01739/24 | 11 Nov 2024              | 1                | Approved 31.12.2024           | Salmonby Road                             |

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**FOLLOWED BY**  
**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**&**  
**MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD ON:**

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**STARTING AT 6.30pm**

**AT HAMILTON HALL, TETFORD**

**Agendas will be published approximately one week prior to the meeting.**

**Next month's meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm  
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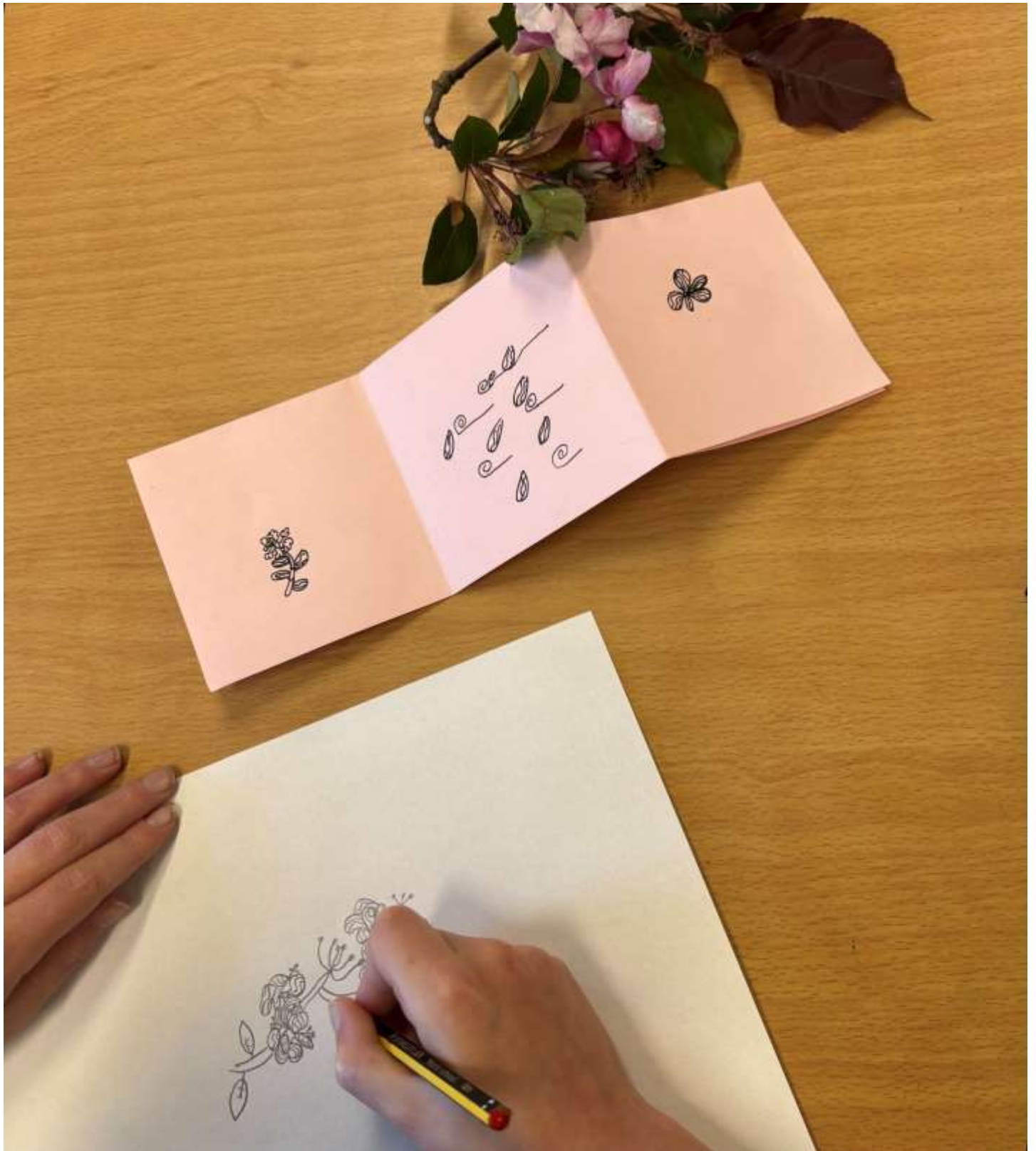
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