

# The Times of Tetford and Salmonby

*Times present, Times past, Times future*

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*Lady of Shalott* – see Tetford Wednesday Club, the Final Chapter

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# TETFORD TERRIER RACING

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**In aid of Tetford & Salmonby Recreation Ground**

*If you are able to help set up the marquees for Terrier racing on Thursday 10 July at 6 pm (on the Rec) then as usual the organisers would be very grateful for any help.*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT & LOCATION	DATE & TIME
Tetford Walking Group Walk, meet Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 9.50am
Tetford Cricket June Home Games, the Rec	Sundays 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm
W.I. June Meeting, Gunby Hall guided tour	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June, meet 10am (Hamilton Hall)
Strawberry Teas, 'Trotters'	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2-5.30pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2-4pm
Tetford Walking Group Walk, meet Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 9.50am
Access Mobile Delivery>Returns	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Informal Worship, Tetford St Mary	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 10am
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm
Parish Council July Monthly Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm
TTOTAS Copy Deadline	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Tetford Primary School Summer Fair	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July from 15:45
Tetford Terrier Racing, The Rec, Tetford	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm
Tetford Cricket Home Game, the Rec	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm
Flowers & Cream Teas, St Margaret's Church Bag Enderby	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 11am-4pm
Evensong, Somersby St Margaret	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2-4pm
Tetford & District Flower & Vegetable Show	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm
Reading Group Meeting: <i>Raising Hare</i> by Chloe Dalton	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2pm

## THE TIMES OF TETFORD & SALMONBY

Welcome to the 42<sup>nd</sup> edition of *The Times of Tetford and Salmonby (TTOTAS)*

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**THIS MONTH** Well, we tried to cut down on the number of pages this month to reduce the cost of printing. We took out the whole of the **Clubs, Societies, Activities and Facilities (so we hope you’ve kept a previous issue)** and reduced the adverts to ‘classifieds’ format but ended up struggling to fit into the ‘multiples of 4 pages’ required. So we’re back up to 40 pages. There’s evidently quite a lot going on, so we’ll leave you to peruse what’s on offer. Our special congratulations to Doug and Bernadette Stewart who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – there are photos later in the mag. And we note the closing of the Wednesday Club, also some photos and salute the remarkable achievement of Lesley Harper-Smith in steering the Club through thick and thin since its inception in 1970. Don’t forget one of the major highlights of the Tetford year, the Terrier Racing, and join with us in supplicating whomever for the finest of weather on the day.

**Donations** A remarkable £186 in donations this month from standing orders, by bank transfer and through the door, including an exceedingly generous £100 from one resident. Total donations to date £2086.40. Thank you all. Further donations please put through the Barley Corn Cottage door (postcode LN9 6QH) or by bank transfer a/c **36053762** sort code **30-99-50** account name **The Times of Tetford & Salmonby**. Please note that the magazine is funded entirely by donation and by the editor (who is now broke).

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**Please continue** to alert us where we print falsehoods, or typos, or any sort of misinformation e.g. if something’s out of date.

**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!!

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**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/>

**CRICKET.** On May 11<sup>th</sup> Tetford lost to Clee Town Laportes away by 7 wickets but exacted their revenge at home on May 18<sup>th</sup> winning by 8 wickets! Two good home wins in June followed, against Alford & District by 9 wickets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and against South Bank by 6 wickets on the 8<sup>th</sup>. On 15<sup>th</sup> June we were away against Cleethorpes (result next month) but home again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the return match. Home again on the 29<sup>th</sup> June against Grimoldby & District, away against the same team on the 6<sup>th</sup> July and home against Brocklesby Park on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. All matches commence at 1.30pm.

**THE TETFORD & DISTRICT FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW.** The schedule for this event on the 26<sup>th</sup> July has now been delivered. If you have any questions, please email [Tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com](mailto:Tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com)

**THE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR** will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 15.45

**PARISH COUNCIL** The Monthly Parish Council Meeting for May 2025, the Parish Council Annual Meeting (AGM), and the Annual Parish (Residents') Meeting were held in the Hamilton Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May (*see the report towards the back of this issue*).  
**Two Parish Council vacancies mean the Council need to co-opt! See PC Section!**

**THE BOWLS CLUB** is now on its summer holiday until the first Tuesday of September.

**NEIGHBOURS** Some reports of an outbreak of unseemly behaviour by neighbours have been circulating Tetford. Authorities have been approached.

**ACCESS MOBILE NORTH** home delivery service. Delivery/Collection Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

# **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 selling raffle tickets in partnership with the Recreation Ground Trust so a good opportunity to have a chat! More donations of raffle prizes are welcomed, to join the hampers, wine and chocolates – perhaps a jumbo pack of massage oil containing colour, plant and crystal energies? Or maybe a barrel of Batemans Brewery’s 4.8% ABV ‘Triple XB (XXXB)’ perfectly balanced, fruity tasting classic tawny English Pale Ale, marrying flavourful Maris Otter, crystal and wheat malts with traditional Golding, spicy Challenger and floral Bobek hops to create a lush, balanced beer with peppery aroma and fruity, biscuity flavour? *(Ed)*

**SPONSORS.** Each race is sponsored by generous individuals and businesses. This year the sponsors are Ireland Farm Machinery, S Kilby/Ed Kilby, NFU Insurance, Brian Todd Builders, Tetford Country Cottages, Garden Cottage Lettings, Wolds Laundry Services, Brown & Co & J H Walter, Sepal Consultancy, LockRite Locksmiths Ltd, Woldmarsh, AJ Glover and Walk on the Wolds side. We thank you!

**CAR PARKING** will be available on the Rec for the Terrier Racing, manned by marshals in hi-vis jackets. There will be no parking in the village hall car park. Please note that this is the **ONLY** day of the year when vehicles *of any kind* are allowed on the Rec, apart from those used in grass cutting or other maintenance.

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**BIBLE STUDY** I am doing a Bible Study course from the Bible Society, in Tetford. If anyone would like to join us please let me know. It is for anyone with an interest in finding out more about what the Bible is, whether with no previous knowledge or as a bit of a refresher. Times and dates are flexible, but for the first session we will meet from 2-4p.m. on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Please call me, Jean Batchelor, on 07948 611903

**GARAGE SALE** Would anyone be interested in taking part in a village garage sale this year to raise funds for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance? Suggested date: Saturday, 13th September or Sunday 14th September. If interested, your feedback on your preferred day would be helpful. Suggested time 11am - 2pm or 1pm to 4pm.  
01507 533400 or message through Tetford Matters Facebook page. Carol Weston

# **TETFORD & DISTRICT FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025 2:00pm**

**HAMILTON HALL, TETFORD**

**Refreshments available, raffle & sale of prize-winning produce.**

**The show is open to enter for anyone who lives within a 5 mile radius (this is waived for child entries).**

**Exhibits must be placed in the hall by 11.30am.  
Show opens at 2.00pm. Sale of produce at 3pm.**

**Email [Tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com](mailto:Tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com) for a schedule**





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## TEAS

**SUNDAY**

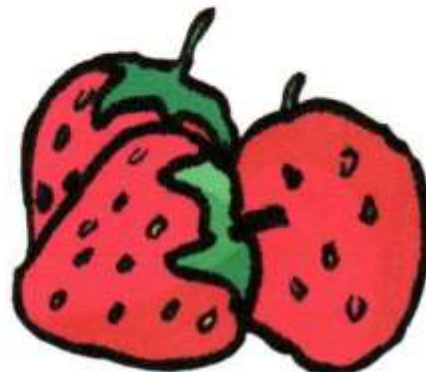
**JUNE 29th**

**2 pm - 5.30 pm**

**£7.50**



**Trotters**



**Somersby Road,  
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**Proceeds for Ruckland and Tetford Churches  
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# Flowers & Cream Teas at St Margaret's Church Bag Enderby

Bric-a-brac, craft and plant stalls  
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**19TH & 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
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## READER'S LETTER

To the Editor, Sir

I write to you re Marko McPolo's thrilling account of his far easterly trip (Issue 41) which was in the great tradition of the Whicker man's TV travel journalism (not the *other* Wickerman, for whom things got a bit hot and out of hand). But anyway, I mean the one with the microphone and horn-rims who strode about in interesting places, generally speaking. He may be a bit unfamiliar to younger readers who are nowadays treated to shouty airheads with full musical backing and not in black and white, but there you go. Times change I suppose, even today, and geography is not what it was in earlier days. Or indeed, the map. But I digress.

As one much travelled myself, with the wife (apart from when on active servicing) to other far-flung places like Guernsey, the Silly Isles, even the Continent, I must say I was quite taken with Marko's tales, including illustrations in black and white. I was especially entertained by the friendly local grass-skirted lady dancers, although on reflection that might have been in my other magazine subscription. Anyways, it was a jolly good travelogue and we should all get out more often.

Your loyal reader, Mr.Trellis,  
Scamblesby

.....and here's a joke from Mark Moscrop....

In a recent survey, 9 out of 10 men said they agreed that their wife was always right. Police are still looking for the remaining man....



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# DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Douglas (Doug) and Bernadette (Bern) Stewart

Bernadette and I were married on **22 April 1965**, we were 19 years old. My mum said we were too young and it would not last.

We married at Harrow registry office. We had a reception at my parents' house nearby, about 50 or 60 people came – some of them mutual friends. The rest were made up of my relatives, except for two of Bern's sisters. Bernadette and her sisters were orphans and brought up in a convent. Her sisters are her only surviving relatives. They were Bern's bridesmaids. No honeymoon, we could not afford it; back to work a few days later!

We went on to have two daughters. Shirley and Ginny and two granddaughters, Harrie and Katie.

We bought our first house in Tetford nearly 40 years ago. We have had a congratulations card from the King.



## EILEEN BURRELL

**We reproduce here an entry from Eileen Burrell, made to the Tennyson Chronicle in April 2019 under the banner ‘Eileen’s Bit’**

‘All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small...’  
Our little voices trilled over the park from South Ormsby School on Monday mornings. We had to make a fair job of it or face the wrath of Miss Rushforth. No. 11 in the school hymn book started our week’s studies.

All this came flooding back to me on entering the Old School on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> [March 2019]. Our mission, to learn more about South Ormsby’s plans for the future, which I found fascinating. Meeting so many nice people gives one hope for nice things to happen to this unique and beautiful village.

So many memories for those of us of mature years.

Footnote:- We still manage to scale the steep pathway up to the church on Sundays even if we have to stop to admire the view at the top!



*(Eileen is taking visitors at the Grove Care Home in West Ashby Tel. 01507 522507 – Ed.)*

### FOR SALE

|                                                                 |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Electric coal-effect fire, good working order (fits into grate) | £10        |
| ‘Padders’ Ladies’ shoes, beige, size 6, NEW                     | £15 o.n.o. |
| Ladies Land Rover bicycle                                       | £35        |
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Rowing machine - free to good home (nearly new, fairly compact, one careful owner, low mileage), can deliver if local to Tetford.

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## The Men on the Tetford War Memorial by Jonty Wild

**Pte. 15559, Frank Phillips, 12th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment. Died 23/7/1916.**

Frank was born around 1892 in the parish of Wainfleet St Mary, to parents Joshua Taylor and Emma Phillips (née Stubbs). He had three elder siblings and one younger. Both brothers, Harry and William served and of the three only Harry survived.

The family had lived in Martin, Wainfleet St Mary and Bilsby, Lincs. Joshua worked as an employed blacksmith, but in 1906 he died of pneumonia, and it is thought the family moved to Tetford following his death. Certainly by 1911 Frank's mother, now a widow, was living here with three children and a grandchild. Emma was employed as a domestic charwoman and lived in the Lodge sited in the grounds of Ormsby Hall, and which no longer exists. Frank had left home, and at 18 was working as a waggoner on a farm in High Toynton, where he lived in the home of Job Staples and his family.



Frank was working as a waggoner for H M Dale of Walmsgate when he enlisted in Spilsby in August 1914, so he was part of the initial enthusiastic rush to join Kitchener's Volunteer Army. Frank joined the 12<sup>th</sup> Bn. West Yorkshires, which was formed in September 1914 as a service battalion to take the volunteering men. Before going to fight, Frank and all the other volunteers were trained, and after going to Southampton, they embarked for France, landing in Le Havre at midnight on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1915.

They got their first proper experience of war on the 27<sup>th</sup> in the trenches at Noyelles-les-Vermelles (France). It was not a good start - they were shelled from daylight and sniped shortly after that. Their Commanding Officer, was hit by three shrapnel bullets and had to be carried away. They had been ordered to take up a position facing East, and from there to advance Eastwards at 7am, but as daylight came, they found themselves facing Northeast. An exasperated entry in the War Diary recorded "*no one thought of taking out a compass*" and the advance was delayed until 11am.

The subsequent War Diary entries reflect the chaotic nature of what happened next. The Battalion's two machine guns were brought into action, killing many Germans before one of the guns jammed. The men were surprised to receive an order to retire. It may not have been an order, but a 'rumour' started somewhere in the line. The men began retiring, but their Brigadier and many officers were killed rallying them to 'stand'. It seems to have been a demoralising mess and a real baptism of fire. The casualties were 16 Officers and 300 Other Ranks (ORs).

Then they mostly stayed out of the trenches and in late November they moved to Belgium, first Poperinghe and then Dickebusch. Here they moved in and out of the front line on roughly a two-day cycle. No casualties were reported but they wrote of their billets: "*This camp can at present be best described as tents & a few wooden huts eking out a miserable existence in a sea of mud*".

For January 1916 they remained in the now familiar area of Reninghelst, Voormezele and Dickebusch (all Belgium) and, as was now normal, in and out of the trenches or, during the rest periods, providing working parties of up to 6 Officers and 450 ORs. On the 14<sup>th</sup> about 400 men were able to get baths in Dickebusch and on the 19<sup>th</sup> they were entertained by the 'Mudlarks' – a professional group of entertainers.

On the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> they undertook two trench raids for about 2-hours. We do not know that Frank was involved, but if not, he may well have experienced something similar. Two patrols were sent out, each of 2 officers and about 16 men. One group found themselves at a strongly held point and they said that they could do no more than throw bombs. The second group's officers and sergeant entered the trench and surprised the sentry: *"unfortunately the revolver which was held to his head missed fire (sic). Attempts were made to throttle him quietly but he succeeded in raising the alarm and had to be killed."* Then *"Germans came from all sides"* and the patrol withdrew. Casualties were light and only 2 Officers and 1 NCO wounded. Total casualties for the month were also very low with only 2 Officers and 11 ORs wounded, although 1 OR later died of his wounds.

They were out of the trenches for most of February and at the start of March they moved back to Reninghelst and there was little of note, just spells in the trenches. However, they moved to the trenches at Dickebusch on the 25<sup>th</sup>, ready for a British attack on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Six galleries had been mined under the German lines and packed with explosives; they were exploded at 4:15am on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Initially there was success and 5 of the resulting craters were captured, and the Canadians took over, but by April 6<sup>th</sup> the line was back to where they started. Casualties in Frank's battalion were 1 Officer killed, 6 wounded – 1 with shellshock, 13 ORs killed, 87 wounded and 6 missing.

April, May and June add little to Frank's story, but July was the month of Frank's death. On the 1<sup>st</sup> they moved by foot and train from La Panne to Nordausques, Doullens and then Bernaville - *elsewhere in France, the British Army were suffering their worst day in history, with nearly 60,000 casualties.* They moved within France again, ending with a march to Bronay Farm and then to the trenches called the Triangle on the night of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>, to prepare for the forthcoming attack.

The British commenced an artillery barrage which lifted at 3:20am on the 14<sup>th</sup> and then they attacked. The German first line was *"practically demolished"*, and they took the second line too, reporting that they had occupied it by 4am. They also reported that the German machine guns and artillery were very active and that they were rapidly losing officers and men, but they held. Their losses were 6 Officers killed, 7 wounded, and in the ORs, 46 were killed, 170 wounded and 24 were missing. The enemy were then quiet until they commenced a heavy bombardment of the British second line on the 18<sup>th</sup>, which the War Diary recorded as *"completely levelling the trenches"*. They were relieved on the 19<sup>th</sup> but warned that they may be required on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. At 10pm that day they were ordered to move within 15 minutes to meet guides at Montauban. They were shelled on the way and had 15 casualties amongst the Lewis gunners and bombers but arrived and formed up on 'Sunken Road' and the attack started at 3:35am on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It failed, and they had to retire back to Sunken Road, where they were heavily shelled all day. Three Officers were killed, 4 wounded and 155 ORs were killed, wounded or missing. Frank was one of the missing.

His officer wrote to his mother *"Dear Mrs Phillips, I as your son's Company Commander am very sorry to have to break the sad news to you of your son's death. He was killed at the assault of the Longueval village on the morning of the 23rd. He did his duty to the end."*

He remains missing; his body never found and is remembered with pride on Thiepval Memorial to the missing, one of 72,092 men with no known grave and, of course, on the Tetford War Memorial.

*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*

### Blooming Summer

Summer is here and we are experiencing our longest days of the year. Butterflies are on the wing and flowers are blooming.

*No Mow May* saw mixed success across Tetford this year. *No Mow May* is Plantlife's annual campaign urging everyone to pack away the lawnmower, let wildflowers grow freely and help nature. My personal highlight was locating red clover in my lawn.

TV gardener, Monty Don, was celebrating cow parsley for its elegant structure and value for pollinating insects. He uses it to great effect in his TV garden for a short-lived phase of white. Perhaps a *No Strim Spring* along the hedge line or around the fruit trees could give you the same. Save some time by delaying the strim and seeing what flowers.

The flowers that are preferred by bees and other pollinators have specific features. Recognising this can be quite complicated, the easiest approach is to look for the bees! When buying your plants look for bees and other insects on the flowers, contrasting with plants which may seem appealing but lack any insects. For ease the packaging of seeds and bulbs is now often marked as bee friendly.

Most butterflies also need long grass during some point in their life cycle, so leaving that wilder corner or edge will deliver you a return with more butterflies in years to come. I particularly enjoyed seeing two of the blues, holly blue usually around the trees and common blue fast flying just above the lawn and flower borders. You don't have to chase them around looking for different coloured spots on their under wings to tell them apart!

Do enjoy your summer in the garden or countryside.

*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 Sue Le Page*

The May meeting of the Tetford and District WI was the annual Resolution Meeting. Each year the WI, nationally, puts forward a resolution to be suggested to government for adoption. One of the more memorable ones of 50 years ago was '**Keep Britain Tidy**'. This year it is '**Bystanders can be Lifesavers**'. It is aimed at empowering and educating people in the practice of CPR – what to do first and how to do it. Every minute is vital if the victim is to live! A particular concern is that women are less likely to survive without professional help, probably due to the reticence of the general public to perform such a procedure on the female form!

After a short discussion Tetford agreed to support the motion which will now be carried forward to the National Annual Meeting.

The evening ended with a 'Bring and Share' supper.

For our next monthly meeting, on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> June, we will be going on a guided tour of Gunby Hall and Gardens, meeting in the car park of the Hamilton Hall at 10 a.m. - guests welcome as usual.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 2pm** and the book for discussion will be *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton, followed on Friday 26th September by *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville and on Friday 28th November by *The Volcano Lover* by Susan Sontag

Contact Karen at [kwatkinshmg@gmail.com](mailto:kwatkinshmg@gmail.com)

### TETFORD WALKING GROUP

*from Jonty Wild*

Our next walks will be Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June and then 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Currently planned to be loops of four miles around Little Cawthorpe (near The Splash) and then 6.3 miles to South Ormsby and back.

Beautiful countryside, friendly walkers and lifts are always available if the start is elsewhere. 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) or 01507 543075 in advance, as this will save time on the day.

## TETFORD WEDNESDAY CLUB – THE FINAL CHAPTER

*By Lesley Harper-Smith*

In September 1970 Tetford had no Club for ladies. Mrs G Patchett of Brook House Farm had died and the Mothers' Union and Darby and Joan, which she organized, closed.

I called a meeting in the village hall to see if there were any interest in forming a Wednesday Club. Twenty two ladies attended and we agreed to form a club. That was fifty five years ago. Two stalwarts were Mrs Betty Davis, Treasurer (membership 5 shillings) and Mrs Betty Robinson, Raffle Lady. On the latter's death, her son Andrew supported the Club by holding an annual quiz night in her memory. This event has raised thousands of pounds for charity, particularly for cancer research.

Over the years we have enjoyed an amazing assortment of subjects at our meetings. These included bus trips (Smiths Buses) to Boston Health and Beauty Salon, Alvingham Pottery and Louth Theatre to name but a few.

One of the more ambitious projects was when we agreed to decorate a float for the Queen's Jubilee in 1977. Our subject was Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, and the members were involved in creating the 'cottage' on board. We borrowed a tractor and trailer from a very generous and trusting farmer, Mr Derek Brown of Bag Enderby. Mrs P Clarke drove it and we won second prize!

Our final meeting was held at one of our favourite venues, Gibraltar Point, organized by Mrs Sue Ellis, when I was able to thank all the members for their unfailing support and friendship over the years.

In response Mrs Dina Dixon thanked me on behalf of the members and presented me with two *Lady of Shalott* rose bushes and a token. In future years they will remind me of the Wednesday Club. Thankyou.



Tetford Wednesday Club's  
Snow White float, Royal  
Jubilee 1977

*L-R (facing camera)*  
Nancy Gowling (The Prince)  
Eileen Burrell (Sneezy)  
Lesley Harper-Smith (Dopey)  
Betty Davis (Snow White)  
Dina Dixon (Wicked Queen)

*Also involved: Mrs  
Thompson, Judy Ireland,  
Pam Clark & others*

*More photos, back cover!*



## 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

Two notices were posted up in St Mary's Church and on the church noticeboard giving residents 30 days to object to the installation of three more bells in the church bell tower. No such objections have been lodged and the Diocesan Registrar has been informed of this. The way is now clear for the church authorities to grant the faculty required for installation to go ahead. Watch this space!

PS. The jackdaw nest in the tower which caused the clock to stop when the minute hand reached the half hour was moved and the four young have now hatched and are flying around the belfry causing mayhem. They will be released shortly if necessary. The picture (*'keep the noise down!'*) shows the reaction when the clock chimed! The clock, meanwhile, is awaiting repair.



## 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.

|     |                       |                      |                  |      |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------|
| Sun | 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | Tetford St Mary      | Informal Service | 10am |
| Sun | 20 <sup>th</sup> July | Somersby St Margaret | Evensong         | 6pm  |

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SALMONBY  
SOMERSBY SOUTH  
ORMSBY TETFORD  
WORLABY

MAIDENWELL  
OXCOMBE  
RUCKLAND  
SALMONBY  
SOMERSBY SOUTH

## Spanish Words In Minor Chords

*There are two Spanish words,  
Visitors that linger in my mind,  
resonant, persistent, seeking to be heard,  
two notes, intervals that seem to chime,  
something doleful, perhaps slightly sublime.*

*From clear Iberian skies to misty Anglian plains,  
words defined, pregnantly, meanings that elide.  
True translation implies feelings and sighs,  
visceral words that resound, for things half seen,  
elusive, wanted, or once had, so might've been.*

*Two Spanish words, coloured dark or red,  
on a via dolorosa, as figures pass in silent tread.  
The tone is of bloodstreams, of drowning wine,  
the blood cure for feelings, hidden too long,  
like solitary dancers, with the blues of corazon.*

*There is another one, a third word,  
evoking a knightly visage of then and now.  
It is, after all, an old search, under a similar sky,  
a look of sorrowful desire, feet still made of clay;  
saudade: the yearning for the never had, seldom goes away.*

*Alan Lidmila*

# Rain *by Man Yarner*

As warm air rises  
Evaporation from our world  
Mother nature surprises  
The cycle is unfurled

Moistness slowly climbs  
Reaching dizzy heights  
Cooling condensation  
As fluffy clouds so white

Swirling all around  
Random in formation  
Cascading to the ground  
As rain, precipitation

Soaking in the grass  
In rivers streams and soil  
Precious, clearest water  
More valuable than oil

Underneath the ground  
Beneath our very feet  
Infiltration carries on  
The cycle is complete

Aquifers are refilled  
Quench the thirst of nations  
Natures liquid pantry  
For future generations

## **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 4**

At half past eight Kia woke up and hugged her teddy, Tigo, It was Halloween! She jumped out of bed, leapt downstairs and hurriedly ate her crunchy nut cornflakes. In five minutes she was dressed and out the house.

She was in the town square waiting for her friends. Kia had told her mum she was going to the shops with Rozi and Masie, which was quite true. She had told her mum that she was buying extra leggings, which was quite untrue. She was buying sweets and tricks for Hallween. "Hello again," said Maisie. "Have you seen Rozi yet?" "No" she replied. "I hope he's ok." At that moment he came running up, panting, "sorry I'm late! Have I missed much?" Rozi said flustered. "Nope! We haven't started." Kia said. "Come on. Let's go and get some tricks." "Ok" they run ahead of her but she catches up.

The friends were in the shops choosing tricks. There were so many to pick from! There was a trick called the sneezaroo, where you wet the little tablet and it gives off gases to make you sneeze, and there's an invisible thread that you tie to something and pull it and before you know it, it sways or topples over.

They bought the tricks and fetched their bikes. Soon they were heading down a back alley to find more houses to get sweets and treats. Suddenly they seemed to be in a mysterious forest, and found themselves fervently hoping there were no wolves about. The friends came to a queer little house, with a lollipop knocker. "Can I eat it?" questioned Rozi, licking his lips. "Of course not," Kia exclaimed.

*To be continued!*

## **HUMOROUS HEROES THROUGH THE AGES**

**(Inadequately researched by Andrew Truscott)**

**7. Alfred the Great (849 to 899)** was the king of the west Saxons who spent several years fighting Viking invasions. Earlier in his reign his army was overcome by the Vikings and Alfred with a small band made his way to Athelney, a tiny island in the marshes of Somerset, where they built a fort, gradually increasing their forces and eventually winning a decisive victory in the Battle of Edington in 878. This victory was the first decisive step in the eventual making of our country of England and yet Alfred is best known for burning cakes and consequent early exit from the Saxon Bake Off programme.

## FILM RUNDOWN by James Learoyd

Hello all! This month, I thought I'd do something slightly different. I hope you enjoy this *Mission: Impossible* special!

Based on the CBS television show of the same name – which ran from 1966 to 1973 – the series begins in 1996 with Brian De Palma's *Mission: Impossible*. One pattern you'll notice is that each of the first five entries are directed by loud and distinctive cinematic voices (that is until Tom finds his favourite collaborator). This is a great movie; more paranoid, visually experimental, and European in temperament than other entries.

2000's *Mission: Impossible II* is unquestionably the most disliked in the series. This is quite ironic considering it was helmed by probably the best action filmmaker in history, John Woo. Whilst it does contain all of Woo's stylistic hallmarks – slow-motion, hints of melodrama – it remains inconsistent and tonally confused.

*Mission: Impossible III* from 2006 is the only movie in the franchise not directed by a genuinely great filmmaker. This debut feature from J.J. Abrams (who came from television) is defined by what you could label 'the *Bourne* aesthetic' (shaky-cam, bleached colours, ultra-realism). Ultimately the bleak nature of the picture is not very *Mission: Impossible*, but we do get the series' most sinister villain portrayed by Philip Seymour Hoffman.

In 2011, the franchise finally kicks into gear with *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol*. Director Brad Bird (*The Iron Giant*, *The Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*) uses his visual mastery of animation to breathe new life into the action sequences; the inventive scene at the Kremlin remains a high for the series. He also sets the standard for the films to come.

And in 2015, Christopher McQuarrie came to sit in the director's chair, where he'd remain comfortably for all three foreseeable *M: I* productions. *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* is the first of two masterpieces. Highlights include an unbelievably well-edited Vienna opera house scene, Tom holding his breath for six minutes, and of course the opening wherein our crazed hero hangs off the side of an aircraft.

You could easily argue that *Mission: Impossible – Fallout* (Christopher McQuarrie, 2018) is the best American action movie of all time. Its ambition of spectacle is only outweighed by its perfect functionality; the team dynamic is at its very best and, quite crucially, the story is told in the right order – bookended by the awe-inspiring halo jump and the riveting helicopter denouement. Truly the ultimate cinema experience.

*Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning* may have disappointed at the box-office in 2023, but it's a fabulous time; a vibrant and energetic movie. The supposed concluding chapter *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning* has received mixed reception for a couple reasons: its overreliance on explanatory flashbacks and its inelegantly cobbled together plot. I personally think that you can easily look past some of this. It may not be on the level of *Fallout*, yet we're blessed with two of the most intense and immersive scenes in the franchise – the deep dive and the biplanes – and I think we should be grateful for that. Thanks, Tom! As always, thanks for reading -- James Learoyd, Laurel Cottage



## What's in a Name? *Anonymous*

Dr Rowina Scott stood at an enormous round window, gazing in awe at the towering pyramidal blocks a thousand stories high that dominated the city. She never grew tired of looking at them nor ceased to wonder at their immensity. Multi-coloured sky pods darted around and between them. A bleep from her pager jolted her out of her reverie. The director, Dr Abraham Klein, wished to see her urgently. What the hell did the old bugger want?

She knocked softly and entered the chamber. Klein's office was circular and enormous, and painted in brilliant white. Huge oval windows in the ceiling far above showed a cerulean sky dotted with small white clouds. Dr Klein did not look happy, she thought.

"Take a seat, Dr. Scott." Klein gestured to a sumptuous white chair and retreated behind his desk. He sat down and rested his chin on the inverted 'V' of his fingertips. "It's about the Oceanic Integrity Committee."

Rowina crossed her legs, admiring her slim calves, trim ankles and painted toenails. The hours on the treadmill were paying off, much as she disliked the old-fashioned methods. "Yes?"

"It's being headed up by Professor Yasarin."

"What!" Rowina almost exploded. She stood up, put both hands on the edge of the enormous desk and looked Dr Klein directly in the eyes. "What the hell are you saying?"

Dr Abraham Klein's eyes wavered, looked down at the polished amboyna burl, then, bracing himself, back into Rowena's. "Look, I knew you wouldn't be happy."

"You can say that again!"

"He's a changed man, into environmental conservation, reforestation, breeding endangered species, stricter emission controls ...."

"For Chrissakes. If he'd got his way at the 2030 climate summit, we'd all have drowned in our beds by now!"

"Look, he was wrong, we all know he was wrong; he openly admits he was wrong. Anyone can make a mistake."

"Oh, opposing anyone and everyone who argued for emission controls for ten years. A mistake!"

"Now, now, Dr Scott, listen to the man. Be reasonable." A smooth voice with a hint of a Russian accent came from behind.

Rowena whirled around, surprised. The man had entered the chamber soundlessly.

Professor Yasarin adjusted the silver-rimmed glasses on his Roman nose. She had to admit he was quite handsome, in that cruel Gulag-commandant way. She could feel his eyes scanning over her, undressing her mentally. "Dr Scott, er, Rowena, if I may be so bold. Look, I know we haven't always seen eye to eye."

"Pfft!"

"But, look, things have changed, I myself have changed, and now I want you onboard. Onboard as someone on the committee I can trust to make the right decisions. The right decisions to care for our oceans."

"OK, well, look, they'll come at a price." Rowena looked from Professor Yasarin to Dr Klein and back to the professor.

The professor took a seat and put his head back, staring at the distant ceiling. "Yes?"

She continued, "One, I get the right of veto, two, I move to the office on the top floor, and three, er, I want the next research vessel named after me."

The professor laughed. "Is that all?" whilst Dr Klein made a noise like a fart.

Rowena looked down at her holographic nails, watching seagulls fly. "Uh-huh."

"Well, my dear, I'll tell you what. Why don't I take you out for dinner and we can discuss it?"

Rowena looked from Klein's apoplectic visage to Professor Yasarin. She noticed his teeth were white and straight, something she always looked for in a lover. "Well, I'm free tonight."

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## CHILDREN and SCHOOL SECTION

### Answers to the May Quiz

(1) Green, red, yellow and blue (2) Andrea Jenkyns (3) Margaret Thatcher (4) Isaac Newton (5) The Great August Horse Fair (6) Sir John Franklin; the North-West Passage (7) Botany (8) the North Sea (9) Grimsby (10) River Witham (11) the Red Deer (12) coffin (13) Cadwell Park (14) the Grimsby Telegraph (15) RAF Waddington (16) the Avro Lancaster NX611 'Just Jane' (17) the Lady Imps (18) in a bad mood (19) meat loaf with pork, herbs and spices. (20) red

### THE JUNE QUIZ

Some of the questions in this month's quiz need you to select an answer from the given alternatives

1. What percentage of global beach litter is made up of plastic? 3%/53%/73%
2. What sea has the highest salt content? The Mediterranean/The Dead Sea/The Caspian Sea
3. Paddington Bear is famously from Peru. On which continent would you find Peru?
4. Which continent has the most countries in it? Europe/Africa/Asia
5. How many continents are there? 5/6/7
6. What does a barometer measure? Temperature/Atmospheric pressure/Wind speed
7. What is hail? Snow flurries/balls of ice/strong wind
8. What is the scale used for measuring tornadoes? Fujita/Twister/Tatsumaki
9. What aspect of the weather most threatens coral reefs? A warming climate/Hailstorms/Whirlpools
10. When a puddle dries up in the sun, it has...evaporated/transpired/respired?
11. The Great Pyramids are found in which country? Libya/Egypt/Sudan?
12. In which country would you find the city of Dubai? New Zealand/United Arab Emirates/Yemen?
13. In which country might you climb up Table Mountain? South Africa/Brazil/Russia
14. Which country is home to most of the Amazon Rainforest? Sudan/Argentina/Brazil
15. Is it true that we get the names of the days of the week from Vikings?
16. Is it true that Viking helmets had horns stuck on either side?
17. What type of animal was used to carry messages during World War 1?
18. Which mammal is the largest animal on earth?
19. Which habitat do meerkats live in? Forests/deserts/jungles
20. What are baby kangaroos called? Billys/Sheilas/Joey's

### RIDDLES

How many times can you subtract 5 from 25?

What do you get if you cross the moon with a monk?

If there are three apples and you take away two, how many apples do you have?

What do you get if you cross Bambi with a ghost?

Is it legal for a man in Lincolnshire to marry his widow's sister?



# **The Edward Richardson Primary School**

We couldn't have asked for a better day for this year's Sports Day: the sun was shining, the sky was blue, and the atmosphere was simply fantastic. But it wasn't just the weather that made it so special. The real stars were our amazing children, who brought their very best attitudes (and plenty of resilience!) to every single race, obstacle and challenge. Their families were just as brilliant - cheering, clapping and enjoying a lovely afternoon of fun and friendly competition.

From beanbag balancing and egg-and-spoon antics to the obstacle course and, of course, the classic flat-out sprint, our children rose to every challenge. We also had a fabulous throwing event, with our younger pupils aiming for accuracy, and our older ones testing their strength and distance.

Then came the moment of the day: the parents' race. I was absolutely floored by the stampede of grown-ups hurtling towards the starting line, bursting with competitive spirit and plenty of laughter! It was a (somewhat terrifying) sight to behold!! Joking aside though, it really was a wonderful reminder of what a fun-loving, supportive community we're lucky to have. And no, of course there was absolutely no suspicious egg-holding going on during the egg-and-spoon race... we all know our parents would never dream of such things...

A huge thank you goes to our ever-fabulous PSFA, who kept everyone refreshed and smiling with drinks and snacks throughout the afternoon. Sadly, our ice cream van was a no-show, but we're keeping our fingers crossed that this means we're owed free cones next time...?!

As always in any school, this summer term is packed with busy-ness but excitement. We've got a welcome picnic for our new Reception families, our always-emotional Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, our final Family Afternoon and Parent Shares, and a whole-school transition morning to help everyone prepare for their next adventure. Younger pupils will be having their vision checked, thanks to the wonderful support of Louth Lions, and our Year 6s will soon be off for their secondary school transition days. Oh - and our legendary Summer Fair is on Friday 11th July at 3:45pm.

And finally, a little heads-up for anyone still looking for a place this September that we do have a few spaces remaining in our new Reception class. With a maximum of 15 pupils, we know it's going to be a nurturing and personalised start to school life for each and every child.

We're proud of our children, proud of our families, and proud of the school community we continue to grow together. Thank you for being part of it.

Best wishes,  
Stuart Spendlow  
Headteacher

**The Edward Richardson Primary School**  
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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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|                     |                                                            |
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| Bryan Willson       | Brook House Farm, Church Lane, Little London, Tetford      |

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Current, Future and Possible Newbuild Sites**

**For planning applications please see:** <https://publicaccess.e-lindsey.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Recent activity in **BOLD**

| Site Identity             | Planning Ref   | Original Submission Date | No. of Dwellings | Current Status                | Notes                                     |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                           |                |                          |                  |                               |                                           |
| 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                             |

Please be aware that these notes are not official, they are not the minutes of Council meetings, they are compiled by the Editor as a resident, a 'member of the public.'

## **NOTES FROM THE PARISH MEETINGS THAT TOOK PLACE ON MAY 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Hamilton Hall three Parish Council meetings took place, one after the other, viz. (1) the Annual Parish Residents Meeting (2) the Annual Council Meeting (AGM) and (3) the regular monthly Parish Council meeting for May 2025. The delineation of topics within each meeting got a bit blurred so these notes cover all three in no particular order. 6 Councillors were in attendance, the seventh (Michael Eve) having recently resigned. Also attending were the new County Councillor for Louth Wolds Alex McGonigle and District Councillor Daniel Simpson.

- The Chair of the Council presented his annual report to the residents in attendance, who numbered six of a possible 416 adults in Tetford (2021 census).
- In the AGM 'election of officers' all Councillors were re-elected unanimously.

### **Residents in attendance raised community issues:**

- the apparent existence of what might be termed a 'churchyard maintenance fund' which could be used to enable those stalwarts who keep the churchyard so tidy to ensure their grasscutting machinery can be adequately maintained and pay for fuel. It was decided this was a church matter.
- it seems that the ELDC no longer supplies kit for the litter picks, so a request was made for the PC to fund more equipment. The issue was noted as an agenda item for the June meeting.

### **Reports from Community Groups:**

- Village Hall. (1) Whether to install wi-fi in the village hall. One quote came out as £25 per month. This seems high for the level of interest. There is a BT 'wi-fi' box already in the hall and EE is thought to give the best signal in Tetford. Cllr. Daniel Simpson undertook to investigate ELDC funding. (2) Regular bookings for the hall have seen income improve. (3) the kitchen has been re-plumbed to cure the persistent water leaks from the ceiling.
- Patient Participation Group (PPG). (1) Surgery Extension. It seems that the landlord of the Tetford Surgery does not want the surgery extended. Nobody knows who the landlord is because it is a secret. The East Lindsey Medical Group (ELMG) are therefore considering just reconfiguring the present layout of the surgery. (2) Appointments. The '8 o'clock scramble' for appointments has largely been ameliorated by the extended online triage facility which results in fast callbacks and quick referrals. October will see the introduction of the ability to make future non-urgent appointments.

*PTO*

### *Continued*

- Church. (1) The 'informal' (i.e. not overly religious) services in St Mary's at 10am on the first Sunday of the month are "going well." (2) The school concert in the church at Christmas, strongly supported by the new Headmaster Stuart Spendlow, was a welcome highlight. (3) A resident is funding the purchase and installation of three more bells for the bell tower. A structural survey gave the 'all clear' and we now await the granting of a 'faculty' from the church authorities to carry out the installation. (4) The nest of jackdaws in the tower which caused the clock to stop has been sorted (the young have now hatched). (5) Grateful thanks were offered to the team who now maintain the churchyard (6) The results of the quinquennial building condition assessment were less dramatic than were feared but about £2000 is needed to comply with its recommendations. The repair of the roof is a background worry. (7) Three educational grants have been allocated this year from the Edward Richardson Trust Fund (administered by the church).
- School. £1500 raised by the PTFA towards a £3000 expenditure on the school library

### **County Councillor for Louth Wolds Alex McGonigle**

- This was the Councillor's first visit to Tetford, which served largely as just a personal introduction
- The Councillor could offer no comfort regarding the flooding of West Road and the pipework broken outside the surgery. In response to a query from District Councillor Simpson we were informed that draining of gullies was now scheduled for every 2 years, rather than previously 1 year.
- The Councillor was instructed in the situation at Salmonby Bends (!)
- Cllr McGonigle requested that correspondence regarding Tetford & Salmonby be addressed directly to him: email [cllr.mcgonigle@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.mcgonigle@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or write to Mr McGonigle at c/o Democratic Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln, LN1 1YL.

### **District Councillor for Tetford & Donington Daniel Simpson**

- Cllr Simpson was informed of footpaths and tarmac pavements being overgrown
- Cllr Simpson undertook to discuss the Local Plan with County Councillor McGonigle
- Cllr Simpson reiterated that in the new Local Plan Tetford would be re-designated as a 'medium' village rather than a 'large' village. One cause of its previous designation was that the Cross Keys had been included in Tetford, not Salmonby. The designation 'medium' implied that there would be no further 'land allocations, just 'infill'. This means no more cul-de-sacs, just single-depth infills with no 'back-filling'.
- The ELDC is instigating a car parking survey throughout the East Lindsey, with results this year. The results will impact Council Tax one way or another.
- The Councillor was informed of a complaint regarding the relocation of a post box to Little London

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## **Regular Council Business**

- VE Day Party. The raffle took £213, rising to £336.41 with donations. The event cost £187.24. Cakes not consumed were taken to the Care Home. It was suggested that the 'profit' might be donated to a soldiers' charity - item for June agenda.
- Footpath 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.
- There is no funding available from the County Council to repair the erosion of the footpath alongside the stream down from the mill in Mill Lane and it is now also not the responsibility of the Environment Agency (successor to the River Authority).
- The bridge past Brook Cottage in North Road is still not fully repaired
- All footpaths are getting overgrown
- A resident reported unfriendly dogs on the South Ormsby Road
- No response yet on the application for a bus shelter grant (because application deadline is 21<sup>st</sup> June)
- A resident raised a question re social housing to be followed up by Councillor Simpson with the Housing Association concerned.

## **NOTES FROM THE PARISH MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Three Councillors present. 5 members of the public.

- Councillor Hoad has resigned **(the Council is very keen to co-opt new Councillors. If you would like to put your name forward please contact Pauline Murray, Clerk to the Council, email [clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk). A notice will be issued in due course.)**
- A resident raised the issues of neighbourhood strife, the condition of Tetford planters and requested a 20mph speed limit outside the school.
- County Councillor McGonigle had sent in a report promising the West Road gullies will be cleared in August and there will be/was a site meeting in June
- There have been no objections from Lincolnshire Highways about the positioning of the bus shelter. The shelter will cost £2500 fitted. This will hopefully be paid for by a grant (we'll know in July) but failing that by the Parish Council.
- A Parish Council Risk Register will be introduced by the Parish Clerk which will assess the risks attached to the Council's activities e.g. physical, legal etc.

**END**

**Next month's meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm in the Hamilton Hall**

## Donington on Bain - Chalk Ridge Walk by Simon Wood

Distance approx. 3½ miles, time approx. 1¾ hours. Total ascent 115 metres. Road, footpath, bridleway, farm tracks. Walking boots are recommended. Three churches, pub, two shops.

This month's walk revisits the Donington on Bain region, a haven for walkers and only 15-20 minutes drive from Tetford. It begins with a long climb of 66 metres up Welsdale Road, then turns along the high chalk ridge before returning to Donington on Bain and the Bain Valley via the quaintly named Horsebottom Plantation. There are 115 metres of ascent in total, so it is not a walk for the timid.



The starting point, **A**, is reached by taking the Bluestone Heath Road and heading (with care) over the A153. Then, take the third turn to the left (the one *after* the radar station/Stenigot), where there is plenty of parking space at the commencement of the walk. Here is The Old Mill House, where Mill Stream Barn Holiday Cottages are located. Two luxurious, highly-rated converted barns, accommodating two and up to four persons in a delightful location. <https://www.millstreambarn.com>

From **A**, head up the road to **B**, where the high ridge crosses the road. Be careful not to take the previous track to the left (as the author did one time, though managing to retreat before any confrontation resulted) which goes to Glebe Farm. The test is to check there is a track on both sides of the road. Turn to your right towards **D**.

There is a large pit to your right as you begin to follow the track along the ridge. If interested, there is a field entrance at **C** where you can walk back to a shallower part of the pit and gain entrance by jumping down a short distance. As exploration of said pit looked a bit time-consuming (and a tad risky) the author left it for another time.

At **D**, a pleasant footpath takes you down through the trees and into the village of Donington on Bain, **F**. Note that at **E** there is a large enclosed run for roosters which features a number of 'saucy' signs fixed to the wire. The easily offended may choose to look away at this point!



The track continues down past some riding stables and fields to the village, where there is a general store, J Ward, 'village shop and off licence,' and also Post & Pantry, a 'traditional village shop', specialising in local Lincolnshire food and drink. It features a Post Office and tearoom, and can deliver 'beautiful hampers, full of lovely Lincolnshire products.'

<https://www.postandpantry.co.uk>

You may also refresh your thirst and legs at the Black Horse Inn, "an 18<sup>th</sup>-century country pub with rooms" before following the road the short distance to **G**, the road to your right immediately past the church of St Andrew.

<https://blackhorse-donington.co.uk>

The author has yet to visit the church but it is said to date from the late 12<sup>th</sup> Century. According to the National Churches Trust (and a sign outside the church), St Andrews is "open daily, from dawn to dusk." Well worth a visit by the sound of it.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-andrew-donington-bain>

Suitably refreshed by the Black Horse Inn, and/or praying in the church, head up the road from **G** a short distance. There is a footpath sign disguised by a willow tree and then a large gate across the road. The footpath sign here is tucked into a little passageway between two hedges on your left and is easy to miss. When the author trekked this way the gate was open and he didn't spot the sign. Fortunately, the natives were friendly!

The path is well-signed and weaves between houses. At no point does it go through anyone's garden, so take note. You then come out into a field and turn left towards **I**, picking up the track to **J**. Here, follow the sign to your left and proceed past the aptly named Hillside Farm to the road and back down the hill to your vehicle at **A**.

Visible from the walk is Belmont Tower, until 2010 the highest structure in the UK, and the highest 'of its kind' in the world. Now, at 351.7 metres – 1154 feet, in old money, it is the second highest in the UK after Skelton in Cumbria. Where it is in world rankings now remains uncertain. The author has yet to visit it but has been assured it is – or was – possible to walk right up to it. Interestingly, renovations to the tower are carried out by persons carried in gondolas which sail up and down the retaining cables. Its red aircraft warning lights can be seen widely from Lincolnshire and apparently from as far away as parts of Norfolk and Derbyshire.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belmont\\_transmitting\\_station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belmont_transmitting_station)

Also visible - and visitable - is the Chain Home Radar Station and mast at Stenigot. The platforms are rumoured to be used by service members to practise abseiling techniques and to enjoy the experience of sleeping on high platforms.

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## NORTY JOKE

King Charles turns up for an official visit to Tetford and is shown around by the Chair of the Parish Council. He's wearing his best shiny buttoned blazer but on his head he's got a big hat made from red fur. Eventually the village bigwig's curiosity gets the better of him and he asks the King why he's wearing this strange headgear. "Well," says Charles, "I told Camilla I was going to Tetford and she said, "Wear the fox hat."

## SCIENCE JOKES

A research scientist drops a piece of buttered toast on the floor and is astonished to find that it lands butter-side up. He takes the toast to a colleague and asks him how on earth the toast landed butter-side up when, according to experience, it always lands butter-side down. The colleague thinks for a moment then comes up with the answer. "It's easy," he says. "You must have buttered the wrong side."

A scientist is surprised to see a horseshoe hanging over the desk of a colleague. He asks what it's doing there and is told it brings him luck in his experiments. "I'm amazed you believe in superstitious rubbish like that," says the scientist. "Oh, I don't believe in it," says his colleague. "But apparently it works whether you believe in it or not."

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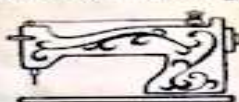
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