

The Times of Tetford and Salmonby

Times present, Times past, Times future

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“Is there anybody there,” said the villager, stood hungry at the Blue Bell’s door.

The Blue Bell Inn, Belchford, sold, and closed since June 29th 2025

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Tetford Walking Group Walk, meet Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 15 th October 9.50am
Bag Enderby St Margaret Harvest Festival	Sun 19 th October 10am
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 21 st October 2-4pm
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Tetford & Salmonby Handmade Craft Fair, Hamilton Hall	Saturday 1 st November 10am-3pm
Tetford St Mary Informal Service	Sun 2 nd November 10am
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 4 th November 10am
Post-Wednesday Club Quiz, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 5 th November 7.30pm
Remembrance, War Memorial Tetford	Sunday 9 th November 10.45am
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 11 th November 2-4pm
TTOTAS Copy Deadline	Friday 14 th November
Harrington St Mary Eucharist	Sunday 16 th November 6pm
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Access Mobile Delivery/Returns	Thursday 20 th November
Parish Council Monthly Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Thursday 20 th November 7.30pm
Light a Light, St Mary's Tetford	Friday December 5th
Tetford St Mary Informal Service	Sunday 7 th December 10am
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Carols at Harrington Hall	Tuesday 16 th December Time tbc (6pm?)

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THE TIMES OF TETFORD & SALMONBY

Welcome to the 45th edition of *The Times of Tetford and Salmonby* (TTOTAS)

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It’s time we acknowledged the great work done by the Spilsby Deanery in printing this magazine, which they have done since July 2022. We thank Rev. Peter Coates the now retired but still working Rural Dean, for giving us permission to use the Deanery facility in the first place; Rev. Fran Jeffries the current Rural Dean for allowing us to continue and most importantly we thank Jane Howsam, indefatigable Admin Manager of the Deanery for consistently producing the high quality product we all share. Thank you!

**THIS MONTH** we have another fine piece from **Dominic Yeoman** entitled *Waugh and Peas* to follow in the footsteps of last month’s *Marx and burgers*. Our regulars are back with Nature’s Nook, the School Report and The Walk. **Jonty Wild** continues with his tenth soldier and **James Learoyd** his next Film Rundown. And the junior quiz is back this month with more impossible questions while in Tetford a bus shelter HAS appeared! It’s the end of the cricket season, and we have a summary of Tetford 1<sup>st</sup> (and only) Eleven’s 2025 performance. **Carol Weston** has triumphantly completed her way of raising money the hard way for Alzheimer’s – still a chance to donate – and the Highways Department disappointed everyone at the Salmonby Bends! Our colour spread covers the Harvest Horse Fair in Horncastle and there’s good news about the new bells for St Mary’s. Ding dong!

**Donations** Just £20 in donations this month, all from direct debits. Total donations (i.e. income) to end of September £2575.40, which means we don’t have enough yet to print November’s issue. 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**.

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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.

### **THE PRIDE OF TETFORD – OUR MEN OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR** – *Jonty Wild*

For anyone interested in the Tetford men who are on the memorial, beyond the articles appearing in this magazine, the full-length versions are now in the church (in a binder with the above title). As new ones are finished, they will be added.

Please don't remove the binder or any of the articles, if you want copies or can add any information to those done or that are in progress, just let me know

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**CRICKET.** Tetford's final game of the season, on September 7<sup>th</sup> away to Grimsby Town CC resulted in a defeat for our local team. Tetford were all out for 153 whereas the hosts scored 223 for 9 wickets. Over the season Tetford won seven of their fourteen games, finishing fourth in a league of eight, which was topped by Grimoldby with ten wins and Grimsby with nine. Top Tetford batsmen were Jim Walters and Nick Paige, top bowlers were Nick Paige and Kai Stephenson while George Littleworth saw off nine victims in the field and from behind the stumps. You can catch up with all the statistics at <https://elcl.play-cricket.com/Matches>

**PARISH COUNCIL** The Parish Council is STILL urgently seeking two more volunteer Councillors to fill the vacancies caused by resignations. There is a poster in the Parish Council section of this magazine. As we have said several times before, far be it from this magazine to propose criteria for selection, but a couple of female councillors would address the current imbalance!

The **DOG TRAINING CENTRE** in Salmonby has been shut down, much to the relief of local residents.

**AUTUMN LITTER PICK** Thirteen litter pickers turned out over three days and picked, once more, a huge pile of litter (photo under *Parish Council*). Will people who litter ever learn not to be so idiotic? Trevor Cawthorne, who organises the pick, reports "*We covered all of the roads radiating out from Tetford. We reached the Skegness road at High Toynton, the top of Fulletby Hill, the top of Tetford Hill and the road to South Ormsby. Many thanks to everyone who took part.*" The next litter pick will be in April 2026.



**BUS SHELTER** A bus shelter has at last been installed in South Road, duly baptised by the heaviest day's rain this year. It's taken more than a year and the Parish Council has not been helped to fund it by the local Council or grant-bestowing bodies. Credit goes to Judy Ebrey, without whose indomitable pressure it wouldn't have happened. The shelter has been purchased from the Parish Council's precept, but donations have already been received to supplement this, and more would be welcome – contact your local parish councillor. All we need now is another one outside the school!



**SALMONBY BENDS** Following the investigation by the County Council Highways Department on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Bends had a visit from the JCB Pothole Pro, the Big Beast of potholing, on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Balfour Beatty had been contracted to fill half a dozen or so potholes with this machine, which is being given a year-long second chance by the County Council.



**STEVE SEWELL** wrote on October 3rd: *“So much for the notices that went up in August announcing that ‘**Work will start w/c 15 September 2025**’; as I have said before it would have made sense to do it during the 8/9/10 weeks of school summer holidays, as the designated diversion route will be far from satisfactory, particularly the run from Fulletby to Tetford! I have read somewhere about LCC Highways proposing to use a ‘new’ form of pothole repair on this scheme? This to me seems to imply that LCC are missing the point yet again, in that what this area actually needs in the first instance is a new drainage scheme! We will just have to wait and see!”*

**EDWARD RICHARDSON EDUCATIONAL TRUST** During the last year only four candidates applied for and were awarded grants. A grant was also awarded to the school to help fund the new library.

The Trust welcomes applicants who live in Tetford or Salmonby up to the age of 26 to provide grant aid for educational needs – for school, college, university, apprenticeships, books, tools or other training needs. In the first instance contact the clerk at [ppurves@aol.com](mailto:ppurves@aol.com)

**HARVEST HORSE FESTIVAL** On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October the Didi Riders and Drivers paraded to Horncastle Market Place to celebrate Harvest Festival and support the Horncastle and District Community Larder, part of Horncastle Crisis Support. We carried a description of the work of this Group in last month's issue, sent to us by Isabel Forrester, Trustee of the Horncastle Crisis Support Team and Community Larder Manager. We have photographs of the festival event in our centre spread this month, and the organisers Dani Dodds and Deklan Campbell write:

*"Horse Harvest Festival was a massive hit again !!! A huge thankyou to all the villagers of Tetford that donated and to the huge amount of businesses local and further afield that supported our cause.*

*We have filled the Horncastle community food larder once again and the over flow will be distributed between other larders in near by towns as per last year.*

*Plans are already in motion for a repeat in 2026 , as well as upcoming events that we will be supporting including the poppy appeal, fund raising for a mobility scooter for a gentleman in need and finishing the memory garden for south wold nursing home.*

*If anyone would like to help or donate please do get in touch*

*Thankyou again, Dani and Deklan"*

**TETFORD ST MARY'S BELLS UPDATE** *from David Bennett:*

"It may seem as though nothing is happening with the Bells but that is certainly not the case. It's proving a very slow process with more hoops to jump through than we thought - but we are getting there. A lot of preparatory work has been done by Taylors of Loughborough. The Bells have been sand blasted clean because they were extremely dirty having been stored underground for so long. The headstocks have recently been fitted in readiness for installing them and Taylors are now awaiting the electromagnetic chiming mechanisms to arrive before agreeing a date with us for the installation to take place. What an exciting prospect that is!"



# **AVON CALLING!**

New Avon representative for Tetford and Salmonby area.

If you do not already have an Avon rep and would like to see a brochure please give me a ring.

Shirley 07505 907169

Thank you

## **FOR SALE**

Electric Coal-Effect Fire. Fits into grate.

£10

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**"What's the difference between ignorance and indifference?"**

*"I don't know and I don't care."*

**I saw a cricket ball in the sky and was wondering why it was getting bigger**  
*... and then it hit me.*

**A boy was looking through an old family photo album.**

*Boy: Who's that man in the swimming trunks?*

**Mum: That's your dad.**

*Boy: Then who is the fat old bloke living with us now?*

**What did the inflatable headmaster say to the inflatable boy who took a pin into his inflatable school?**

*You've let me down, you've let the school down, but most of all you've let yourself down.*



## Bernadette Ann Stewart, South Road, Tetford

11<sup>th</sup> February 1946 – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Bernadette was born Bernadette Ann Ellis in February 1946 of Irish parents. She was the eldest of three girls, Catherine and Patricia being her younger sisters. Their mother died when Bernadette was only six years old and they were then sent to a convent where they spent much of their childhood.

Doug and Bernadette met while the latter was sixteen and still at school. They soon fell in love and decided that one day they would get married. Being together put an end to Bernadette's hopes of

going to university and ended of a maritime career. They choice. In fact they were years together and had two Bernadette suffered from ill periods she was well she half marathons, one marathon marathon she ran in Windsor her age group.



any hopes Doug may have had always said they made the right married in 1965, spent 60 happy daughters, Ginny and Shirley. health much of her life but in the joined a running club and ran and several 10Ks. A half Great Park saw her come 4th in

Bernadette was diagnosed with resulted in her lack of holidays abroad were out of and Doug bought the tiny the next 10 years renovating it. They spent as much time as possible there and their grandchildren spent their holidays there.

Lupus in the late 1980s which tolerance to the sun, meaning the question. At this point she cottage in Mill Lane and spent

Bernadette always wanted to go to university, so she signed up for the Open University and spent eight years studying. She graduated with honours in History of Art, English Literature, Medieval Scottish History and even computer technology. Another of her interests was the keyboard, her favourite tune being *The Ballad for Adeline*.

In the nineties, her daughters having left home, she needed something to do so she applied to become a magistrate and was successful. She spent 20 years on the bench firstly in Uxbridge and then in Lincoln. She then applied to be a governor in a new school at Ruislip and was appointed.

Bernadette and Doug said when they retired they would sell their two properties and buy something bigger in Tetford, which they did. Bernadette always said that, after a difficult start in life, she felt she had been successful and had been able to give something back to the community.

Lesley Harper-Smith

With grateful thanks to Katy Burtenshaw, granddaughter, for allowing this eulogy to be printed in *The Times of Tetford & Salmonby*.

## STEPPING OUT FOR DEMENTIA UK – Carol Weston

At the beginning of September Carol posted the following:-

*A family member has recently been diagnosed with Dementia. There is no timeline with Dementia so we do not know how their symptoms will progress or how quickly. Wanting to help in some way, I have challenged myself to walk 10,000 steps every day in September. I will be walking various routes around the village and further afield and each evening will post on my daily step count with some photos on Facebook (Tetford Matters) or 'Just Giving'.*

Carol has completed her challenge and much more! She now reports: -

“September has flown past and as I write we have raised £660 for Dementia UK, with a few promises to collect. I say “we” as I could not have done this without the wonderful people who have sponsored me. I am pleased to say we enjoyed some lovely weather, with only one drizzly walk. When I first thought of doing this particular challenge I was undecided whether to actually go ahead, but I am so pleased I did. It gave me something to do, a purpose and my sponsors got behind me and supported me every step of the way.”

Total steps in September 452,525

There is still time to sponsor me by dropping your envelope through the letterbox (Arden, North Road, Tetford) or on my *JustGiving* page, searching for Carol's Fundraiser for Dementia UK.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/carol-weston-5?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/carol-weston-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Week One total steps 84,094. Favourite walk: Huttoft to Sutton on Sea

Week Two total steps 103,127. Favourite walk: Dalby Forest; Bag Enderby to Hagworthingham

Week Three total steps 117,894. Favourite walk: Horncastle to West Ashby.

Week Four total steps 111,931. Favourite walk: Hubbards Hills, Gunby Hall to Bratoft Manor

Week Five total steps 35, 479. Favourite walk: Chambers Farm Wood

That's all folks!



**DISCOVER LOCAL  
CRAFTERS AND MAKERS**



# **Tetford & Salmonby Handmade Craft Fair**

**10AM-3PM**

**SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

**HAMILTON HALL**

**TETFORD**

**LN9 6QB**



# **WEDNESDAY CLUB CHARITY QUIZ**

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 5TH**

**7.30**

**HAMILTON HALL**

**£10 per table**

**maximum 5 players per team**

**REFRESHMENTS      RAFFLE**

**PROCEEDS FOR LOUTH HOSPICE**

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## **Autumn in the Lincolnshire Wolds**

This autumn we are experiencing a mast year, not a reference to flying flags but our trees producing more nuts and berries than usual. The collective term for these nuts and berries is 'mast'. Some years we experience a great abundance; this is due to a number of factors including the weather.

A walk around the village, in woodland or along our hedgerows will reveal a stunning display of haws, sloughs, acorns, beech nuts and conkers. In our gardens it has been a bumper year for apples, but as any gardener knows there are many factors determining whether the crop comes good and it all starts with the flowers in spring.

Like your apple tree an oak has flowers in spring but more commonly these are wind pollinated, relying less on insects to transfer pollen for the fertilization process. The tree is monoecious with both male and female flowers on the same tree. The male flowers are in long greenish-yellow knobbly catkins releasing pollen. The female flowers are red and small, located on small stalks, peduncles which will eventually form the acorn if they survive early frosts, the nibbling of bullfinches or damage from heavy winds.

During a hot and dry summer like we have experienced, plants and animals respond. More light and less water triggers more berries and nuts to mature. This will be good for the many animals and birds which feed on this bumper harvest; look out for jays and the winter thrushes.

We can also expect a stunning display as leaves change colour. Despite the concern of an early fall of leaves, a false autumn, we are now seeing from the boost of summer sunshine a beautiful transition to autumnal colours.

Our grapevine has also had a bumper year with good bunches of black grapes ripening. This will be the first decent crop we have had. Any suggestions for uses of these pip filled pearls would be appreciated!

*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)



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

**Pte. 25630, Robert Knaggs, 7th Bn. North Staffordshire Regiment. Died 30/1/1917.**

Robert was born in Scarborough, Yorkshire in 1894 and the first child of Robinson and Ada Knaggs (née Barnes). Robert had 10 siblings, all younger, and the last 8 were all born in Lincolnshire. So by 1901 the family were certainly living in Langton where Robinson was working as a gamekeeper. Then by 1907 the family had moved to Brinkhill, near Alford and were still there, less Robert, in 1911. That census confirms that they had been married for 17 years and had eight children all surviving – two more were born later. Robert had left the family home and was boarding with the Chambers family in Sutterby, between Alford and Somersby, where he was working as a horseman on a farm. By 1921 his father was employed as a gamekeeper in Oxcombe.



On June 30th, 1915, Robert married Lucy Stanley in Tetford Church – believed to be Lucy Wattam Stanley whose birth was registered in Spilsby in 1891.

Although war was declared in August 1914, Robert did not enlist until December 11th, 1915, and he did so in Horncastle. Unusually his service records exist and record him as 23 years and 208 days old - later corrected to 22 years and 7 months - living with Lucy in Little Road, Tetford and working as a rabbit catcher.

When Robert enlisted, we know that Lucy was already pregnant because their son, Roland, was born in Tetford on July 30th, 1916. It is likely that he enlisted under 'The Derby Scheme', knowing that conscription was imminent and that this would mean that he could avoid being called to serve immediately. It allowed men to attest their willingness to serve but that they would only be mobilized based on need, age and marital status. So, although he had enlisted in December he was not mobilized until May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1916 and received a medical three days later. Then he was described as 5' 5 3/4" tall with a chest size of 36" (fully expanded) and weighed 137 pounds and his trade was recorded as 'engine driver' – possibly on a farm, but it is not clarified.

Robert was on 'Home' service from May 18th to October 13th, 1916. During that time he was in training and from May 18th, 1916 to the 26th was in Lincoln and on the 25th was recorded as in 'D' Coy. He was then in Wallsend and then Forest Hall, North Tyneside to October 13th – all of this was with the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion. He was transferred to 'C' Coy, 7th Battalion (same Regiment) on October 14th – probably at Devonport from where he embarked the following day and effectively joined the Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force (MEF). He then disembarked in Basra on November 22nd, joining his Battalion 'in the field' on December 26th.

Before Robert's time with them the 7th North Staffordshires had fought at Gallipoli before going to Egypt, and Mesopotamia, landing in February 1916 and by this time the British Army in Mesopotamia was in trouble. The British and Indian troops had pushed inland with good success and then overconfidence. Sickness and a general lack of munitions and supplies weakened the small British Force. After a 5-day battle at Ctesiphon with neither side gaining an overall advantage, the British retreated to Kut, with the Ottomans following and on December 7th the Siege of Kut began. In 1916, attempts by the British to break the siege failed and casualties were high for both sides and in a humiliating defeat the British

surrendered on April 29th. The British could not let the defeat stand. They reorganised, trained and improved supply lines and on December 13th, 1916, launched an offensive. So this was the background to Robert's arrival on December 26th, 1916. The Battalion were in trenches, and the War Diary records "*Heavy rain impeded work. Noon - received orders to fill in all work done, preparatory to moving back on a new line. Owing to rain work was stopped altogether.*", but they left the trenches on the 30<sup>th</sup>. So Robert probably joined them during the following period of rest and fatigue parties between January 1st and 6th, 1917.

On the 7th they moved back into the trenches, with the day-to-day tasks being working to improve trenches, sending out patrols and sniping. Some shelling continued until the 24<sup>th</sup> and casualties were low. An exception was an attack by the Turks on the night of the 11th which was driven off. The casualties during this event were 1 officer killed, and 2 others wounded. In the other ranks 17 were killed and 30 wounded. From the 21st they prepared to attack and on the 24th they rested.

On the 25th at 9:45am, after an intense British artillery bombardment, they attacked in waves. Robert was in 'C' Company, which was one of the attacking waves and furthest East. Bombers and Lewis Gunners followed the first wave, to help consolidate any success. The War Diary records the assault as "partially successful". The enemy counterattacked at 11am: "*'A' Coy was practically isolated and partially driven back, and although the Battalion of the right flank of the North Staffs Regt. gave way, 'B' & 'C' Coys. held their ground for some considerable time, until the Royal Warwicks came up in support and the line was regained. From that time until 4pm, with only one officer, 2nd Lieut McDowell left, A, B and C Coys held what ground they could until overwhelmed by enemy bombers; they (with other battalions) finally evacuated the line and fell back to the position from which the assault had been delivered.*" So, no ground was gained. Casualties were recorded as 2 officers killed, 1 died of wounds, 4 wounded. In the ORs 55 killed, 163 wounded and 46 missing.

Robert was wounded in this attack, or while trying to withdraw, and was taken to No. 1 C. Field Ambulance, Mesopotamia and he died of his wounds there on January 30th, 1917. He was buried in the Amara War Cemetery. Amara is a town on the left bank of the Tigris some 520 kilometres from the sea. The War Cemetery is to the east of the town between the left bank of the river and the Chahaila Canal and holds 4,633 casualties.

He had served for 258 days: 149 training and on 'Home' Service, 109 with the Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, of which only 69 were in Mesopotamia and of them only 35 'in the field'. He probably only went 'over the top' once, experienced one day of fighting and five days later he was dead, leaving a widow with a two-year old child.

His death was reported in the Lincolnshire Echo on February 28th, 1917. His possessions, a tobacco pouch, photograph and pocketbook were returned to his widow in June. Later, she received his pay owing, war gratuity and a pension of 18s and 9d a week, for herself and their child, and later still, his Death Plaque and scroll, then his medals - the British War and Victory medals.

Lucy remained in Tetford, and in 1921 was living in West Road where she lived in the home of Thomas Wattam, who is believed to be her grandfather and then remarried in January 1923, becoming Mrs Freeston.

*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***

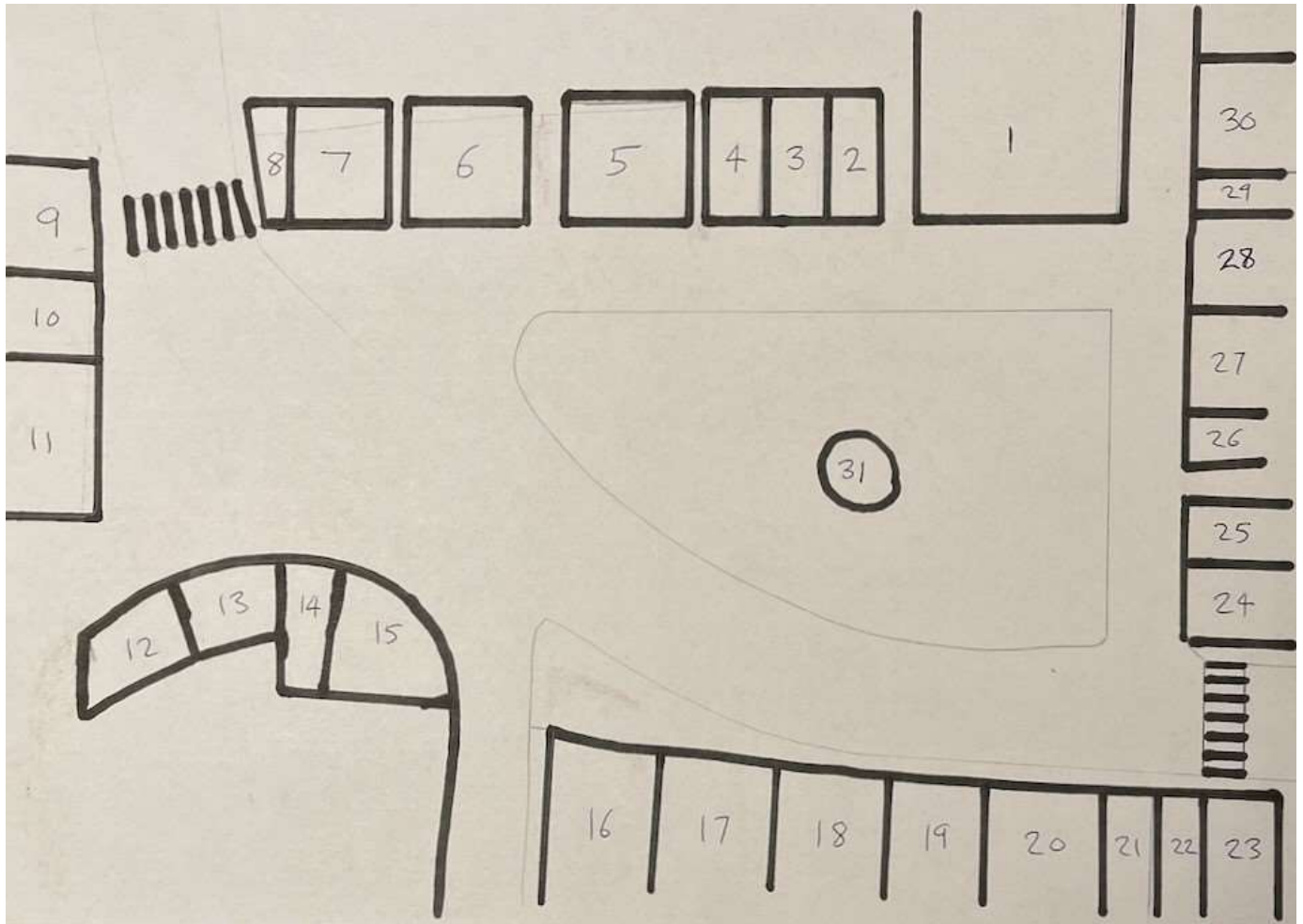
## THE HORNCastle QUIZ

Horncastle Market Square. Name each Business Premises and, for 31, the name on the memorial.

1 point for each correct name. (reduced to 1/2 point for nature of business only)

25 points would have won you first place at the West Ashby quiz this summer. Most teams scored in the teens.

Answers next month.



### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The pen is mightier than the sword

But the wallet is mightier than the pen

Although this piece began on the flimsiest of punning pretexts, a throwaway line at the end of last month's Marx and Burgers, I have since been mining its at-first unsuspected significance.

Waugh's first novel, *Decline and Fall*, published in September 1928, was greeted with widespread acclaim, so much so that it marked the launch of his illustrious career. It was a success in marked contrast to the novel's title, and also to its passive and hapless anti-hero, a man of whom even Waugh, himself, wrote "the only interest about him arises from the unusual series of events of which his shadow was witness". He is, as lightweight as the pun which led me to the sequence of alliterative discoveries that I am impelled here to recount, and of which his unprepossessing initials constitute the first, Paul Pennyfeather.

Despite the triumph of *Decline and Fall* 1928 was to be a bittersweet year for Waugh. That summer, he entered his ill-fated marriage to Evelyn Gardner, daughter of Lord and Lady Burghclere. The wedding, at St Paul's, Portman Square, on June 27, was a quiet affair; in attendance were a mere three of Waugh's friends and, of the bride's but one, her longtime family friend, Pansy Pakenham.

Scarcely a year later the marriage was over. Evelyn (she) had found love in the arms of another. Evelyn (he) was distraught, and in at least partial consequence—and short order—converted to Roman Catholicism. No casual dalliance this, no rebound relationship, Waugh's faith would prove steadfast and deep. Religious themes would suffuse much of his later work, most particularly in the novel *Helena*, his personal favourite and the only one he cared to read aloud to his family. Within its pages Waugh recounts the search for the True Cross, that upon which Jesus was crucified, this most holy relic of Good Friday's perennial Passion.

Easter Sunday, 1966 fell on April 10th. That morning Waugh, as was his habit, attended Latin Mass. It would prove to be his final public act, for upon returning home he promptly and peacefully passed away. The man whose career had begun with *Decline and Fall* ended in a celebration of the Resurrection. His body was laid to rest in a plot of specially consecrated ground in the Combe Florey, Somerset churchyard of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

A postscript—one further, and final, pertinent player to consider; a player more distant in time, yet pivotal: the alliterative triple that is *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club*. This, of course, is the 19-episode serialisation that launched the career of Charles Dickens and which, in 1837, was published as the novel, *The Pickwick Papers*. Dickens went on to be the golden goose of Chapman and Hall, the publishing house that held the rights to all his works, and where, in time, Waugh's father would become Managing Director. Almost a century later, when Evelyn Waugh's originally contracted publisher, Duckworth, declined to print *Decline and Fall* on grounds of obscenity, it was Chapman and Hall who stepped in to save the day, publishing his novel in Duckworth's stead. *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club* had opened a stream of wealth which cascaded down through Chapman and Hall over generations. It washed through Evelyn Waugh's childhood and, when most needed, it served as midwife to Waugh's literary career delivering *Decline and Fall* with its tale of the perambulations and perils of Paul Pennyfeather into the light of day. It is a possibility that without the *Pickwick Club*, Waugh's later works may never have been at all. One might even contend that the entirety of Waugh's work is by extension a body of Posthumous Pickwickian Papers. Next month I am minded to do exactly that. Possibly perhaps.

## GROUP NEWS

### TETFORD & DISTRICT W.I.

*from Sue Le Page*

How well do you know your Highway Code? Not as well as you might think you do because it has changed in the *nnn* years since you took your driving test! At our September meeting the Tetford and District W.I. were entertained by the tales of Driving Instructor Steve Brown. Horrifying, incredible and hilarious anecdotes made one wonder whether it is safe to go on the roads and even whether we would pass today's driving test! Several copies of the new Highway Code were purchased in haste – a quite thick booklet now, not the relatively slim leaflet that it once was!

Our next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October commencing at 7pm. is our **OPEN MEETING**. We will share a light supper and be entertained by Keith Butters, a storyteller, who has a vast repertoire of Lincolnshire folk tales, ghost stories and fairy tales from around the world. All are welcome. Entrance (to include supper) £5...children free

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

### TETFORD WALKING GROUP *from Jonty Wild*

Since the last magazine we have completed Simon Wood's Ruckland – Farforth walk – thanks Simon, a lovely walk – and will have walked a 5m loop from Hagworthingham. Our next walk will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, probably the 5.3m from Tealby to Walesby and back. There will next be a walk on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, route to be confirmed. As we move into Autumn/Winter we still plan to walk on the first and third Wednesdays, with only bad weather or lack of walkers stopping us. So, if you want to walk, turn up, contact me, or join so that you get advance email information and WhatsApp notices if we do cancel.

Beautiful countryside, friendly walkers and lifts are always available, when 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 534075 in advance, as this will save time on the day.

Plenty of room for new walkers, give us a go. Well behaved dogs welcome, subject to willing transport. Must get on with other dogs and have leads for when near roads or livestock etc.



September's read was *The Secret River* an historical novel set in 1806 in which William Thornhill, a waterman working on the River Thames, is convicted of theft and becomes one of the earliest criminals transported to New South Wales, Australia.

Themes include belonging, identity, colonisation and displacement, specifically the clash of cultures between the indigenous Aboriginal Australians and the colonisers.

The novel really divided the group and provoked some very emotional responses which made for a wide-ranging and interesting discussion about a particular point in history and one that many of us were coming to anew.

As with a previous book choice, *The Colour of Water*, it was interesting to think about how things had changed (or not) 200-plus years on - sadly, it seems entrenched inequality is still very evident today.

It's fair to say the story challenged many of us, variously described as 'shocking', 'harrowing', 'a grim read', and 'deeply distressing', for others it was 'important to read it', 'provided fascinating detail', 'gripping' and 'memorable'.

My copy of the novel has an introduction by Diana Athill, literary editor, in which she comments on Grenville's research into the novel, and which addresses some of the issues raised in our discussion and helps explain some of those reader responses, Athill says:

"...her research brought Grenville face to face with the truth, and it was not just awkward. It was hideous. There are times when it takes a strong stomach to be involved in it alongside William and Sarah...the strength of her novel calls up sympathy, because once men on the far side of the planet had decided to colonise this land... it meant disregarding whoever happened to live there... the individuals being dumped became the situation's victims as much as those who were being dumped on..."

The Reading Group's next meeting is on Friday 28th November. The book to be discussed will now be *The Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Armin, not *The Volcano Lover* by Susan Sontag. Contact Karen at [kwatkinshmg@gmail.com](mailto:kwatkinshmg@gmail.com)

### **Piano Tuition available**

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**£10 per half hour.**

**Please contact Sue on 01507 534800 (Tetford)**







## 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.

This year's 'Light a Light' will be held on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by a concert by a male voice choir. A lovely social evening.

Our September teas were well supported and a total of £714.80 was raised for the church. Many thanks to the cake makers and our helpers on the days, also to the guys who moved the furniture about and, of course, to our very generous visitors.

## 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 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Bag Enderby St Margaret   | Harvest Festival     | 10am    |
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov  | Tetford St Mary           | Informal Service     | 10am    |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Tetford War Memorial      | Remembrance          | 10.45am |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Harrington St Mary        | Eucharist            | 6pm     |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Tetford St Mary           | Informal Service     | 10am    |
| Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Carols at Harrington Hall |                      | tbc     |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Tetford St Mary           | 9 Lessons & 9 Carols | 6pm     |
| Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Tetford St Mary           |                      | 10am    |

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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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## REGULAR HAMILTON HALL ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES:

**Short Mat Bowls**, Tuesdays at 7.30pm Contact Mr D Needs 01507 533705. The Bowls Club re-convened on the first Tuesday of September. New members always welcome and the first three evenings are free. A friendly bunch, will be pleased to see you.

**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.

**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. Residents welcome to attend. *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 and Chat** Tuesday afternoons 2 – 4pm except the first gathering of the month which will be on the Wednesday morning of the first week starting at 10am.



Pilates-Plus classes in Tetford Monday 09.30 Hamilton Hall  
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Contact for more info/questions: [debbiejenner@outlook.com](mailto:debbiejenner@outlook.com)



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## 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)

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**THE MANSION HONESTY SHOP** for homemade bakes in Little London is open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays 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:- 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.nhs.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:-

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 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. 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

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| 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>                                     |



## TENDER, LOVIN' PAIN

Down thru the streets in the evenin'  
to the river's singing stream,  
you hear a tender moanin',  
the faint sound of lovin' pain  
When the hopes that surface jangle,  
gambol on flowing ways outrun,  
you hear sounds of sax and cymbal  
in the heaving dreams when night's begun

You cannot stop the sobs of wonder,  
you cannot staunch what flows on down,  
when desire sinks down deeper, under,  
finding the return of long-gone Eden's  
that tidal waters seek to sluice too clean,  
de-toxing memories into shoreline sediment,  
somewhere safely beyond, not heard, unseen;  
yet, still you recall love's painful intent

As the sounds persist in returning,  
keep coming back in restless sleep,  
as you lie in soaking cots of feeling,  
as the music grinds ever deep,  
on a percussive, relentless strand  
you hear the distant canto, sounding a hopeful refrain;  
beyond the buoys and groynes of a watery land,  
the endless soul-song singing, of tender loving pain.

Alan Lidmila, 2025

[‘The town seemed dark, except far down the road to the right there was the flicker of a lamp. Somewhere in the darkness a woman sang in a high wild voice and the tune had no start and no finish and was made up of only three notes which went on and on and on..’  
Carson McCullers, 1951]

## FAIRY TALE OR PORKIE PIE?

Deep in the forest,  
as everyone knows,  
live the fairies and pixies  
and perhaps a few gnomes

They scurry and scuffle  
through bright autumn leaves  
with nary an “excuse me”  
They're as bold as you please

They are all in disguise  
as they hide in plain sight  
You could be looking right at them  
and they wouldn't take flight

Because despite all the stories  
they're not quiet or shy  
They giggle behind trees  
as they watch you go by

What do they look like  
is the question you ask?  
Well, to answer that query  
is quite a large task

Sometimes they may look  
like a squirrel or an owl  
Or dress in bright feathers  
like a more colourful fowl

You might think that you see  
a fox through the trees  
or run into a hive of  
busy, buzzy bees

Or spy in a clearing  
a doe and her fawn  
who look right at you  
before suddenly, they're gone!

Even the whisper of wind  
in the trees  
may be something more mystical  
than just a cool autumn breeze

The creatures of the woodlands  
are magical, it's true  
You know, my darling child,  
I'd never lie to you!

*Terri Willings, Tetford Feral Writers*

## **Drowning in a Digital Soup** *by Man Yarner*

So digital ID has been finally unfurled  
As we are driven like sheep into a digi-world  
Whatever happened to freedom of choice?  
No hurty words - please don't use your voice  
So step by step - day by day  
It creeps up on us and won't go away  
Scan this QR code - whatever that is  
It is so confusing - I am now in a Tizz  
Paying for parking can cause us distress  
When a couple of coins would sort out this mess  
Cash was successful for hundreds of years  
Let us use it now with less of the fears  
Cards can be convenient for bigger amounts  
But to support local business it's notes that count  
To rely on your phone is a foolhardy game  
So many pitfalls to drive you insane  
You can lose it, break it, or the signal is poor  
Dead battery, get hacked, do you wish to know more?  
The pound in your pocket's worth its weight in gold  
Yet the future is techno - or so we are told  
So who really benefits from digital ID?  
It's certainly not going to be you or me  
Planned for decades - it is now ready to roll  
For our convenience? More like for control  
For those who frequently travel those miles  
When you go abroad - they will know you've got piles  
So the central banks seem to be pulling the strings  
Yet the media may claim it is "other things"  
Your health and wealth end up all in one box  
And this is where the humour stops  
It is very complex-but I will have a go  
There are so many things that you need to know  
Will your life be determined by a digital bot?  
Telling you what you can have - and what not?  
Wine, women, pizza, Sunday joints  
Could lower your score by so many points  
That holiday abroad? See family away?  
Those digital assets will wither away  
Swap your Limo for a bike to go to town  
As your carbon footprint drags you down  
Don't get me wrong – I'm an eco-warrior at heart  
Just do your homework before it all starts  
So, C.B.D.C.\* a multi-faceted thing  
Who knows what the future may bring?  
We lose our power- what will be, will be  
But digital ID? - it's just not for me.

(\*C.B.D.C. Central Bank Digital Currency)

## FILM RUNDOWN by James Learoyd

Hello all! I hope everyone's keeping well and watching lots of movies.

***Honey Don't!*** has received nothing but scathing reviews, but my friends and I enjoyed it fine. It's the second of Ethan Coen's lesbian detective B-movies (the first being *Drive Away Dolls*). It's evidently not for everyone; it's ridiculous, farcical and quite explicit. But, like the previous picture, what makes the film watchable is the no-nonsense performance by Margaret Qualley (daughter of Andie MacDowell).

Fun fact: ***The Long Walk*** is the third Stephen King adaptation of the year – the other two being *The Monkey* (an atrocious movie) and *The Life of Chuck* (a pretty interesting movie which was included in the last issue). Set in a not so distant-feeling dystopia, characters are forced to walk continuously in a life-or-death competition. If they slow under 3 mph, they're killed by the authoritarian forces. Many are finding a lot to love about this movie. The performances are impeccable across the board. But it's not for me, unfortunately. To me, it feels vicious and grim without much deeper resonance. Well-directed – but a real bummer.

***One Battle After Another*** is the latest masterpiece from one of my favourite filmmakers, Paul Thomas Anderson. Anderson describes the plot as “what happens when revolutionaries collapse in on themselves”. It's visually flawless, politically perceptive and unusually humorous. No other film is like this – particularly not one at such an epic budget. Not that it matters so much, but right now it seems to be the frontrunner for Best Picture at the Oscars. The best English-language film of the year so far. The cast includes DiCaprio, Sean Penn, Chase Infiniti and (the standout) Benicio del Toro. A recommendation for all.

***Highest 2 Lowest***, the new Spike Lee movie starring Denzel Washington, is now on Apple TV+. It's a highly entertaining remake of Akira Kurosawa's *High and Low* (1963) about a businessman confronted with a hostage situation. Like all of Lee's legendary work, he contextualises the plot through today's issues and concerns. Quite the audacious thriller.

I'd like to highlight a couple of Halloween-themed Kinema screenings on the horizon. Is there an 80s movie more perfect and more of its time than ***Beetlejuice*** (1988)? I doubt it. It'll be playing on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October. There's nothing better.

I'd also like to highlight 2005's ***The Descent*** which is playing on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of October. I was one of the first to see the new 4K restoration of this raucous cave-set British horror at this year's Frightfest. The director and star were present and introduced the movie. It was a great time. But if you're already scared of caves, maybe don't watch this movie.

## **A RUNNER'S TALE** *by Anonymous*

"Mark, can you come to the committee room for twelve p.m.?"

I looked up into Marcie's wide green eyes. Eyes are the windows of the soul, they say. Hers said 'yes,' but the wedding ring on her finger said, 'no'.

"Why? I was taking an early lunch."

Marcie grimaced. "Not now, you're not, the Old Man wants the whole department in the room."

"Has someone died?"

Marcie smoothed back her long chestnut hair. "No, it's more important than that."

So there we were, the whole staff of Mullets Sanitary Ltd, Manufacturers of Toilets by Royal Appointment. On the wall was a picture of the Queen, sitting on one. Beside me were Fred Evers from Shipping and Annie Hurd, Head of HR, for what it was worth.

The Old Man strode in, looking like he expected a round of applause. No one took any notice. They carried on talking until Annie bellowed, "Shut up!"

The Old Man gazed around the motley gathering. His face was florid, and his bald head shone like a beacon under the lights. "Well, everyone, thank you for coming. I'll get to the point. Some of you may want your lunch."

There was a murmur of approval.

"So, we, that is to say, I, wish to raise the profile of Mullets Sanitary Ltd."

"Is there a new toilet design?" asked Maggs, the canteen lady.

The Old Man ignored her. "We, that is to say, I, want three volunteers to run the London Marathon on behalf of the company, to raise money for lung disease. Is anyone here fit?" he asked.

"Marcie is," said Fred, to general laughter.

"Shut up!" barked the Old Man. "Does anyone want to get themselves fit to run twenty-six miles?" Silence.

The Old Man gave a cynical smile. "Then Annie will hand out raffle tickets and we will draw lots."

I stood with Sandra Meadows, the cook, and a friend to down-and-outs. In fact, she even looked like one, and Fred Evers, who had just stubbed out a cigarette. We'd drawn the three unlucky tickets. Our breath misted in the cold morning air of the deserted sportsground. A short, stout man with the physique of a boxer stood before us.

"Right, you 'orrible lot, I'm Stanley Wragg and I've been given the onerous task of training you for the London Marathon. Has anyone ever run a marathon?"

"I ran half a mile once," said Fred. "In the Boy Scouts."

Stanley Wragg spat on the ground. "When you weren't playing with your woggle?"

"That was the Cubs," said Fred.

Stanley waved his arms in front and behind his body, trying to keep warm. "Right, you 'orrible people, twenty jumping jacks to start with, and I want you here five days a week at six a.m., or the Old Man will be handing you your papers!"

Crowds lined the streets. Banners proclaimed this and that cause. The sun shone in a bright blue sky, and a huge cheer went up as we approached Tower Bridge. Fred wasn't far behind me, but I'd lost sight of Sandra. But there, in the crowd, was Marcie. She looked beautiful, the sun reflecting on her chestnut hair. She smiled and waved to me, blowing me kisses. Then, there ahead was the finish line. I'd done it. Against all the odds, I'd actually run the London Marathon. Incredible!

Then a loud buzzing sound impinged on my consciousness. I woke up and looked at the alarm clock. 5.30 a.m. Damn it, half an hour to get up and down to the training ground for day number two.



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## **CHILDREN and SCHOOL SECTION**

**Last month we forgot to change the month on our quiz and riddles answers, we put June instead of July. So we've printed the answers again**

### **ANSWERS TO THE JULY QUIZ**

(1) Stew (2) Hamburgers (3) No, 50% (4) 53% (5) Spaghetti (6) False (7) False (8) False (9) China (10) 200 (11) Apples (12) No, Wales (13) True (14) Mexico (15) False (16) True (17) Great White Shark (18) True (19) True (20) True

### **JULY RIDDLES**

- A fish
- A one-one
- It gets wet!
- Mostly it's thinly sliced cabbage

### **THE OCTOBER QUIZ**

1. How many cards are there in a standard set of playing cards?
2. How many instruments are played in a quartet?
3. What is the collective name for the colours red, yellow and blue? Base colours/first colours/primary colours?
4. Which book by Roald Dahl takes place in a seaside hotel with a lot of very unpleasant guests? The Sorcerers/The Witches/The Hags
5. J.K. Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter series is from which country? United Kingdom/Canada/USA
6. Judith Kerr wrote a book called 'The Tiger Who Came to...'? Tea/School/My Party
7. Which of these is an American singer? Taylor Swift/Taylor Eagle/Taylor Robin
8. What is a chord? A type of song/a group of notes played together/A carrying strap for an accordion
9. Which music type is performed on drums?? Woodwind/Percussion/Wind
10. Freddie Mercury was the front man for which famous rock band? Led Zeppelin/Queen/The Rolling Stones
11. Which of these is a real British rap artist? Thunderz/Stormzy/Lightnin'
12. Andy Murray has won more Wimbledon finals than Novak Djokovic – true or false?
13. Which of these is a swimming stroke – Grub/Moth/Butterfly?
14. Which country plays rugby union at Murrayfield? England/Wales/ Scotland
15. True or False – the England Women's Football Team is nicknamed 'The Lionesses'
16. True or False – Newcastle United are known as 'The Crows'
17. Who is the English Premier League's all-time top scorer? Wayne Rooney/Harry Kane/Alan Shearer
18. In tennis, a serve that is not returned is called what? King/Joker/Ace
19. In which sport can you score a 'bogey'? Fencing/Table Tennis/Golf
20. The six nations is a competition in which sport? Tennis/Cricket/Rugby

### **RIDDLES**

- What word is always pronounced incorrectly?
- What is green and looks like a bucket?
- What is brown and sounds like a bell?

# **The Edward Richardson Primary School**

We're back for another academic year and we've got some big plans ahead!

This September, we've launched our brand-new Writing Curriculum, built completely from the ground up and bespoke to our school. It's designed to help children learn how to plan, structure, and craft their writing effectively, while also building a secure understanding of the spelling, punctuation and grammar skills they need to write with confidence.

We're incredibly proud of this new curriculum which, like all areas of our provision, is inclusive for every pupil. It also provides engaging opportunities for writing, some of which link directly to real-life experiences, making writing purposeful, exciting and relevant. In a future edition, we'll be sure to showcase some of our children's writing too!

Following last year's successful relaunch of our school library with a completely new collection of books, this year we're turning our attention to Reading. We're developing a brand-new Reading Curriculum from scratch: an ambitious but exciting project that we can shape entirely around the needs and interests of our pupils.

Our commitment to wellbeing also continues to grow. We're delighted to now have a dedicated Family Support Worker, who is already offering fantastic support to our families. Meanwhile, our new ELSA Hub (a wellbeing centre designed to provide emotional support for pupils) is on the way as we hinted at in our press release. We're just waiting for the groundwork to be completed (and trying our best to be patient!).

As part of our mission to inspire our children, we're also inviting visitors to come into school to deliver short 5/10 minute talks in assemblies about their jobs or careers. We'd love to showcase a wide range of professions to help broaden our children's horizons (beyond the usual dreams of becoming a YouTuber or footballer)! Recently, we were thrilled to welcome Paul Sturgess, the UK's tallest man at an incredible 7'7". Paul has played for the Harlem Globetrotters and now works as a TV and film actor - his visit was truly inspiring!

And finally, a huge thank you to JustTeachers for their generous donation of books from our 'Wish List'. Their kindness means our school library is now bursting with even more brand-new titles for our children to enjoy.

Best wishes,  
Stuart Spendlow  
Headteacher

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Tetford Primary Headteacher Stuart Spendlow enjoys a good read with some of the school pupils and Amy from 'JustTeachers' who donated the books to the school



Paul Sturgess, the UK's tallest man at seven foot seven inches instructs Mollie from Year 5 in how to store a basketball in the ceiling while balancing it on one finger. Mollie is looking stunning in Paul's Harlem Globetrotters' team shirt.

**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)

**Next month’s meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
7.30pm in the Hamilton Hall.**

Your Parish Councillors are:

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Please be aware that these **NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** are not official, they are not the minutes of Council meetings, they are compiled by the Editor as a resident and Member of the Public (MoP).

## **NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

Present: All 5 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, County Councillor McGonigle, 4 MoPs.

- A MoP complained that texts from the pharmacy for repeat prescriptions were intermittently not received, something which the pharmacy blamed on a dodgy internet signal. An email to alert the PPG will be sent.
- The PC undertook to write to County Councillor McGonigle regarding the frequent flooding of West Road, thought to be caused by a damaged drainage system.
- The PC may apply to the County Council for a grant to cover the cost of the bus shelter. County Councillor McGonigle undertook to send the Clerk details of such grants. For now the PC will cover the cost. Donations towards the cost have been received from Mike Booth (£200) and Didi Riders & Drivers (£66.50). More donations would be welcome!
- Cllr. McGonigle announced that a “preliminary investigation” of Salmonby Bends would be carried out on September 15<sup>th</sup>, not a start to remedial works as had been anticipated. The Cllr. Undertook to update the PC after the investigation.
- A request for a 20mph speed limit outside the school had been rejected as “not meeting the criteria”. The PC determined to request flashing speed signs.
- There had been no applicants to fill the vacancies on the PC
- Councillors agreed that their photos should be posted on the PC noticeboard, and to provide *The Times of Tetford & Salmonby* with their publishable contact details.
- Planning. The Council is to object to the re-purposed modular steel unit proposed for the Sawmill cottage in East Road.
- A MoP volunteered to carry out a footpath and bridleway survey requested by the County Council
- A MoP enquired as to who was responsible for the maintenance of the Dr Gray Memorial Garden as it was in an overgrown state. There was no answer available.

## **NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

Present: 4 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, 5 MoPs.

- A MoP pointed out that the Parish Council noticeboard was largely way out of date. The noticeboard is due to be replaced and it was requested that the new one should be lower – indeed *TTOTAS* has always recommended the use of a stepladder.
- The admin demanded by the paperwork for the County Council footpath and bridleway survey has proved onerous, so the offer from the MoP to perform the

survey was withdrawn. The general public is asked instead to report any defects to the Parish Council.

- Ongoing are the District Councillor's negotiations with the Platform Housing Group, who look after social housing in the area and are also responsible for the land on which the Little London postbox currently resides.
- A MoP highlighted a problem of flytipping builders' waste in Black Hill, commonly known as Green Lane off the Salmonby Road. Now cleared.
- Lincoln County Highways Dept have maintained that there is nothing wrong with the drainage system in West Road. Residents are therefore urged to send photos of flooding to County Councillor McGonigle at [cllra.mcgonigle@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllra.mcgonigle@lincolnshire.gov.uk) and to FixMyStreet <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>
- Winter salt is due to be delivered to the village hall, for use by residents on icy pavements and roads
- A resident has written in complaining about the lack of notice (i.e.none) given of the recent (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct) pothole-filling in Salmonby Bends and concomitant road closure, not to mention that considerably more than filling a few potholes is needed in order to repair the road. (It should also be noted, though this was not covered in the meeting, that very large vehicles are gradually eroding the banks and thus widening the road in this vicinity, plus using residents' driveways as passing places.)

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**We are two parish councillors down – could you spare us a few hours?**



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## East Ravendale – Gunnerby by Simon Wood

Distance approx. 4.5 miles, time approx. 2 hours (45 mins. optional extensions). Total ascent 70 metres. Road, bridleway. Walking boots are recommended. Two churches.

Our October walk explores a quiet area of the northern Lincolnshire Wolds. Two-thirds of the route is road walking, but the roads are of the minor variety, with very little traffic (one even has two cattle grids). Best walked on a sunny day, but walkable in all weathers, although the cross-country bit, **C-F**, would need walking boots if wet, as it is a designated bridlepath.



The starting point,

**A**, is reached most simply from Tetford by taking the A16 through Louth and turning off onto the A18, Barton Street, before or after Ludborough. At Ashby Hill, turn left to East Ravendale, then take the first right turn to Hatcliffe. This road is named The Avenue and comprises a section of The Wanderlust Way, a twenty-mile long distance footpath.

<https://www.wanderlust.me.uk/wanderlust-way>

There is not a lot of parking space along this narrow country road, but at **A**, there is the first of two cattle grids, and plenty of space for two or three cars to park. Leaving your vehicle, you now head along the road through a lovely wooded valley, rather like a mini Hubbard's Hills. At **B**, you take the road to the left, shortly passing the imposing edifice of Hatcliffe Manor. An optional extension would be to visit the village of Hatcliffe and the church of St Mary, **G**. The author did not, in fact, visit it owing to time constraints, so wasn't able to ascertain whether it is normally open or not. Call 01472 753602 for further information.

[https://slha.org.uk/catalogue\\_item/hatcliffe-st-mary-5](https://slha.org.uk/catalogue_item/hatcliffe-st-mary-5)

Heading along the Gunnerby Road takes you past the modernistic Barrow House on your right, then a power transmission station, Gunnerby Farm, and Gunnerby House. Look out for the Bridleway sign on your left, **C**, and walk to **D**, where you turn along the top of a huge field. The hedges are high with a multitude of berries and suchlike. Those 'in the know' are sure to find something of interest in the hedgerows. The turn at **E** is signed with a blue arrow against a circular yellow background on a post. There is an opportunity to get lost a little further on (about where it says 'sheep dip' on the map) as the sign to the left is obscured by a row of large hay rolls. Nevertheless, turn left here and take comfort as you walk under the transmission line that you are on the correct route.

At **F**, turn left as per the signpost, and follow it to the road, passing over a brook via a small wooden bridge. Facing you, as you step back onto the road, is a new house, freshly constructed over the summer. You are now back on the Wanderlust Way. Turn left, and shortly you pass the first of four entrances to a chalk cliff, **I**, forming part of an old quarry, on your right. Two of them say, "Keep out. Falling Rocks," the other two don't. A high chalk cliff runs alongside the road, behind a narrow bit of woodland for perhaps a quarter of a mile. Certainly, an interesting and uncommon feature. Head back to your vehicle at **A** after perusing the cliffs as you see fit.

You may care to visit St Martin's Church at East Ravendale, **H**. Head back along The Avenue and over the crossroads (where you turned right originally). This road is a continuation of The Avenue, and there is some parking space on the verge by the church. Phone 01472 822172 for opening information.

<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LIN/Ravendale>

Heading back towards Ashby Hill, you can turn right to return home on the A18, or continue straight over to head into Waltham. There are several tea rooms in Waltham, as well as The Kings Head and The Tilted Barrel pubs, plus shops and takeaways, as well as the famous Waltham Windmill with numerous attractions. At the time of writing, the windmill is temporarily closed as substantial restoration has been undertaken over the last twelve months or so. It seems it will be open again shortly, judging from the information on their website.

<https://www.walthamwindmill.org.uk>

Alternatively, you can recover from your exertions at the imposing Landmark Café and Restaurant, about three-quarters of a mile to your left, along the A18 from Ashby Hill. It is new, so not shown on the map above.



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Applicants must be under 26 years of age. Application forms are available from the clerk to the trust at [ppurves@aol.com](mailto:ppurves@aol.com) or Marlene Renshaw 07795 662007.



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