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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tea & Chat (& warm space) Hamilton Hall (back room) every Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm
Tetford Walking Group – every first and third Wednesday of the month, meeting at 09.50
on the day, in the village hall car park.

For other regular events see Group News, Church News and Clubs, Societies, Activities
& Facilities

Brinkhill St Philip Evening Prayer	Sunday 15 th February 6pm
Tetford & District WI Annual Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 25 th February 7.30pm
Tetford & District Supplementary Reading Group	Friday 27 th February
Tetford St Mary Informal Service	Sunday 1 st March 10am
TTOTAS March Copy Deadline	Friday 6 th March
Tetford & District WI Coffee Morning, Hamilton Hall £3	Saturday 7 th March 10.30-12.00
Parish Council Monthly Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm
Harrington St Mary, Compline	Sunday 15 th March 6pm
Somersby Coffee Morning, Somersby House	Tuesday 24 th March 10.00-12.00
Tetford & District Reading Group	Friday 27 th March 7pm
Louth Choral Society <i>Passiontide</i> , St James, Louth	Sunday 29 th March 7pm



Tetford & District WI Coffee Morning

In Aid Of
Andy's Children's Hospice

Plants

7 March 2026
Hamilton Hall
Tetford

Cakes

Crafts

10:30-12:00
£3 per person
(includes refreshments)

Raffle

Easter Egg Tombola



Coffee Morning Cake & Savouries Sale



Tuesday, 24th March

10.00-12.00

Somersby House

birthplace of Tennyson

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also Plants & Dahlia tubers on sale
all proceeds to St. Margaret's church, Somersby

THE TIMES OF TETFORD & SALMONBY

Welcome to the 48th edition of *The Times of Tetford and Salmonby* (TTOTAS)

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**THIS MONTH.** In this month’s issue we reproduce the final page of **Dr. Harper-Smith’s** book *Paupers, Priests and People of Tetford, a History*, which we first included in what was only the third issue of *The Times of Tetford & Salmonby* in September 2021. It is a fascinating first hand snapshot of the village from 1961 to 2001 and will be of interest to all, especially those who have moved into Tetford recently. It would be great if someone were to update it, logging the changes that have happened in the 25 years since. Any volunteers? On a similar theme, we put forward this month, for discussion, the idea of a ‘Tetfordipedia’ along the lines of the online Wikipedia, and we welcome contributions. The school has some very good news, and we have the final instalments of **Lara Watson’s** *The Faceless Monk* – spooky! The Friends of St Mary’s are planning a new display in the church following the recent installation of three additional bells and Oxcombe Pottery are hosting a new educational beekeeping venture. We have a report from the Tetford Surgery Patient Participation Group and we continue the discussion about funding this magazine. The WI Annual Coffee Morning, a very popular regular event, is on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> and we’ve been approached by **Georgia Shucksmith** of the British Museum’s Portable Antiquities Scheme (Lincolnshire) for local detectorists etc to contribute to for valuations. Look on the back cover for details. Add to all this our regular features – the children’s quiz, Group and Church News, **Jonty Wild’s** War Memorial biographies, Nature’s Nook, Clubs, Societies, Activities and Facilities, a fat Arts and Culture Section from you all, including **James Learoyd’s** Film Rundown PLUS the Parish Council Report - then look upon these noble offerings and rejoice!

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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, usually around the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month**. And please, please bring us NEWS!

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## **NEWS ROUND UP ROUND THE VILLAGES**

**DONNA NOOK GREY SEAL COLONY** <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/get-involved/top-reserves/donna-nook>

For reference next year. The total pup count for the 2025 season was 1924. Top adult count from Donna Nook Weekly Update 1522 cows 495 bulls (21<sup>st</sup> November). On the 19<sup>th</sup> December there were just 86 pups, 1 cow and 5 bulls. From January 3<sup>rd</sup> there are no toilet or catering facilities on site.

**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

[jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk), 01507 534075

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

**PARISH COUNCIL** The Parish Council is now urgently seeking THREE more volunteer Councillors to fill the vacancies caused by resignations. Cllr Bryan Willson resigned in December last. 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!

## **OXCOMBE POTTERY BEEKEEPING** *Will Hamilton writes*

There is a new Beekeeping site at Oxcombe and a Beginner Beekeeping Course running this spring at **Oxcombe Pottery** just up the Blue Stone Heath Road. The course is to the British Beekeeping Association Syllabus and mixes theory and lots of practicals. You'll learn to inspect colonies, split them, unite them, catch swarms, extract honey and so on...

I've trained over 100 people to keep bees, I'm an ex university lecturer, ex Lincolnshire Beekeepers trustee and I've been keeping bees nearly 13 years...

Any questions please DM me or visit our website for the Course Content:

[\[https://beekeeperslincolnshirewolds.co.uk/training\]](https://beekeeperslincolnshirewolds.co.uk/training)(<https://beekeeperslincolnshirewolds.co.uk/training>...). The site at Oxcombe is just round the corner from Tetford, any issues with swarms this year please let me know and I can collect them for no charge.

**ASDA EXPRESS HORNCastle OPEN** Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 6am-11pm 7days a week. Cash machine. Petrol (Diesel?) 01507 430026

**THE 'TETFORDIPEDIA'** See later article for an idea about a Wikipedia-style encyclopaedia for Tetford and Salmonby

**WEST ROAD and SALMONBY BENDS** The potholes have deteriorated YET AGAIN (has there been some amateur pothole-filling on the Bends?) West Road has flooded more than once, as has Somersby village (though for a different reason?).

**NEW GARDEN CLUB** Thimbleby Village have just set up a new Garden Club. It's called THIMBLEBY VILLAGE GRAPEVINE and its main man is Graham Newton. There is a Facebook page under the garden club name, and if you search on this you will be able to join the Facebook group and "buy plants at low prices, use the seedbank, sell or give seedlings etc etc..." It's free, and you can also find a link to joining on the *Tetford Area Community* Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/tetfordareacommunity](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tetfordareacommunity).

**MAGAZINE ARCHIVE** We have created a simple archive of *The Times of Tetford & Salmonby*. Every issue to date has been copied into a single computer file. It's quite large, about 250 megabytes so far, but is easily manipulated. What this means is that we can now search for topics already covered, avoiding having to leaf through paper copies. So if you have something you'd like to get a copy of, just let us know and we'll fish it out for you. Eventually we might put it into the public domain. If you can think of further uses for such an archive, please contact us at [thetimesoftetford@gmail.com](mailto:thetimesoftetford@gmail.com)

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## **Peter Frederick DAVIS of East Road, Tetford**

Passed away after a short illness on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 Aged 90, much loved husband of Betty and a dear father to Colin and Susan.

Funeral service to be held at Alford Crematorium on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.

Family flowers only please.

Donations in lieu of flowers will be in aid of Macmillan cancer support, Marie Curie and St. Barnabas hospice and can be left after the service or donated online at

[www.turnersfunerals.co.uk](http://www.turnersfunerals.co.uk) or sent to R H Turner & Son 55-57 North Street, Horncastle.

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**TETFORD TERRIERS - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Save the date!! *Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026.*** Traditionally gates open at 5.30pm, first race at 6.30pm. A family event with stalls and a licensed bar. Very popular! Plenty of car parking.

**LOUTH MALE VOICE CHOIR** will be in concert in St Mary's Tetford on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>. More details to come – *SAVE THE DATE!*

**SOMERSBY FLOOD** To celebrate Somersby having been under water for several weeks now, Marlene Renshaw has composed this little ditty:

There's a lovely little village called Somersby  
Where the rain has caused a bit of a lark  
It's a bit of a muddle  
With a rather large puddle  
And the order's gone in for an Ark

The flood has been there since at least mid-December, Anglian Water have “been out” but have apparently done nothing.

### **SPRING GARAGE SALE**

Would you be interested in taking part in a village garage sale to raise funds for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance?

We are looking at **SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**, 10am-1pm. £5 per stall. We will be happy to accept donations from anyone not wishing to take part but who would like to support the LNAA

Contact: Carol Weston 01507 533400

### **NEXT COPY DEADLINE**

**SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2026 FOR DELIVERY ABOUT THE 5th MARCH**

## ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS

A new display will soon be in place in St Mary's Church illustrating the October 2025 installation of three additional bells in St Mary's belfry. The display will include photographs and narrative, and will also cover the 2003 refurbishment of the three original bells, replacing the current display.

The installation of the three additional bells was project-managed by the Friends of St Mary's, notably Paul Sargent. The Friends fund has funded the new display. However, the funding of the main 2025 project – structural survey, Church faculty, purchase and installation of the three 'new' bells - was down to one man, as detailed below in our recap of the two parts of the adventure.

### **Refurbishment of the three original bells 2001-2003**

Inspections and recommendations around the year 2000 concluded that the Church tower was no longer robust enough to withstand the tremendous forces generated by "full circle" bell ringing. The original three bells were restored and re-hung for stationary chiming with internal electromagnetic hammers in the existing frame by Eayre and Smith, of Melbourne, Derbyshire in 2003. At the same time, the treble bell was retuned to the correct pitch, and some improvements made to its harmonics.

The work cost over £7000 in 2003, and fund raising started in 2001 with local Doctor Richard Harper-Smith, who wrote a book entitled "Paupers, Priests And People of Tetford" and donated all the profits to the "St Mary's Bell Repair Fund". He also gave talks on local village history, with proceeds to the fund. By 2002, £4566 had been raised, with the remainder of the cost met by individual donations, Church accounts and the Church Fabric Fund.

### **Installation of three additional bells 2025**

The second part of the St Mary's bells story began soon after the original 3 bells were rehung in 2003. A Churchwarden at the time, Mr David Bennett was offered the chance to have an additional 3 bells which were known to be available to purchase via the bell installers, Eayre and Smith. This was discussed, but no funds were available. To secure the bells for the future, Mr Bennett and his wife Joyce purchased them, with the hope that funds could be subsequently raised to install them. The existing bell frame now could accommodate 3 more bells, because they would all be hung in fixed positions, only taking up half of the original bell "pits". At this point, Eayre and Smith ceased trading, and the whereabouts of the 3 bells they were storing was unknown. For personal reasons, Mr Bennett was unable to pursue the matter, and some years passed by.

Late in 2024, Mr Bennett contacted the Churchwardens with the news that he had located the bells, confirmed his ownership, and wished personally to fund the whole of their installation. In early 2025, the bell frame was inspected by structural engineers, and was confirmed capable of bearing the weight of 3 extra bells. A Church Faculty was obtained, much work done by local volunteers, and in October 2025, the additional 3 bells were installed by John Taylors Bell Founders Of Loughborough.

A bespoke electronic controller allows the bells to perform 3 traditional "Change ringing" themes- Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Hunt on all 6 bells. The tenor bell chimes the hours for the clock, and can also provide funeral and service tolls.

*A folder with extra photographs and more details of the six bells, their Founders and provenance will soon be available in the church for general access and information.*

## THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

1. The meeting held on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** began with the news that Dr Parkes suffered a stroke at the end of December, he is recovering well at home and plans to return in 6 to 12 weeks.
  2. Unfortunately the senior ANP Andy Camm has been diagnosed with non Hodgkin's lymphoma and began treatment at the end of January, again the prognosis is favourable and he will hopefully return to duties in 3 to 6 months.
  3. Dr Otueroro Otite will be leaving at the end of February but will be available for locum work. Other locums will also be on hand to fully cover all appointments.
  4. The surgeries continue to train new GP registrars with a new one coming in April and possibly another in the summer.
  5. The surgery opening times have changed with it closing now at 6pm (previously 6.30pm) to ensure the safety of staff.
  6. A question about delay in being notified about test results, this is often because some take longer than others and the doctors prefer to get the entire picture before contacting their patients.
  7. A disappointing self-use of the blood pressure monitor, a screen will soon be in place.
  8. There are sometimes over 300 calls for the triage system in a day but unfortunately there were 9 no-shows on one day with one of them only made that morning. This is extremely disappointing and a complete waste of resources.
  9. Hopefully there will be some maintenance carried out on the paths and car park.
- Next meeting, early March*

### **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

**LOTS OF NEW YEAR BARGAINS!!!**

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

In the December issue we included the following:-

*It has been suggested many times that this magazine should be subject to subscription to offset the cost of its production – say £5 per year per household. Would this work? Would enough households subscribe to make it worth the effort of the additional admin? What about our pledge of inclusiveness? Let us know what you think about the idea.*

We received a number of suggestions (but not many). Amongst these were that we should levy a subscription of £5 or so per annum or charge £2 per copy. **Jonty Wild** has taken the trouble to email us with his experiences, which we appreciate for its detail and at the same time note that it illustrates a not insignificant effort. So watch this space.

I would like to respond to the idea of paying for this magazine (mentioned last issue). Obviously everyone would like it to be free, but if that means an individual or small group of people are funding it out of their own pockets, then that is unfair, and is not sustainable in the long term.

Where we used to live there was a similar situation and they moved to an annual payment of £5 a year, collected in the spring. I believe the majority of households appreciated the value to the community and were happy to pay. Over a relatively short period of time, delivery quickly rose to at least 90% of houses, without any issue.

### Starting:

1. It was decided that £5 would be a sensible amount that would cover costs, but perhaps that is not enough now?
2. Each house was contacted to see if they wanted to subscribe. This was done by knocking on doors, collecting money or leaving information and contact details, if no one was home.
3. Volunteers were sought for the above and to deliver magazines once a month and collect the subscription each spring.

### In Practice:

- Each volunteer had a 'round' of a street or about 50 houses they were responsible for, i.e. delivery, collecting subscriptions and spotting new people moving in.
- Later £5 was collected over a few weeks with the 'first' magazine of the year.
- For newcomers:
  - If the majority of the subscription year was ahead then they were invited to subscribe.
  - If there were only a few months left (say less than 3 or 4) then the magazines were delivered (free) with subscription details provided, either by knocking on the door to welcome them or by a loose note inserted into the magazine.
- For households that did not subscribe, a note was delivered around subs collection time, with contact details, in case they changed their mind – these details were available for people to subscribe at any time, i.e. in magazine, on notice boards etc.
- Over a year if there was any excess money from the subscription and advertising over costs, this could be ploughed back into the community, e.g. the Rec or Village Hall might be suggested, or perhaps the subscriptions could be subsidised for some?

Obviously with anything like this, starting is the real difficulty, but once that hurdle was over it was very easy. I would be happy to discuss how it worked in my last village, or could work for TTOTAS, with anyone if it might help, and I would happily volunteer for 2 and 3 above. *Jonty*

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# **NATURE'S NOOK – WHAT'S IN THE BOX? – SAVING OUR WATER VOLES**

*from Paul Learoyd, CEO, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust*

While walking through the Wolds you might have noticed floating wooden rafts in the local streams. These are mink traps and are part of a nationally important project to see the recovery of the water vole population.

The water vole is under serious threat from habitat loss and predation by the American mink. Found along our waterways, water vole is similar looking to the brown rat, but with a blunt nose, small ears and furry tail.

Brought to Britain for fur-farming a century ago, American mink escaped their cages or were deliberately released and have been chewing their way through our naïve waterside wildlife for over half of that time. From northern Scotland to the south coast of England, from west Wales to East Anglia, no creature was safe and some species were especially vulnerable. Mink are responsible for the loss of 97% of our water voles and the wiping out of entire colonies of seabirds, together with the loss of countless hole-nesting birds like kingfishers and sand martins. Even herons fall victim to these accomplished, fearless predators.

Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership, based in Horncastle and the Waterlife Recovery Trust, along with partners have been working towards a strategic trapping network, with a common goal of mink eradication. Thanks to landowners hosting and volunteers monitoring the traps the trapping network is in place. Mink numbers are reducing by 70-80% each year, so functional extinction (where no breeding is taking place) should be achieved in the next year or so.

The River Lymn is an important water course for mink looking for mates in the spring and dispersing from nests in the late summer. Only one mink has been captured in Tetford (last September) with more being caught further downstream, but it is essential to have a full network of traps in place to ensure no mink sneak past. Lack of captures is a positive sign as mink are not there!

The water vole population is starting to recover, but we don't have any recent records from Tetford. Please send any records of sightings to [info@glnp.org.uk](mailto:info@glnp.org.uk) or use the iRecord app.

For more information visit:

[www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/mammals/water-vole](http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/mammals/water-vole)

[www.waterliferecoverytrust.org.uk](http://www.waterliferecoverytrust.org.uk)

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

**Pte. 43421, Walter Raymond Trevor, 8th Bn., Bedfordshire Regiment. Died 28/11/1917.**

Walter was born in Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire around 1892 and was the third son of Frederick Walter and Gertrude Trevor (née Evans) who married in Holy Trinity (Northwood), Staffordshire on April 22nd, 1889. They were born in Ingham, Lincolnshire and Shelton, Staffordshire respectively. He was one of nine children, but three died.

The children's birth locations suggest that the family lived in Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire before 1891, then Ingham, Lincolnshire, perhaps returning briefly to Stoke on Trent in 1893, then had moved to Tetford by 1896. His father was a trained draper.

In 1901, his parents with six children were living in Tetford Post Office, on South Road, where their father (Frederick) was in business as a 'grocer, draper and postmaster'. Later another son was born in 1905. By 1911 they were still in the Post Office and Frederick seems to have stopped the drapery part of the business. Walter, at 18, was assisting in his father's business.



Walter enlisted in Huntingdon in February 1915 and prior to this he had been working in Peterborough, employed at Perkins Peterborough, although gave his home address as Tetford. He was initially Private 1261 and was in the Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion, however he later transferred to the 8th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment as Private 43421.

Walter's Bedfordshire Battalion was a service battalion formed in Bedford in October 1914 as part of Lord Kitchener's recruitment campaigns. They went to France in August 1915, and we know that Walter was not with them then. In fact we do not know when he went overseas other than it was not before the end of 1915. It seems probable that he went during 1916, but the first record found for him being overseas was a newspaper article reporting that he had been home on leave in October 1917, but he is likely to have been overseas well before then.

For much of 1916 life was routine and casualties low, but with notable exceptions when they were engaged in battles in September and October which were part of the infamous Battle of the Somme in 1916, specifically at the Battle of Flers-Courcelette and the Battle of Morval in September. About 670 Officers and men of the 8th Bedfordshires gave their lives for King and Country, with over half of them doing so in the battles of 1916.

Due to the uncertainty of Walter's service, we will use the War Diaries for 1917, when he was almost certainly with the Battalion, especially leading up to his death in November, to try to give a flavour of his experience of the war.

The popular myth is that men were in the front line suffering constant danger for weeks or months, but Walter's experience was the normal rotation system, four to six days in the front line, a similar period in support lines and then extended periods of work, training and relative safety elsewhere.

However, for extra perspective we know that in 1917 the Battalion was involved in the Battle of Hill 70 in April, and the Battle of Cambrai and the Battle of Bourlon Wood in November and the following German counter attacks. It is the latter that is most significant for Walter, albeit he may have known of, or even been part of, a large raid in September when two officers leading 85 other ranks attempted to enter the German trenches under cover of a barrage. They found

the Germans ready: “*enemy alert and standing to arms shoulder to shoulder. Several attempts were made by us to force our way into enemy trench, but only a few got in.*” . . . “*The enemy's closely packed trench was heavily bombed by our raiders causing them considerable casualties*”. They withdrew recording casualties of 2 ORs killed and 19 wounded.

Walter received home leave in October, probably 10 days. Leave was often a mixed blessing - of course men wanted to be with their families and friends, but they often felt unsettled and those at home could not understand their experiences. When he returned, the Battle of Cambrai was looming. This was an attack on the ‘impregnable’ Hindenburg Line, which the Germans had strategically withdrawn to months before. The British were to use new tactics of a ‘combined arms’ battle, using the artillery, infantry, air force and large numbers of tanks together for the first time. Even cavalry were in position to exploit any breakthrough of the German lines. The Bedfordshires were part of the massed infantry and tanks taking part.

By November 17<sup>th</sup> Walter and his Battalion arrived at Fifteen Ravine near Gouzeaucourt where tanks were already positioned in the woods nearby. They received and issued stores the next day and on the 19<sup>th</sup> they moved into position closer to the attack. At 5:30pm they moved off and reached the first assembly point by 7:30pm, which was just north of Villers Plouich. The tanks arrived soon afterwards, moving slowly and using various other tactics to disguise their noise, such as multiple aeroplane movements. By 4:52am on the 20<sup>th</sup> the Bedfordshires were in position waiting nervously behind the tanks to attack.

At 6.10am the Tanks commenced the advance, and at 6.20am our artillery barrage opened with a deafening roar and in a blaze of fire. The first tanks passed over the German outpost line, followed by the first wave of infantry. There was only a feeble enemy response and the advance continued: “*the Batt (Battalion) going over well, men lighting pipes and cigarettes on their way*”. By 8.13am it was reported that the whole of their objectives were completely captured and prisoners were coming in fast. It was true, the initial success was amazing, there had been no success like this in the previous three years and for once the Germans could not immediately counterattack. Back in Britain church bells were rung - sadly they were premature. Walter would not see the German counterattacks, nor their regaining of the ground won.

At 5pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, ‘B’ Coy. were relieved by ‘C’ Coy. and we can surmise that Walter was with the latter. The 24<sup>th</sup> was Walter’s fateful day. It was quiet with some shelling nearby and the occasional shell coming much closer, and this was Walter’s fate. The War Diary records 1 OR wounded and that was Walter Raymond Trevor - hit by shell fragments in his right groin and a large piece had lodged in his brain. He was taken to the 18 Chicago USA Base Hospital at Camiers via a Casualty Clearing Station, he was operated on at about 8:40pm on November 27<sup>th</sup>, and he survived another four hours, but his death was recorded at 12:40am on the 28<sup>th</sup>. A tragic and sad end and he was buried at the massive cemetery at Etaples which served the hospitals.

Back in Cambrai, German reinforcements were found, counterattacks were organised and over the next few days the British were pushed back. We were not helped by the unreliability of the tanks – of the starting 476 (378 in combat roles), 180 were out of action after the first day alone - mostly with mechanical failure. However, the benefit of all arms combat was clearly demonstrated, many lessons were learnt which would prove invaluable in 1918.

*These are abbreviated biographies. Longer versions (‘book’ or ‘full’ versions) are available via [jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk) or are available to read in the church.*

*If you can add anything for the men, such as information/photographs/corrections please tell me. Jonty Wild*



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## GROUP NEWS

### READING GROUP(S)

*from Karen Watkins*

We swapped a cold, foggy January evening for the humid, sub-tropical climate of the swamps of North Carolina, the setting of *Where the Crawdads Sing*, a 'coming of age/murder mystery' novel by Delia Owens and our first read of the New Year.

The story follows 'marsh girl' Kya, abandoned as a young child by her family, growing up in isolation in the marshlands; the narrative has a dual time-line with the story alternating between her childhood and coming of age in the 1950s-1960s and a murder investigation and her trial in the late 1960s-early 1970s.

In an introduction to our discussion the novel was described as a 'Marmite read' while it was generally felt to be 'entertaining' and a 'real page-turner.'

As well as abandonment and survival, themes also addressed prejudice, love and relationships. The group all felt that Owens' description of the landscape and wildlife were 'atmospheric' and 'immersive' with the author's own background as a conservationist clearly reflected in her descriptions of place.

In summary, an entertaining read, if a little unbelievable: 'a good yarn'.

**Our next meeting is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and the book for discussion is Maggie O'Farrell's *The Marriage Portrait*.**

The current reading group meets bi-monthly and has a membership of 12 regularly attending members; meetings are held in members' own homes which means we are now 'at capacity', in terms of both physical space and 'air space'!

#### **Supplementary Reading Group**

Sally Morton has proposed a second reading group to run alongside existing meetings and is for those who would like to meet more frequently as well as for any new members.

Sally will 'administer' this group and host initial meetings at Holbeck; date and planned books below. Members of the current group are all welcome to choose to attend any of these meetings, any time, but should let Sally know beforehand.

#### **Sally's Meeting Dates and Planned Books**

February 27<sup>th</sup> *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernadine Evaristo (2019) a novel about the lives of modern and mostly black British womanhood.

April 24<sup>th</sup> *Suffragette Sally* by Gertrude Colmore (1911) an historical novel looking at activism and gender equality at that time.

June 26<sup>th</sup> *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender (2010) a food focussed magical realism story.

August 28<sup>th</sup> *Union Street* by Pat Barker (1982) a story of working class Northern women facing economic decline.

October 30<sup>th</sup> *Small Island* by Andrea Levy (2004) a look at post World War II racism toward commonwealth soldiers in Britain

December 18<sup>th</sup> *This is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor* by Adam Kay (2017) a sometimes funny but also slightly harrowing non-fictional memoir of an NHS doctor.

For details of the current reading list please contact Karen Watkins

Email: [kwatkinshmg@gmail.com](mailto:kwatkinshmg@gmail.com)

## TETFORD WALKING GROUP *from Jonty Wild*

Walks are usually scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of the month. 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 01507 534075 in advance, as this will save time on the day.

## TETFORD & DISTRICT W.I. *from Steph Wilkinson*

Solving crimes has moved on a lot as we know since the days of Sherlock Holmes and his magnifying glass.....

Our meeting on Wednesday 28th January was eagerly anticipated by many, and an impressive total of twenty eight members and guests gathered in the Hamilton Hall that evening, underlining the considerable interest in our village in the field of criminology. Dr Nicola Crewe, our speaker for the evening, began her talk by outlining her lecturer and practitioner role at Lincoln University. Her presentation was entitled 'My Life Through a Microscope Lens'.

Nicola is a microbiologist who for many years now has applied her considerable expertise in the field of forensic science, namely in the context of microscopy (trace evidence). Her talk focused on how DNA can be defined and identified, and how this information can be applied in the criminal forensics field, both in current cases and also in reopening so called 'cold cases'.

The slide presentation explained the 'basics' which were in themselves quite challenging for the non-scientist brain.

This was followed up by members of the audience being given computer generated DNA profiling graphs. They were then invited to participate in breaking down the information to try and identify the possibility of a match of DNA between victim and suspect or suspects. Undertaking this exercise was useful in deepening understanding of a difficult topic.

She also pointed out to us how easily an innocent person who may have left DNA years previously in a place which becomes a crime scene, say small hairs in a hairdressing salon, can potentially become a suspect, which is quite a sobering thought. It was clear by the end of the session that these advances, as useful as they are, will never be able to stand alone as irrefutable evidence in a fair and just trial. In other words, more 'traditional' types of evidence will continue to play a vital role.

Nicola was thanked for providing such an interesting and challenging session.

Our next meeting, which is our **Annual Meeting** will take place on Wednesday 25 February 2026 from 7.30pm as usual. There will also be a talk from Maria Scott. Her presentation is entitled 'The History of the Order of St. John Ambulance'.

Following the meeting there will be a cheese and wine supper which members always enjoy.

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

# 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.

The new bells rang out on the evening of our Light a Light when they were blessed by the Rev Judith followed by Carols and a Christmas concert by Harmony Lincs.

The 9 lessons and carols at Tetford was extremely well attended, we hope you all had a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas.

## 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. Particular thanks to Paul Sargent who oversaw all of the work involved with the preparation and installation of the extra 3 bells (*please see update elsewhere*). 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.

## THE SOUTH ORMSBY GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

Sorry there is no update on St Leonard’s South Ormsby re the tower.

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 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Brinkhill St Philip     | Evening Prayer   | 6pm  |
| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> March  | Tetford St Mary         | Informal Service | 10am |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> March | Harrington St Mary      | Compline         | 6pm  |
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | Ruckland St Olave       | Easter Day       | 10am |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Bag Enderby St Margaret | Eucharist        | 6pm  |

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## **HARRINGTON ST MARY'S TOWER REPAIR PROJECT** *from Phil Ford*

We are delighted to report that the programme of works on the tower at Harrington St Mary's has been completed on time and within budget. The works required scaffolding, and while this was in place we repaired or replaced multiple sections of damaged or missing masonry on the faces of the tower. We also replaced the old roof on the church tower which had badly deteriorated. It had been leaking and causing damage to the supporting woodwork which in turn required remedial work to be undertaken to the woodwork. Where possible existing timber-work has been retained so as to keep as much as possible of the historic fabric of the building. A significant constraint on the project was the need to allow for bat roosting, which limited the times when work could be undertaken. The first available window for us to start work was April 2025 which we were unable to meet owing to contractor unavailability. The next available window for work was September 2025 with a possible extension to allow for removal of scaffolding. We are pleased to say that the works were completed within this later timeframe. Towards the total cost of the project, we received grants from several charitable bodies. We wish to express our gratitude to each of these bodies without whom none of this would have been possible:

- Benefact Trust
- Kochan Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- John Warren Foundation
- Whitaker Trust
- Lincolnshire Churches Trust

The balance of funds required were met from the DCC's own resources and fundraising. The South Ormsby Group funded the VAT for us on the understanding that any recovery from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme would be used as reimbursement. Members of the parish of Harrington and the wider South Ormsby Group feel extremely grateful that funds have been found to make this lovely church properly waterproof and safe for use by another generation.

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# TETFORDIPEDIA

As an experiment, we're starting a Tetford and Salmonby encyclopedia, along the lines of the online *Wikipedia*. We hope to avoid needless repetition, and don't want to stray into the territory occupied by the online facebook *Tetford Memories*, nor plagiarise Dr Harper-Smith's book *Paupers, Priests and People of Tetford*, although these are both first class triggers. What we're looking for are interesting facts, current and historical, about Tetford and Salmonby and the surrounding area. How far this area spreads will come out in the wash, so to speak! We list a few headings under which our facts might be collected. Please tell us what you think of the idea.

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| St Mary's Church                            | Archaeological finds                | Schools                             |
| St Mary's Churchyard                        | Tetford Entertains                  | Tourism                             |
| Other denominations                         | Tetford Entertains Again            | Walks                               |
| The Dymokes                                 | Tetford Village Hall                | Culture; arts & crafts              |
| Dymoke armour                               | Salmonby Church and churchyard      | Juillé (twinning)                   |
| Ring village                                | Harrington Hall                     | The quarry                          |
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| Bombs                                       | Town Field                          | ELDC                                |
| Gypsies/lightning                           | Housing Development                 | Highways                            |
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| Historical monuments & buildings            | Streams, rivers and other waterways | Lincolnshire County Council         |
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| Nab Hill                                    | Services                            | Technology                          |

To kick things off, here's an entry from this magazine in June 2022.

## **ST. MARY, TETFORD from *A Guide to the Anglican Churches in Lindsey* edited by Roger Massingberd-Mundy and published by The South Ormsby Group of Parishes, 1991)**

There has been a church here for more than 900 years, as the Domesday Book, drawn up by order of William I in 1086, makes clear. The present building of soft greenstone, however, dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The 15<sup>th</sup> century Perpendicular tower, with its battlements, crocketed finials and grotesque gargoyles, contains three bells supported by a massive old wood frame. The pillars of the lofty arcades, between the nave and side aisles, stand on 14<sup>th</sup> century Early English bases, especially those on the south side. The limestone Perpendicular piers are particularly elegant. The clerestory is 15<sup>th</sup> century work, and traces of an earlier roof line can be detected above the tower arch in the west wall. The north aisle was pulled down in 1770, and its rebuilding in 1926 is noted on a tablet near the present vestry. The shallow bowl of the solid, unadorned 13<sup>th</sup> century font from an earlier building is now supported on a more modern base. There are a number of interesting memorials on the walls. (*We need some good photographs – anybody? Ed*)

## **A GP arrives in Tetford in 1961 and publishes a book about the village in 2001...**

*Extract from 'Paupers, Priests and People of Tetford - A History' by Dr. Richard Harper-Smith who was Tetford doctor and GP from 1961 to 1995.*

When I arrived in Tetford in 1961, it seemed to me that the village had changed little since the beginning of the century. It had a carpenter, blacksmith, post office, two shops, electrician, plumber and several builders, wood yard, an active lime quarry and two butchers. A twice daily bus service ran to Spilsby and Skegness. A bus went to Horncastle on Thursday and Saturday and to Louth on Wednesdays. There were two Methodist Services on Sundays and also Church Services.

In 1961, eleven street lamps were erected around the village at a cost of £3 9s 0d per lamp for nine months per year until 11pm, and then in 1966, mains sewerage arrived.

Alice Dixon took over the Post Office from Routledges in 1961 and in 1963 she sometimes took my phone calls, until the mid-1970s when modern technology brought in mobile phones. Shortly after I arrived in 1961, I rented the 'Red Lion' in North Road from Herbert Odling as a temporary surgery. Later the building was demolished and Peter Scott built a woodyard business.

Mrs. Dixon ran the Post Office with her husband until they retired in 1987. Mary and Peter Jackson took over the job on South Road and still continue to provide this service for us today. In 1983, the County Council sold the farm land on South Road for development and soon a row of new houses appeared.

As the world has shrunk, so our horizons have expanded and in 1987 our village twinned with the people of Juillé in France. We have enjoyed several happy exchanges. Let us hope that these continue and that there are more opportunities for us to draw closer to people of other nations in the future.

Today at the close of the Twentieth Century John and Adrian Simons farm most of the land and there are only five other farms left - Andrew Robinson, Walter Taylor, Frank Robinson, Marlene Renshaw and Mr. Massingberd-Mundy. We have seen our village change, from a resting post for early man as he travelled through to the coast to obtain salt, to a small settlement along the line of where North Road is today. Possibly the plague caused people to move away and not until after Enclosure in 1767 when the village was laid out as a ring would we start to recognise it. While enclosure brought improvement in quality and quantity of the produce, and wealth for the few, the fact we never had a resident Lord of the Manor meant a large influx of labourers were prepared to settle here hoping to find work in the surrounding parishes. The high number of footpaths in our Parish still bears testimony to this and we have seen something of the terrible poverty and suffering this caused to so many of our predecessors. While the village was self-sufficient until less than a hundred years ago and agriculture provided work for almost all, most now find work away from the village. Perhaps the school is the only beneficiary of this age, for agriculture now provides only a few jobs, and less than 1% of our total National income! It is towards the tourist industry that we seem to be leaning. If so, we need to remind our planners that this area was designated an '*Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*' and consequently buildings should conform to the traditional red brick which our forefathers used so that they blend into the landscape sympathetically and so help retain a feeling of a village rather than part of suburbia.

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- . Thanks to Jean Batchelor for organising a village Christmas party, really well supported and enjoyed by all of the youngsters who also had a visit from Santa Claus.

### **REGULAR HAMILTON HALL ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES:**

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**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

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## **Dream**, by *Man Yarner*

Dream the dream  
Make it feel real  
Whisper those words  
That duly appeal

The present moment  
May be here and now  
Trying to speak one's mind  
We all freeze somehow

There's no use regretting  
For all these years  
If I only this or that  
When life's drowning in tears

One thing's for sure  
Come whatever may  
I would have no regrets  
Till my dying day

But if I said, "I love you"  
Would you turn away?  
Or engage my conscience  
To consummate my day

## **Lost Love** by *Kath Thomas*

When I first saw you, something in me stirred,  
Fierce passion reigned as I fell at your feet,  
I succumbed and welcomed you to my world,  
My life was all at once heavenly and sweet.  
I thought your love was true, as mine for you,  
It gave me strength to face my every day,  
But then your love took on a different hue  
And all my hopes and dreams drifted away.  
Love's spirit weakened slowly over the years,  
And unrequited love kept us apart,  
I tried my best to summon back the tears  
As pain and anguish pierced deep through my heart.  
How could I have ventured blindly, so unseeing,  
And found myself a wretched, soulless being?

## **Kia and the Faceless Monk** by Lara Watson, aged 9

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

Do you remember how Chapter 8 finished? Chapter 8 is in last November's issue, but just to remind you, here's how it ended!

*“Kia gazed in awe. Suddenly, the faceless monk came out of the deer and said “That was called a soul suck. I’ll suck the life out of you. Tonight! You don’t know why, do you? Ha! Ha! You haven’t realised yet! Tonight’s a full moon!”*

*With that he started sucking. First Maisie, then Rozzi. Kia knew she was next...”*

*Now read on...*

### Chapter 9

Thinking fast, she remembered something the witch had told her. Huffingdon monsters are cold. That's why they had had ice round their eyes. “If Huffingdon monsters are cold, that means they hate heat,” Kia exclaimed. Suddenly she had a plan.

Since the floor was steel, she just needed a piece of flint. Kia knew that was how to start a fire. She searched high and low, left and right, when finally she looked at the deer. “Of course! It might have some flint in its hoof!” With that she ran over and had a look. She was rewarded! Kia struck the floor. Her effort failed. She tried again. The noise brought the monk to the scene. Kia did it. Kia lit a fire! It started a pinprick of heat. It got stronger. And stronger. And stronger. The monk melted. The fire spread. Maisie and Rozzi woke with a start. They just managed to escape the smoke. The house went up in flames!

### Chapter 10.

Kia, Rozzi and Maisie woke up at the same time, sweating.

At school, the three discussed the exotic happenings of the night before. “Wow! That was wild,” Kia exclaimed. Then having spent ages on that adventure they felt as if they needed a treat. “Want to go to the cinema?” they said.

None of them could believe it was a dream.

Soon the year flashed by bringing birthdays with it. “I wonder what will happen this year?” Maisie spoke the thoughts of the others. I wonder too... do you?

The End

## TOUCHÉ ...*Anonymous*

Stanislav Kowalski replaced the cigarette between his lips, inhaling the smoke deeply. He held it in his lungs as long as he could, until dizzy from the nicotine, then exhaled slowly with pursed lips, forming smoke rings in the warm still air of the May evening. He didn't know why he smoked; he just did. People said he should give up, but then what would he do when waiting on the used car lot, as he did now?

He looked down the road towards the edge of the woods, where an old water tower lurked high up in the trees. As always, when the light was fading, he fancied it to resemble an alien creature, like the fearsome tripods in *War of the Worlds*, except this had four legs. Or the horrible tank-like creatures in Wyndham's *The Kraken Wakes*, with their octopus-like inhabitants, which would emerge to capture people with their sticky tendrils. Then back inside the 'tanks' with multiple victims neatly rolled up in the tentacles for God knows what horrific fate. He shuddered as he remembered reading how two of the 'octopuses' latched onto the same woman, tearing her in half.

He was awoken from his nightmare reverie by the hoot of a vehicle's horn. He hadn't even noticed the small silver car pull up. He went over and a woman wound down the window.

"Do you have any trucks or vans?" she asked, without greeting. She was plain, about forty, with thick-lensed glasses and brown hair fastened in a ponytail. She wore no make-up.

"Well, yes, we do. We've got a couple in right now, a Ford Transit, and a Toyota Hilux, that's a pickup truck."

She got out of the car and sized him up. About thirty, unshaven, needing a haircut, and she recoiled from the stench of cigarette smoke. His face was quite handsome though, she noticed. "OK, let's have a look."

He dropped his cigarette, stubbing it out with his foot, then led her through rows of cars, carefully spaced to give the illusion of more stock than they actually had, to the two vehicles in question. "What did you want it for?" he asked, then noticed her surprised glare. "If you don't mind me asking?"

"Well, actually, it's for moving hives, beehives."

"Oh, do you need to move many?"

She looked him up and down. "Twelve." She gazed around the car lot, then gestured across the road, to the view over the vale. A panorama of neat green and brown fields with Haw Hill in the foreground. "They say that hill's a natural formation. Looks artificial to me. Like a burial mound."

"They found some gold coins there, about ten years ago, just below the summit."

To his surprise, she smiled, suddenly looking ten years younger.

"What's your name?" she asked.

"It's Stanislav. Er, people call me Stan."

"Look, you probably don't know, but hives are pretty heavy, I think the truck would be better."

"Well, how often do you move them?" Ignoring his partner's advice, he added, "I mean, it seems very expensive to buy a truck, when you could just rent one."

Her eyes blinked rapidly several times behind the thick lenses. "Oh, not often, but I move them for other people too. Sometimes it's to pollinate a special crop, other times it's just to sell them. You have to move them three miles or more, or the little buggers'll fly back to where their nest was. Like homing pigeons!" She laughed, a high-pitched, rippling sound. "That can cause problems!"

He found himself smiling. "Back in Poland, my uncle runs a bee-keeping museum. You know, hives, clothing, smokers, frames – that sort of thing. To be honest I was never really interested."

She patted the side of the truck. "What can you do on the price?"

"Let's go to the office, we can talk terms there," said Stanislav. "What's your name by the way?"

"It's ... Miss Dawson." She started to follow him. "Bees are a lot more interesting than humans / always think."

"They're just insects that sting."

She looked around at the vehicles. "Judging by your prices, you've got something in common then!"

## **Wayne's New World ..... Hippos of the Future** by *Man Yarner*

Hi, I am Wayne, a 5ft high male Hippopotamus. I suffer a little with arthritis, but otherwise still have all my marbles.

We moved to Rannoch-Moor shortly after London finally submerged under the North Sea back in 2025 - heading for high ground and financial security for my wife Tracy and our two boys Romulus and Remus (twins are very rare in Hippos).

The grass had always seemed greener in Scotland, but successive droughts had taken their toll, and we were struggling to survive even there - let alone to enjoy the latter days of our lives.

One day Tracy snapped - "Stuff your eco-existence and sustainability plans, we have got to move back to the City for the sake of the boys. No one else seems to care for the planet- so why should we?"

When Tracy raises her voice like that, she means it, so we packed our rucksacks (we had always been minimalist) and headed back down the track. Rom and Ree were disillusioned with their vegetarian diet; the idea of a new city showed possibilities and at least promised something of a future.

The relentless sun baked our backs, but fortunately we secrete our own suntan lotion to soothe our skin and keep it soft. Also, despite our bulk, we hippos can travel at a fair pace and within two days had reached our destination.

"Glass-Ed" was a relatively new city, formed when the majority of the inhabitants of Scotland's two main conurbations fled to the Grampians. Once there we were greeted by a couple of old friends - Jim and Dave - who gave us a tour of the suburbs.

I say suburbs, but it seemed more like a jungle of crumbling mud huts. These were constructed by the last remaining humans, before they turned into scaly, pointy-headed fish- creatures after drinking water polluted by fracking.

They now inhabited the one surviving river in Scotland that ran through Glass-Ed, and provided sustenance for hungry hippos.

All we had to do was dangle cheeseburgers on a line and they would swim to the surface amid a feeding frenzy.

Ok, we gave up our principles, our lifestyles, and now vegetarianism to feast on raw humanoid fish.

Still -"that's life"... and... things could be worse.

Advance Notice: Horncastle Young Stagers (age 7-11) will be presenting *Peter Pan the Musical* 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> March £8/£7. From Kennedy's in the Bullring or [www.horncastletheatre.co.uk](http://www.horncastletheatre.co.uk) or on the door.

## FILM RUNDOWN by James Learoyd and Daisy Samra

Happy new year all! There's lots to catch up on in this issue...

**Avatar: Fire and Ash** is a film I've seen nine times. Clocking in at over three hours, this is a sprawling epic packed with riveting action set-pieces that need to be experienced in 3D. What's most thrilling, though, are the performances. The character of Varang – played by Oona Chaplin (Charlie's granddaughter) – is one of the strangest and most arresting characters of the year. (*Playing at the Kinema in the Woods.*)

2025's most politically potent thriller is **It Was Just an Accident**. It's an Iranian suspense film about a man who believes he's finally kidnapped his captor – a government operative who tortured him and many others. Yet the question becomes how certain is he? And what consolation would revenge bring? A fascinating conceit masterfully executed.

**Blue Moon** is a wonderful film, and one I'd find easy to recommend to just about anybody (this is really the only release on this list which has that quality). Directed by Richard Linklater and starring Ethan Hawke, it depicts one night in the life of lyricist Lorenz Hart. It's sad and funny and tender and everything you'd want.

If you're looking for elegant cinematic craft and emotionally affecting performances, **Sentimental Value** is one to throw on. Whilst I still prefer the Norwegian director's previous picture *The Worst Person in the World*, there are aspects of this family drama that are undeniable; it will probably win Best International Film.

Approaching this Oscars season, **Marty Supreme** is a significant player. Right now, it's the front-runner for Best Actor for Timothée Chalamet. For context, this chaotic table-tennis biopic is many critics' favourite release of the year. I liked it fine! It's technically impressive. (*Playing at the Kinema in the Woods.*)

**Hamnet** is a tricky one. If you've read and enjoyed the book, you'll most likely be a fan of this Shakespeare-inspired weepy. It's nicely shot and well-performed. However, this was simply not for me: the tone felt one-note and emotionally manipulative in places. (*Playing at the Kinema in the Woods and Louth Playhouse Cinema.*)

**No Other Choice** is the latest from South Korean auteur Park Chan-wook and was snubbed this year at the Academy Awards (I'd say an obvious contender for Best International Film). The setup is great: a middle-class family man loses his job; to better his chances in the increasingly dire job market, he decides to murder his competition. If you know the director, it's classic Park.

**28 Years Later: The Bone Temple** is the best and most profound entry in the British horror franchise (and my favourite film on this list). A fascinating dissection of what it means to be a 'zombie movie', the fourth film packs a gruesome yet thought-provoking punch. If you're not a horror person, DO NOT WATCH! (*Playing at the Louth Playhouse Cinema.*)

# Louth Choral Society presents Passiontide

## Requiem - Fauré

Credo in F - Lotti

Stabat Mater - D'Astorga

Cantique de Jean Racine - Fauré

Special guest performance by  
**CHRISTOPHER MALTMAN**

With: **Lincoln Pro Musica Orchestra**

Conductor: **Alison Willis**

### Soloists:

**Kimberly Raw, Soprano**

**Emma Wardell, Alto**

**Mark Wilde, Tenor**

**Christopher Maltman, Bass**

**Sunday 29th March 2026 - 7pm**  
**St James Church Louth**

### Tickets:

Reserved £20, accompanied u18 £12 - Unreserved £14, u18 free

### Tickets available from:

Beaumont's, 11 Bridge Street, Louth [www.ticketsource.co.uk/louthchoral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/louthchoral)



[www.LouthChoral.co.uk](http://www.LouthChoral.co.uk)

Charity #1006998



## CHILDREN and SCHOOL SECTION

### ANSWERS TO THE DECEMBER QUIZ

(1) mercury (2) The Wright Brothers (3) drinking beer (4) true, the velociraptor was feathered (5) false, they are called palaeontologists (6) True (7) dress them in tight clothing (8) cactus (9) chimpanzees have around 98% of our DNA (10) the capybara is twice as big as a beaver (11) Mandrill (12) Hermit crab (13) snails (14) Giant salamander (15) Angler fish (16) Chameleon (17) the tortoise. In 2020 Jonathan, the world's oldest tortoise, was 188 years old (18) 184 (19) Cuckoo (20) Panda

### THE FEBRUARY QUIZ

1. What is a baby kangaroo called? Billy/Sheila/Joey?
2. Who is/was the longest-reigning British monarch?
3. True or false? Queen Victoria was the first person to be shown on a postage stamp?
4. True or false? Queen Victoria had 12 children?
5. Which famous campaigner proclaimed "I have a dream" to a crowd of 250,000 people at a march in Washington? Malcolm X/Martin Luther King/Rosa Parks?
6. How many World Wars have there been, 1, 2 or 3?
7. Which type of animal was used to carry messages during World War 1? Goats/ Pigeons/ Cats?
8. Which war ended at 11 minutes past 11 in the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month? World War 1/World War 2/Boer War?
9. Julius Caesar, ruler of Rome, fell in love with which Egyptian queen? Cleopatra/ Nefertiti/ Berenice?
10. What was the name of the Greek god of the sea? Athena/Dionysus/Poseidon?
11. What was the name of the Roman god of the sea? Jupiter/Mercury/Neptune?
12. According to Roman legend, Romulus and his brother Remus were brought up by what type of animal? Octopus/Wolf/Tiger?
13. Complete this famous saying "Rome wasn't built in a Year/Day/Hurry"
14. Which of these sporting events was created by the Ancient Greeks? The Olympics/ The World Cup /The Champions League
15. Which river provided the water that fuelled the civilisation in Ancient Egypt? The Nile/The Ganges/The Amazon/The Volga/The Orinoco/The Mississippi/The Thames
16. Which tradition would you associate trick-or-treating with? Christmas/ Halloween/ Easter?
17. Which country celebrates Burns Night? Scotland/Ireland/Wales?
18. Bonfire Night in the UK celebrates what? An attempt to murder a king/ An attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament/ an attempt to drain the River Thames
19. Which capital city is located on the River Thames? Paris/London/Washington DC?
20. The Eiffel Tower is a world-famous landmark in which capital city? Edinburgh/Dublin/ Paris

### RIDDLES

1. What's green and goes "Blub blub?" A green Blub Blub. What's blue and goes "Blub blub?"
2. Why do white sheep eat more than black ones?
3. What has two humps and is found at the North Pole?
4. What's big, green and can't fly?

# The Edward Richardson Primary School

## PRESS RELEASE

As we continue to sail through the Spring term here at school, I am able to write to you with a genuinely uplifting update on our modular building project for the Wellbeing Hub and this time, it really is the news we had hoped to share.

Before Christmas, I wrote another press release to explain that we had reached an unexpected stumbling block with the groundwork required for the building, as the original offer of support was withdrawn. Since then, I have been incredibly touched by the number of parents and locals who came forward offering to help. That generosity speaks volumes about our community, even though this particular work must, quite rightly, be completed to full school building standards.

It is therefore with enormous gratitude and excitement that I can share this news with the village...

Paul and Simon Todd from Brian Todd Homes have contacted the school to offer to complete all of the required groundwork - entirely free of charge! This is a significant piece of work and an extraordinary act of kindness. Their expertise means the project can move forward safely, professionally and with confidence.

Paul and Simon have committed to carrying out the groundwork during the Easter holidays, which means we are now hopeful that the modular building will be fully completed by the end of this academic year.

I cannot overstate how grateful we are. This gesture, along with the huge donations from NFU Mutual (thanks to Mark Fuller) and our very own PSFA (Parents, Staff & Friends Association), will have a lasting impact on our school and, most importantly, on the wellbeing support we are able to offer our children and families. Acts like this quietly demonstrate the very best of community spirit, and Paul and Simon's generosity deserves to be recognised and celebrated. They have turned a real challenge into an incredibly positive story, and we are truly lucky to have their support.

Further updates will follow as the project progresses and, thanks to some other donations from locals, we should have sufficient funds to furnish the building once it's on site. But for now, one step at a time...!

*Best wishes,  
Stuart Spendlow  
Headteacher*

*The Edward Richardson Primary School  
W: <http://edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk/>  
T: 01507 533686*

## **CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (1 of 4)**

**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 on the day you arrange, **all free**. Delivery/ Collection is every 4 weeks.

**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 (2 of 4)

**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 12pm **Option 4** Referral queries 9am-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, physiotherapy, 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://systemonline.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 SystemOnline functionality plus "lots more". You can log in with your SystemOnline username and password.

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 **SystemOnline** 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**. 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 (hours due to be extended) Monday to Friday, but can get full.

### **Dumb Britain**

Anne Robinson (*The Weakest Link*): What type of bear lives in the Arctic?  
Contestant (after much thought): Penguin

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (3 of 4)

**The Wolds Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)** represents patients and ELMG medical staff of the Wolds Surgery Tetford and is scheduled to meet every two months and to deliver a regular Newsletter. Reports from the meetings are, when available, printed in this magazine.

Minutes/Notes from the meetings can be found on the **East Lindsey Medical Group database** under **Online Services/Get involved**: i.e. <https://www.eastlindseymedicalgroup.nhs.uk/get-involved/patient-group/>. If you wish to correspond with the PPG contact the Practice Manager Mickaela Crane at [licb.c83056@nhs.net](mailto:licb.c83056@nhs.net), or call the ELMG (East Lindsey Medical Group) switchboard on 01507 603121 or leave your correspondence at reception or with any PPG Member (names are on the Notes).

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

### LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS:-

**Tetford** Hamilton Hall and the Wolds Surgery *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.*

**Brinkhill** The porch of St Philip's Church

**Langton** Langton village hall

**Raithby** Red Telephone Box, Raithby Road

**Somersby** Somersby Farm Office

**South Ormsby** Outside wall of The Old School on Brinkhill Road

**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.

**BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE** Tune in on 94.9 to 104.7FM or online via [onlineradiobox.com](http://onlineradiobox.com)

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

**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>                                     |

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)

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7.30pm in the Hamilton Hall.**

Your Parish Councillors are:

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| Ray Whitley (Chair) | Manor Farm, East Road, Tetford, LN9 6QQ Tel. 07831 236766<br><a href="mailto:ray.whitley@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">ray.whitley@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>    |
| Julia Larder        | Hill View, North Road, Tetford, LN9 6QH. Tel. 07852 877425<br><a href="mailto:julia.larder@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">julia.larder@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> |
| Don Osborne         | Rye Fields, South Ormsby Road, Tetford, LN9 6QF<br><a href="mailto:don.osborne@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">don.osborne@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>              |
| Richard Hazel       | The Grange, Fulletby Road, Salmonby LN9 6QS<br><a href="mailto:richard.hazel@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">richard.hazel@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>              |
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## PARISH COUNCILLORS NEEDED!!

**Please help us to keep our village a lovely place to live!**

**Join us on the Parish Council**

**We are a friendly bunch who could really do with some help!**

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



**Email:-**

**[clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

**or ring 07859 901835**

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 THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY at 7.30pm**

Present: 4 of 5 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, District Councillor Simpson, 2 MoPs.

- Cllr Whitley reported that the spotlight issue had been resolved and the Parish Council had been thanked for taking action
- The Clerk reported that she had received no distress calls from residents over Christmas
- In response to a MoP query as to why Tetford so rarely had its roads swept Cllr Simpson explained that street cleaning was split between the District and the County Councils, and that only two roadsweepers had to cover 700 square miles
- A MoP called for action on the village hall car park potholes, stating that if they were to be filled only graded road planings would be adequate
- A MoP reported that the Parish Council noticeboard was always out of date and this was the only PC information source for internet non-users (the noticeboard was up to date at the time of the meeting)
- A replacement noticeboard has been ordered from a local supplier who had unfortunately fallen ill. The same supplier is being used for benches inside the new bus shelter, so both projects are delayed
- Cllr. Larder volunteered to fetch and deliver pharmacy prescriptions for residents who are unable to get to the surgery
- The War Memorial bottom step is broken once more. Various solutions were proposed, centring on reinforcing the step.
- Cllr. Whitley reported the presence of wild American mink in the stream running past Manor Farm. Mink are a pest and kill birds, smaller rodents, fish, crustaceans and frogs. A trap has been set.
- A MoP was concerned that otters had been spotted in the not too distant past but had now “disappeared.” (Otters are larger than mink and are not considered prey)
- A waterproof and fireproof cabinet for PC records has been purchased. Government regulations rule that paper records must be kept for a considerable time, so a request has gone out to previous council members for documentation prior to 2011.
- Residents are requested to report any over-full dog waste bins to their councillor
- Fly tipping. It was previously reported that builders waste that had appeared in Green Lane (aka Black Hill) off the Salmonby Road had been removed. This is not the case and Cllr Simpson will alert the District Council’s fly-tipping rapid response team to track down the culprit. Large fines can be levied.

**TETFORD & SALMONBY CONTACTS**

|                                                                                |                                                                                          |                              |
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| ELMG Wolds & Newmarket Surgeries                                               |                                                                                          | 01507 603121                 |
| Wolds Pharmacy                                                                 |                                                                                          | 01507 535001<br>Option (3)   |
| Defibrillator & cardiac emergencies                                            |                                                                                          | 999                          |
| 'LIVES' Enquiries                                                              | Parish Councillor Julia Larder-Sargent<br>Lives HQ                                       | 07852 877425<br>01507 525999 |
| Patient Participation Group (PPG)                                              | Marlene Renshaw                                                                          | 07795 662007                 |
| South Wold Nursing Home                                                        |                                                                                          | 01507 533393                 |
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| Tea & Chat                                                                     | Marlene Renshaw                                                                          | 07795 662007                 |
| Short Mat Bowls                                                                | David Needs                                                                              | 01507 533705                 |
| Table Tennis                                                                   | tetfordtabletennisclub@gmail.com                                                         |                              |
| Pilates                                                                        | debbiejenner@outlook.com                                                                 |                              |
| Pilates & Wellbeing                                                            | Pilatinas8@gmail.com<br>www.pilatinas.com                                                | 07896779958                  |
| Tetford Feral Writers                                                          | Stephanie Wilkinson                                                                      | 07725 058959                 |
| Reading Group                                                                  | kwatkinshmg@gmail.com                                                                    |                              |
| Recreation Ground                                                              | Alison Sparks, secretary<br>alisparks@sky.com                                            | 01507 534384                 |
| Tetford Walking Group                                                          | jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk                                                           |                              |
| Parish Council (Clerk)<br>Mrs Pauline Murray                                   | <a href="mailto:clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> |                              |
| East Lindsey District Council                                                  |                                                                                          | 01507 601111                 |
| Tetford & Donington District Councillor<br>Daniel Simpson                      | daniel.simpson@e-lindsey.gov.uk                                                          |                              |
| Louth Wolds County Councillor                                                  | cllra.mcgonigle@lincolnshire.gov.uk                                                      |                              |
| Lincolnshire County Council                                                    |                                                                                          | 01522-552222                 |
| White Hart                                                                     | Nikki Stockdale                                                                          | 01507 533255                 |
| The Times of Tetford & Salmonby                                                | thetimesoftetford@gmail.com                                                              | 01507 534800<br>07789 485339 |
| East Lindsey Library Service                                                   |                                                                                          | 01522 782010                 |
| Access Mobile Library Delivery<br>Service                                      | graham.owen@gll.org                                                                      | 07483 017085                 |
| The Mansion House Honesty Shop                                                 | Outside The Mansion House LN9 6QL                                                        | N/A                          |
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| Pilgrim Hospital, Boston                                                       |                                                                                          | 01205 364801                 |
| Louth Hospital                                                                 |                                                                                          | 01507 600100                 |
| Grimsby Hospital                                                               |                                                                                          | 01472 874111                 |
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| Anglian Water                                                                  |                                                                                          | 01522 341000                 |
| Victoria Atkins MP                                                             | Victoria@victoriaatkins.org.uk                                                           | 020 7219 5897                |
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| CALLCONNECT                                                                    | <a href="https://lincsbus.info/callconnect/">https://lincsbus.info/callconnect/</a>      | 0345 234 3344                |
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| Horncastle Theatre Company                                                     | <a href="https://www.horncastletheatre.co.uk/">https://www.horncastletheatre.co.uk/</a>  |                              |
| Non-Emergency Calls to Police                                                  |                                                                                          | 101                          |
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| Urgent and Non-Emergency Health Issues Advice Line                             |                                                                                          | 111                          |
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| Electricity Emergency Service – reporting electricity emergencies & power cuts |                                                                                          | 105                          |
| National Gas Emergency Service – reporting gas leaks & emergencies             |                                                                                          | 0800 111 999                 |
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