

The Times of Tetford and Salmonby

Times present, Times past

Autumn 2026

Now is the time to say goodbye (goodbye)
Now is the time to yield a sigh (yield it, yield it)
Now is the time to wend our way-eee
Until we meet again, some sunny day
Goodbye, goodbye, we're leaving you, skiddlydye
Goodbye, we wish a fond goodbye, fa-ta-ta-ta-ta, fa-ta-ta-ta
Goodbye (goodbye), goodbye (goodbye), we're leaving you, skiddlydum
Goodbye, we wish a fond goodbye, la-la-ta-ta-ta
La da dah, lah la la
La dah da da dah, rhump te tump tum tum tum tump
You know, there comes a time in everyone's life
When they must say goodbye
That time is now, and so with tears in either eye, we say goodbye
As people have said throughout the years
We leave this mortal coil on which we strut and fret our weary ways
As Shakespeare put it, God bless him
What a wonderful old chap Shakespeare was, bald but sexy
Take that rhythm away with its wonderful melodies
Oh, goodbye they say
Goodbye, goodbye, why not say it again, goodbye
Goodbye
We wish you all goodbye

With thanks to Peter Cook and Dudley Moore

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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 Village Hall News

Parish Council Monthly Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 7 th October 7.30pm
PPG (Tetford Surgery Patient Participation Group)	Thursday 8 th October
Charity Quiz Night, Hamilton Hall	Friday 9 th October 7.30pm
Autumn Litter Pick	Sunday October 11 th Meet in the village hall car park between 10.15 and 10.30
Tetford & District WI, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 28 th October 7.30pm
Tetford & District Supplementary Reading Group	Friday 30 th October
Tetford & Salmonby Craft Fair, Hamilton Hall	Saturday 31 st October 10-3pm
Parish Council Monthly Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 4 th November 7.30pm
Remembrance Service, Tetford War Memorial	Sunday 8 th November 10.45am
<i>Head over Heels</i> , Red Lion Theatre, Horncastle	Wednesday 18 th – Saturday 21 st November 7.30pm + Saturday 21 st 3pm
Rag Wreath Workshop, Hamilton Hall	Saturday 21 st November 2-4.30pm
Louth Choral Society Concert, St James' Church, Louth. Featuring works by Francis Poulenc, Hubert Parry, Joseph Haydn, Edward Elgar, John Rutter and Ola Gjeilo	Sunday 22 nd November 7.30pm
Tetford & District WI, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 25 th November 7.30pm
Tetford & District Reading Group	Friday 27 th November 7pm
Tetford & District WI, Christmas Party	Friday 4 th December

NEWS ROUND UP ROUND THE VILLAGES

AUTUMN LITTER PICK This autumn's litter pick will take place on October 11th. As always, meet in the village hall car park between 10.15 and 10.30. Spring '26 haul pictured.



LINCS & NOTTS AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE Surplus veggies raise money for the Lincs & Notts Ambulance. A BIG thank you to everyone who popped some money in our box at the bottom of the drive in exchange for surplus vegetables from our garden. Even though our harvest was low due to the dry and hot weather, together we have raised £70 for the LNAA. Thank you everyone. *Dave & Carol Weston*

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For further information, availability and booking enquiries, please get in touch with the Marlene on 01507 533209. We look forward to welcoming you to Hamilton Hall.

CRICKET Tetford 1st XI finished the season in their usual place – bang in the middle of their league. The team played 15 Won 7 Drawn 0 Lost 5 Tied 1. Top batters Nick Paige with 234; Liam Cotton 228; Mark Hughes 199. Nick Paige was also top bowler 22 wickets for 255 runs; Sudharsan Salvara 17 wickets for 285 runs; Kai Stephenson 12 wickets for 201 runs

QUIZ NIGHT Save The Date - Friday 9th October – Hamilton Hall, Tetford - 7.30pm

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came to our quiz in June; we raised a FANTASTIC £534.63 for the Butterfly Hospice Trust.

We would love to see you again at our next quiz. For those who have not been before, it is a fun night, so do come along and join us. We provide tea/coffee (you are also welcome to bring your own cold drinks and snacks) and Steph will be baking her delicious cakes again.

Proceeds from the evening will go to the Butterfly Hospice Trust as well as three local ventures by Tetford residents -The Gilbey Kilby Kili Quest for Alzheimer's Society; LIVES and Lucy's Christmas Craft Project for the Residents of Elizabeth Court, Louth. SEE POSTER Teams of 2-6 players, £5 per person. We usually get booked up quickly so ring Carol Weston on 01507 533400 to reserve your table.

P.S. I will be putting together a hamper for the raffle, if anyone would like to add an item to the basket, please get in touch. *Carol Weston*



Quiz Night



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FUNDRAISER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Carol Weston

You may have heard that Janice Dilks of North Road has recently received the Radio Lincolnshire ***Making a Difference Award***. The ceremony was at Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln last Thursday. Janice was nominated by a lady in Horncastle and the judges had to pick four nominees from the list of nominations made by the general public. Janice invited myself and her daughter Sally to accompany her and we had a wonderful afternoon tea, meeting all the other nominees for the various awards. We were looked after very well by the people from Radio Lincolnshire. Janice's total to date (for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance) is just short of **£77,000**. When asked why Janice had chosen the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance she said they (Janice and her husband Aubrey) thought it was a charity that supported the rural areas of the county.

SALMONBY BENDS

In early January this year, Richard Grant, of South Road, wrote to Dame Andrea Jenkyns, who as Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire is ultimately responsible for transport in the county, and pointed out amongst other things that there has been a recognised problem with Salmonby Bends since 1939. We reproduce Richard's letter here.

Dear Dame Andrea Jenkyns,

We write to seek your consideration of a long-standing and increasingly urgent issue affecting the residents of Tetford: the safety and suitability of the main access route to the village, particularly the stretch of road known locally as *Salmonby Bends*.

Salmonby Bends is a narrow, winding cutting bordered by high earth banks and hedgerows. The carriageway is scarcely wide enough to allow two standard-sized vehicles to pass safely. At its lowest point, the road crosses a bridge over a stream. In addition, two underground springs rise within the cutting, placing continual stress on the road surface and leading to repeated erosion and pothole formation, requiring frequent and costly maintenance.

These inherent problems are now being significantly exacerbated by several factors. First, Tetford is a growing village, with increasing traffic volumes year on year. Second, the local school now serves a larger catchment area, bringing a higher number of daily vehicle movements, often involving larger family cars. Third, vehicles in general cars, commercial vehicles, and agricultural machinery have increased substantially in size over recent decades, making safe passage through the bends ever more difficult.

Given these compounding pressures, we believe that incremental repairs to Salmonby Bends can no longer offer a sustainable or safe solution. Instead, we respectfully propose that a previously planned alternative route be revisited.

Historical records show that as early as 1939, Salmonby Parish Council recognised the limitations of this stretch of road and approved plans for an alternative route or bypass. Work on this project began but was halted by the outbreak of the Second World War and never resumed. Evidence of this initial work can still be seen today in the form of a levelled section of land intended to form the entrance to the new route. The proposal was again considered in the 1960s but was ultimately shelved following objection from a local landowner.

In light of Tetford's continued growth and the escalating safety concerns at Salmonby Bends, we believe the time has come to revisit and reassess this historic proposal. A carefully planned alternative route would bypass the problematic cutting entirely, avoiding the high banks and underground springs that make long-term remediation of the existing road both difficult and costly.

We would be grateful for your advice on how best to proceed and would very much value your support in encouraging the relevant authorities to reconsider this vital infrastructure project for the benefit of residents, road users, and future generations.

Since 1939, many potholes, many FixMyStreets, many Parish Council minutes, many promises from county councillors and the Lincolnshire Highways department, many letters like Richard's and many emails from unrelenting critics like Steve Sewell of North Road there seems to have been "some progress." The following is from County Councillor Alex McGonigle, who represents us on Lincolnshire County Council, to Steve, dated 12th September 2026 subsequent to the works earlier in the month:

Hi Steven,

The drainage works completed on Salmonby Bends, Greetham Road, are as follows:

1. Excavations were undertaken in the front garden of The Bungalow, it was discovered several heavy natural springs were ongoing in that section of land, and there was a section of collapsed pipe that also needed relining. The pipe that ran underneath the garden through to the manhole cover that is situated on the boundary fence with Spring Lea, was all relined and fixed, system was running well.
2. There was also a collapsed pipe discovered in verge along the highway, on the side of Spring Lea and The Bungalow, this was also fixed and running. Near this section of collapsed pipe, we also managed to uncover a buried gully. This has been reinstated and is running.
3. It was noted that the natural spring issue appeared to cause water constantly seeping out of the verges on both sides of the carriageway. We had lots of locals who were prepared to share their knowledge, and there was a talk that one of the natural springs was privately piped under the road many years ago, but then the drainage way installed in 1990, this was capped off, which could have been the reason it was making its way through the road. This was investigated and it showed that the water coming out of the verges was finding its way into all different kinds of piping underground (utilities) as well as finding its way to the road. The piping along the verge was gravelled and covered to slow the water down and give it time to drain away as well as giving the spring somewhere to go. This stopped all water coming out of the carriageway.

Lots of other excavations had taken place and everything that was slightly off or uncovered or not quite joined up was all repaired, so from the triangle junction to the bridge everything has been repaired and it is running and no water is making its way to the carriageway.

We haven't received a full report from the contractor yet, as to what was done exactly, but I hope this provides a brief summary.

Please note, water sits heavily at the bottom of the road near the bridge. This is because the gullies cannot take the capacity of water and are constantly covered with straw and debris from the tractors and agricultural vehicles. We are planning to offset the gully into the verge, with a concrete apron and install a larger gully with filtering-like tubes in that prevent the debris from entering the system whilst effectively removing water from the carriageway. Following this, we will then arrange a final jet through of all drainage along Greetham Road and the length of the scheme, in preparation for the resurfacing scheme

I have requested an update as to when the road repairs/resurfacing scheme are planned and will let you know as soon as they get back to me.

Alex

If you would like to be kept informed about further progress, Tetford & District Parish Council meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm in the village hall.

Tetford and District Annual Flower and Vegetable Show 2026 RESULTS

TROPHY	DESCRIPTION	WINNER
Walker Cup	Class 1 – sweet peas.	Debbie Brookbanks
The Kelsey Cup	Class 6 – 1 Rose.	Lesley Harper-Smith
The Baumber Cup	Class 13 – Hanging Basket.	Debbie Brookbanks
The Shepherd Trophy	Most point 1 – 18 Flowers.	Debbie Brookbanks
The Mrs Gray Cup	Most points in 19 - 22.	Debbie Brookbanks
Top Tray Cup	Winner of class 55 – Top Tray.	David Marwood
The Fred Freeston Memorial Trophy	Most points in 39, 40 & 41 Potatoes.	David Marwood
The James Gray Memorial Shield	Most points in flower, fruit & vegetables.	David Marwood
The South Ormsby Group of Parishes Cup	Runner up in flower, fruit & vegetable sections.	Debbie Brookbanks
The Stan Nichols Memorial Trophy	For the tidiest garden in Tetford & Salmonby.	Brook Cottage, North Road.
The Sutcliffe Cup	Most points in Children's classes – Under 7.	Poppy & Freddie Grimsdell
The Tetford Junior Cup	For the most points overall ins show – 16 & under.	Poppy & Freddie Grimsdell
The Ivy Baumber Cup	Class 72 – Fruit loaf class.	Pam Stratford
The Sue Marwood Memorial Cup	Class 73 – Victoria sponge cake.	Marlene Renshaw & Stuart Rose
The Harper-Smith Trophy	Class 78 – Marmalade.	Marlene Renshaw
The Lloyd Trophy	For the most points in classes in Produce - classes 67- 83	Marlene Renshaw
The Championship Trophy Shield	Salve for overall points winner – senior. Classes 1-56 & 67 – 84.	David Marwood
The Cross Keys Plate	Classes 27-38 & 42-54.	David Marwood
Prudential Trophy	Trophy for the best exhibit in classes 27 to 56 (vegetables).	David Marwood

Thank You for a Wonderful Show!

The 2026 Tetford and District Flower and Vegetable Show was another fantastic success. This is thanks to the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of our growers, crafters, cooks and creators, whose entries continue to make the show such a special event.

Unfortunately, there was no auction this year, and it was very much missed by exhibitors and visitors alike.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped on the day and throughout the year as part of the committee. We would also like to thank Marlene for her ever-popular cream teas, and our judges for generously giving up their time and expertise. Your support and commitment are greatly appreciated, and the show simply would not be possible without you.

As always, we welcome your feedback. If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas for improving the show, please do get in touch at tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com. We are always looking for ways to encourage even greater participation and ensure the event remains enjoyable for everyone.

Save the date: Next year's Tetford and District Flower and Vegetable Show is planned for **24 July 2027**. We look forward to seeing you there!



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NATURE'S NOOK – *from Paul Learoyd*

Just a short note for this last edition of TTOTAS, I will finish where I started.

My first article described my then young son's response to finding so many squashed toads on East Road. He undertook a project to record distribution which identified the hot spot. Not surprisingly this was adjacent the fishing lakes but prompted the question, why did the toad cross the road. At the time the land across road was just piles of demolished material.

This highlighted that not all habitat for wildlife has to be a nature reserve or even look particularly attractive. The heaps of rubble were ideal for the toads foraging and hibernation.

The other important point from this exercise was seeing my son's interest in the natural world develop through his own discovery. It opened his eyes to wildlife and the landscape around.

I have loved raising a family here in Tetford; it is special for the place and its people. We all have the opportunity to make space for nature around us and in our lives.

I wish you all the best

Paul

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LETTERS

The Editor

I write this letter with sadness that the autumn issue of The Times of Tetford will be the last. The magazine is somewhere where the community can read what is going on in our village, reminisce with old stories, advertise items or publicise forthcoming events etc.

I am sure there are many people in the village who do not have a computer and look forward to the Times coming through their letter box. I do have a computer but prefer to read the printed version and will miss the magazine. Once gone, we may never get it back. I appreciate the time involved with publishing the magazines and the stress it can cause at times.

I would like to ask those people who are a part of the magazine “team” to reconsider and continue with the magazine in 2027.

If you would like to support my letter, please voice your support to the editor, or drop a note through my door and I will pass it on. If you are not interested in the magazine, you have the choice not to have it delivered.

Carol Weston, Arden, North Road, Tetford

The Editor

I write to lend my support to the apparent demise of the esteemed Times of Tetford. This, I believe, was a result in part of some unruly and misplaced critical abuse on social media, the alternative platform for expression for some.

TT was a bold and fairly unique venture, one that afforded, for many local residents in Tetford and beyond an opportunity to read and write at a time when such pleasures seem to be in decline relative to the mass media of on-line chattering and over-excited ‘news’. As such, TT has been a link to a tradition of local journalism, parochial concerns and *freely expressed* creativity or opinion. Those, like myself who are now expressing our support, and regret for the end of an era, have endorsed and valued the role of the periodical and thank the editor for the contribution he has made to local life – including, not least, providing an outlet for frustrated scribblers and artists of the pen who found somewhere to make little Kilroy marks!

So, in support of your stresses in the face of adversity and in thanks for the passing of a valued institution, best wishes, and onwards !

Alan Lidmila

The Editor

In the piece I wrote for this final edition of *The Times of Tetford* I concluded with the waters of Tetford Hill and the life giving nourishment they offer. Staying with that theme I want to thank Derek for his great commitment of time and money in providing this newsletter these many years for the community. On a personal note it has been a pleasure for me to be stimulated to share my writings again. But more importantly it provided a way for Tetfordians to be connected with each other. It is a great shame that recently differences became more important than togetherness. Cooperation and mutual understanding might be more important than we realise in the times ahead. Thank you Derek for giving all you did and to all those others whose names I know not but who supported this venture.

Dominic Yeoman

The Editor,
The Times of Tetford & Salmonby

I was and am sorry to read of your decision to cease the production and distribution of TOTAS. For my part it has always been much appreciated. Not long after being elected in 2023 an introductory letter, latest copy of TOTAS and three back issues arrived in my mailbox (still got them) and since then, when published, has always arrived without fail. That really is a good service and good going. It is no mean feat sustaining good copy month on month. I have enjoyed reading TOTAS and it has always delivered useful information and interesting copy on matters past and present.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much Derek....and to those who have lent a hand and the copy also. It has enabled people the opportunity to contribute in their own way.

Hopefully you will reconsider...power of the press...publish and be damned...and all that. Facebook isn't the same.

Regards

Daniel Simpson.

Councillor for Tetford & Donington Ward.

Councillor Simpson reports:-

- New food waste service is still on schedule to start 19th October. Each household will receive notification and advice over the next few days. Some waste collection days will/may change. Green waste will stay on the same days.
- Scheme of Delegation for Planning Decisions. All change. Some of it is not good news. Full details of the new scheme of delegation will be published on the Council's website from 31 October 2026 most applications will be determined by officers under delegated powers rather than by the Planning Committee, and the role of Council members will therefore change. Councillors are encouraged to make their representations on applications during the initial 21-day consultation period. By doing this, members will be representing their electorates by ensuring that officers are aware of local issues. NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework August 2026) is clear that decisions should not be delayed in order to secure advice from consultees. The number of supporters and objectors to an application will no longer trigger a Planning Committee decision. New scheme must be implemented in full on 31 October 2026, with no grace period for applications subject to existing call-in arrangements or an expectation of committee determination. From that date, all existing call-in requests will cease to have effect, and applications must be determined under the new scheme.

The Editor

It saddens me to think that this is the last submission that I, or any other member of the Feral Writers, will make to the Times of Tetford.

When the church bulletin ceased publication several years ago, Derek stepped into the breach and filled it with The Times of Tetford. More than a simple newsletter, The Times has evolved into a first class magazine. Donating his time, editing skills and money, Derek produces a resource that few villages can claim and the wealth of information the magazine contains has caused its readership to expand far beyond Tetford's village boundaries. Derek has taken care to make certain that the quality of the publication has remained of the highest standard and has recruited a cadre of volunteers to make sure that the magazine reaches every household.

When The Times ceases publication, where will the Tetford WI advertise its coffee mornings, and quizzes? How else will we know about the Terrier races, bingo nights, charity quizzes and other events being held not only in Tetford, but surrounding villages? I would imagine that the various businesses that advertise free of charge in the magazine will also miss this forum that reaches so many potential customers. In addition to letting the local residents know about these events, the Times provides an "at your fingertips" compilation of important telephone numbers and resources. For those who are less comfortable with the internet, having that contact information readily available in print form is invaluable, and as a resource provider, the Times is unparalleled. Parish council meetings, planning permission requests and other matters of public importance are also reported on along with other news that affects local residents.

But the Times is much more than an information round up; it has also become a cultural magazine, providing aspiring writers such as those of us who belong to the Ferals writing group and other authors, a forum for sharing our work. It has also been through the Times, that we have learned the stories behind the names on the war memorial and of walks through the beautiful Wolds countryside. Residents have shared their stories and memories of local life and the children's section of the magazine is something we can all enjoy, as well. I, as I'm sure many others do, look forward to receiving my copy of The Times every month and will miss it dearly.

The editor of The Times does not censor the thoughts or contributions of its readers, and he certainly should not be held liable if something is submitted and published that not everyone agrees with or that may possibly offend someone. In a time when it seems that freedom of speech is being silenced on an international scale, it is refreshing to have a publication that is, in many ways, the epitome of free speech.

So, in conclusion, and on behalf of the Feral writing group, we greatly appreciate all that you have done, Derek, for the community. You should be proud of what you have accomplished and know that, although appreciation isn't always expressed, we do appreciate your time, tenacity, and patience as well as your monetary, emotional and mental contributions to the greater good. I doubt that anyone will step up to fill the void that will be left by The Times. In fact, I believe that we will find Joni Mitchell's words to be true. "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone."

With appreciation,

Terri Willings, Tetford Area Feral Writers

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

The following three biographies bring to an end the series for the men from the Great War who appear on the Tetford War Memorial, but that doesn't quite conclude the work. Before explaining more I would like to thank Derek Le Page for the opportunity to publish the work in the TTOTAS, and on a personal note, thank him for all his hard work over the years. Whether you like the content or not, every village needs a magazine or newsletter; social media just does not replace these and Tetford will be the worse for its loss.

The work continues, and it is my intention to produce biographies for the five men I have found who have very strong links to Tetford and who also died in the war, so that they too can be remembered. They are **John Lingard, George Foster Meanwell, Edmund Horn(e), Harry Horn** and **Arthur Henry Andrews**. If anyone has any information about these men please get in touch.

As many will know, the full biographies are available in a folder in Tetford Church. To these the four 'extra' biographies will be added shortly. In the longer term, I am planning for the complete work to appear on the Parish Council website and, if there is any demand, I will consider producing a limited run of books and/or an eBook. For copies of individual biographies or for news on any publication, please get in touch.

If anyone has or finds any information/photographs/corrections relating to the Tetford men, whether on the memorial or not, or indeed survivors, please get in touch via jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk.

[Work is under way to create a new board for the church listing all the soldiers on the War Memorial together with brief details of their birth, rank, service, death and burial/commemoration. This will replace the existing paper display which has faded badly. The board will be similar to that recently created for the history of the church bells, located on the wall of the vestry. The new board should be in position in time for Remembrance Sunday.]

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

Shoeing Smith 32655, William Phillips, "A" Bty. 50th Bde. RFA, Died 30/4/1918.

William, known to the family as Billy or Will, was born on March 28th 1895, in Wainfleet, and he was the fifth child of Joshua Taylor and Emma Phillips (née Stubbs). He had four elder siblings and one younger. Both brothers, Harry and Frank served and of the three only Harry survived.

The family had lived in Martin, Wainfleet St Mary and Bilsby, Lincs. Joshua was working as a blacksmith in 1891 and 1901, but in 1906 he died of pneumonia, and it is thought the family moved to Tetford following his death. Certainly by 1911 Will's mother was living here with three children and a grandchild. Emma was employed as a domestic charwoman and lived in the Lodge sited in the grounds of Ormsby Hall, South Ormsby Estate and which no longer exists. William and Harry were still living with their mother, but Frank had left home and was working as a waggoner on a farm in High Toynton.

Will's mother married Thomas Presgrave in 1917, and they continued to live in Tetford.



It is sad that in many cases so little is known of a man's service, usually this is because no service record can be found, but then we can use a Battalion War Diary, however for some, like Will, working as a 'specialist' - in his case a shoeing smith - their experience is not reflected by a War Diary except in the broadest of terms. All we can do for Will is draw on what we do know, relevant information for the RFA, and typical experience provided by men in similar work.

Will enlisted in April 1915, while living with his mother in Tetford and working in the woods at Ashby Puerorum. He joined the Royal Field Artillery (RFA) either as, or becoming, a shoeing smith – a trade related to his pre-enlistment work. He went to France in November of that year, his mother "*proud to be the mother of three sons, all of whom have joined his Majesty's Forces since the outbreak of war.*" Both brothers, Harry and Frank served and of the three only Harry survived.

Another shoeing smith wrote: "*I joined the Army Veterinary Corp and entered the School of Farriery at Woolwich. In due course I passed my test as a cold shoer and finally became a fully qualified shoeing-smith. I was then entitled to wear a horseshoe on my arm, and the proudest moment of my life was when I first walked out of camp displaying the badge of my new trade*". - Will probably went to the same school for training.

He served for roughly 30 months in the 'active' war zone, as a shoeing smith for 'A' Battery, 50th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He would have remained overseas, unless he received home leave.

A shoeing smith was the lowest rank for that branch of the Army, he would have made horseshoes, but I believe a Farrier – a more senior rank - would have fitted them. Their main job was to keep the horses, and therefore the waggons, artillery and ammunition columns moving. They would primarily have been behind the lines but may well have been somewhere that could have been a target for shelling, or later in the war, aircraft bombing.

When Will arrived, the 50th Brigade had four batteries, 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D', each with four Howitzer guns. Later, in November 1916 this had risen to six guns, and to service them he would have been part of a small team, typically a Farrier Sergeant and two Shoeing Smiths. Of course they were part of a much bigger establishment, probably about five officers and 180 others, primarily Gunners and Drivers, which probably accounted for about 147 men. Horses could be expected to travel long distances, perhaps up to 40 miles per day. Iron horseshoes wore quickly, and usually had to be replaced every month, so the shoeing smiths and farriers were busy people.

The relevant War Diary probably indicates Will's rough locations, albeit he would be some distance away from the guns. When he joined them, they were in Belgium, south of the Ypres-Zillebeke Railway and in that month the Brigade fired about 1600 rounds from 18 pounder guns and 300 rounds from 4.5" Howitzer guns.

In 1916 they remained in Belgium, before the Brigade moved to fight in France during the Battle of the Somme. There they were part of the initial and unprecedented, massive British bombardment which started on June 24th, 1916, during which over 1.5 million shells were fired. I believe that he, and they, stayed in France for the rest of 1916 and 1917, apart from a short spell in Belgium in September and October (1917). Then they moved back to Belgium on March 4th, 1918.

The War Diary gives figures for casualties, but typically they would be officers and men killed near the guns and well away from Will. So how did Will die? He died on April 30th, 1918, but as expected the War Diary reveals very little. The Brigade had moved to the Ypres salient (Belgium) by foot, horse and train. Arriving in the La Clytte area and they went straight into action on the night of the 3rd / 4th. On the 16th they moved to a position just south of Dickebusch Lake, where they fired in support of a British attack. On the 25th the Germans attacked on a six mile front and advanced to Vierstraat – a position probably less than two miles from them, so the Batteries all retired to St Hubertushock and the headquarters to just north of Reninghelst. On the 29th there was a heavy German barrage on the British, prior to German attacks, beginning at 3am and lasting for four hours. Barrages usually cover the Front line and behind. On the 30th the Brigade's casualties were recorded as 7 Officers wounded, 1 killed and 1 dying of wounds, 12 ORs killed, 94 wounded and 2 dying of wounds. We don't know if these numbers included Will.

So what do we know of Will's death? I am afraid very little. During the barrage, the Germans would have shelled the British front line and behind, and during their attacks would have been shelling behind it to harass and disrupt the supply of reinforcements. We know that he was killed in action, not wounded and dying later but without any further information we can only assume he was a casualty of the German shellfire.

A shell would often have killed or wounded several men at the time, and often those who died, if found, would have been buried in the same cemetery, usually together. I have tried to find other men who died on the day or soon after, who might have been near Will. I found one other man, and he was from Will's unit, however he was a driver so could have been nearby or a long way from Will. That leaves us with the assumption that his death was caused by an unlucky stray shell.

His mother wrote from near Alford to her daughter Maggie (Will's sister, who was working as a housemaid for Dr Gray in Tetford) - *"My poor dear little Maggie however . . . Can I tell you the dreadfull news Dear Will was Killed in Action on the 30th April I should like you to ask Mrs Gray if she could spare you for a few days to come to me I am sure I feel heartbroken still we cannot do anything send a wire I will meet you anywhere from your journey . . . heart broken mother"*

Pte. 20466, Charles Whiting, 1st Bn., 'C' Coy. Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 27/05/1918.

Charlie was born in Bag Enderby, Lincolnshire in 1896 and was the fourth son of Edward and Judith Hall Whiting (née Elvin) who had married in Thimbleby in 1879. He had ten siblings, although two had died by 1916. His mother also died in 1911.

Information varies, so getting a clear picture of the family's movements is difficult but before Charlie was born they had lived in Thimbleby, Lincs., Widford, Herts. then Harrington, Lincs. The family believe they were travelling agricultural workers who seem to have worked in Lincs., Herts., Essex and Kent.

In the 1891 census Edward was recorded as an agricultural labourer in Harrington where he worked on the Harrington Estate, and in 1901 they were at Stanesby Lane, Bag Enderby with Edward, a general worker on a farm. By 1911 Edward appears to have moved up in the world, as the family had moved to Hillside Farm, off Tetford Hill and Edward was recorded as a farmer and employer, with his sons Fred and Charlie working on the farm.

It was thought that Charlie was conscripted and that he did not serve overseas until 1918, but neither is correct. From family letters and other sources, I believe that he enlisted in Horncastle late 1915 or early 1916. He went for training with the 3rd Lincolnshire Regiment in Grimsby, then joined the 8th Bn. Lincolnshires and finally the 1st Bn. Lincolnshires. It was in one of the first two that he met his "*best pal*", Pte 12817, Edward Body, whose letter to Charlie's mother added much information. They subsequently served most of the rest of the war together, going overseas on July 1st, 1916.



Although they arrived when the 8th Bn. was attacking the Germans, it is unlikely they were involved or saw much action and were transferred to the 1st Bn. in early September 1916, to replace losses.

On the 20th, 'C' Coy. (Charlie's Coy.) bombers were in action and had casualties, but that probably did not involve Charlie. On the 24th, they moved to Pommiers Redoubt where they rested, had hot tea and rum before marching to the assembly trenches at 11:30pm for an attack the next day in which 'C' Coy. were in support and then to follow up. The Germans shelled continuously overnight. Bayonets had been fixed, every man carried extra ammunition and bomb. Despite heavy losses they reached the British front line from where the attacking troops had left - remember the Lincolnshires were in support and then to attack, but the trenches which should have been empty were occupied by the attackers who had fallen back. By midnight the 1st Lincolnshires were ordered to withdraw. Casualties were recorded as 177 men, killed, wounded or missing, but we think Charlie survived physically unscathed. Then for the latter part of 1916 there was little major action, just periods in and out of the trenches.

1917 was long periods of training, working parties and practice, some periods in the trenches and then fighting as part of the Battle of Arras (April). For this they entered the trenches on April 11th to support an attack on the Hindenburg Line, and later that day recorded 1 officer killed, 6 wounded and 44 ORs killed, 90 wounded and 15 missing.

They returned to long periods of quiet routine, moved to Belgium in September and then fought in the Battle of Broodseinde – part of the Third Battle of Ypres - in October. They entered Polygon Wood on October 3rd and stayed until relieved on the 6th. They recorded casualties of 24 killed, 167 wounded and 36 missing, accompanied by the comment: *“These figures were considered light in the face of the fact that the German artillery fire in this battle was considered to be the heaviest and most concentrated of the whole war”*. This was the most successful allied advance of the Third Battle of Ypres.

Again Charlie seems to have remained unscathed. His pal, Edward, was awarded the Military Medal for *“work done”* during the above. In a letter home to his younger sisters he wrote *“Please tell father that I am alright”* and *“Tetford has lost another of the lads E Lancaster has been killed”*.

When they returned to the trenches noting that the distance to the German trenches varied from 250 to 40 yards, it remained reasonably quiet except when German or British trench mortars or artillery were fired. Charlie and Edward received leave to the UK in November. They spent Christmas out of the trenches and ended the year with the Battalion at about 40% of normal strength (about 1000) and they began 1918 holding the British front line in France, with the weather becoming severe and when they got out *“the canteen was greatly sought after by the men directly they returned from the trenches”* – presumably it was the warmest place to be and they had hot drinks!

It was generally quiet until March when the Germans launched their major Spring Offensive which nearly broke the British. Losses were severe, but Charlie was lucky, he missed this as he was a ‘temporary’ officer’s servant. Edward was badly wounded. He survived, was evacuated to England and never fought again. It seems that later Charlie was either wounded or ill, as he wrote *“. . leaves me (the letter) nearly fit. Soon be at em again.”*

Charlie died on May 27th, the first day of the Battle of the Aisne. *“At 1.0 a.m. a heavy bombardment (German) opened on the front lines and back areas. At 3.0 a.m. a heavy gas shell barrage was added, and it became necessary for respirators to be worn”*. The British moved to their assembly positions and were there at 5.40 a.m. The situation was chaotic and the fighting fierce. It was reported that the enemy had gained a footing in the front and by 1pm the situation had become acute. The Germans had broken through and had worked around the left flank and appeared to be rolling up the British line from the British left. On the right, where C (Charlie’s) Coy. and D Coys. were withdrawn to other positions, after ‘smashing’ three successive attacks. At 3pm the rest of the Bn. was ordered to withdraw. This movement was successfully carried out and here the enemy was held. *“At 8.0 p.m. information was received that the enemy was pressing C and D Coys. very hard on the right of our line, and also that he had worked completely round the left flank” . . . “To avoid being completely surrounded a quick withdrawal was imperative. This was carried out in good order and with the greatest steadiness. The rear guard successfully covered the withdrawal of the main body, and the Bn. was successfully extricated.”*

During the above action 29 men were recorded as killed – many more would have been wounded or missing - in most cases their bodies were never found. Charlie was one of them and his name appears on the Soissons Memorial, France.

Charlie’s father, on being told of his son's death, could not accept that his son was not returning home. He later returned his medals and refused to have Charlie’s name included on the Tetford War Memorial. It was finally added in 1994, at the request of his younger sister Maude, and was paid for by the Parish Council.

Pte. 45485, Willie (William) Lancaster, 10th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers. Died 25/08/1918.



Willie was born in Aby, Lincolnshire, in the fourth quarter of 1895 and was the fifth son and one of eight children. His parents were George and Mary Ann Lancaster (née Colvill), both born in Lincolnshire, Mary in Tetford. His brother Ernest also served and died.

The birth locations for the children (all Lincolnshire) suggest that the family were living in Driby in 1883, then Legbourne. They were in Aby from around 1890 to 1899, and after that Tetford.

In 1901, the family were living in Ormsby Road, with Willie's father working as a market gardener and licensed hawker. The family were still in Tetford in 1911, but Willie was absent. In fact he was, at 15, working on a

farm and listed as a 'servant' in the Brown household at Hagnaby House, Hagnaby, near Alford, Lincolnshire.

Like his brother (Ernest), no service record was found, both probably destroyed by WW2 bombing. So again we must piece together his service as best we can.

What we know with certainty is that he enlisted in Skegness and, as Pte. 16897, joined the 2nd Bn., Hampshire Regiment. He transferred to the Machine Gun Corps (MGC) with service number 21474, and was then Pte. 45485, first in the 18th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers and finally in their 10th Bn. We do not know the dates of transfer, but we know that his overseas service commenced on October 30th, 1915, and can surmise the following.

The Hampshires were part of the Regular Army and served in Gallipoli before going to France. They arrived in Gallipoli in April 1915, and so Willie was not with them. He was probably part of the drafts arriving in early December. If so, he missed the heat and dysentery of the summer and the severe rain and freezing cold of November and he, along with most of the allied forces, were evacuated in late December. He may not even have been in the front line.

The MGC did not exist at the start of the war, and it is possible that he trained with them in the UK and went to France with one of the MGC Companies or, and perhaps more likely, was allocated to them from the 2nd Hampshires in France.

The 18th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers was originally a Bantam Battalion (men were under 5' 3"). They landed in France on January 29th, 1916, and in early 1917 ceased to be a Bantam Bn. Unless he had returned to the UK for some reason, it is most likely that he was transferred to them in France. The 10th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers landed in France on July 15th, 1915. So again, Willie was not with them and probably transferred to them much later.

There were many reasons why men were transferred between regiments. It could happen when they first went overseas, or when a man returned after an absence due to leave, treatment for wounds or illness, and their regiment had moved and another was more convenient, or in need of replacements. The 10th Lancashires suffered severe losses many times during 1916 and 1917, and it is likely that Willie was transferred to them to replace losses, but we simply do not know when. We can only be

sure that he was with them in the period before his death on August 25th, 1918. So we pick up Willie's story in detail in August 1918, when we can assume with confidence that he was with the 10th. It is worth noting that the tide was turning, and August 8th is generally accepted as the start of the Hundred Days Offensive that would end in defeat for the Germans.

On August 1st they were heavily shelled, and the War Diary records that this was in retaliation for raids, but it was more likely to have been to cover a planned German withdrawal, as when sent forward the Germans lines were empty, although the Germans had prepared many booby traps.

They reported finding a note, written in English: *"Dear Old Tommy. We congratulate you to your great success by taking the Aveluy Wald, and making many thousands of Hun prisoners. We wish you will have a very good time here. Perhaps we make you a little bit of a better place somewhere else, and therefore goodbye and au revoir. Yours truly, German marines."* It was dated Aug 2nd.

On the 4th, ten German (underground) mines exploded east of the Ancre and the next day another four in, or rather under, Authuille, with much debris falling from the sky. On the 8th the 19th Lancashires were ordered to move to an unknown destination and between the 9th and the 21st they moved mostly at night by marching and by bus from Bussy-les-Daours to Acheux Wood (south of Beaussart) arriving at 2am on the 21st.

On the 23rd they moved into trenches near Auchonvillers, and on the 24th, they were ordered forward to occupy a position to the east of the Ancre and then they moved forward. There was no opposition, but they did lose contact with the battalion in front of them and in the confusion two companies ended up in the front line and not behind the West Yorkshire Regiment as intended.

On the 25th at 1:30am they received orders to resume the advance at 4am. They had the 12th Battalion, Manchester Regiment on their right and the Duke of Wellington Regiment in support. The Lancashires moved off and crossed the Albert to Bapaume Road, immediately coming under heavy machine gun fire from the direction of the village of Martinpuich. They were ordered to work around the north side of the village while the Manchesters worked around the south. The War Diary of the 10th Lancashires records: *"At this point, for several hours, companies were held up by violent M. G. and artillery fire from the high ground in M. 33. At 2:00pm the Battn made progress again, and occupied the Ridge in M. 33, advancing towards Fleurs"*.

The Germans were seen getting ready to counterattack and the Lancashires prepared to meet them from the old trenches east of Martinpuich. By good fortune the 17th Machine Gun Battalion arrived and brought their machine guns into action, which helped stop the Germans, although they held their position, until the Lancashire brought a Stokes Mortar into action. Then a British aeroplane dropped a red flare on the German position, and the British artillery were able to bombard them. At some point, amongst all this action and chaos, Private 45485, Willie Lancaster was killed. Their casualties for August were 53 men killed, 175 wounded, 19 missing, 55 sick and 7 lost through other causes, the vast majority as the result of the fighting on the 25th and 26th.

Of the sons we know that Ernest, William and Herbert all served in the Great War but only Herbert survived. Their sister, Grace's husband (George Brooker) was also killed. Understandably the family believe that George Lancaster never got over the death of his sons, and they believe that he spent much of his later years at the Tetford War Memorial. As a widower he continued to live in Tetford and was still here in 1921 but had moved to Horncastle by 1939.

These are abbreviated biographies. Longer versions ('book' or 'full' versions) are available via 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

A WARTIME INCIDENT *from Richard Grant*

In the last World War my father, Noah 'Harry' Grant, was a 'spotter' in the Royal Observer Corps who, with Harold Duckitt the Blacksmith [and others], manned the underground observation station situated at the top of Tetford Hill to listen for enemy planes and our own pilots coming in. On this particular night he heard a plane coming up the valley and recognised it by its Rolls-Royce Merlin engines as one of our own bombers. He heard the pilot trying to call his airbase but failing to get a reply so he contacted Headquarters and reported that a friendly plane was lost and flying round the valley. HQ replied that no friendly aircraft were outstanding and that it must be enemy. However Harry Grant knew it was 'a friendly' and radioed the pilot, managed to make contact and queried where he was supposed to be heading. The pilot told him and Harry Grant explained how the pilot should look for a bright light, fly towards it, follow the road down which he was flashing his torch and turn left, which the pilot did and subsequently landed safely at his home airbase, near Coningsby.

Later in the year the pilot deliberately flew back over the Tetford Hill observation post to thank the two of them for their help, thus saving the lives of his crew. My father found out later that the pilot's name was Guy Gibson.

A similar incident is recorded in Dr Harper-Smith's book 'Paupers, Priests and People of Tetford' (Page 157).

STEAM THRESHING Chatterton's Farm, High Toynton 1996



Photo supplied by Julia Larder. Who are they? If the back row are numbered 1 – 15 and the front row 16 – 20, number 6 is Arnold Bennett, 7 is John Chatterton, 9 is Mark Baumber and 20 is Hugh Larder.

LANCASTER

MOTOR SERVICES.

Commencing ————— MAY 15th, 1934.

MABLETHORPE - SUTTON - ALFORD

BUSES pass Markby Thatched Church.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
ALFORD	9 25	10 25	1 20	2 15	3 25	5 20	6 45	8 10	9 5
Bilby	9 30	10 30	1 25	2 20	3 30	5 25	6 50	8 15	9 10
Markby	9 35	10 35	1 30	2 25	3 35	5 30	6 55	8 20	9 15
Hannah	9 38	10 38	1 33	2 28	3 38	5 33	6 58	8 23	9 18
Sutton-on-Sea	9 45	10 45	1 40	2 35	3 45	5 40	7 5	8 30	9 25
Trusthorpe	9 50	10 50	1 45	2 40	3 50	5 45	7 10	8 35	9 30
MABLETHORPE	9 55	10 55	1 50	2 45	3 55	5 50	7 15	8 40	9 35

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
MABLETHORPE	10 0	11 0	2 0	2 50	4 0	6 0	7 30	8 45	9 45
Trusthorpe	10 5	11 5	2 5	2 55	4 5	6 5	7 35	8 50	9 50
Sutton-on-Sea	10 10	11 10	2 10	3 0	4 10	6 10	7 40	8 55	9 55
Hannah	10 17	11 17	2 17	3 7	4 17	6 17	7 47	9 2	10 0
Markby	10 20	11 20	2 20	3 10	4 20	6 20	7 50	9 5	10 5
Bilby	10 25	11 25	2 25	3 15	4 25	6 25	7 55	9 10	10 10
ALFORD	10 30	11 30	2 30	3 20	4 30	6 30	8 0	9 15	10 15

HORNCastle - SPILSBY - ALFORD - SUTTON - MABLETHORPE

	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	S.O.X
HORNCastle	9 10	12 45		7 50	4 0
Toynon	9 15	12 50		7 55	4 5
Scrafield Fork	9 20	12 55		8 0	
Hagworthingham	9 25	1 0		8 5	
Raithby	9 33	1 8		8 12	
Hundley	9 37	1 12		8 15	
SPILSBY	9 40	1 20	6 0	8 20	
Halton Holgate	9 45	1 25	6	8 25	
Ashby	9 50	1 30	6 10	8 30	
Scremby	9 55	1 35	6 15	8 32	
Candleby	10 0	1 40	6 19	8 40	
Gunby Corner	10 2	1 42	6 22	8 42	
Wilton	10 5	1 45	6 25	8 45	
Willoughby	10 13	1 53	6 33	8 53	
ALFORD	10 25	2 15	6 45	9 5	
SUTTON-ON-SEA	10 45	2 35	7 5	9 25	
MABLETHORPE	10 55	2 45	7 15	9 35	

	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	S.O.
MABLETHORPE	10 0	2 0	4 0	6 0	
Trusthorpe	10 5	2 5	4 5	6 5	
SUTTON-ON-SEA	10 10	2 10	4 10	6 10	
ALFORD	10 30	2 30	4 30	6 30	
Willoughby	10 42		4 42	6 42	
Wilton	10 50		4 50	6 50	
Gunby Corner	10 53		4 53	6 53	
Candleby	10 56		4 56	6 56	
Scremby	11 0		5 0	7 0	
Ashby	11 5		5 5	7 5	
Halton Holgate	11 10		5 10	7 10	
SPILSBY	11 15		5 15	7 15	
Hundley	11 18			7 18	
Raithby	11 22			7 22	
Hagworthingham	11 30			7 30	
Scrafield Fork	11 35			7 35	
Toynon	11 40	3 45		7 40	
HORNCastle	11 45	3 50		7 45	

S.O.X. — Departs Bull Yard Saturdays only.

MABLETHORPE - ALFORD - TETTFORD

This Service for Places of Interest.

	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
MABLETHORPE	11 0	2 0	8 45	9 45
Trusthorpe	11 5	2 5	8 50	9 50
SUTTON-ON-SEA	11 10	2 10	9 55	9 55
Hannah	11 17	2 17	9 0	

BE YOURS. USE THEM

Tetford Brass Band

1920's?

Names?



Tetford Football Club

1930's

Back row:-
Noah Grant 3rd from left,
Grandpa Grant, far left
Frank Tuplin, second
from right

Other names?

Sunday School Outing?

Old Rectory East
Road?#

Names?



Tetford's Survival as a Settlement – a Survey

In the first chapter of his book *Paupers, Priests and People of Tetford - A History* published in 2001, Dr Richard Harper-Smith records some of the relics that have been unearthed in and around Tetford over the years. For instance, three Mesolithic flint axes (6000 years BC), fragments of a Neolithic Fengate Ware bowl (3000-2000 BC), Bronze Age shield, spearhead and axe (around 2000 BC), Roman artefacts and pagan graves.

Although these do not prove that very early settlements existed here we know that in 1086 Tetford was documented in the Domesday Book. However in the Middle Ages many villages were abandoned. But Tetford survived. As a 'surviving settlement' Tetford is the subject of an in-depth, academic study by **Stuart Weston BA; MA** of this village, entitled '**A Survey of the Currently Occupied Rural Settlement of Tetford, Lincolnshire.**'

Mr Weston records that the Middle Ages (14th and 15th centuries) were a tough time for England. The Early Middle Ages are now seen as being over-populated and perhaps England was due for a cull. The plague reduced the population by a half, agriculture was hit by soil exhaustion, crops failed and livestock was diseased, climate changes caused land to flood and villages were emptied by enclosures and by the conversion of arable land to pasture.

Notwithstanding the dangers ever present in medieval life, Mr Weston's meticulous survey of finely defined areas of Tetford and its surrounds records the evidence of life in this period, the hundreds of 'sherds' of pottery found on fieldwalks, the 'ridge and furrow' fields, the outlines of previous occupation highlighted by gradiometry¹, topography² and aerial photography. Tetford may have survived partly because of Roman influence, viz. the importance of the Roman road from Lincoln to Wainfleet generally accepted as having run from Belchford and through the Tetford settlement along North Road.

Mr Weston's handsome dissertation runs to over eighty pages, and he proposes that further studies could be carried out. Most of his work covers the north of the village, as this is not as over developed as the southern part. But such difficulties could be overcome with sensitivity. It is to be celebrated that Tetford survived as a settlement, and was not deserted like so many other less fortunate villages. *The Editor*

¹Gradiometry - a non-intrusive scientific prospecting tool that is used to determine the presence or absence of some classes of sub-surface archaeological features, e.g. pits, ditches, kilns, graves and occasionally walls. A bit like a glorified metal detector.

²Topography - The study and description of the shape, size and arrangement of the surface of the land, with all its ups and downs e.g. hills, valleys, rivers and, importantly, medieval earthworks.

READING GROUP(S)

From Sally Morton: We met at the end of August to review Pat Barker's *Union Street*; a very challenging novel laying bare stark truths about life in the North East of England. Set in the 1970s in a heavily industrialised but deteriorating town, she tells the tale of a set of strong women in a rundown street whose lives are beset with poverty and who are doing whatever is needed to make ends meet.

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> We knew it would be a difficult read. Our feedback on the narrative was variously described as horrific, disgusting and tragic! Barker's writing was skilled enough to propel some of us right into the shoes of the characters, whereas others were simply angered by the terrible events set out in the stories of these poor women and their children and oftentimes what we were reading seemed overly violent, gratuitous. However, it was horribly compelling but well written. We felt it was a book that would stay with us for a long time.

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> Most of the men in the story did not come off well, some portrayed as being weak, cruel, thoughtless or misogynistic characters. One or two of the female characters were likeable, but ended up doing things that shocked us! We wondered how much our own personal experiences affected our take on the behaviour of the women and we had a long and interesting discussion around privilege, politics, poverty and religion. Despite their awful lives, we noted how these women took pride in their achievements and how important appearances and the good opinion of their neighbours were to them. Interesting too was the way the chapters reflected all the stages of women's lives from childhood to death, and the way she intertwined and united those lives.

> A book that was disliked by all of us, but compelled us to think about social issues past and present. We are unlikely to read her subsequent novels, as this one had no happy endings in sight and was a very challenging read!.

NEXT MEETINGS AND BOOKS

Supplementary Reading Group October Meeting

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join our new supplementary Reading Group, which meets every two months on the last Friday of the month. Our next, and much more cheerful read is *Small Island* by Andrea Levy set in Jamaica and the UK during WW2 and the Windrush era. It has been acclaimed as a humorous and unusual look at how multiculturalism has developed in the UK. We will be meeting to discuss this one on 30th October, venue to be confirmed later. If you are interested in attending, you will be very welcome. Please contact me at sm@sallymorton.com for further details.

Reading Group November Meeting

The November title is Lyse Doucet's *The Finest Hotel in Kabul – A People's History of Afghanistan*, chosen by Karen on the 27th November at 7pm. Lyse Doucet is Chief International Correspondent for the BBC and this is a history of modern Afghanistan told through the story of the Intercontinental Hotel and the lives of the people who work there. Further details from Karen Watkins at kwatkinshmg@gmail.com

The Tetford and District W.I. has been very busy over the last 3 months. June saw us making (and eating) the results of our workshop held at the Chocolate Drop which was followed by lunch at the Kings Head in Tealby. Then in total contrast the July meeting was entitled 'What is at the Bottom of your Garden?' We were taken on a walk around Tetford by a local herbalist and shown what we could forage from the hedgerows and gardens of the village which can be used in ancient medicinal remedies, some of which were known to us but others not.

Unfortunately our August speaker had to cancel at short notice so we took the opportunity to discuss what we, as a group, would like to do/hear in our future meetings. In September we were enthralled by an illustrated talk about the History of the Stourton Estate, of which the Walled Garden Baumber is a part, and the group resolved to visit it next year. Our programme for the remainder of 2026 consists of a Murder Mystery evening with supper on 28th October and our annual Craft Meeting on 25th November. For a change this year we will be having an in-house Xmas party on 4th December. All these events will be held in the Hamilton Hall commencing at 7.30. Guests are always welcome but for more information please contact our President Terri Willings on 01790 612341.

Tetford Walking Group *by Jonty Wild*

With the loss of the Tetford magazine, it will be difficult for me to contact potential new members for the group, so I would like to take this opportunity to remind readers that the Tetford Walking Group still exists and still walks on the first and third Wednesdays on each month, with only a few exceptions. If you are interested, or even if you might be in the future, I suggest adding yourself to the email group and perhaps the WhatsApp group by contacting me via jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk.

We are an informal group of like-minded people meeting up to walk. Generally we walk 4 to 6 miles, either starting in Tetford or travelling from here to our starting point, leaving at 10:00am. So far, we have always had plenty of cars to offer people lifts and we have a number of well-behaved dogs who regularly join us. Sometimes some of us go for a meal or a drink afterwards, but again, so far we have always been able to provide lifts back for those who don't want to do that.

Numbers have dropped off a little from when we started, so any new regular or occasional walkers would be very welcome.

THE HAMILTON HALL

is available to hire for all events such as private parties or fundraising events. **To book the hall ring Marlene on 07795 662007**

Hamilton Hall Committee Kate Stark (Chair) David Needs Pat Sparks	Paul Head (Treasurer) Marlene Renshaw (Bookings etc.) Pat Harrison (Secretary) Lesley Harper-Smith
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REGULAR HAMILTON HALL ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES:

Short Mat Bowls, Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Contact Mr D Needs 01507 533705. New members always welcome and the first three evenings are free. A friendly bunch, will be pleased to see you.

Table Tennis Monday evenings from 7-9pm and Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm. Email tetfordtabletennisclub@gmail.com for enquiries. The club has five tables.

Pilates-Plus - very popular! Mondays 09.30am. Contact Debbie Jenner debbiejenner@outlook.com. £9 per class.

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

Parish Council Usually 1st Wednesday of each month 7.30pm. Residents welcome to attend.

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

Tea and Chat As the leaves fall why not come and join Tea and Chat, in the warm, Tuesday afternoons 2-4pm. A lovely friendly group.

Pilates-Plus classes in Tetford Monday 09.30 Hamilton Hall £9,- per class

Build a stronger core, improve your posture- flexibility, mobility, breathing and circulation. Learn to move your spine in a safe, effective way and all that in a mindful, gentle manner. The 'Plus' comes from extra stretching and mobilising exercises with use of balls in various sizes (can be supplied). You just need your mat.

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

Contact for more info/questions: debbiejenner@outlook.com

CHURCH NEWS – St. Mary's, Tetford

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

Friends of St Mary's

Grateful thanks to all who help with the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard. The Friends help with the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard. 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.

You may have noticed a scaffolding tower erected against the church tower. Paul Sargent and Mark Moscrop were up there cleaning and painting the clock face. Paul has also been working hard inside the church, painting the north wall and he and Mark have repaired the wall north side of the altar.

THE SOUTH ORMSBY GROUP OF CHURCHES

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

BAG ENDERBY BRINKHILL CALCEBY DRIBY FARFORTH KETSBY HARRINGTON HAUGH

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

2026

Sun 18 th Oct	Brinkhill St Philip	Evening Prayer	6pm
Sun 1 st Nov	Tetford St Mary	Informal Service	10am
Sun 8 th Nov	Tetford War Memorial	Remembrance	10.45am
Sun 15 th Nov	Bag Enderby St Margaret	Evening Prayer	6pm
Sun 6 th Dec	Tetford St Mary	Informal Service	10am
Sun 20 th Dec	Brinkhill St Philip	Carol Service	6pm
Thu 24 th Dec	Tetford St Mary	9 Lessons & 9 Carols	6pm
Fri 25 th Dec	Tetford St Mary	Christmas	10am

2027

Sun 3 rd Jan	Tetford St Mary	Informal Service	10am
Sun 17 th Jan	Harrington St Mary's	Compline	6pm

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Did you know a thief has been regularly emptying the offertory box in St Mary's Church?



This is Stefan Bodnarczuk using his 'fishing rod'. He has stolen thousands of pounds from churches all over England. CCTV was temporarily installed in the church to capture these images. Now uninstalled.

Have you seen this man? He claims to be a millionaire from the Ukraine! He has now been apprehended and sentenced

Details of the sentence:

Lincolnshire Police Headquarters
PO Box 999
Lincoln
LN5 7PH

Mr Paul Sargent
HILL VIEW
NORTH ROAD
TETTFORD
Horncastle
LINCOLNSHIRE
LN96QH

01522 212349
shannan.dewing@lincs.police.uk
8.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday

14th August 2026

Dear Mr Sargent

Case Against Stefan Bodnarczuk
Unique Reference Number 32C90454326

I am writing to update you about what has happened in the above case in which you are a witness.

Following an investigation by the police, Stefan Bodnarczuk was charged and appeared at Lincoln District Magistrates Court Magistrates' Court on 13th August, 2026. At this hearing the defendant pleaded guilty to the offences and the case was dealt with.

1 Theft - other - including theft by finding
2 Theft - other - including theft by finding
3 Theft - other - including theft by finding
4 Theft - other - including theft by finding

The defendant was sentenced by the magistrates as follows:

- To pay costs of £85.00 to the Crown Prosecution Service
- To pay a surcharge of £154.00
- To pay a surcharge of £154.00
- Sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 8 Weeks. This sentence has been suspended for a period of 12 Months with the following requirements:
 - Rehabilitation Activity Requirement: Offender to comply with any instructions of the responsible officer to attend appointments (with the responsible officer or someone else nominated by them), or to participate in any activity as required by the responsible officer up to a maximum of 40 Days

The case is now concluded, however, it is possible for Stefan Bodnarczuk to appeal against the sentence. If that happens, it will be dealt with at the Crown Court. There are, however, few appeals against sentence and an offender has to let the court and the prosecution know within 21 days if they are going to appeal. If that happens I will let you know the outcome.

Farewell To The Times and the times gone before

So, farewell then, to the Times
the times in Tetford they've been a-changing,
teetering on the edge of reason
in the overheated silly season
So, so long, it was good to read you,
as well as write for ourselves, even.
You gave us a forum for views,
for organic tit-bits of momentous news
in integrity stapled, mildly hallowed, certainly valued
now, alas, the head has left the body
and chatter drifts off to a less coherent cloud
four legs good, two legs bad
now we've lost what once we had,
the wheels on the cars still go round and round
but we've lost the tablet that was briefly found
Will you be remembered, a score of years from now?
Like Fanny Blankers-Koen, or Zatopek, the Flying Czech
and Ch-ch-Chattaway, the four-minute wonder Doc.
Unheralded they came, then briefly feted, ran into myth
like Buddy, or John the working-class hero
or the Scarecrows of Tetford, or Hereward The Wake.
So, for all the free-thinkers, the original Ranters and scribes,
the amateur authors, correspondents, and gossips too,
all who have always lodged in broadsheets like yours,
some homage and gratitude is rightfully due.
The Times was a custodian of times going and gone before
an alternative to clamorous barbarian tides;
we must still sharpen our pencils and shuffle paper around,
because cancers creep when attention sleeps,
as the robots come to think for the many.

Alan Lidmila

DIGITAL “CONVENIENCE”

I am no fan of this digital world
As globalist plans are slowly unfurled
Screens appearing in every scene
They are so anti-human, to me, obscene
I maintain the view that cash is king
For digital currency is a dreadful thing
A slight transgression, a brush with a law
Crashes down your “Social Credit Score”
In a flick of a switch your account they can drain
It has happened already, this feels so insane
Then jobs replaced by a digital bot
Counter staff disappearing, it has got to stop
Soul-less high streets that we will soon walk
We will crave to hear real humans talk
For human interaction is the food of life
Not robotic voices or QR code strife
The media complicit spreading this devious grime
Calling it “progress” - when it is actually a crime
Our children walk round with headphones on ears
Oblivious to life, it will all end in tears
Our health is so important - it is a human right
So why do we suffer this digital fight
We need to be seen by a doctor or nurse
Not a machine or screen singing computed verse
I for one have no desire to conform
If only those Luddites could be reborn!

Man Yarner

P.S. Some people think digital currency is just using your card or phone instead of notes. It is far from that - the goal is "CBDC" or the Central Bank of Digital Currency, which they already have in China (I have been there a few times). Everything is linked to your behaviour - your finances, health, work, travel and all the freedoms we have enjoyed for so long. If you are "good" your "social credit score" lets you do things...if you eat or drink the wrong stuff- or travel too far you are penalised. Interesting stuff!

Our world under threat

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

Marske Beach

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

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

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

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

Kath Thomas

The image features a quote by John Ruskin overlaid on a background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of grey and white clouds, with a bright, glowing sun or moon on the right side. A silhouette of a bird in flight is visible against the bright light. The quote is written in a serif font, with the first part in white and the second part in black.

What we think, or what we know,
or what we believe
is in the end of little consequence.

The only thing
of consequence
-is what we do

John Ruskin

The most important man to have walked this earth?....John Ruskin?

If you ask someone if they know of the works of John Ruskin- you usually get the answer “not really- he was a poet, wasn’t he?” If only people knew how he influenced the world and top people in it. Sadly because he was trying to reform society, prevent the industrialisation of the countryside and support the poor, he was suppressed at every opportunity by those in power. I don’t know of any mainstream film or TV series that portrays his achievements -only Effie Gray, which does its best to defame him with some dubious truths.

If you type in 100 greatest Britons the Internet comes up with Winston Churchill top - which is interesting as he was chiefly responsible for the disastrous Gallipoli campaign which achieved nothing and caused 250,000 casualties. He was sacked from the navy (colleagues thought him arrogant) and continued to make many mistakes including implementing the Gold standard while as chancellor that led to the general strike of 1926 as industries crashed.

The list is full of politicians and sports and pop stars -as expected, with actor Michael Crawford at No.17 - one behind Margaret Thatcher (no comment!). Yes, Bob Geldof and Eric Morecambe feature quite high, but no John Ruskin. This is a brief introduction into just some of Ruskin’s achievements and their effect on modern global history.

- He was an artist- it was said that his drawings of Venice were so accurate they would enable it to be rebuilt from them alone.
- He was a poet, social reformer, political analyst and commentator. The most important art critic of the Victorian era.
- His knowledge of architecture was extensive - particularly Gothic.
- He often lectured in Oxford and Cambridge- he was the first Slade professor of Fine art at Oxford.
- He wrote books on geology, botany, history, art and architecture, to name just a few subjects - around 250 books in all.
- In 1871 He purchased some land in Totley, Sheffield while setting up the guild of St. George, as a means of “transforming a declining and corrupt Britain into a place of beauty and justice”.
- He was an early supporter of preserving the Lake District’s beauty -helping prevent its over development.
- He studied nature, particularly mountains and clouds, noticing the effect the City factories had in pollution and made references to climate change in the mid 1800s!
- His social reforms included a proposal for a health service free at point of entry for the poor decades before Nye Bevan introduced it (NHS). Bevan gets all the credit- but he merely followed Ruskin’s idea.
- He also proposed the welfare state. He sought free education for all to help improve society.

Have you heard of William Turner the artist? -Well if it wasn’t for Ruskin you probably wouldn’t have. Victorians thought Turners style “too abstract”. Ruskin taught the Royal Society for Art a lot about art. Have you heard of the Arts and Crafts movement? -Well let’s just say Ruskin advised William Morris on that one. Plus, a certain Oscar Wilde was one of his students-and became a friend. One of his admirers was Charlotte Bronte, yes she is also quite famous. The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood? Yes it was Ruskin that helped it achieve heady heights. Have you heard Of Mahatma Gandhi? Well would you believe Gandhi was heavily influenced by John Ruskin’s book “Unto This Last” on political economy? I could write much, much, more, but I suggest your watching some Youtube on those cold winter nights to find out about this wonderful man- the Polymath of all Polymaths.

P.S. That list of “greats”. 33 David Beckham; 46 Boy George; 87 Johnny Rotten! I rest my case. *Man Yarner*

FILM RUNDOWN by James Learoyd

Hello everyone. I hope you're all well. What follows is a big old roundup of the highlights in film since the last issue...

It might not be the Spielberg film we all expected, or even hoped for, but I'm very glad that ***Disclosure Day*** exists. His latest exploration of extra-terrestrial life might be a bit silly and formulaic, but what Spielberg brings that no other filmmaker would is a level of sincerity and visual mastery. He also gives us Emily Blunt in her strangest and best performance.

The Sheep Detectives is, without irony, one of my favourite films of the year. Picture *Knives Out* but with talking CGI sheep, is effectively the premise. As these sheep come to understand the concept of mortality, you will find yourself crying uncontrollably. (*Available on Amazon Prime Video.*)

Toy Story 5 is a film that I found moving and entertaining. I also think it's a miracle that all the Toy Story movies are at least fairly good. But there's no getting around the fact that, due to the state of the world, children's entertainment is forced to either directly address or completely ignore our modern-day issues. This is one that directly addresses the issues of tech and the internet, and the story is sad and unsettling because of it. I nevertheless think this is a very good film. (*Available on Disney+.*)

The Odyssey is a film I have mixed opinions on. I have now seen it at least 14 times since I worked at the BFI IMAX; almost all of these screenings have been in the now much discussed 70mm IMAX film format. I don't think there's a single film – or any subject for that matter – I have had to talk about more in my entire life. I think it's a good film but one that does not fulfill its full potential. It is visually and editorially messy. Its close up, shallow-focus approach does not lend itself to the form of an epic. What's special about the film, however, is how Nolan weaves in the theme of guilt through the narrative (a theme he first explored deeply in *Oppenheimer*).

Tony is an endearing little coming-of-age drama based on Anthony Bourdain's book 'Kitchen Confidential'. I didn't know anything about Bourdain before watching, but I found this tender, funny and the right amount dark.

The End of Oak Street might be the biggest surprise of the year for me. Anne Hathaway and Ewan McGregor in a film with dinosaurs. A better shot film than *The Odyssey*. Go in expecting weird.

It must have been last year in this publication when I raved about Zach Cregger's horror flick *Weapons*. Well, his follow-up is no less exciting: his take on the videogame franchise ***Resident Evil***. If you like horror and gore – and are attuned to the fear-to-comedy ratio of a movie like *Evil Dead 2* – I think this will be right up your alley.

As a critic, I've been attending a lot of the Press & Industry screenings for the London Film Festival, and the best film I've watched so far is a documentary called ***The History of Concrete***. It's about concrete, but it's also about New York, the creative process, making friends and learning how to define yourself as an artist. It's also incredibly funny!

I was trying to figure out what my last film to talk about should be. Hayao Miyazaki's ***Kiki's Delivery Service*** was what I settled on. If I were to recommend one final film to you, it would be this one. It's fun for all the family and you can watch it on Netflix. The best film about growing up, my favourite animated film of all time.

If for whatever reason you'd like to continue to know my movie opinions, you can read my writing for the website UK Film Review, follow me on the website/app Letterboxd at j1l2e or listen to my podcast 'The Films Of...' which you can find on the UK Film Review podcast feed. I would like to conclude by saying that in the eleventh entry of FILM RUNDOWN, I said that *Final Destination Bloodlines* was "the seventh entry in the *Final Destination* franchise". It is, in fact, the sixth.

The View From The Hill: *The Continued Ramblings of R.V. Wankle*

Part 2 of 2 (initial part see June 2026)

Having taken of refreshment I continued my re-acquaintance with Titterford-on-Bane. It is in spoken usage I find myself greatly perplexed. The joy of free expression and dialect, of comradely banter and conversation is often replaced by flummaddling twaddle, simultaneously easily recognisable but superficial and exaggerated. The more I quietly observed – as I found it difficult to participate in these utterances – the more I concluded that the spoken currency numbered barely a dozen phrases, with a repetitive vocabulary. I was ritually enjoined to ‘have a nice day’ or asked ‘ya’right?’ without a meaningful response expected, whatever the climatic or social circumstances. My greybeard fellow contributed two more examples – ‘stay safe’ and ‘take care’ – as exemplifying what he called a symptom of the ‘paranoiactal’ fragility of everyday life. Essaying any potentially interesting line of enquiry often evoked the pointlessly indifferent shrug of ‘whatever’, and the word ‘like’, devoid of any comparative or other grammatical purpose, bestraddles sentences like an incontinent tic. What is their difficulty with the definitive, the confident assertion of a view or state? Indeed, I am, like, puzzled. ‘Whatever’ is a superfluous piece of hesitant verbal sludge, perhaps indicating that the speaker either has nothing original to say or merely is in danger of losing any honed capacity for speech or curiosity? Or, worse they are afraid to say *anything*, like, unapologetically, for that would be to stand out from the herd, be noticed?!

Truly, I have felt ‘as a stranger in a strange land’, where the very language of the people is as unfamiliar as many say I am to them. The new alien tongues and habits I have sought to translate arise from my own confusion, not to say some vexation: any activity or purchase undertaken in my travels has evoked a bland reassurance that it was ‘no problem’ and I was thanked for ‘reaching out’, whether seeking a bottle of bleach or ticket for the opera. I soon realised this was in no way responding to any perception of my state as emotionally destitute or needy but simply a misplaced dramatization of politesse. I found it nigh on impossible to pass the time of day with a shopkeeper when seeking wares of one sort or another. Instead, commercial and related transactions have to struggle through a wire mesh of ‘passwords’, suspect as everyone’s identity now seems to be, and is managed only through some sort of impersonal technological operation, the latter chillingly enhanced by the arrival of artificial humans or ‘robots’, fiendishly clever imitation humans. This form of less than personal encounter renders exchanges like policed frontiers, reducing participants to nervous caution in the public place. As chilling is the magical fascination with this new-toy – a passing acquaintance gushed in wonderment at his ability to vocalise commands to a music playing machine, whilst remaining seated, which then selected his choices. It is rather akin to the wonderment of all simple peoples when introduced to the new, like the first imports of blocks of ice, the machine-powered automobile, or the recorded human voice. Verily, many I have met seem as if reduced to child-like awe, and as innocent as children of what may already have been lost, if still remembered by a few.

When faced with a grinning enthusiast for the latest wangfangdoodle or a docile obedience to the latest corrective procedure I shall grimly recall Mr. Shakespeare’s ironic prediction of a ‘brave new world’. I have been told ‘oh, you mustn’t say that, it’s not allowed’, without questioning who are these censorious arbiters of free-thought, diluting any faith in free-expression or popular

democracy? And whence come the chatterers, speaking of events happening ‘right now’, which seemingly means it is not only more than now, at this moment, but *really now*.

Fortunately, *Tittfudem Puerorum (Lt.orig)* once an old place, still exists sleepily too, ‘twixt past and whence. Have I carelessly slept too long in the lofty mountains, dreamily at play, or is the world with which I seek understanding itself slumbering in dreams that seem exciting, but may well be as soporific, perhaps nightmarish? On leaving the village I espied a callow youth, hooded, downward gazing, and a woman walking a hound, both absorbed in a toy of this new world, unaware of their surroundings. Yet the postbox seemed used as I passed by a library wagon so perhaps there is hope. I will retreat thoughtfully, perhaps attempting greater temperance, to consider this question with my new friend of great sagacity, undistracted by twittering distractions and diversions. Verily, as the bard said, ‘the world is too much with us’, even in this sleepy hollow.

Rut Von Wankle

Over The Hill.

May to September

In the New Century

HEATWAVE - An Acrostic Poem *Kath Thomas*

Hanging by a thread,
Every trace of energy
And all our yearnings stifled,
The air compressed around us.
We wait in earnest for reprieve
As another wave approaches,
Veering voraciously in our direction.
Earth too lies parched.

Like Autumn Leaves *Kath Thomas*

I watch them falling, slowly drifting
From trees now shorn,
Like autumn leaves forever shifting,
My heart lies torn.

I loved him dearly, I was his bride,
For evermore,
But, like falling leaves, the embers died,
So burns my core.

Those dying leaves of yellow and gold,
Reflect my fears,
That love has faded as days grow cold,
Now come my tears.

SMELL OF A PINE FOREST *Anonymous*

The narrow path grew steeper and more uneven, wriggling between massive trees, impenetrable springy upstarts, fallen trunks and boulders. As afternoon faded into evening, they trudged on uphill, tired feet silent on spongy damp needles, except when they bumped into an unseen root. Ouch. This high up in the mountains, the aromatic forest wasn't quiet, its dark crowns crackled and hummed with breezes unfelt on the path beneath, where only the occasional sounds of unseen animals brushing through low branches caught their fleeting attention. But the trackless forest would slow them down, and even at night they didn't feel safe in there so close to the border post in the valley below with its trackers and guard dogs

At last, the promise of light. They broke into a breathless jog, hungry for the evening sky and the crumpled stony mountainside, watershed to freedom. They braked a few metres back from the rocky scree and crag, melting into the trees either side of the path to scope the open ground ahead. They remembered they were indeed hungry when a scout spotted the tiny movement of an animal ear in a sunlit patch of thorn. The commander detailed a couple of lads to circle quietly around and beat whatever was in there back to the platoon in the trees. It was an elk, alone, young and inexperienced. Delicious. But, sensing also threat in front of it, it jinked sideways a moment before coming into range, and crashed past them all into the forest.



Unwilling to relinquish the feel of succulent fresh venison already in their mouths they charged in after it, fanning out in a cordon as it zigzagged desperately through the now dark forest. It came into sight as it skidded to a stop, struggling to keep a foothold on the top of a rubbly cliff that fell away in front of it. Snorting in terror, it sat on its haunches and launched into the void. They listened to the chaos of its hard landing, a bit of a landslide, of wood breaking even, but could see nothing. As the hillside settled, a muffled querulous baa-ing rose up. Signalling everyone to follow, quietly, and keep a lookout, the commander started clambering down.

At the bottom the slope flattened into a jumble of loose stone, fallen saplings, rubble, mud, planks, tiles and dirty hay. There was no sign of the elk. It or its landslide had it seemed broken into a sheep fold. Like characters in a bad dream, the strangers approached the broken wall, and the handful of sheep inside panicked, charged the gap and bolted into the forest in all directions. Spirits crushed, the weary walkers started to retrace their footsteps. BA! The short high-pitched bark of an animal in agony. They turned again, searching for its source. It wasn't repeated, but only a few metres into the trees, the metallic smell of blood, a lot of it, heralded a small clearing. At their feet, something was still trembling in the moonlight, on its side in the middle of a growing black pool. One of the sheep had run into a large spring trap. Fortunately for it – and for them, they were so tired now – it pretty much bled out in a minute or so. They froze, scrutinizing the scene and scanning the trees for movement. But there was nobody about, nobody came by in response to the trap being sprung. The old soldiers felt instinctively that it might have been set for them. But without much caring, or appreciating the irony, they settled in for the first good meal in a week. They courteously waited until the commander had taken her fill. Back in the cave, her young family would dine well tonight.

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By Gail Young

Divorce. Not a pretty sight, but funny in oh so many ways.....

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How do you describe Tetford? “A small village in the Wolds” is perhaps your first line, it is mine. To which I often add with a certain measure of pride “Tetford is a circular village.” In Tetford it is possible to say “I am going for a walk around the village” and literally do just that. The four principal roads, each conveniently named according to the compass point they face, lead one into the other until you have turned through 360 degrees and find yourself back once more at your own front door. This simplicity, combined with the open fields in the centre of the circle, makes Tetford something of a rarity.

In recent times however this circularity of Tetford had begun to feel hollow. Feeling the absence of a centre I began to view Tetford with a new eye. As I considered other villages and their centres a realisation hit me, I usually experience village centres as I drive through them. This does not work for Tetford though; there is no road running through its physical centre. The only road heading towards the centre of Tetford’s circle is Mill Lane; a quiet narrow lane terminating in a turning circle next to a water wheel which no longer spins. If this is the heart of Tetford it is a very sleepy one. As far as through roads go, Mill Lane is a red herring.

A few days later and I was walking up West Road. Shortly after passing the doctors’ surgery I heard the growl of an engine approaching me from behind. I stood aside and a 4x4 jeep swept by. In the waft of its whoosh it struck me - Horncastle behind me, Louth ahead of me, West Road is the through road of Tetford. So many years living here and I had never before realised it! Minutes later I had to amend the detail slightly. To travel to Horncastle I must take a turning to the right at the war memorial and join a new road. To complete, the through road of West Road must continue on into South Road, and thence out into the open countryside. From the sweep down the hill to the drive out along the valley, West Road / South Road is the true through road of Tetford. No wonder I had not recognised it before, these two roads hardly constitute a thrust towards the heart of the village, just a glancing blow to its cheek.

Understanding this allowed me to recognise a quality in the other half of Tetford’s circle. North Road and East Road constitute a slower stream, a lazy curve, a meander through the village. Pedestrians are less hurried, the atmosphere is unruffled, the village breathes more freely. Since then I think of this half of Tetford’s circle as The Meander. (Though I have to admit as an alternative The Dawdlings has a nice ring to it too).

Hostage to the Hill

Now that the circle of Tetford has revealed itself as being of two halves, a greater arc and a lesser meander, further layers of the picture began to emerge. My thoughts turn to extending the line of the through road. What is the bigger picture of which it is a part?

Despite the through-road being the faster of the two sides I have to admit it seems rather paltry and constrained once it leaves the village. It presents as more of a byway than a highway. The literal highway around here is the Bluestone Heath Road, running as it does along the ridge of the hill above Tetford, and I can’t help but notice that our through road, strong as it may seem in the flow of the village, has become weak and impotent by the time it reaches the Bluestone Heath Road. At both junctions, Tetford Hill Top and South Ormsby, the flow of our road has to bow, yielding to any
Continued ...

traffic upon that bigger way. From the point of view of the hilltop ridge road, our through road, and perhaps our entire village, is just a side quest. I now see our through road, along its full length from Tetford Hill Top to South Ormsby, as a strap, a cord, a tether. Laid loosely across hillside and valley it binds Tetford to the hill behind.

Tetford is a settlement that has grown in the shadow of Tetford Hill, secluded from the outer world by a network of hills and valleys. Perhaps our village should be called Tetford under Hill? Or perhaps, as I will show in the next section, we could see our village like a maiden bound to a rock, her heart bared to the dragon.

The Main Road / The Dragon Way

Till now I have been thinking the through road must be the main road too. But now I see an alternative - the Horncastle road. Its illuminated bollards and the yawning maw of its junction announce its importance. It is the principal route in and out of Tetford: for people, for goods, and no doubt in former days, for news too. The Horncastle road opens Tetford to the powerhouse of the South and the West from which so much flows. I have subtitled it the Dragon Way; my explanation now requires I take you national, present you the biggest frame of this roadway / energetic flow picture.

Think of the shape of the island of Great Britain - its whole shape - personify this shape as Britannia. See the Lizard, the southernmost, westernmost tip of Cornwall as Britannia's toe dipping into the Atlantic. This dipped toe invites wind and weather to roll in from the mighty Atlantic, fly up and over Britannia's fields and hedgerows. Britannia leans back, yielding, flung low like Neo in *The Matrix* evading the agents' bullets. The prevailing south westerly winds continue, a vast water-laden weather system working its way, like some mythical winged beast, north and east, sweeping over the land until at last it reaches the Wolds, this bastion of ancient rock worn smooth by time. Horncastle serves as gateway, the dragon wind flies through, High Toynton, Greetham Top, Salmonby Bends, all pass beneath until finally this beast, this dragon, reaches the very threshold of Tetford. The Dragon Way has brought this beast of wind and water, born from the deep Atlantic, to our door. Tetford, like a maiden, her back to the hill behind, stands exposed before it. Will she fall? Not a chance.

To the left the monument to the memory of our fallen warriors stands guard. Across the way an earth bank, St George's Buttress, rises up to block the dragon's path. It shields the arc of Sandpit Cottages that lie to its' rear, the curve of their access road appears as a miniature replica of the sheltered Meander on the far side of the village. The sweep of the through road now activates. The wind of the dragon's force is diverted and dispersed to the left and to the right, up West Road, out through South Road. The Meander is untouched and in its farthest point, the junction of East and North roads, the church, the school are safe. The heart of the maiden remains at peace, protected from the dragon and the clamour of the world.

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Little London

One of the final pieces of the jigsaw. More enclosed and quiet than even the Meander; farthest from the Through Road and the Main Road, Little London is the most protected part of the village. I call it the Backwater, 'the heart behind the heart'. Look carefully at the road signs placed at each entrance to this loop and you will notice something perhaps surprising. These are not road names, these are pointers to a destination. Little London is not a road, it is a place. Yet, I suggest when you walk the loop round and reach the other end you might well be none the wiser as to where or even what Little London might be.

Here is one possibility. Note first that there are several Little Londons across England and one theory for the name derives from the days when plague and sickness periodically swept the land. On such occasions afeared townsfolk would flee their homes, seek safety in the countryside, often setting up camp in a field adjacent to a village. Could it be that townsfolk once sought refuge here next to Tetford? Is this the source of the name Little London?

I find this idea particularly attractive because in 1987 Aura-Soma, a therapeutic organisation working with colour, set up their teaching and retreat centre in Little London. The house was renamed Dev Aura and since then Little London has seen wave after wave of out-of-towners coming to Tetford seeking health, vitality and respite from a distressed world. It is said history doesn't repeat itself, but it is also said that sometimes it rhymes.

A Revelation of the Name

This brings me to the final chapter, the name Tetford itself. Experts say Tetford means 'the people's ford'. I have a whimsical alternative to offer you.

I will preface my idea with a couple of observations. This first I learned from John Cram, one of the old timers living here when I first arrived back in 1992. He told me Tetford had been home to the last pig club in the country. As you will see there is a pig yet to be revealed. The second observation is that my choice of names: Meander and Backwater, may be more informed by the nature of Tetford than I realised. Water is everywhere here as we shall see.

Flow the Waters

Before anything else, before Tetford even existed as a habitation, the geography of this location; prevailing winds and rising chalk hillside, contributed to a landscape pregnant with waters. Tetford Hill, and the ridge of which it is part, form a rain-charged reservoir from which many springs flow, the River Lymn and Rain Beck being but the largest two. It is a perfect life cycle: the wind brings the water; the chalk hill drinks it in and the springs give it back.

My final vision is a doozy. It goes beyond the Through Road, the Meander and the Backwater; beyond the Dawdlings; beyond Britannia with her toe dipped in the Atlantic; beyond the Dragon Way and St George's Buttress.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you a magical, mythical, maternal pig. Tetford lies in the lee of the hill behind. A hillside which, with its curves, mounds and hollows, resembles (poetically speaking) nothing so much as a humungous hidden sow. She lies on her flank, her many teats filled to bursting with the life-nourishing waters the dragon of the west has brought her. These waters swell and fill her; then, welling up, trickle and tumble for the benefit and wellbeing of we the blessed villagers of Teatford. Tittford. Tetford.

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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

Secretary Alison Sparks Email alisparks@sky.com Tel. 01507 534384; Chairman Paul Learoyd Email paullearoyd@gmail.com Tel. 07885 135406

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. This is 2025 information, there may be updates for 2026.

TETFORD WALKING GROUP – Jonty Wild 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 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.

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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://systmonline.tpp-uk.com>. You will need to register with the surgery before you can log into this online system.

Also there is an app – 'Airmid' – which "provides you with existing SystmOnline functionality plus "lots more". You can log in with your SystmOnline username and password.

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

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

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

The old separate Wolds **pharmacy** number **01507 535001** will now take you to the same options as the surgery number. The pharmacy is **Option 3**. 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.

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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, or call the ELMG (East Lindsey Medical Group) switchboard on 01507 603121 or leave your correspondence at reception or with any PPG Member (names are on the Notes).

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

LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS:-

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

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

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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 (**£55 per year**). Ensure bins are available from 5.30am on the morning of your collection.

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

INTERNET TETFORD INFORMATION SITES

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

TETFORD & SALMONBY CONTACTS

ELMG Wolds & Newmarket Surgeries		01507 603121
Wolds Pharmacy		01507 535001 Option (3)
Defibrillator & cardiac emergencies		999
'LIVES' Enquiries	Parish Councillor Julia Larder-Sargent Lives HQ	07852 877425 01507 525999
Patient Participation Group (PPG)	Marlene Renshaw	07795 662007
South Wold Nursing Home		01507 533393
Edward Richardson Primary School	Reception	01507 533686
St. Mary's Church, Tetford Churchwardens	Marlene Renshaw Julia Larder-Sargent	07795 662007 07852 877425
W.I. President	Terri Willings	01790 612341
Hamilton Hall	Marlene Renshaw	07795 662007
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 www.pilatinas.com	07896779958
Tetford Feral Writers	Stephanie Wilkinson	07725 058959
Reading Group	kwatkinshmg@gmail.com	
Supplementary Reading Group	Sally Morton (sm@sallymorton.com)	
Recreation Ground	Alison Sparks, secretary	01507 534384
Tetford Walking Group	jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk	
Parish Council (Clerk) Mrs Pauline Murray	clerk@tetfordparishcouncil.gov.uk	
East Lindsey District Council		01507 601111
Tetford & Donington District Councillor 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 07789 485339
East Lindsey Library Service		01522 782010
Access Mobile Library Delivery Service	graham.owen@gll.org	07483 017085
The Mansion House Honesty Shop	Outside The Mansion House LN9 6QL	N/A
Locksmith		07847 849202
Horncastle Police Station		01507 523332
Pilgrim Hospital, Boston		01205 364801
Louth Hospital		01507 600100
Grimsby Hospital		01472 874111
Lincoln County Hospital		01522 512512
Anglian Water		01522 341000
Victoria Atkins MP	Victoria@victoriaatkins.org.uk	020 7219 5897
CALLCONNECT	https://lincsbus.info/callconnect/	0345 234 3344
Louth Riverhead Theatre Box Office	www.louthriverheadtheatre.com	01507 600350
Horncastle Theatre Company	https://www.horncastletheatre.co.uk/	
Non-Emergency Calls to Police		101
Life-threatening medical and other emergencies		999
Urgent and Non-Emergency Health Issues Advice Line		111
Emergency Ambulance		112
Electricity Emergency Service – reporting electricity emergencies & power cuts		105
National Gas Emergency Service – reporting gas leaks & emergencies		0800 111 999
Water Emergencies – reporting water leaks & emergencies		0800 783 4444
National Floodline		0345 988 1188
Environmental Incident Hotline – reporting environmental incidents		0800 807060
Horncastle Community Fire Station/ Spilsby Fire Station (central number)		01522 555777

GOODBYE TETFORD *Andrew Truscott*

I am hugely grateful to Derek (and the team of deliverers) for five years of *The Times of Tetford*. Apart from keeping me informed it gave me, and many others, the opportunity to express ourselves. In my case through poetry, both serious and humorous, the Quickwit Papers, other prose and some cartoons, which I produced when requested. This opened up a new phase in my life, especially through that horrible Covid period, where I discovered new talents, albeit embryonic. Thank you Derek, you took on a big risk and a lot of hard work, but you made a difference.

We left Tetford last October to be closer to family, but we are grateful to those of you who invited us into your homes and to those who came to our frequent parties and garden open days.



Where lives my love, so like the air
Nowhere seen but still it's there

No walls confine, no door withhold
Over fields warm and mountain cold

Just as the air, like wind it blows
Filling voids wherever it goes

Like a sweet summer breeze
Warming hearts as it breathes

Seeking out the very few

Touching gently its object dear

By Andrew Wyatt Truscott