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Hibaldstow Village Hall
Saturday 29th April
More details inside.

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Editorial

The Spring flowers around the village really do look beautiful and the patches of purple crocus planted by volunteers for Purple 4 Polio are a delight as one suddenly comes across a group. The year marches on and as it does more activities are starting to take place so, if you have information of an up and coming event, please send the details to us. We are always delighted to promote local events. Equally, if you know of someone who might like to advertise with us, do not hesitate to give them our contact details. Our rates are very competitive and can be found on the back cover of the magazine. I hope that you enjoy reading this edition of Village Voice.

Sue Mayers - Editor.

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Diary Dates



Event	Day	Venue	Time
Short Mat Bowls Club	Every Monday	Village Hall	2.00pm
Scouts	Every Monday	Village Hall	5.45pm
Rural Day Centre	Every Tuesday	Village Hall	11.00am - 2.00pm
Kurling	Every Tuesday	Village Hall	2.00pm
Zumba	Every Wednesday	Village Hall	6.00pm
Short Mat Bowls Club	Every Wednesday	Village Hall	7.15pm
Short Mat Bowls	Every Thursday League Matches Night	Village hall	7.15pm

Event	Day	Venue	Time
Hibaldstow Pop-In	Every Monday	Church Hall	9.30am
Art Class	Every Monday	Church Hall	1.00pm - 3.00pm
Hibaldstow W.I.	1st Tuesday of the month	Church Hall	7.30pm
Astronomy Society	Last Wednesday of the month	Church Hall	7.30pm
History Club	3rd Thursday of the month	Church Hall	7.30pm
Book Club	Bi-monthly on the first Thursday of the month starting from February	Church Hall	7.30pm

Event	Day	Venue	Time
Cake and Company	Last Friday of the month	Methodist Church Hall	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Communion and Coffee	Every Wednesday	Scawby Church	10.00am

Further details of all these events and other events can be found in the respective articles for the groups/organisations concerned. Hibaldstow Village Voice takes **no** responsibility for changes in times or venues of the above.



The Wheatsheaf

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The **Pub Quiz** has been re-launched on Thursday nights starting at 9.00pm. Supper is included in the entrance fee of £2.

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Cash prize for the winning team.

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Please note, that due to the popularity of the Sunday Carvery, **booking in advance is advised.**

There are a few tables left for Mothering Sunday so book early to avoid disappointment!



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Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize please contact **Richard** at **The Wheatsheaf**.



In 1931, the Lincolnshire Territorial Association acquired a large area of land at Slate House Farm on Redbourne Road in Hibaldstow. This was used as a rifle range for shooting practice.



A **Spring Concert** is being performed by **The Brigg Singers** at **Hibaldstow Village Hall** on **Saturday 29th April** at **7.30pm**

with the proceeds going to **The 'Hibaldstow Room'**

at **Lindsey Lodge Hospice** as part of the

Sponsor a Patient Room initiative.

Tickets £5 each - including tea or coffee and biscuits

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- **Church Street Stores,**
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Come along and enjoy a varied programme by this

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The Cuckoo

The arrival of the cuckoo is the signal that spring has come. It arrives sometime in mid April.

Here is an old traditional rhyme about the cuckoo's summer life cycle.

In April I open my bill.

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In July far far I fly.

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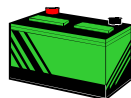
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The members of Hibaldstow Short Mat Bowls Club are delighted to announce the arrival of 'Casper', our Trident Electrowind Short Mat Handling/Storage equipment. This machine will facilitate the easier laying and lifting of the heavy mats and will mean that all members of the Club, despite various ailments and disabilities, can undertake this operation.

We are extremely grateful to BNLL Brigg Biomass Plant Community Fund who have provided our Club with a very generous 90% grant towards the cost of this machine. The negotiations with them were very favourable throughout and we are indebted to them for their consideration towards our Club. We are also indebted to Hibaldstow Parish Council who were very happy to help in this matter and awarded our Club an amount of money which, together with some of our own funds, allowed us to go ahead with the purchase of the machine.

Through the pages of 'Village Voice' we would like to pass on our most grateful thanks to these two organisations who have helped to make the game of Short Mat Bowls in Hibaldstow more secure for the future.



Brigg Heritage Centre

Opening hours Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10:00am – 2:00pm and Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm

Temporary Exhibitions

Our new exhibition, opening in March, is "What's in a Name". This is about the origin of some of Brigg street names. The exhibition will be open during normal centre opening hours.

Do you have an historical or heritage related exhibition you would like to display! If so please contact the Heritage Centre and see if it is something we could help you showcase.

Grant Aid - Brigg Heritage Centre has been successful in obtaining grant aid towards new facilities for under 5's in the Heritage Centre. The new activities will be assembled as soon as possible so keep your eyes open for press releases and posters.

Children's Crafts

Saturday 22 April 2017 – Farmer's Market Day

Learn to Weave Come along and have a go at weaving with different materials – £2.00

Saturday 27 May 2017 – Farmer's Market Day

Paint and Plant a Plant pot

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Books Discussed

Fall of Giants by Ken Follett

This is an epic of love, hatred, war and revolution. It is a huge novel that follows five families through the world-shaking dramas of the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the struggle for votes for women.

It is 1911. The Coronation Day of King George V. The Williams, a Welsh coal-mining family, is linked by romance and enmity to the Fitzherberts, aristocratic coal-mine owners. Lady Maud Fitzherbert falls in love with Walter Von Ulrich, a spy at the German Embassy in London. Their destiny is entangled with that of an ambitious young aide to U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and to two orphaned Russian brothers, whose plans to emigrate to America fall foul of war, conscription and revolution. It is a plot of unfolding drama and intriguing complexity and we felt that it moved seamlessly from Washington to St Petersburg, from the dirt and danger of a coal mine to the glittering chandeliers of a palace, from the corridors of power to the bedrooms of the mighty.

We all felt that it was very long but an utterly fascinating book. The build up to WW1 was so well done. The question we all asked was 'however did he write it?' as there are so many threads and characters in it and yet it really does read seamlessly. A few people remarked that because it did not flit about but moved chronologically it made for a much easier read and it was not bitty. It was a book we felt which allowed the reader to stop at a point suitable to them, pick it up again and not have to turn back pages to find out what was last read.

We felt that it was very atmospheric and a couple of people were very moved by the parts of the story where white feathers were used as they thought it Really moving. In a way this could be a modern version of War and Peace by Tolstoy. It takes the lives of numerous characters, male and female, who have their own storylines but frequently intersect. Alongside the domestic and personal dramas, there is also a lot of page time devoted to the fates of countries. We thought that despite the length it was a very easy-to-read book written in an interesting style. There is a lot of political content and information about battles, but somehow he manages to balance it out with human dramas in a very readable way. We thought that it improved our understanding of the politics behind the World War, Russian Revolution, and social changes in Britain at that time far better than some history books might have done.

It was a book that most of us who had read it said that we would not have done had it not been for Book Club as the cover did nothing for us and certainly the thickness of it may well have put us off!!

This was only the first book of the trilogy so there are two others to read.

We scored it between **8/10** and **10/10**

One person recommended **Paper Money** by **Ken Follett** which is much shorter but a cracking read she thought.

My Brilliant Friend by **Elena Ferrante**

My Brilliant Friend is about the close friendship, rivalry and mutual influence of two young girls living in a poor district of Naples. Elena, our narrator, is hard-working and clever, and wants to fit in. Lina is fierce and driven. She is perhaps even cleverer and more attractive than Elena, but her tendency to fight for everything means that her path is less smooth.

The community first - it's a poor district of Naples, and at the start of the story when the girls are six, it's just beginning to recover from the war years. Everyone knows what everyone else did during those years, not least because some people are still living off the ill-gotten money from their underhand behaviour. The historical rivalries and resentments play out in even the lives and friendships of the children too young to know the background, but become even more complex with Italy's post-war economic and political changes.

Lina herself is a compelling character, and we see her grow from a child, urgently wanting to conquer knowledge of all kinds, to an apparently serene and assured young woman, whose force of will means she will still not be bound by external limitations. Her friendship with Elena as they grow and change is tested many times, the little changes in power dynamics and the way the girls use them, through their progress at school, their social networks or relationships with boys are all evident throughout the book. Elena dismisses her own successes and wishes she could do well in the areas that Lina is now interested in and realises much later that Lina was going through the same things.

Well what discussion and comments this book evoked. What did we think.....?? 'Ugh' said one person; 'Waste of time' said another; 'Utter rubbish' said someone else; 'Horrendous' someone said and 'Really enjoyed it' said someone else.

One person was very frustrated by the book because they felt that the beginning never materialised and so reaching the end of the book she felt a bit cheated.

It was really strange because people thought that the front cover was good and made you think that you would like to read the book but obviously it did not work and yet, the person who really enjoyed the book thought that the front cover was

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was awful. She felt that the book was not like chicklit but was real writing, a progression, a journey through the lives of the characters. She thought that it demonstrated the cringing awkwardness that teenagers can have when talking about boys or intimate moments really effectively. One person likened the book to **On Chesil Beach** by **Ian McEwan** because of the relationship elements.

Another person felt that the book was an interesting look into the microcosm of Naples and that once the characters moved out of Naples they realised what they had been missing and how very insular their lives had been. It certainly changed Lina when she moved into more elevated circles and spoiled her as a character.

There was a lot of business about shoes, and family honour but a few thought that it was a something-and-nothing book, which may be kept you turning the pages whilst thinking "oh who cares?!" at some of the petty boyfriend-centred squabbles. Some lost interest less than half of the way through and although the early part was gripping, as the years dragged by, with characters constantly appearing and disappearing, it became tedious and uninvolved, the style being monotonous and lacking vitality.

We scored the book between **4/10** and **8/10** although one person was quite vehement that it was a zero!!

The next meeting will be **Thursday April 6th**. The books for discussion are:
Blindness by **Jose Saramago** plus a book of **our own choosing** with reasons why we think it is such a good read.

The following meeting will be **Thursday June 1st**. The books for discussion are
The Elegance of the Hedgehog by **Muriel Barbery** and
The Shipping Forecast by **Nic Compton**



We meet **bi-monthly** on the first Thursday of the month in the Church Hall. Our next meeting is **Thursday April 6th 2017**.

Each meeting costs £1.00 plus 50p for refreshments and **bring your own mug!** New members or visitors are very welcome. Why not give us a try?

Some books you read. Some books you enjoy.



**But some books just swallow you up,
heart and soul.**



by Joanne Harris



1st Hibaldstow & Scawby Scout Group

Want to Join Us?

If you're aged between 6 and 18 and think you might like to join us, please contact us (details below) or pop into the Church or Village Hall on a Monday evening to find out more details. Also, if you are over 18 and can spare a few hours now and then, there is always a job that wants doing, give us a ring, or pop in one Monday, we're nice people really.

Clothing Collection – Still Collecting!

We continue to collect clothing to raise funds to update and replace our Group's equipment. As ever we would like your help collecting **textiles**. This includes; **clothes, bags, shoes** etc. Either; give it to a Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer, alternatively bring it to the Village Hall on a Monday evening (during term time) or give one of the leaders a ring and we'll happily collect it. This helps raise nearly £1000 per year for the Group, which makes a **huge difference** to the activities we can run.

If you have any queries about anything to do with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers, then please contact Alan Smith (Group Scout Leader) on 01652 654229.



1st Hibaldstow Brownies

What are Brownies?

Brownies are for girls aged between about 7 and 10 years old. Brownies are part of the Guide movement, which is the biggest youth organisation in the country. At Brownies we use games, crafts and other activities to create a fun packed programme that aims to help the development of our young girls. We try to supplement our weekly meetings with days out and trips away. **Hibaldstow Brownies** has been operating for many years. We meet on Monday evenings from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Hibaldstow School. If you think you might know someone who may be interested in joining then either give me a ring or come along one Monday night.

Angela Smith - Brown Owl - 01652 654229



In November 1895 the villagers were warned that the bridge at the north end of Hibaldstow over the beck, was not safe for traffic, and drivers must use it at their own risk and responsibility. Two months later the county surveyor reported that the bridge had given way, and it was resolved that it be reconstructed as soon as possible.



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This year the **Annual Show** will take place on **Sunday 16th July.**

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Shadow/s, Water, Stained Glass and Wild Life.



If you would like your **whole garden** to be entered in the **Overall Garden competition** you will need to let **Ena** know on **01652 656241**



On Easter Day in 1899, a brass processional cross and a banner were carried around the church. The cross, the gift of the Vicar, was followed by the splendid banner, having a purple cross and the words "St Hybald's, Hibaldstow", on a cream background and an artistic working of gold thread.

The banner had been made by the Misses D. and M. Grey, daughters of the Vicar. Both the cross and banner were presented to the church.



Excitement at Brigg Tennis Club

Brigg Tennis Club are getting very excited about their forthcoming move to the new facilities at Brigg Recreation Ground. The official opening of the whole site is taking place in mid February; it will have already happened as you read this. Players will have had a taste of the new courts and club house facilities but

plan a grand opening and a fun and taster day on **Saturday 22nd April**. It is hoped to host an exhibition match, followed by an invitation to members of the public to have a go. Some coaching and fun activities are planned too

Other dates for your diaries:

The Early Bird tournament on **7th May** 2-5 pm;
A Mid Summer Tennis day with junior activities in the morning followed by a tournament for seniors on **July 5th** or **6th** with a buffet afterwards.

The Brigg Open mixed doubles tournament is planned for Sunday **18th June**.

Club nights will continue on **Tuesdays** for seniors and junior coaching on **Wednesdays**. **Thursday** is a club night unless a home league match is scheduled. **Saturday** morning junior coaching will be started as a new activity and the **Sunday** morning group may make a comeback. It is hoped that short tennis for adults will get off the ground. This is suitable for any beginner or returning players who wish a gentler start back before progressing to the full game, also suitable for those who have joint or mobility problems. A slower pace with small rackets, larger tennis balls and of course a smaller court!

Of course we hope the courts will be used for casual and self organised play as well. The club coach will also be available to coach individuals and small groups of any age.

Some of the juniors have been playing indoors during the winter and many seniors have been playing at the facilities at Grange Park, but now we can boast about our new courts right here in Brigg.

Watch out for more details both on the notice board at the Recreation Ground and our website briggtennis.co.uk

Get Active ! Get Involved ! Get playing!



HIBALDSTOW ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

You may have noticed a bright star in the west early in the evening after the Sun has set. If so, then you will have seen the Planet Venus also known as the evening star.

Venus is the nearest planet to earth and shines brightly because of its dense atmosphere which reflects sunlight strongly. Just one of the wonders of the universe that our society explores.

Whilst we are a members society, guests are always welcome to come to our meetings. Our admission charge for guests will be £3 when we have a speaker otherwise it is the usual £2.

Our monthly meetings are normally held on the last Wednesday of each month in the Church Hall with doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. We also have a yearly membership subscription scheme of £10. It is always advisable to check beforehand as we sometimes have to change the meeting dates at short notice. For more information please contact:-

Tony on **01652 659839** or email ackland.tony@gmail.com



In these times of people trying to stay healthy by taking some exercise, it is not always easy to find suitable exercise classes for those of a certain age! I didn't want to go to a gym - I couldn't afford the fees - neither did I want to be surrounded by lycra clad super fit specimens.

I eventually discovered the class run by North Lincs Council at Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall which takes place on Thursday 1.30-2.30. The class is a mixture of strength and aerobic exercise and although it does challenge us physically, it is great fun and everyone goes at their own pace.

The current cost is £3.50 a lesson, payable only when you attend, so is great value. I would strongly recommend anyone thinking of doing some exercise to come along and give it a go - it will puff you out initially but it does get easier and the health benefits are enormous.

Further details can be obtained from the instructor **Liz** on **0778 995 2853** or **Pat** on **01652 659839**



£135 was donated to St. Hybald's Church following the exhibition of knitting and stitching at the beginning of March.



May 2017 Services



7 th May	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Broughton
	9.15am	Holy Communion	Hibaldstow
	9.15am	Morning Service	Scawby
14 th May	10.45am	Family Service and Baptism	Broughton
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hibaldstow
	9.15am	Songs of Praise	Hibaldstow
21 st May	9.15am	Holy Communion	Scawby
	10.45am	BCP Holy Communion	Broughton
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Scawby
28 th May	9.15am	Holy Communion	Hibaldstow
	9.15am	Songs of Praise	Scawby
	10.45am	Morning Prayer	Broughton

Regular Midweek Services:

Mondays	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Hibaldstow
Tuesdays	10.00am	Holy Communion	Broughton
Wednesdays	10.00am	Holy Communion	Scawby
Thursdays	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Scawby



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Hibaldstow Village Hall Committee

Work to replace the play equipment in the Children's play area on the playing field

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Wednesday Morning Communion and Coffee

Each **Wednesday** morning at **10.00am** we have a said service of Holy Communion in Scawby Church with a brief thought for the day from the clergy.

The service lasts around half an hour and is followed by coffee (or tea!), a biscuit and a chance to chat! New people are always welcome at his service. Why don't you try it?



The social group for people who can do craft work **and** talk at the same time meets each **Thursday** from **2.00pm** to **4.00pm** at **Mayscroft, Ings Lane.** Why not come and join us?

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The group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month. We would invite more residents to join us. What could be better than good company, good food, a quiz and a chance to put the world to rights? Why not come along and give us a try. For more details ring **Bryan** on **01652 653754**



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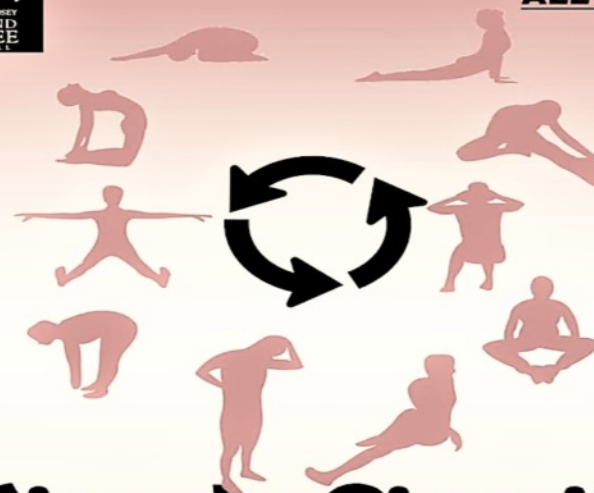
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Notices from Rev. David Eames

Lent Lunches

This year's Lent Lunches will again be held jointly with the Methodists in Hibaldstow, Scawby, Broughton. Why not set aside 90 minutes each week throughout Lent for prayer, discussion and a light lunch? This year we'll be discussing the following Sunday's gospel reading.

Each session will be at 12noon - 1.30pm and contributions for cost of lunch will be donated to Christian Aid.

7th March St Hybald's, Scawby; 14th March St Hybald's, Hibaldstow (in Church Hall)

21st March Broughton Methodist Church; 28th March St Mary's, Broughton

4th April Hibaldstow Methodist Church.

Film Screening:- We hope to be showing a film called 'Risen' that came out last year about some Roman soldiers (played by Joseph Fiennes and Tom Felton) in the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection. Check the weekly notices and the Facebook pages for details.

AGM:- Our AGM (or more properly our Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be on Tuesday 25th March, 7.00pm in the Church Hall

Confirmation Service:- The Deanery Confirmation service will be on Saturday 6th May, 5.30pm at St Andrew's, Kirton and will be led by Bishop Nicholas, the Bishop of Grantham. If anyone would like to be confirmed, please let David know as soon as possible.

Parish Prayers: Thursday 4th May, 7.00-7.30pm in church. Join us as we pray for the community of Hibaldstow.

Rogation Blessing Service: Tuesday 24th May, 7.00pm in church. Rogation Days are traditionally days to pray for the community, so again this year were are having a special service where we will ask God's blessing on the village. **All** are welcome.



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and 10k run. **For more information go to the Website: Lincsquad**

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FUN



Hibaldstow Bowls Club

The club teams are doing quite well as we near the end of season matches. We are of course playing in three different leagues.

North Lincs. League

Hovering in 3 - 4th place with games still to play. Our first division place is secure for next season.

Bishop Norton League

Once again hovering 3 - 4th position. After many years this league is being dissolved in April 2017. The good news is that a new league is being set up to replace the old league. This will enable all current members to continue playing. Back to this season! We managed to play our way to the semi-final of the cup but failed to beat Barnetby Blue. So now we have to concentrate on winning the last few league games.

Humberside League

Here we go again. We need 13 match points from a possible 20 to become league champions. Can we do it???? We will let you know in the next Village Voice.

Do not forget, anyone wishing to give **Short Mat Bowls** a try please contact

Gerald on **01652 650524**

Our **Practice sessions** are - **Monday 2.00 - 4.00pm**

Wednesday 7.15 - 9.15pm

Why not come and give us a try? You will be made most welcome.

Minimum age is 14 years.

Maximum age - you name it (we have a very young 91 year old!!)

£2.00 per session including light refreshments.

Please bring flat soled footwear - slippers?



180

HIBALDSTOW PLAYING FIELD 180 CLUB

Through the support of our members, the 180 Club have donated £500 to the Village Hall to help with the refurbishment of the children's play area.

If you would like to help support your local playing field by paying £13 per year for a club number and having a chance to win £40 in our monthly draw please contact

Elaine on **652227**; **Lesley** on **652120**;

Phil on **659073** or **John** on **651941**



January No. 110 J. Taylor

February No. 86 T. Watkinson



HIBALDSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk – Deb Hotson

Telephone – 0784 220 1877

Newsletter March 2017

Planning Applications

To view any planning applications go to the North Lincolnshire Planning portal using the following website:-

<http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/>

Ward: Ridge; **Parish:** Hibaldstow

Planning Applications determined by North Lincolnshire Council are as follows:-

Application No	Details	Decision
	None received for this period	

Any resident wanting to make representation at a Planning Committee must contact the relevant Case Officer detailed within the applications or by ringing 01724 296296 and asking for the Planning Dept.

Police Report

Please notify ALL non-emergency concerns to the Humberside Police by telephoning **101**. By doing this all complaints will be added to the statistics which will hopefully assist in future policing.

To report crimes online via the Humberside Police website please use the following link: - www.humberside.police.uk/report-a-crime

To view crimes in the neighbourhood log onto the following website.

www.police.co.uk

There are currently some youths starting fires and damaging the BMX track on the playing field. If anyone sees anything it should be reported to the police on 101. There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour reported over the past 3 months so please be vigilant and carry on reporting these incidents.

Parish Council Vacancy

Due to Ken White retiring from the Parish Council there is a vacancy. Please contact the Clerk for further details if you are interested. The Parish Council thank Ken for his time on the Council and wishes him all the very best.

2016/17 Nellie Harpham Award Winner

If you would like to **nominate a resident** to receive this award please provide details of the person and the reason why to the Clerk by **April 7th 2017**. Tel: **07842201877**

Expenditure

Parish Council expenditure detailed monthly.

Month	Exp	Month	Exp	Month	Exp
April 16	£1853.14	Sept 16	£6549.51	Jan 17	£451.32
May 16	£2547.35	Oct 16	£1321.94	Feb 17	£1375.22
June 16	£1383.02	Nov 16	£1372.43	March 17	£541.44
July 16	£1436.19	Dec 16	£1427.04		

Total Expenditure to Date for 2016/17 - **£20,318.60**

North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) Self Service portal

<https://northlincs-self.achieveservice.com/module/home>

By using the above link you are now able to report any NLC issues via their portal – from pot holes, dog fouling, fly tipping to bin collections. Alternatively you can ring on 01724 297000.

If you have any concerns with regards to dogs please contact the North Lincolnshire Council Dog Warden on 01724 297000.

There has been an increase in fly tipping in the area. Please report any instances to NLC via the portal or telephone. If you see anyone fly tipping, please try and gain some evidence in the form of registration number of the vehicle or a photo and send this to NLC too.

Best Kept Village

The Parish Council have entered the competition again this year so please help and if you see any litter in your street please pick it up. The grass cutting and planting contractors have been selected for 2017 and work will commence soon.



Quiz Night and Finger Buffet

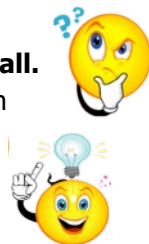
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April 2017 Services



2 nd April	8.00am 9.15am 9.15am 10.45am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Service Family Service and Baptism	Broughton Hibaldstow Scawby Broughton
9 th April (Palm Sunday)	8.00am 9.15am 9.15am 10.45am	BCP Holy Communion Songs of Praise BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion	Hibaldstow Hibaldstow Scawby Broughton
Monday of Holy Week	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross	Hibaldstow Scawby
Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00am	Holy Communion	Broughton
Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00am	Holy Communion	Scawby
Maundy Thursday	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Scawby Hibaldstow
Good Friday	2.00pm 2.00pm 6.00pm	At the Cross Family Good Friday service At the Cross	Broughton Hibaldstow Scawby
16th April (Easter Day)	8.00am 9.15am 9.15am 10.45am	BCP Holy Communion Easter Communion Easter Communion Easter Communion	Scawby Hibaldstow Scawby Broughton
23 rd April	8.00am 9.15am 9.15am 10.45am	BCP Holy Communion Songs of Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion	Hibaldstow Hibaldstow Scawby Broughton
30 th April	9.15am	Group Service with the Bishop of Grimsby	Scawby



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Hedgehogs certainly do not like to sunbathe, so if you come across a hog looking forlorn in the day time, the best thing to do is gently scoop him up, and pop him in a box along with some water (but no food). A blanket will provide comfort and warmth if required. Then ring your local vet or hedgehog rescue centre.

In winter, things get a little more serious. Get the hedgehog indoors quickly. A hot water bottle, heat pad, or warm blanket will provide much-needed warmth. It's fine to administer cat or dog food (but nothing fish-flavoured, please). Likewise, small cat biscuits will do, but under no circumstances give them milk or bread - it does them no good at all!

Whilst people take ample care when pottering around their garden, there is always the possibility you will disturb a hog's nest. It upsets the mum greatly if her young come into contact with people, and she may well abandon the nest.

In the event of disturbing a budding hog family, ring your hedgehog rescue centre for advice, but please, leave the nest be.

Hedgehog numbers are sadly in decline. Bonfires, traffic, strimmers and many more man-made threats contribute to their falling numbers. Hedgehogs do so much good - nibbling away at slugs and snails and devouring nasty bugs, so please, take care when in your garden.

At Andrew's Hedgehog Hospital in Appleby, there's plenty of heart - enough for any hedgehog who has ever called this place home. Some come in poorly, others down on their luck.

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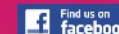
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- Church Street 10.55 - 11.30am
- St Albans Close 1.40 - 2.10pm
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- Ings Lane 2.40 - 3.40pm
- Manton Lane 3.45 - 4.05pm



Brigg Markets

Weekly Markets are held in Brigg on Thursday and Saturday, along with other annual charitable markets and fairs. **Brigg Farmers Market** is held in the Market place on the **fourth Saturday** of the month.
**25th March; 22nd April;
27th May**



LINDSEY LODGE HOSPICE 'SPONSOR A PATIENT ROOM'

Fund raising in the village for The **'Hibaldstow Room'** at Lindsey Lodge Hospice as part of their 'Sponsor a Patient Room' programme has got off to a flying start.

Merlin Renewables have made a very generous donation of £1000 to the fund and together with other donations the amount raised currently stands at £1191.35. The initiative will see some of the rooms at the Hospice given a makeover, hence as a result of efforts in the village one of these rooms upon completion will become known as **'The Hibaldstow Room'**

Several events are planned during the course of the year including a Spring Concert by Brigg Singers (see separate article), A Summer Barbeque and cookery demonstration. For details of these - or if you are planning an event of your own, please contact any of the following people.

David Carrick 656875; Sue Bilson 653904; Ruth Wilkinson 651358
Angela Smith 654229; Rachel Robinson 07950505659

HIBALDSTOW HISTORY GROUP



February's meeting was attended by 19 members who were entertained with an interesting talk by member Pat Ackland on the subject of Good King John, was he really 'misunderstood'? At our **March** meeting we shall welcome Mavis Wilkinson who will speak to us on the subject of 'Medieval Monastic Gardens'. Our meeting on the **20th April** will be our **AGM** and we hope to see as many members as possible. We shall also be having a quiz and a pie and pea supper. It would be appreciated if any member not at the March meeting but intending to be at the AGM could contact a member of the committee in order to confirm numbers for catering, thank you.

Next year's programme will be confirmed at the AGM. At present we are hoping to welcome Brian Peeps to our meeting on the 18th May. Brian will give a talk on 'Immingham Docks'.

Meetings are held in the **Church Hall at Hibaldstow** on the **third Thursday** of every month.

Meetings start at **7.30pm** and **new members are always welcome**.

Entrance fee is normally £1.00 for members and £2.00 for guests.

If you think you might like to join us please contact:

Stan Smith on **654229**, **Pat Horton** on **653916** or **Pat Ackland** on **659839**

Submitted by **Christine Ellwood**

Gardening Club
HIBALDSTOW



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Bryan Sheppard has some sweet pea plants available. There is plenty of time to grow them

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HIBALDSTOW W.I.

For our **February** meeting 14 members braved the elements and were treated to an absolutely fantastic evening with **Frank Tate** telling us about Hedgehog Rescue. Andrew's Hedgehog Rescue is based in Appleby. Frank told us that he and his wife got involved with hedgehogs in 1993 when introduced to Elaine Drewery who set up the Hedgehog Care Hospital in Authorpe near Louth. We were treated to so many stories and interesting facts about hedgehogs and to round the talk off we were introduced to Andrew Hogg, a hedgehog who seemed to take everything in his stride. He had been rescued and after some visits to the vet they ascertained that he was blind. It is not wise for a sightless hedgehog to go trotting off into the wild willy-nilly, so it was decided that Andrew should take up permanent residence at the hospital. Whenever possible hedgehogs are returned to the wild but if they cannot be then they remain at the hospital or are put into foster homes. They are never put down if they are unable to return to the wild.

Also at the meeting members were informed of the passing of Kathleen Hall who had been active in the WI for more than 60 years.

Our **March** meeting was our **AGM**. In **April** we have a talk to be given by **Ann Campion, A Tour Guide's Tales of Scawby Hall**.

We are **always** pleased to see **new** members **or** visitors so, if you fancy an evening of pleasant company and a varied programme, **please get in touch!!**



Contact:- Christine Laking on 01652 654536
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The Manor House on the corner of Station Road and Church Street was built on the site of an earlier building where the East family farmed the land at Manor Farm for much of the 19th century. The new house, built in 1893, was occupied by George Trafford, his wife and family. George, a farmer, was born in Hibaldstow.



There is a lot of pain in being lonely,
but a lot of beauty in being alone.

Steven Aitchison



LIONS UNITED NATIONS DAY

As an organisation we are privileged to have a representative on the UN, and this year Lion members can attend the Lions UN Day at the House of Commons in March where our International President will make his address.

WORTHY CAUSE PARTNERSHIPS

As in past years the Lions within the British Isles and Ireland have formed partnerships with several worthy causes, these include; **Marie Curie, Diabetes UK, Cerebral Palsy Sport, Blind Veterans UK, plus many local organisations.**

WEBSITE

If you would like to know more about Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club you can visit our Club's website www.glanfordlindsey.lions105e.org.uk to keep up to date with our Club News or contact **Lion Alan Hall** on **01652 655470**



Easter Nests Recipe

- 225g (8oz) milk chocolate
- 50g (2oz) butter
- 2 tablespoons of golden syrup
- 100g (4oz) cornflakes
- Packet of candy-coated mini eggs
- 10 paper baking cases
- A baking tray. A large saucepan

- Place ten of the paper baking cases into the hollows of the baking tray.
- Break the chocolate into pieces and place these into a large saucepan. Add the butter into the pan. Dip a tablespoon into hot water to warm it up before using it to add the golden syrup into the pan.
- Heat the pan stirring the mixture all the time until the chocolate and the butter have melted.
- Turn off the heat. Add the cornflakes to the mixture gently stirring them until they are covered with the chocolate. Be careful not to crush the cornflakes too much.
- Put the cornflake mixture into each of the paper baking cases. Make a small hollow in the centre of each nest with the back of a teaspoon.
- Place a few eggs in each nest and then place the tray into the fridge to allow the nests to set. Remove after about an hour.
- Either keep on or remove paper baking cases and arrange on a plate when you are ready to serve them. They are best stored in an airtight container in the fridge but need to be eaten within three days.



Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club

Without **YOUR** help we would not be able to assist the worthy causes we do; so a huge **THANK YOU** for the support you give us.

CARING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Raising funds enables us to continue our commitment in serving the communities in which we live. *Caring for Your Community* is our key objective. Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club provide, through our various activities, support where it is needed and we will continue to support groups and individuals who deserve and require help.

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE

Lions Clubs International are celebrating 100 years of service in 2017 and we aimed to serve 100 million people around the world by December 2017. We are pleased to say we have achieved this goal and are continue providing our serving to many more.

THE FORGE FOOD DONATIONS

We continue to support the Forge in Scunthorpe with food donations. This comprises of the collection of food from The White Heather, which is taken to the Forge in Scunthorpe on a weekly basis.

RACE NIGHT

Our Annual Race Night has been booked for 17th March 2017 at Rebound Club, Scunthorpe. If you would like to come along and have an enjoyable evening please contact a member of Glanford & Lindsey Lions for details. We hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening whilst raising funds for these two worthy causes.

EASTER EGG DRAW

With Easter once again upon us, we have been busy preparing for our annual Easter Egg Draw where we have placed Easter Eggs in local community places giving the opportunity for someone locally to benefit from winning our Easter Egg prizes.



CHARITY GOLF DAY

This year our Charity Golf Day has been organised for the 19th May 2017, at the usual venue of Holme Hall Golf Club. Hopefully we will have some good weather and an enjoyable completion, whilst raising funds for those less fortunate.

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW

Again this year we are planning to have a pitch at the Lincolnshire Show, so if you are attending the Show please come along and say hello and find out a little more what Lions do in the Community.



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In our top floor gallery from 15 April through to 27 May, **Jackie Welton** and **Janet Gillat** will be exhibiting a range of art work in in their exhibition 'Interpreting The Landscape'.

Our **full** calendar of adult and children's

Art and Craft workshops continues, with new additions in the coming months:

- Monthly 'Heal Your Life' + regular 'Vision Board' sessions.
- 'Fun Drawing Day to Loosen Up Your Practice' on Wednesday 5 April
- 'Silver Clay Leaf Pendant' on Saturday 20 May



as well as the return of some of our previous workshops, with spaces on some of our Willow Making workshops including 'Random Weave Willow Bowl' on Saturday 27 May.

Full listings of all our workshops are on our website -



<https://www.thesteelrooms.com/whats-on/>

Our **May Music Evening** is **Rhiannon J Scutt** on **Friday 28 April**.

Tickets are **£12.50** which includes a **welcome drink** and **meal**.

For a sample of her sound visit our website -

<https://www.thesteelrooms.com/whats-on/events/>





Our 2017 summer season is just starting to pick up nicely, following 2016 which was our busiest year in business we are hoping that this will continue throughout this season. Not only this but it sees our 25th year in business with a

number of special events planned for skydivers and members of the public alike - details will be in the local press very shortly. As ever readers of the Village Voice will be eligible for a discount on a tandem skydive should they wish to see what all the fuss is about - remember to quote Village Voice when calling to make your booking. Even if you don't fancy a skydive why not pop to our clubhouse and enjoy a drink or meal cooked freshly by our chefs?

We are on the lookout for part time staff to help behind our bar and in our cafe, both front of house and behind the scenes. If anyone is looking for a few hours a week, please get in touch. In addition to this, we are always on the lookout for staff to join our team with roles from reception to engineers. If anyone is looking for a change or for local work, please send your CV and covering letter to the drop zone.

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Hibaldstow Cricket Club wishes you all a happy spring. It has been a damp long winter. Not too cold, but very grey. As I write this the signs of Spring are there to see, the sun is getting a little warmth and the grass is growing. The playing

field has already needed cutting several times and the players have started indoor nets in Brigg.

This season we are playing in division 2 in both the Lincs League (Saturdays) and the North Lindsey League (Sundays). We hope to pick up a couple of new players and will welcome you either to watch or to join the team. If you are interested in getting in to cricket come to our indoor nets at Brigg sports hall, Sunday at 5:30, or our outdoor nets at the park on a Wednesday evening from late April. If you're not sure or want more info, talk to Joe at the Co-Op when he is there on an evening shift.

Contact Jon Taylor on 01652 658167



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'Our friends foster too, but they provide respite care. They'll care for children one weekend a month and maybe a week over Summer for carers who need a break'.

'As we work for an agency we'll get referrals for different children from all ages and of different needs from varied localities and we discuss with our social worker which children we feel would fit best with our family'.

'We didn't think we could do fostering as we are in our 50's but we love it and very glad we applied'...

I am Amy, the Senior Social Worker at Tree House Care and I work within recruitment. We've received an increasing number of referrals for children who need foster carers and we are recruiting in the area for full time and weekend foster carers.

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April / May 2017 Article by Rev. David Eames



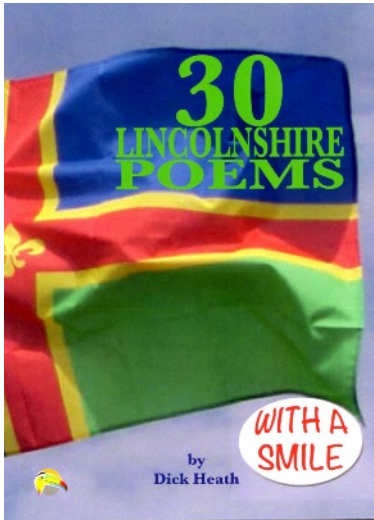
I really enjoyed the latest series of the BBC drama 'Sherlock' and there was one particularly striking scene in the second episode 'The Lying Detective'. In the previous episode [SPOILER ALERT!] Dr Watson's wife, Mary, had thrown herself in front of Sherlock when he was shot at and she died. Watson recognises that Sherlock blames himself and wants to reassure him. He says "Mary died saving your life. It was her choice. No-one made her do it. No-one could ever make her do *anything*... but the point is: you did not kill her." Sherlock then replies quietly "In saving my life, she conferred a value on it... It is a currency I do not know how to spend." (Thanks to <http://arianedevere.livejournal.com/90556.html> for the transcript of the words!)

The theme of self-sacrifice is a common one in stories, but Easter gives us the opportunity to focus on the true ultimate sacrifice; Jesus' death on the cross. Just like Mary, Jesus' sacrifice was freely chosen; he said "No one takes my life from me. I give it up willingly!" (John 10:18 Contemporary English Version). But more importantly he died to save our lives. The prophet Isaiah foretold the death of Jesus in these words: "it was *our* grief he bore, *our* sorrows that weighed him down... But he was wounded and bruised for *our* sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! *We*, every one of us, have strayed away like sheep! *We*, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on *him* the guilt and sins of every one of us!" (Isaiah 53:4-6 The Living Bible).

The wonderful good news of the cross is that Jesus took the punishment that we deserve because of our sins so that we could be forgiven and be reconciled with God. The wonderful good news of Easter is that Jesus rose from the dead so that we too could have a fresh start. This is the central message of Christianity and if it's true it has huge implications for each one of us.

Sherlock realises that Mary thought that his life was valuable enough to be worth saving. Knowing that Jesus died for us should make us realise that he thinks we are valuable, that he loves us so much that he gave his life to take the punishment we deserve. Society often values people based on their job, wealth, beauty, popularity or usefulness. God loves each of us regardless of what society thinks of us and amazingly he loves us even though we rejected him and were his enemies: "God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8 TLB). We don't have to be good enough for God to love us, he loves us even though we're never good enough.

Which leaves us with Sherlock's problem: this value on his life is a currency he doesn't know how to spend. He doesn't know how to live in response to Mary's act. If we truly understand what Jesus did for us on the cross we too have to decide how to respond. The great hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross" gives us the answer. The only appropriate response to the love that is so amazing, so divine is to give God 'my soul, my life, my all.' What is our response to the good news of Easter?



A Poet in our Midst.

Dick Heath was born in Faldingworth, into a family who were very much connected to farming. When he left school he found a job in a garage and whilst there, completed an apprenticeship in Motor Engineering.

After completing his National Service in the R.A.F. he returned to the family farm in Holton-Le-Moor, working alongside his father and brother. After the death of his father he returned to work in a garage, this time in Greetwell, near Brigg.

A few years later he gained a post at the

Broughton annex of Bishop Burton Agricultural College as a technician and part-time lecturer. He and his family came to live in Hibaldstow 16 years ago and soon afterwards he retired from Bishop Burton. He kept active with a variety of part-time jobs until about five years ago when a period of illness required him to look for pastimes of a steadier nature. This was when he began to fill his time with writing.

He has written two novels (with a third still incomplete), short stories and poems based mainly on his experiences of life. His wife and family have encouraged him with his writing, hence his book of "30 Lincolnshire Poems - with a smile" being printed.

The poems reflect Dick's rural upbringing in the 1940's and his favourite one is "Competition Lost" as he did once have a sheep dog like the one in the poem and she was a favourite companion on the farm.

The book is on sale in a number of places including:-

Church Street Stores, Hibaldstow; Ruddock's in Lincoln;

Brigg Tourist Information Centre; Something Special in Market Rasen;

Sunnyside Up Farm Shop in Tealby; The Jew's Court Bookshop in Lincoln.

It is also available from "kaybooksonline".

Competition Lost

I've remembered all my training
And I know I must not bark.
I'm going to get that silver cup
For my master, Farmer Clarke.



He said bring them all to me
With the command of "Get away by",
And at last I can see the sheep
Waiting there, where the field is high.



Somehow when they reach the gate
The gap is far too small.
He keeps on whistling from the start,
Go left, go right, but bring them all.

There's one old ewe making a mistake
And moving round the edge.
She's going to make a silly break
And jump across that hedge.



There, off the goes, I'll fetch her back
As quickly as I can.
But the points have gone. It's all gone slack.
We've lost I'm sure. It's down the pan.

I've given my best: three out of ten.
We're not the only ones, I'm sure
And now they're safely in the pen.



I'll not take part in trials no more!
by
Dick Heath