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**MARCH '22**

# SCULTHORPE MESSENGER



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**NEWS & VIEWS FROM CHURCH & COMMUNITY**

## Message from Father Clive

Dear Parishioners,

The advertisements for Jif Lemon Day have been on our televisions for several weeks now but then this is not surprising as Pancake Tuesday is 1st March. Pancake Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday as it is also known, serves a dual purpose. Many Christians observe the 40 days of Lent by making a Lenten sacrifice, by fasting, praying and engaging in various spiritual disciplines. Making pancakes is a great way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday as fasting emphasizes the eating of simpler foods and refraining from eating to excess. It is not just about giving up chocolate or cake to shed a few pounds! It is about self-discipline. And it reminds us that much of what we take for granted is either a luxury for some or unavailable to many.

The other purpose of Shrove Tuesday is to allow Christians to repent of any sins. This name is from the Old English shriven, meaning to confess, and comes from an old custom of going to confession in preparation for the holy season of Lent. We still have A Communion service in The Book of Common Prayer. It is subtitled the Denouncing of God's Anger and Judgements Against Sinners which says that 'being admonished of the great indignation of God against sinners, ye may the rather be moved to earnest and true repentance; and may walk more warily in these dangerous days; fleeing from such vices...' Strong stuff indeed!

But let's flip the coin and look at it from another, less stark, perspective. Many of us enjoy a relatively comfortable life, but across the world there are hundreds of thousands of people who do not know where their next meal is coming from and who are forced to live in the most inhumane conditions. And even here, much closer to home, there are people extremely anxious about the rise in the cost of living and being forced to make the decision between fuel or food.

Lent gives us the opportunity to take a long, serious look at how we behave, to say sorry for when we have been greedy or selfish and make changes as to how we live. We do not need to use the complex theological language of admonition, confession and repentance. Mahatma Gandhi once said that people should "live simply so others may simply live".

This Lent we are inviting parishioners, along with any other things they may choose to do over those 40 days, to put something aside each day for the local Foodbanks. 40 items over 40 days! A simple act of kindness but perhaps the difference between someone having to choose between being cold or being hungry. We are asking for foodstuffs that are not perishable and have a long shelf life, toiletries and cleaning products. Donations can be brought to the churches on Easter Day (17th April) and we will get everything to the Foodbanks in Wells and Fakenham. Thank you.

It was the Dalai Lama who said "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."

With prayerful good wishes,

Fr Clive

Rector of North Creake, South Creake with Waterden,  
Syderstone with Barmer and Sculthorpe



Coffee, Cakes, Crafts

2nd Sat in month  
March-Aug, 11am to 3pm

**Katering 4U**   
07990 743766

Locally based catering company Katering 4U are looking forward in joining forces with Sculthorpe Church and local crafters at this once a month craft event.

We will be providing a POP-UP CAFE in the church and serving all home made yummy treats and eats.

Warming Soup, Sausage Rolls and Freshly Baked Scones and Cakes to name but a few...

Please show your support and POP along to the church.

## HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

We are about to apply for our second amount of funding from The Norfolk Community Foundation, Household Support Fund. We are already planning to assist 36 local families but we could do more if there are further people in need you may be able to identify. This is not means tested and is provided on a no judgement basis. We will always seek to provide signposting if the recipient asks for it. (We have initially provided hampers to those recommended by the local schools, foodbank clients and Community Hub requests).

The fund enables us to receive a grant which enables us to provide a total of £50 fresh food/ and or fuel help to each identified Household. At Christmas we were able to provide 36 Christmas lunch Hampers, with the additional assistance of Volunteers and WUC (who provided funds to purchase toys for children). Due to good budgeting (and low prices at Christmas), we had surplus per family so are providing further half term hampers to all previous recipients on 16th February.

The fund has reopened again, we are able to apply for up to £10,000 Grant funds, which potentially could assist 200 families. We are happy to administer the grant, purchases and coordinate deliveries. If you have any people you would like us to supply hampers to, could you please let me know the volume initially, by 21st February latest as I will be submitting the funding request on this date.

We look forward to hearing from you if this is of interest, or if you have any questions.  
For any general queries, please email [shinebrighter@norfolkfoundation.com](mailto:shinebrighter@norfolkfoundation.com)

Kind regards

Sarah Peberday  
General Manager

If anyone in the village would like to contact the Foundation then either use the contact details provided or phone Father Clive on 07970 875052

## News from Sculthorpe Parish Church

**BIG NEWS ...** the Cafe and Craft event is nearly here!

Leigh who is organising the craft side of it has filled all the pitches and I'm sure Kate is on target with her pop up cafe. If anyone wants a pitch at future events please contact Leigh at rovingwier@outlook.com

Please come and support us and bring your friends and relations. The event is on the 2nd Saturday of every month from March up to and including August from 11am until 3pm. The craftspeople are all local so the journey from maker to buyer is very eco friendly.

The members of the Village Hall committee will have a presence at the event because they want your ideas on what to do to celebrate the Queen's jubilee in June. If you can't make it but would like to share your thoughts then pop a note into the donations box on the table. The church is open most days but opening times aren't set in stone, usually from 8ish until about 3pm.

As I have mentioned before the church is there for you to use. If you have any good ideas please contact one of us.

As I sat down to write this I decided I wasn't going to have a moan so I will just say that once more the lovely people who leave their non-biodegradable flowers etc. on the compost heap show a touching faith in God's power. That's a good thing. I am also going to trust that he knows what to do with it all this year because I was too late. They are all mixed up with the grass cuttings now. In thousands of years time the archaeologists ( if there are any and the world is still here) will scratch their heads as they wonder what they are.

Hope to see you all on the 12th.

### Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Norfolk [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you".

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

## News from Sculthorpe Parish Council

Our thanks to each and every one of you that took the trouble to write or email NNDC to say that you didn't want the boundary between us and Fakenham to change. Tony Walters and I attended the council meeting and put your opinions forward to the whole council. We were then strongly supported by Tom Fitzpatrick (our district councillor) who finished his speech by saying that he thought that the proposal regarding our boundary should be withdrawn in the name of democracy as it was not what the people wanted. I believe that all three of us were surprised when his comment was put to the vote and was passed with a healthy majority. So that's that for another few years until someone else looks at the boundary line and decides it needs to be "tidied up". Well done to all of us.

I've been contacted by one of our parishioners who believes that the field alongside the Swaffham road from the back of the Shell garage shouldn't be turned into a new housing estate. Your parish council hasn't had any notification that this is an imminent threat, but the land is in the district land plan as a potential development area and so this is quite likely to happen. As the land plans have now been finalised and published, following a time when the public were given a chance to comment, it is unlikely that we would have much chance of winning the argument against such a proposal but if you have a view please let your councillors know.

We can only represent you if we know what your feelings are. You can write to the Messenger, speak to one of your Parish Councillors or come along to any of our meetings. The next meeting will be held in the village hall at 7.00 pm on Wed 2nd March. That's the day after Shrove Tuesday or pancake Day as I've known it since I was a youngster.

So spring is here as far as I'm concerned. I was walking around the village and saw my first wild primroses in the woodland across the road from the bus shelter, and it made me realise again how fortunate we are to live where we do. Unfortunately someone seems to want to spoil our village and so they attacked the glass in the bus shelter and either they or another unhappy soul also smashed a window in the phone box/library. The door of the phone box has also been broken and as it's a cast iron frame within a wood surround that has been damaged, replacing it will cost approximately £1000. Plus the couple of pieces of glass, that's likely to add up to about £1300 for repairs. There are about 270 houses in the village and so effectively that means that each household will be paying about £5 towards the cost of sorting the problem, and if we spend the money fixing vandalism we can't spend it on the nice things that we want to.

The police are aware of the damage but there is little that they can do as nobody knows who did the damages. Or do they? I'm pleased to say that there is very little crime in the village but none at all would be better.

Brian Watkin  
Chairman of Sculthorpe Parish Council

### FIRST FOCUS NEWS

WE have survived! During the pandemic lockdowns our workers carried on with outreach work delivering groceries, shopping, running the food bank and helping with claims and paperwork for our members. We had run out of money and because our members are disadvantaged we were unable to draw on their personal resources, in fact we run on money we can raise it was a near thing and thanks to local charities and money locals raised from the community with big inputs from charitable trusts and lotteries we now are again solvent until the end at least of this year 2022. Of course we are still raising money. If you want to know what we do or our timings then ring us checkout our website and on facebook. We have many resources and people who can help particularly 5 laptops online and help.

Ian Wood

# Notice Board

## VILLAGE HALL

### MARCH EVENTS

#### GROUPS

Mon 6 - 7pm

#### Fitness and Personal Training

Pre-book with Jake Platten 07551568875  
or [www.plattenfitness.com](http://www.plattenfitness.com)

Tues 8.30am - 1pm

#### Hartbeeps (term time only)

Pre-book with [anna@hartbeeps.com](mailto:anna@hartbeeps.com)

6 - 8pm

#### Line dancing (first Tuesday - monthly)

Pre-book with Nikki on 07852350704

Weds 6.30am - 7.30pm

#### Keep Fit

Prebook with Sue on 07774245810 - [www.cardio&core.co.uk](http://www.cardio&core.co.uk)

Fri 6.30 - 8pm

#### Creakes Chamber Choir

Sat 9.30 - 10.30am

#### Fitness and Personal Training

Pre-book only with Jake Platten as above

11am - 12noon

#### Starbright Theatre Group 4-9 year olds

12noon - 1pm

#### Starbright Theatre Group 10-16 year olds

Pre-book: Contact Liz Dark on 07765911053  
[lightafterdark@hotmail.com](mailto:lightafterdark@hotmail.com)

#### Parish Council meetings:

1st Wednesday 7.00 - 9.30pm bi monthly  
2 March, 4 May, 6 July, 7 September, 2 November

To book the village hall please contact Vyv Matthews (4 Creake Road)  
on 01328 851985 or email: [vyv\\_5cw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vyv_5cw@yahoo.co.uk)

## VILLAGE HALL HIRE

To Hire the hall please contact Vyv Mathews 01328 851985 - The Hire charge from 1st January 2022 is £12.00 per hour with a refundable deposit (if the hall is left clean, tidy, and undamaged) of £150.00 for all Adult events. £50.00 for Children's parties.

## CREAKES CHAMBER CHOIR

directed by Justin Harmer invite you to their concert of "Music for Spring and Eastertide" on Friday 1st April at 7 pm in Sculthorpe Village Hall. Free entry and Retiring Collection.

## AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Friday March 18th and Friday April 22nd we are starting up Sculthorpe Afternoon Social, 2pm - 4pm.

£2.00 per head to include refreshments.  
If we have a good response it will become a regular monthly village social meet up.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Sculthorpe Village Hall Committee are looking for a new Treasurer who will be responsible for banking, paying bills (Internet Banking is up and running, and submitting accounts to our accountant. You would become a member of the Village Hall Committee and attend regular committee meetings. The post is on a voluntary basis.  
Contact Bob Francis 01328 862258  
email [bobfrancis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bobfrancis@hotmail.co.uk)

## SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

Please contact me by 20th March with any notices or features of interest for the April issue.

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17 Creake Road  
01328 316087

## LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

If you are interested in staying up to date with planning applications in your area you may wish to register for Public Access on the NNDC website.

[www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/media/3436/public-access-user-guide-v1-2.pdf](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/media/3436/public-access-user-guide-v1-2.pdf)

The Parish Council includes details of planning applications on meeting agendas where possible, and are considered at Parish Council meetings and details of planning applications will also be added to the Parish Council Facebook page.

## PLATINUM JUBILEE

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Friday 3rd June 2022 - If you have any ideas, would like to help or provide entertainment etc please contact Vyv Mathews 01328 851985, email: [vyv\\_5cw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vyv_5cw@yahoo.co.uk)

## MR. EDWIN P NORMAN

Deceased 19th February 2022.

If you can recall any humorous and happy memories of Ebby that you would like to share with the family please drop take them to Jean Edge, 12 Creake Road.