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SCULTHORPE **FEBRUARY '22**
MESSENGER



NEWS & VIEWS FROM CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Dear Parishioners,

In the days after Christmas, we watched several films on Netflix. One of these was 'Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom', the film starring Idris Elba that is based on the autobiography of anti-apartheid revolutionary and former South African President Nelson Mandela. The film ends with Mandela's famous quote ...

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

In February, love is 'in the air'! Yet the cards, flowers, chocolates and sentimental verses associated with St Valentine can be a pale imitation of the cost of true love. St Valentine was a clergyman, either a priest or a bishop. There are many stories associated with St Valentine, from restoring sight to a blind girl while under arrest to marrying Christian couples and otherwise aiding Christians who were at the time being persecuted by the Emperor Claudius in Rome.

By performing these marriages it allowed the husbands involved to escape conscription into the pagan Roman army and was a major inconvenience to the emperor when soldiers were sparse. To remind these men of their vows and God's love, St Valentine is said to have cut hearts from parchment, giving them to these persecuted Christians, a possible origin of the widespread use of hearts on St Valentine's Day. St Valentine was martyred by being beaten with clubs and beheaded and his body was buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia in Rome.

Many couples choose St Paul's words on love as a reading at their wedding. He tells us that 'love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude', that 'it does not insist on its own way' and 'it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things'. (1 Corinthians 13:4,5,7) What many seem to miss though is that

Paul is taking the Corinthians to task for their failure to love and for the dissension among them. True love goes far beyond romantic gestures. True love costs. It demands total and absolute commitment. It never ends.

St John of the Cross wrote that "in the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved".

May we all learn the value of true love!

With prayerful good wishes,

Fr Clive

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



Parking **WC**

Sculthorpe Church

Coffee, Cakes, Crafts
2nd Sat in month, March-Aug

12 December 2021

Thank you to all who helped at the Village Hall last December, Jane Jackson, Penny Ramm, Bob and Leslie Francis, Roger from Moor Lane, Pat Hinchcliffe, Jean Edge and Pam Johnson. Several villagers attended along with Derek's family and friends. I think we did what Derek, along with Stephanie, would have wanted as they always supported the village and in particular the Village Hall.

Thank you again to all

Kris Sumner

ALLOTMENTS

Do not forget if you feel you would like an allotment please let Kris Sumner (864007) know, or any Francis Beckham trustee.

The benefits include:

- Growing and eating your own produce.
- You would know what you are eating i.e. no preservatives or insecticides.
- Health and well-being for yourself and family.
- Keeping fit in the fresh air.
- Knowing people around you and making new friends.

Give it a go - you will not be sorry.

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.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Remember there is a defibrillator on our village. It is situated outside the Village Hall. This is available 24/7. Dels nursery have one also, it is available during opening hours of the nursery

Do not let a relative, friend, or anyone die or become really ill because you did not use it.

It is easy to use

1. Dial 999 tell them your problem. They will tell you the code number to get the defibrillator from the box.
2. After you have the defibrillator IT will tell you what to do until further help comes.
3. We can all help one another in difficult times.
4. Cut this message out and pin it to your notice board or somewhere you know you will look if required.

News from Sculthorpe Parish Church

It seems a little late to be wishing you all Happy New Year, but, as we don't have a January issue of the Messenger I will anyway.

As you will see from the poster on page 6, we are beginning to use the church for events other than worship. We are hoping that this will bring in some money to help keep the church up and running but also help local people to develop their businesses.

If you would like to have your own craft stall then please contact Leigh via email on: rovingweir@outlook.com

If you have any ideas to use the church that may benefit both the church and yourself then contact me. We are open to almost anything!

Kate will be running the pop up cafe, she does make exceedingly good cakes so we hope to see you there.

Please remember that we are always hoping that villagers/parishioners would like to join us in our endeavors. If you are interested in helping with our fund raising efforts please give me a ring and you will be welcome at our rather informal meetings.

I have a few people to thank ...

A big thank you to David and Sue Beale who put up the Christmas tree. It looked fabulous and it was a shame that the carol service had to be cancelled so fewer people could enjoy it. The school did have a couple of events in December and I am sure they appreciated it.

Thank you also to John Johnson from Cranmer Cottages for lighting up the church again. It really makes a difference.

Thanks to the Parish council for arranging this with John.

Another big thank you to my husband Philip who opens the church almost every morning and generally closes it again if he is able to. We are helped by Claire or Carol to do the closing and to cover times when we are away.

The closing times can be erratic because all the 'closers' do have a life. This may mean that the building is closed earlier than usual sometimes. If you need access at a certain time it would be better to check with either myself before the day or one of the keyholders. There is a list of key holders in the porch and they can be contacted if access is required. They will be listed in the messenger every month from now on so that you can have them to hand.

They are: Carol Pointer (862185), Claire Stewart Richardson (863193) and David or Sue Beale (863766). If you would like to help by taking on a regular slot it would be much appreciated.

News from Sculthorpe Parish Council

On behalf of your Parish Council I hope that your Christmas festivities went well. I wish you a 2022 in which some, if not all of your wishes come true. I realise that by now many if not most of your new year's resolutions are getting a bit fraid or more likely have, as have mine, been abandoned. The work of the Parish Council moves slowly on and it isn't too late in the year for you to consider taking an active part in running the village and making things happen by coming along to join in with the decision making. Our next Parish Council meeting will take place in the village hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 2nd March and it would be really good to see you there.

In my last message to you I warned about a change of the village boundary by NNDC affecting the village part of your council tax. Two members of your Parish Council intended to attend the NNDC council meeting to fight against this change but unfortunately, due to Covid and the onset of the Omicron variant, the meeting was cancelled. We are currently awaiting notice of the meeting being reprogrammed and we will be there to fight to prevent it happening.

What else might your Parish Council be doing this year?

Apart from the day to day administration of keeping the street lights lit, the grass cut, hedges trimmed and pot holes in the road repaired etc. we are hoping this year to organise having the pond, opposite what used to be the TNS site (the tractor shop) on Creake Road, cleared and made into a pleasant village feature to the advantage of all the village and to make it a more bio diverse site for nature. We are having a speed monitor sign installed which can be moved around various positions in the village (the sort that measures your speed and flashes at you to slow down if you are breaking the speed limit). We are looking at the possibility of installing outdoor gym equipment in the park at the top of Moor Lane. Other smaller projects are also on the agenda.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the team that keep your village hall in tip top condition, arrange letting it out and a hundred and one other jobs that provide the village with this brilliant amenity and I really must thank the team that make speed checks on vehicles passing through the village in conjunction with the local police force. They dress up warm and can pop up all over the place at appropriate times of the day. Last year several cars that were speeding in the village were sent warning notices by the police as a result of the teams work and hopefully people will, as a result, act more responsibly and keep their speed down. The limit in the village is 30 but 20's plenty. Their work plus the implementation of the flashing sign should make our village a safer place to live. Speeding in the village can save people maybe 60 seconds in getting to their destination and puts the lives of our residents and school children at risk.

I'd like to thank all your parish councillors who join together with me to achieve some amazing things for the village with very limited resources. That list is just some of things that your Parish councillors attend to at the meetings which happen on the first Wednesday of every other month. The role is unpaid, but is a good way to give something back to Sculthorpe, so please consider getting involved as a councillor or just drop in to see what happens on the 2nd March. You'll be very welcome.

Brian Watkin
Chairman of Sculthorpe Parish Council

Notice Board

VILLAGE HALL

FEBRUARY EVENTS

GROUPS

Mon 6 - 7pm

Fitness and Personal Training

Pre-book with Jake Platten 07551568875
or www.plattenfitness.com

Tues 8.30am - 1pm

Hartbeeps (term time only)

Pre-book with 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

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

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

There will be no coffee morning in February

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

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

To Hire the hall please contact Vyv Matthews 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 Childrens parties.

SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

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

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01328 316087

SCAMMED !

May we apologize to anyone inconvenienced by a scam email from "David".

We are pleased to say we are both well and at the moment do not need help. We would like to thank all friends and neighbours who contacted us to check.

We will sort out the muddled emails in time. We were pleased when "new emails" were found in the "bin".
Be careful what you "click" on.

Best wishes Sue & David Beale

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

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.

Hello from Dogs Trust!

Your local Dogs Trust branch at Snetterton would like to briefly make you aware of a few services that we provide free of charge:

The first, our Canine Care Card scheme, is a free service for dog-owners whereby, in the event of their death or illness, we will look after their dog, providing them with all the care they need until we can find a responsible, loving new home for them. This is often a great concern to the elderly, as their dog may be their only friend and companion - Dogs Trust can give them peace of mind, knowing that their canine companions future is safe, should the worst happen to them. Every year, we care for more than 14,000 dogs at our nationwide network of rehoming centres and we never put down a healthy dog

Secondly I wanted to make you aware that we provide free talks to local community groups. I cover the whole of the East Anglia region, to talk about the varied work of Dogs Trust, where we come from and where we hope to be in the future. There are no speaker fees or travelling expenses so please let me know if you believe that your local club would be interested.

If anyone has any further queries, or would be interested in booking in a talk, please contact me by emailing ...

emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk
or phone 01953 497912.

With best wishes

Emily Matthews

www.dogstrust.org.uk

