

# Sculthorpe Craft Fair

Sculthorpe Church

**Saturday 9th April**

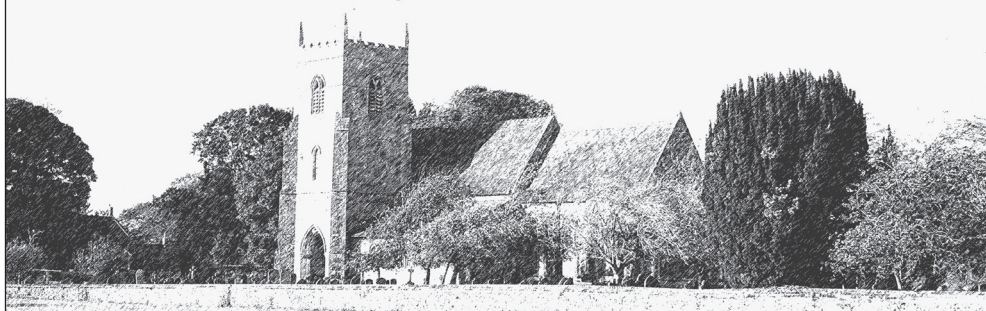
**11am to 3pm**

**FREE Parking & Entry**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Cafe • Art • Gifts • Baked Goods**

**Jewellery • Local Crafts**



# SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

APRIL '22



NEWS & VIEWS FROM CHURCH & COMMUNITY

## Message from Father Clive

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this letter on the eve of Ash Wednesday I am gravely concerned at the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and the horrific consequences this conflict is having for the people of Ukraine and across the world. A shiver went through me when I heard Vladimir Putin say that if anyone from the outside considered interfering that the world would face consequences "greater than any you have faced in history".

The season of Lent reminds us of our Lord's forty days in the wilderness and the temptations he faced while there. He was pressed to turn stones into bread, to gain all the glory and authority in the kingdoms of the world by simply worshipping his tempter and to secure credibility by having angels rescue him if he would throw himself of the Temple. These temptations can be summarised as self-interest, dominance and popularity. In other words, they are all about the misuse of power. It was Mahatma Gandhi who said that "the day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace."

On Good Friday and Easter Day we see the true power of love displayed through the death and resurrection of Jesus. St John tells us that Jesus 'having loved his own, loved them to the end'. (John 13:1) Jesus continued to love through the betrayal, denial and abandonment of his friends, through the cruel torture inflicted on him by an occupying power, through the death he suffered because of a paranoid tyrant on trumped up charges brought by fearful religious leaders. Edmund Burke, the 18th century Anglo-Irish politician, said that "all that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

That first Good Friday good men did choose to do nothing and evil appeared to triumph.

The way had come to an end. The Truth had been overcome by false witness. The Life was, after all, susceptible to death. The reality was more horrible than any had dared to imagine. Did they even recall Jesus' words that their "pain will turn into joy"? (John 16:20)

Despair may seem to be our only possible response as we witness the horrors of war unfold on our television screens. Just as there was darkness over the whole land as Jesus died darkness hangs over our world. But because of Easter Day we are people of hope. We know that good eventually overcomes evil and life triumphs over death. God has not and will not abandon us to ruin.

Martin Luther King said "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

With prayerful good wishes,

Fr Clive

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



## GOOCH PEST CONTROL



Moles, Rabbits, Rats, Mice, Wasps  
FREE ESTIMATES GIVEN

Fully Insured

Please call Paul on:

07789 776369

## Dog Grooming

01328 853373

Hempton - Fakenham  
NR21 7LN

## DAVID THOMPSON MASTER CHIMNEY SWEEP

- All chimneys, flues & appliances swept
- Brush & vacuum used
- CCTV Chimney Surveys
- Bird/rain guards, vent cap & cowls supplied & fitted
- NVQ qualified Chimney engineer

01328 851081  
www.the-sweep.co.uk  
D. Thompson Chimneys Ltd

## WE HAVE MOVED

Thurlow Nunn Standen stock  
a huge range of products including:

|                     |              |            |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Clothing & Footwear | Vehicle Care | Groundcare |
| DIY Tools           | Garden tools | Bird Food  |

Many offers in store

www.tnsgroup.co.uk  
Call us on 01328 862333  
Find us at Enterprise Way, Fakenham NR21 8SN  
Open: Monday - Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday 8am-12pm

## News from Sculthorpe Parish Church

We have had our first event in the Church and it went very well. Thank you to all of you, in the village and elsewhere, who came and supported Kate and Leigh. They both put in a huge effort to get it off the ground. I think all the craft stall holders were pleased with the attendance and Kate's Soup, sausage rolls and cakes went down a treat.

I have got to the age now when I say "it's lovely- but I don't want it" but even I managed to find a few little things to buy to give away. I will be pretending that I made that cute little cardigan and apron for my nephew!

Our next date is April 9th so we will, hopefully see you then. There is going to be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and we are hoping for a lovely sunny day.



The church AGM is on Thursday April 7th at 7pm in St. Mary's church in South Creake. If anyone would like to attend there is room in my car if you need a lift (853532) It would be lovely if anyone would like to come, we are always very outnumbered by South Creake. The next service in our church is at 5pm on Easter Sunday, 17th of April.

## Sculthorpe Bowls Club

The outdoor bowls season will be starting in May and the club is looking forward to playing again at Creake Road, we are opposite the park. We will be playing in the same local leagues as last season.

Since the previous season finished, we have had work done on the green to improve the playing surface, thanks to a grant from NNDC. Despite a mole trying sabotage the work!

We are always looking for new members, no previous experience required, and we can loan equipment for anyone who may want to 'have a go'. If you think

you may be interested, call in if you see us there or contact Vince and Rosie on 01328 851282. We also welcome spectators and have a licensed bar if you want to enjoy a drink in the walled garden.



## News from Sculthorpe Parish Council

The annual village meeting this year will be held in the village hall at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 4th May. Please put it in your diary or mark it on your calendar. The meeting gives you an opportunity to ask your Parish Councillors pretty much anything about the work that they do for the village, to suggest plans for their future consideration, in fact anything relevant to village life.

The meeting will be followed by the usual parish council meeting and you are very welcome to stay and watch what actually happens.

This year, prior to the question session that I discussed first in this little article we have asked the harbour master of Wells harbour to come along and explain what a harbour master does, what their responsibilities are and how it all works out in Wells and the surrounding area. Most, if not all of you will visit Wells from time to time, to go crabbing, gaze across the marshes, go for a walk with dog or whatever, so you'll know the harbour and the fishing and visitors boats but how does it all work, who actually owns it. This year, the harbour master moved into The Street and so it seemed like a good idea to ask him to come along and explain. Tony Walters, the vice chairperson on your parish council made the approach and I'm very pleased that he received a very positive response and subject to any emergencies our questions about the harbour can be answered.

During my walks around the village I've been asked a couple of questions which might be of general interest so here we go ...

**What's happening about the work in the pond?** We have applied for a grant to assist with payment for the work that needs to be done. We had hoped that it could all be sorted before the ducks and other wildlife started to nest or whatever. Unfortunately we have to wait until the next round of grants before we can be considered and so that's the reason for the delay.

**Why has the Sculthorpe parish council charge on the council tax bill gone up gone up by 16.8% and are all the councillors getting a pay increase?** Well first let me tell you that none of your Parish councillors receive any payment for any of the work that they do for the village. So that's got that bit out of the way. I agree that the % looks high but please look at the actual £ that we are talking about. The average charge has gone up by between £4 and £5 per year per property. So let's call that an increase of approximately 40 pence per month per household. We discussed the rise at some length at one of our meetings but if we, as a village, want the services that we enjoy, such as street lights, grass cutting and all the things that I regularly mention, they need paying for. In addition we need to thank the volunteers who pick up litter and do jobs around the village that need doing. Without them the charges would have to be higher. So please believe me that we try to keep the costs of enjoying the village as low as possible.

If you have any other questions then please feel free to ask any member of the parish council as you see them around the village and please come along to the village meeting to ask in person. If you aren't sure who your councillors are then come along to the village meeting and we'll try to ensure that they are all there on display.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Brian Watkin  
Chairman of Sculthorpe Parish Council

# Notice Board

## VILLAGE HALL

### APRIL EVENTS

#### GROUPS

Mon 6 - 7pm

#### Fitness and Personal Training

Pre-book with Jake Platten 07557569975  
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 07851350704

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  
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.

If the gravel from your drive is escaping onto the pavement in front of your house please sweep it back as it's a danger to kids on scooters and bikes and makes life difficult for people pushing pushchairs or in wheelchairs.

## AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Friday April 22nd

Sculthorpe Village Hall, 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 April with any notices or features of interest for the May issue.

[jonathan@js-creative.com](mailto:jonathan@js-creative.com)  
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)

If you have a dog, it is your responsibility to pick up any deposit it makes. Please can you do this and encourage others to, as it is very unhygienic and not very pleasant around our village. Thank you.