

# SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

March 2024



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

## NEWS FROM SCULTHORPE PARISH CHURCH

The next monthly service will be at SUNDAY 17th MARCH at 5pm – we hope to welcome as many as possible.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has been keeping the Church open and shut every day and taking on extra days in the absence of Pam and myself. I hope I can be back doing my share in the near future. Many thanks, Claire

If you need to contact anyone at the church, the telephone numbers are:

Father Clive 07480 065063  
for ecclesiastical queries

Claire 01328 86 3193,  
Pam 01328 85 3532,  
Carol 01328 86 2185,  
for bits and pieces.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

With over 30 years of service as a Parish Councillor, Tony Walters has made the decision to stand down and enjoy retirement. I know from previous conversations with Tony, that he thoroughly enjoyed his time serving as a Parish Councillor of Sculthorpe and we wish him all the best in the future. Despite the ever-changing ways of life, Tony has been pivotal in ensuring that village life remains as joyous as possible, and I would like to pass on thanks to

Tony on behalf of the Parish Council and the parishioners that he has spent his time serving. You will be missed.

Tony leaves a big hole in the Parish Council, but if you would like the opportunity to contribute as much to the village as Tony has, please attend the next Parish Council meeting, and make your intentions known.

In other news, the long-awaited project to revitalise Blackett's pond into a much more biodiverse and family friendly space has begun. Maintenance on the playpark is also underway and highways have been contacted regarding the poor condition of the pavement at the bottom end of Creake road, following recent works that took place.

If there are any issues which you wish to discuss with the Parish Council, please attend the next meeting, drop us an email or speak with a Parish Councillor as we walk around the village.

## SCULTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

Sculthorpe Village Hall is owned and managed by the village for the village and has been since 1965! If you have suggestions for clubs, events or any other social activity at the village hall please contact

Alex [alexrstoker@gmail.com](mailto:alexrstoker@gmail.com) or  
Sue [se.richards@hotmail.com](mailto:se.richards@hotmail.com)

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We would welcome anyone living in the Parish who would like to join us as a Trustee as we look to further strengthen community bonds.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, 2nd April in the evening.

**CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES**

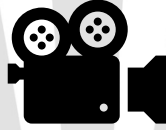
We are currently looking to appoint a Clerk to the Trustees. This is a voluntary role, however, all expenses will be paid.

If you are interested in either positions please contact the Trust, via email [francisbeckhamtrust.com](mailto:francisbeckhamtrust.com) or telephone 01328 258961.

As with any charity, details of the Charity of Francis Berkham (otherwise Beckham) and the annual accounts are available to anyone to view on the Charity Commission website at <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/>

# The Cinema

at Sculthorpe Village Hall



Join us on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April to watch



## **Peter Pan in Return to Neverland**

starting 2pm  
(accompanied children only)



## **The General's Daughter**

starting 6:30pm

ALL WELCOME – BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & SNACKS!  
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## NEW CHOIR HITS TOWN!

'Coastal Vocals' is a new choir in Fakenham directed by Liz Dark (singer/composer/teacher) which started quietly last September and is slowly gathering momentum.

After a suggestion by a couple of friends, who wanted to sing but didn't sight-read, Liz agreed to set the choir up and run it in conjunction with another group she has been directing for three years, 'Hunstanton Voices'. The idea is to connect to a wider audience and socially connect to other choirs and perform together, while also having a separate identity. So, two smaller choirs become a larger 40 voice choir for performances and concerts.

As both groups learn the same repertoire, if you miss one session on a Friday at Hempton, you are welcome to go to Hunstanton on the Monday at 7-9pm for free, to make up the missed session. This is also great preparation to familiarise oneself with members from the other choir.

'Coastal Vocals' and 'Hunstanton Voices' are preparing for their July Summer concert titled, 'Musical Mayhem', which covers some of the great Musical Theatre numbers like, 'Somewhere', 'Bring Him Home', 'He Lives in You', and 'Rhythm of Life'. Dates and venue will be confirmed next month.

We are looking for new members who want to give singing a 'go' and who want to have fun working with an

energetic and very friendly bunch of people. You do not have to audition, and you don't need to have singing experience.

If you are interested, please email or text Liz on 077659 11053  
[lightafterdark@hotmail.com](mailto:lightafterdark@hotmail.com)

## ANNIVERSARY SEASON'S HIGHLIGHT FOR FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Of all the classic requiems, Verdi's operatic masterpiece is surely the most dramatic. Every performance of this work is a grand occasion, and it makes a wonderfully fitting highlight to Fakenham Choral Society's 50th Anniversary season. The concert, 7pm on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at Fakenham Parish Church, is on a scale seldom seen in North Norfolk, with a choir of 80, a full orchestra and four internationally renowned soloists.

Former principal soprano at English National Opera, Claire Weston, will be joined by award winning mezzo Beth Mackay, tenor Daniel Bartlette (BBC Singers and Proms) and bass, Alex Ashworth, international soloist, and Professor of Singing at the Royal Academy of Music. On the conductor's podium will be Mark Jones, the choir's musical director, Head of Chapel Music at Gresham's School in Holt, organ recitalist and pivotal force in Norfolk's classical music landscape.

Tickets, which are expected to sell out quickly, are now on sale. Early birds will pay just £18 per ticket until 31<sup>st</sup> March. After this, the price is £20.

For more information and to buy tickets online, please visit the choir's website <http://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/>

# THE NOTICEBOARD

**METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE FUNDRAISER MORNINGS 2024**

**Saturdays, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

## SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

Please contact me by 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH with any notices or features of interest for the APRIL issue.

[alexrstoker@gmail.com](mailto:alexrstoker@gmail.com)

**CAKE A CUPPA IS HELD  
ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH, 10AM-12PM.**

**ALL WELCOME**



Hello neighbours, I'm looking for people to put a team together for monthly quiz nights at The Aviator and perhaps to attend the occasional acoustic music nights there. Please contact me via email at

[lianelaurier1976@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lianelaurier1976@hotmail.co.uk)

## SCULTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

**ENQUIRIES FOR BOOKING**  
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## CHURCH SERVICES

**Evening Worship**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 5pm**  
**All welcome, do come along and join us.**

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS **MARCH**

### Mon

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / [www.plattenfitness.com](http://www.plattenfitness.com)

7:30pm – 8:30pm **Clubercise with Bels** – to book contact Annabel Greenwood on [annabel.greenwood@gmail.com](mailto:annabel.greenwood@gmail.com) / 07896 476763

### Tues

10:00am – 12:00pm **Cake & Cuppa** – all welcome (last Friday monthly)

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / [www.plattenfitness.com](http://www.plattenfitness.com)

### Weds

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Keep Fit** – pre-book with Sue on 07774 245810 / [www.cardio&core.co.uk](http://www.cardio&core.co.uk)

7:30pm – 8:30pm **RockBox with Bels** – PAYG online payment <https://bookwhen.com/annabelgreenwood>

### Thurs

10:20am – 11:20am **TinyTalk Baby Signing** – contact 07450 549025 / [rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk)

11:40am – 12:40pm **Toddler Talking** – contact 07450 549025 / [rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk)

to book your space on the mats,  
<http://www.bookwhen.com/tinytalknorthnorfolk>

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / [www.plattenfitness.com](http://www.plattenfitness.com)

7:00 – 9:00pm (fortnightly) **Gateway**

### Fri

6:30pm – 8:00pm **Creakes Chamber Choir**

### Sat

9:00am – 10:00am **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / [www.plattenfitness.com](http://www.plattenfitness.com)

**Parish Council Meetings 2024.** *First Wednesday of every other month from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

# Coastal Vocals



No audition or singing experience necessary!

Fridays - 1-3 pm  
Venue - Hempton Village Hall  
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