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## **News from Sculthorpe Parish Church**

We were full of optimism a couple of months ago. We had had the repair to the roof done and felt that the building was safe again. We have a Jazz concert lined up in November and there is another farmers/craft event planned for November so that all helps to pay the bills.

Then .... we had a quinquennial inspection. As the name suggests it had been five years since the last one. A building surveyor gave the church a very thorough going over and sent us the report last month. It doesn't make for pleasant reading.

After the last repair we have approximately  $\pounds 20,000$  in the bank and the URGENT repairs that we need to do are estimated at  $\pounds 15,000....$ 

We are supposed to pay the Diocese  $\pounds 10,50p/year$  towards the running costs of the church. This is something that we feel we cannot do at the moment.

#### So, what do we do?

There are grant's available to help us do some of this work. We need someone who is experienced in this department to help us to access them.

Well, not all the work, the not quite so urgent is costed at £50,000 and the final - do it at some time in the future is £ 271,000 - yes I have put in the correct number of zeros. We know we can't do that bit we CAN do the urgent work with some help.

I know that I have gone on and on about our financial situation for years but now it's crunch time.

This Church isn't mine, it doesn't belong to the members of the PCC or the Vicar. It belongs to you- the parishioners.

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As I have said before there are three of us on the PCC, none of us feels that we are qualified to run a church but, unfortunately for Father Clive, we are all he has.

I have written this on behalf of Father Clive and my other two PCC members.

If you feel that you can help at all the please contact me - pamelajohnson5@btinternet. com

Pamela Johnson

If you need to contact anyone at the church -the telephone numbers are: Father Clive. 07970 875052 for ecclesiastical queries

Pam 01328 853532. Claire 863193 or Carol 07917 228742 for bits and pieces.



### Community Groups - Sea Cadets, Wells-next-the-Sea

At Sea Cadets Wells-next-the-Sea we aim to give young people an experience that will help them grow into the person they want to be in a safe and friendly environment. We offer various activities both on and off the water. We learn teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves gained through nautical adventure and fun based on the customs and traditions of the Royal Navy.

Sea Cadets is open to all young people aged 10-18 years. We parade on a Wednesday evening from 7-9pm at Alderman Peel High School, and one Saturday of every month and are currently accepting new entries.



We're also always looking for adult volunteers to join us, whether it's becoming a trained instructor or just lending a helping hand. You don't need to

have a background in the Navy or in water sports, just a positive attitude! Volunteering with Sea Cadets has many benefits, including giving back to the community, helping young people grow into adults and

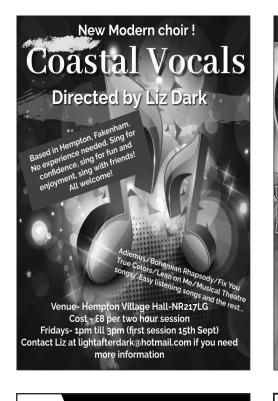
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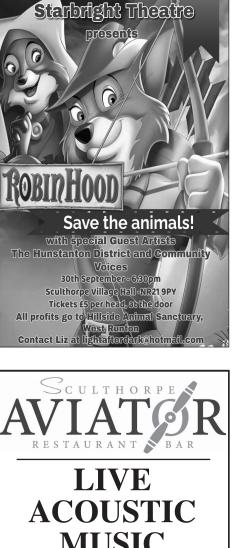














## SHOE BOXES FOR BLYTHSWOOD CARE Christmas 2023

I will be collecting filled shoeboxes again for the above project. If anyone would like to help by filling a shoebox please contact me and I will send you a leaflet giving further details and a list if suitable items. This year the collected items will be sent to Ukraine.

I have agreed with Angela that I would be happy to be a drop off point for boxes in Sculthorpe. If you would like to fill one then please give me a ring (853532) and I will get a form to you.

It can be a bit expensive to fill a box and I buy things when I see them throughout the year. This, naturally, leads to me having a total mishmash of things suitable for all sorts of age groups. I've got quite a few pairs of men's socks and lots of hats! What was I thinking? They must have been a bargain.

If you would like to contribute but don't feel like filling a whole box then please contact me and have a chat. A couple of extra shoeboxes would be gratefully received too.

The filled boxes will need to be delivered to Pam by 10th November. Alternatively, they can be collected. Telephone Angela on 01328 823246 or email angela@rdeconsult.co.uk *Pam* 

# SCULTHORPE VILLAGE HALL Annual general meeting

Thursday 7th September, 6pm at Sculthorpe Village Hall

## All welcome

We would also welcome anybody who feels able to help us as a Committe Member/ Trustee or Volunteer, we are always looking for villagers who feel they have something to offer either a skill or experience or are just looking for a sociable group to join.

Please contact Sue on 07500 459 503 or email se.richards@hotmail.com

## **SCULTHORPE BOWLS CLUB**

The season is now drawing to a close, but amazingly we have not had to rearrange many games despite the rain this summer. The Fakenham League and cup games have been completed, with Sculthorpe coming 4th in the league but unfortunately we didn't get enough points to play in the cup final. The remaining fixtures for the Countryside League finish at the end August so we await to find out if we will retain the league cup.



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