



CLAXBY and NORMANBY
VILLAGE
NEWSLETTER
September 2023

Autumn Events 2023

Harvest Service in St Mary's Church 3.00pm 1st October

It has been a problematic year, weatherwise, for farmers and gardeners so it will be good to celebrate the final harvest. Everyone is very welcome - as are donations of food. Fresh produce is given to the Poplars and tins, packets, bottles etc are given to the Market Rasen food bank. If you'd like to help with decorating the church, please join us on Saturday 30th September 10.00-12.00, with any fruit, vegetables and/or flowers you have from your garden.

Claxby Harvest Supper Friday 20th October in the Viking Centre 6.30 for 7.00pm.

£10 for a 3-course meal (mains, choice of puddings, cheese and biscuits plus tea and coffee.) The main course will be a chicken dish (or a vegetarian alternative). If anyone has a tasty recipe, we will happily consider it. There will be a raffle. Any profits will be given to the local Salvation Army food bank. Please reserve a place by letting either Helen or Elizabeth know in advance.

Ionian Service

A communion service conducted in the Ionian tradition with reflective music and time to share together. All welcome. First Tuesday of the month in the village hall. Next one **October 3rd 6pm** lasting about 45 mins. For details contact Revd. Elaine 01673 828412 or email elaine.turner958@gmail.com

Concert and tea - Sunday 15th October 3.00pm

Karen and David Beer and special guests will be giving a concert in aid of Church funds. Entry is £10 to include tea/coffee and cake.

Contact for all the above: **Helen Wilson 01673 828315, 07801269088, hawvalley@yahoo.co.uk**

Elizabeth Holmes 01673 828364, 07538 788432, lizteeshan@gmail.com

Claxby Village Hall

After major refurbishment, the hall is now open to the public.

Hiring the hall: Due to the increased usage of the hall by the community and the benefits that this has brought, the Parish Council has agreed to extend free use of the hall for village residents until March 2025. Some users have offered a donation towards heating costs in the winter months, but this is entirely optional.

To book the hall contact Jenny 01673 828359 or Diane 01673 828360.

Booking form and terms & conditions are available on the Parish Council website <https://claxby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

What's on at Claxby Village Hall Autumn 2023

Hatha Yoga with Sue Normandale

Thursday mornings – mat 09.30am – 10.30am (mats available), chair 11.00–12.00. £6 per session. For details contact Jenny 01673 828359.

Handbells

Hand bell ringing Friday afternoon 2pm – 3pm with refreshments afterwards. For details contact John Goodchild 01673 828073

Afternoon teas

On the second Wednesday of the month. Next meeting October 11th 3pm – 4.30pm. There is no charge, but donations of money and food are collected and given to the New Life Church food bank in Market Rasen. Elizabeth and Helen are looking for volunteers to help on a rota basis.

For details contact Elizabeth 01673 828364 or Helen 01673 828315

Companions of the Wolds – A group run by the Walesby Group of Parishes for ladies who are bereaved or divorced and would value support. Monthly meetings for activities e.g. outings, lunches or craft sessions. For further information contact Revd. Elaine. 01673 828412 or email elaine.turner958@gmail.com. Next meeting: **Craft session** Wednesday October 18th 10.00 – 12.00. For details contact Geraldine Blake. 07808 472087

Charity coffee morning in aid of St Barnabas hospice Saturday November 11th 10.00 – 12.00. Christmas cards etc. will be on sale – further details to follow.

W.I. Reunion Saturday October 7th 2pm – 5.30pm at the village hall. If anyone has any photos or memories from the meetings, please get in touch with Sue Roebuck - 01673 828412 or email sueroebuck@hotmail.co.uk

Village Field report

Maintenance

The work that was started earlier in the year to push back encroaching vegetation has continued over the Spring and Summer months. Over 100 hours of volunteer help have been recorded. Thank you to all those people who have given time, as volunteers, to the work.

With dry, summer conditions it was decided to contract Wold Tree Services to chip the brash that had been cleared from the perimeter. Help was also required for the removal of underground concrete blocks that had supported the wooden play equipment, and a digger was hired. At the same time tree roots were dug out and soil moved, levelling and improving the perimeter close to the bordering ditch.

Remaining work for the coming few months includes rotovating the soil that has been moved by the digger and, if possible, grass seeding and bulb planting. Quotes for the pathway into the lower field and car park entrance are also being sought. We may also be including some fencing work.

Play Equipment

A decision was made earlier this year to remove the remaining wooden play equipment from the field due to its deteriorating condition. The remaining equipment was inspected in August by a ROSPA Play Equipment Inspector and continues to be available for all to enjoy.

Update from the Upper Field Working Party

The working party has met on a number of occasions throughout the year. In addition, several members attended a Grant evening hosted by WLDC. We had a great response from residents to the survey. Using the survey/consultation results, the working party has approached play equipment companies for quotes and draft plans. Our aim is to improve the facilities on the field, focusing on improving access, sitting areas, play equipment for children of all ages and abilities as well as introducing some gym equipment suitable for adults. We will be applying for grants to enable us to do this.

All residents of both Claxby and Normanby were invited to drop-in sessions which were held in the Village Hall on 31st August to view our progress and to make observations. Thank you to those who called in.

All comments will be carefully considered as we work towards a final plan for the upper field. Please get in touch with Judith Pilbrow if you missed the drop-in sessions and would like to know more.

Dog walkers

Dog walkers have noted that some people are not picking up after their dog. Please do so, whether on footpaths or in the dog walking field. Always take poo bags with you. There are many bins around the village for disposal.

Claxby Community Choir

Formed in 2019, with around 20 singers, membership has now grown to 50. In consequence, the choir is now too large to rehearse in Claxby village hall, so has moved rehearsals to Osgodby.

The choir has a full programme of concerts for the coming year. After the hugely successful concert at Market Rasen Methodist Church, the choir has been invited by Cllr Stephen Bunney to perform at the West Lindsey District Carol Service on Friday 8th December 2023, again at the Methodist church, with a return visit to the church planned for a summer concert on 29th June 2024.

Other concerts include Wednesday 8th November in Nettleton Village Hall and a Carol Concert on Friday 15th December at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church, Claxby.

Anyone can join the choir; singers are not auditioned. Music reading is an advantage but not essential. Contact Karen Beer on karenbeer@hotmail.co.uk or see the Claxby PC website for more information.

Appeal for plants

The Jubilee Garden is in need of plants to replace some that have died. Pat Spolton would love donations of plants such as hylotelephiums, heucharas (bronze), spireas or any hardy plants if you have any spare.

Funds raised for British Red Cross

The daughter of a local resident has raised £539.62 by selling goods in aid of the British Red Cross. Gift Aid of £134.91 was also reclaimed. Congratulations to Imogen Murphy for this amazing effort.

Claxby's Emergency Plan

Lincolnshire County Council has requested that all town and parish councils produce an Emergency Plan. The Parish Council has done so, and a redacted version of the plan will be posted on the parish website and placed in public places. The Parish Council thought it would help residents if we distributed the most important information, i.e. what to do in an emergency and vital telephone numbers, in a simpler and easy-to-read 2 sides of A4. This information will be distributed in the coming weeks, so we ask you to take a minute to read it, keep it safe and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Paul Strong, David Lofthouse or Colin Saywell whose contact details are on the leaflet.

Defibrillators

There are two defibrillators in the village. Locations are:

1) Village Hall on Normanby Rise LN8 3YZ
///What3Words rally.rounds.reassured

2) Viking Centre on Pelham Road, LN8 3YR
///What3Words gasping.meaty.alleges

What3Words

This app was suggested by a member of the Emergency Services as a means of identifying properties and might be useful for those properties that have experienced problems due to the odd house numbering in the village. It is a free App which you can download to your mobile phone.

Message from Charles Blake – Crazy Crafts

I have a diagnosis of Sensory Processing Disorder and Autism, and this makes me unable to communicate using speech.

My enterprise is to ensure that I can continue to be meaningfully occupied, giving me a purpose within society and to retain my self- esteem.

Any proceeds go straight back into Crazy Crafts to enable me to buy more materials and to learn from professional crafters and teachers and improve my skills.

I especially love sewing, painting, working with clay and I do try to concentrate on upcycling as much as possible to save our planet.

I will try my hand at anything.

I also make lots of things for charities who support the vulnerable in our society.

Any questions or commissions do email me on charlesblakecrazycrafts@gmail.com

Or contact my mum Geraldine 07808 472087

Thank you for reading and supporting. Charles Blake.

Keep in touch

Make sure to keep up to date with village news by visiting the Claxby Parish Council website: <https://claxby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

If you can't access the website, you can request a printed version of the latest news.

If you need any help getting in touch with the Parish Council, West Lindsey Council or anyone in the village, do not hesitate to phone or drop a note in. Also, send me any requests, announcements or information to be included in the newsletter.

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