

Claxby Parish Council Newsletter March 2025

Dear Villager,

Welcome to your March 2025 newsletter.

To keep up to date regular news and information is always available on the Parish Council Website:-
<https://claxby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Community Field

The bulbs which were planted by volunteers last year are popping up in some of the shaded areas of the field. Spring is not far away!

Once the weather improves the newly purchased inclusive picnic tables and seat will be allocated their places in the field in readiness for warmer days and picnic time.

With improved access, together with our car park facility, there will be something for all members of the community to enjoy. Views over to Lincoln Cathedral or up to the Wolds are great from the field. We can recommend the blue swing for some relaxing viewing. 😊 The new play equipment is providing fun and challenges to the younger members of our community.

Summer - Claxby Community field is ready for you! 😊

Community Field Sign To comply with legal requirements, under the Occupiers Liability Act 1957, 1984, we have purchased a sign for the field. It will be installed as the weather improves. Villagers are reminded that, in the play area, adult supervision is required at all times.

Car Park is currently opened for events in the Village Hall and Community Field and can be booked by villagers or walking groups. Feedback regarding locking the gate supported adding a combination lock on the top gate with villagers having access to the code and locking the bottom gate to prevent vehicle access to the rest of the field, work to be carried out when the weather improves.

Dog Walking Area The fencing in the dog walking area has been upgraded and it's great to see so many members of the community using the facility with their dogs. A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed in the upper field and thank you to those dog owners who are keeping the dog walking facility so clean. Please continue to be vigilant, particularly if you exercise your dog off lead to "pick up" and bin to comply with legislation.

Footpath Mulberry Road

Work to remove overgrown vegetation from the footpath from Bristow's corner to the telephone box along Mulberry Road has been carried out, improving safety for pedestrians.

Village Hall

Volunteers continue with improvements and maintenance.

It was resolved at the February PC Meeting to continue with free use of the hall for residents as income from the hire of the hall is meeting the current running costs. Donations, however, are always appreciated to help towards heating costs, particularly in the winter months.

Money raised at village hall events was used to purchase material for new tablecloths which Charles Blake kindly volunteered to make free of charge. These, together with some bunting also made by Charles, are now in the village hall and are in regular use.

Yoga with Sue Normandale Tel. **07415304174**

Mat Yoga Tuesday 10.30am-12noon
 Thursday 9.30am-10.30am
Chair Yoga Thursday 11am- 12noon

Anyone wishing for information or wishing to join one of these classes please contact Sue 07415304174 or email jenny.claxbypc@dlmail.uk.

Handbell ringing - John Goodchild Friday 2pm-3pm with refreshments afterwards.

Iona Service - Elaine Turner First Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm Refreshments half an hour before the service.

Afternoon Teas – Second Wednesday of the month October to April 3pm-4.30pm Next ones Wednesday March 12th and April 9th 2025.

Parish Council Meetings as advertised in the Noticeboard and on the website. Next Annual Parish Meeting May 6th 2025 at 7:00pm.`

Suggestions for a Book Club and Village Fete have been received from villagers. Do you have any other ideas for events in the Village Hall or Community Field?

If so, or you wish to volunteer/host an event, please contact **Jenny Lofthouse Tel. 01673 828359 or 07703 149429 or email jenny.claxbypc@dlmail.uk**

Bulb Planting

The Parish Clerk was once again successful in obtaining free daffodil and “Star of Bethlehem” bulbs from MR Rotary Club. These had been donated from a large nursery in the Netherlands as “surplus to requirement”. They were packaged into approximately 2Kg bags and distributed to residents of both Claxby and Normanby. There are signs that shoots are already appearing from some of these bulbs and it is hoped that the blooms will enhance the village environment.

Parish Council Environment Group

The Parish Council is looking to set up a group of residents to look after the environment of the parish. We have some ideas of what this will cover; litter picking, state of footpaths, pavements etc but ideas are always welcome. If you would be interested in helping/attending a first meeting please contact Rosie de Smit on rosie.claxbypc@icloud.com.

Planning for a Major Emergency in Claxby

You will have already seen information about the Emergency Plan which was circulated to all residents and can be found on the Parish Council website, (under Village Information and then Local Information.)

We hope the plan never needs to be put into action but unfortunately incidents and accidents do happen that could seriously endanger peoples' lives.

Due to changes in personnel we need someone to lead the team (EPGTL) and a deputy team leader (EPGATL). The Parish Council would like to hear from any residents who could fulfil these roles should an emergency arise. Good communication and leadership skills would be advantageous. There would be minimal time commitment but training exercises would occasionally be required. If you would like to be involved, or have any questions about what is involved, please contact David Beer, Clerk to the Parish Council at claxbyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Parish Councillor Vacancy

One Councillor vacancy remains – if anyone is interested in applying and would like further details please contact David Beer - details to claxbyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Other Community News/Information

Call My Bluff Event

There is going to be a Call My Bluff Wine Tasting event at 7:00pm in the Viking Centre on Saturday 15th March 2025. Full details from Gill (07870 678228) or Sarah (07974 000454) or in village notice boards. A reminder will be sent out nearer the date.

Fly-tipping

To report any fly-tipping you have noticed please click the link shown below:-

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/street-cleansing-litter-collection/fly-tipping>

Click the link “Report fly-tipping” and follow the links. It is suggested that you include a photo if possible.

Fix My Street

To report, view, or discuss local problems such as potholes, broken paving slabs, street lighting or flooding by clicking the link below:-

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Start by entering post code of the problem then click the map to show the exact location. Again, a photo would be helpful.

Anglian Water

To report any issues with Anglian Water

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/report-an-issue/>

Select “Tell us about a new issue”

Select “Where is the issue?”

Enter post code or find Claxby on the map. Zoom in and click the location in the village. Complete the form to continue.

Platts Wood

Work is due to recommence in spring when, hopefully, the ground will have dried somewhat. Access now is much better. We will keep villagers up to date as and when we hear anything.

The Old Rectory, St Mary's Lane

The property was sold at auction and is currently undergoing renovation by a family of builders.

PCSO

Newly allocated for our area is PCSO Rachel Turner. Contact details for her are:- **07976946506** or email Rachel.turner@lincs.police.uk

Rachel is hoping to “drop in” to events at the hall as work commitments allow.

Walesby Group Church Services and Events

Details are available following this link:- <https://www.walesbychurches.org/> or on the church or village notice boards

Claxby Community Choir

Claxby Community Choir was formed in 2019. From an initial small group of 18, membership is now an incredible 58 singers

Performances to date include an annual Christmas concert, Coronation celebrations in 2023 in Claxby church, annual summer concerts at Market Rasen Methodist Church and performances in local villages.

The choir was also invited to sing at the West Lindsey District Council Civic Carol Service in Market Rasen in Christmas 2023 and had a guest appearance with Tenors Unlimited at Gainsborough Trinity Arts in November 2024.

The choir has a full programme of events for 2025 including;

Sunday 4th May – Walesby Church 3pm.

Saturday 5th July - Market Rasen Methodist Church. 7pm

Sunday 3rd August - Normanby Le Wold Church. 3pm

Saturday 27th September - North Kelsey. 7pm

Saturday 29th November – Osgodby Village Hall. 7pm

Christmas carol concert – Claxby church – date to be confirmed

Rehearsals are in Osgodby Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. The choir performs a varied repertoire, from classical to pop, in 4-part harmony. Anyone may join, singers are not auditioned, and music reading is not essential.

For more about the choir information contact Karen Beer at karenbeer@hotmail.co.uk

If you have anything that you would like including in the next newsletter please contact David Beer claxbyparishcouncil@gmail.com