

# worlaby views



**Winter 2014**

# Wedding Dress Exhibition



After all the planning and hard work, it was a delight to welcome visitors to the Wedding Dress Exhibition held in St. Clement's Church on 16th and 17th August.

The scene was set on arrival, by the 'old and new' wedding cars. Beautiful pots of plants lined the pathway to the church, where the spectacular horse drawn trap was in position outside the church porch.

Once inside the church, there were many gasps of amazement at the exquisite dresses on display, together with gorgeous flower arrangements.

The various ages, styles, fabrics and accessories were wonderful to see, and many happy times were recalled. The oldest exhibit was 75 years old and the newest, about 18 months. The elegant dress worn by both mother and daughter was a timeless design and would still look chic for a bride of today. It was fascinating to compare the cost of a mother's wedding dress designed and created herself, with that of her daughter's designer dress, and there were other anecdotes which all added to the interest of the exhibition.





As you all know *Worlab Views* magazine is funded through a combination of donations, fundraising events – and advertising. Through these adverts, we pay for almost two issues of the magazine. We're very grateful to all of them for their continued support – and particularly to those individuals and companies based in the village:

This issue we are delighted to welcome Carol Twidale who is advertising her new ironing service.

**The Worlab Views Team**

**Morrison's Vouchers**

Just a reminder that Morrison vouchers are now in circulation and once again we are collecting them so please feel free to drop any that you may collect into the school, where they will be gratefully received. Thank you.

**Elaine Ott**

**January/February Deadline**

**The deadline for the January/February issue is 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

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**Welcome**

## Thursday Group

We had a fabulous meeting in September. Sheila came to give us a taste of yoga. We didn't know what to expect and it was certainly hard work but enjoyable. The peculiar positions were all alien to us – we did have a laugh. Sheila told us about all the benefits of yoga before we started. The relaxation and the 15-minute sleep after the 'work out' was wonderful, with soothing music. Two new residents from Hurds Farm joined us – hope they come to our next meeting.



Lis Owen

## Worlaby Toddlers

On behalf of myself and the Toddler Group, I would like to thank Mel and Sandra Clark, Sue Webster and Gill Odlin for their help at Toddlers. If it wasn't for them our Toddler Group would fold and it would be no more! I would also like to thank Joan, Pam and Mo who came to help at a minute's notice when we were desperate. I can't thank them enough. Cathy and young mums Sharon, Sarah and Lesa also need a thank you for helping out when they can.

This is also a plea for your help. Many of us helpers are 'getting on' and it would be great if we could find some more young helpers to give us a hand on a Friday morning from 9am to 11.30am.

The children are delightful and our mums and dads are very supportive. We are looking for people to help by setting up and packing away play group or by giving us a hand in the kitchen.

We have lots of things going on in the next few weeks. Following our Autumn Craft and Coffee morning, we are planning to go to Normanby Hall to see Father Christmas on 5<sup>th</sup> December and planning a Christmas Party for 12<sup>th</sup> December with Mr. Shiney and Father Christmas.

We do not want to lose this lovely facility in the village, and I will do it for as long as I can but it would be nice to know that, if the time comes and we have to leave, it would be in safe hands.

All you need is a smile, be sympathetic, love children, have some common sense, and be a good listener.

Lis Owen

P.S. Oh, and it helps if you can SING!



# Neighbourhood Watch

I am trying to arrange a meeting in early November but as yet haven't got a date for it, so please look out for the posters nearer the time. It will be an informal get together so please come along, meet some of your neighbours and raise any issues you may have. I hope that our local police team and Tracey (Ken's replacement) North Lincs NHWatch Coordinator will be able to attend.

Remember all households are members of the Neighbourhood Watch and it is not just about crime-related issues. We are interested in all aspects of our village life and like to hear good news stories too.

Hope to see you there.

**Lesley Robinson**

NHWatch Coordinator, Tel 618494 Lespotamusrob@aol.com

## A thank you

I am writing on behalf of my uncle, Maurice Ashton, who lives on Grangefield. As many of you may know, Maurice has recently been very ill and has spent four months in hospital. You may also be aware that Maurice has for several years won the North Lincolnshire Homes garden competition in the category 'Baskets and Containers', an achievement of which Maurice and his late wife Hilary were very proud.

Although his illness prevented Maurice from entering this year, his garden was planted, nurtured and tended with great dedication by his next door neighbours, Pete and Margaret Jenney, to whom Maurice and his family would like to express their gratitude.

Maurice is now home and continuing to make a good recovery, and would like to thank everyone for their cards, good wishes and prayers over the last few months.

**Julie Margarson**

### Worlabu Village Hall

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There are reliable plants which oblige with a good display from May to even longer than the end of September. Hardy Geraniums are one of these garden mainstays. Their flower colours include white, pink, purple and blue and they provide a mound of attractive leaves both in shape and tone.

Two recent introductions are real 'stars':

- 'Hardy Geranium 'Rozanne': blue/violet flower with white eye
- 'HG 'Orion' : large violet/ blue flower which looks good in a container as well as in the ground threading its way around other plants. Unfortunately neither comes true from seed.

Two more well established 'stars' are:

- 'HG Psilostemon: upright habit, magenta flower with black eye and large deeply indented leaves. This plant comes true from seed.
- 'HG 'Anne Folkard': a hybrid child of Psilostemon, with purplish magenta flowers with back eye and pale gold/ green leaves. It too looks attractive threading through other plants.

All four plants mentioned above disappear in winter, so you have to remember to mark out their position.

HG Sanguineum is another group which never seems to fail and guarantees a second flush of flowers after being cut back in late summer. Their flower colour ranges from pink to pure white. This plant grows wild in parts of the Yorkshire Dales. It makes good ground cover especially under shrub roses.

Hardy Geraniums are a vast family. Generally they are easy to propagate because you can detach a rooted piece from the parent plant. Some will seed freely. With the exception of Psilostemon, the 'stars' mentioned are micropropagated hybrids so will not come from seed. I tried unsuccessfully to take root cuttings.

It is still not too late to plant out this species so long as you avoid frosty days. They seem to survive in any reasonable soil. When cut back in summer, they appreciate a dose of well diluted seaweed extract and of course are not averse to a mulch of good compost in spring.

Blue flowers are attractive to bees and other pollinating insects, so here is a list of reliable blue Hardy Geraniums:

- 'Mrs Kendall Clark' upright habit, pure pale blue.
- 'Philippe Vapelle' spring flowering, lovely soft leaves.
- 'Magnificum' Large, purple/ blue flower early summer.
- Wallichianum 'Buxton's Variety', at its best in cooler weather in early autumn.
- 'Nimbus'.
- 'Nora Bremner'.
- 'Brookside'.
- 'Johnson's Blue' very invasive.

These perennials should not be confused with Pelargoniums which are the brilliant coloured pot plants or summer bedding which we call geraniums.

**Meg Jones**



The summer seems to have whizzed past at an alarming rate of knots and the school vegetable garden is certainly starting to look more than a little tired. The outside tomato plants were well and truly battered by the winds of a couple of weeks ago and now bear the scars in the form of bent stems and wilting leaves. These plants will be composted in the next few days, after the remaining tomatoes have been picked and taken inside to finish ripening.

Cabbages, carrots, parsnips and beetroots all appear to be doing really well this year, although the proof will be in the eating and the runner beans have kicked in now, albeit a little late in the season. Unfortunately, the pumpkins haven't done very well at all, for some reason, which is a shame, but that is the nature of vegetable growing: you can never be sure how things will turn out and there is always next year.

Down in the polytunnel, more tomato plants have fruit ripening on them and these are in a much better state than the outside ones. Further along there are dozens of Inca Berries growing across three plants and the cucumber plants have already provided snacks for the children this term. Flowers grown from the seed donated earlier in the year are also snug and warm in the poly tunnel, waiting to be popped into position along the flower beds and in the flower planters which are dotted around the school grounds.

Over in the Foundation Area, the largest of their planters is groaning with the weight of the beetroots and carrots which are growing safe and secure beneath the insect mesh and the winter squash plant has spilled over the side of the small planter and is winding its' way along the front of and under the large planter. Tomato plants share the space in the small planter and have already supplied the Foundation/Key Stage 2 class with small red tomatoes.

Soon most of the beds will be empty and ready for digging over and feeding to prepare them for next season but two of the large, deeper beds are destined, we hope, to be rearranged into shallower beds if at all possible. As they stand, these beds are just too big for the children to reach into and too tall for them to walk on which they can do on the shallower beds, to reach the middle.

So it is hoped that we can disconnect and then lift the top level of sleepers off the existing beds and place them on to the ground. The turf will then be removed from the inside of the newly formed beds and the ground rotavated before back filling with some of the soil from the original deeper beds. This will not only make the beds more manageable for the children but will also increase our growing capacity but a lot will depend on how easy it is to split the existing raised bed structure (if we can at all that is) and how many willing volunteers can be mustered either later this autumn or early next spring, to help with the process. I'll keep you posted on developments.

**Elaine Otty**

# Barton Rotary Club

## Yorkshire Tea Wheelchair Foundation

Yorkshire Tea joined forces with Rotary to help the Wheelchair Foundation, back in 2005.

The partnership has already seen the Foundation provide wheelchairs to people in 24 countries. A Rotary Charity, it works with local clubs in other countries to ensure that the right people are helped and that ongoing support and maintenance is given.

A box of 80 tea bags carries the value of one unit. 160 tea bags carries the value of two units and 240 tea bags carries the value of three units. 750 units are required to buy and deliver a wheelchair.

If you are user of Yorkshire Tea, please help Barton Rotary achieve their next target by saving your Bar Codes and placing them in Mel Clark's letter box at 68, Low Road, Worlaby.

**Mel Clark**

## Helping Flood Victims and Making Christmas Special

The now traditional way for Barton Rotarians to spent Christmas Day morning, is to cook and deliver around 50 Christmas Lunches to elderly people who are on their own. This is a full Christmas Dinner, including Turkey with all the trimmings, a trifle, mince pie and fruit. To arrange this, please phone David Witter on 632675 and a member will call round to make the delivery arrangements.

Continuing to help the flood victims of South Ferriby, Barton Rotary Club has donated white goods to the value of £1,600 to help the families who are returning to their homes.

Three chest freezers, a fridge freezer, cooker, a washing machine and a tumble dryer have been donated to South Ferriby Parish Council. Roy Holloway, Chairman of the Council said, 'We are very grateful to Barton Rotary Club for again stepping in to help. It really makes a difference to the families concerned. Back in December, Rotary were called in to the Village Hall to sort the big quantity of cleaning goods and clothes that had been donated and it is good to have this continuing support. 80% of the families have moved, or are in the process of moving back into their properties.'

Local firm, Lindsey Relay – Euronics, of Barton delivered the goods and did not make a charge for installation and delivery.

**David Lee**





## Heritage Centre Activities – November & December

Over the summer holidays the themed children's craft events which took place every Saturday proved very popular and it is proposed to continue them on Farmers' Market Days, as well as school holidays. All children are very welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

November 1<sup>st</sup> (school holidays) – Poppy crafts – make a lantern, do thumb prints or make a poppy – £1.50

November 22<sup>nd</sup> (Farmers' Market) – Autumn printing and other crafts – £2.00

November 28<sup>th</sup> – Brigg Town Christmas Fair 5pm to 8.30pm – Brigg Heritage Centre has a Santa's Elves Workshop taking place. Visit Santa and make a toy or decoration to take home and have a mystery dip in Santa's Christmas Gift Tub – £3.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm there will be a talk in the Buttercross by Terry Richards on 'Christmas Nostalgia'. Tickets are £7.00 and include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

December 20<sup>th</sup> (Farmers' Market) – Pop In Christmas Craft session at various prices.

The Heritage Centre will be closed from 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Tricia Hildyard

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Collette Cullen catches us up with some of the exciting achievements of young people from Worlaby.

## Faye Fillingham

Since graduating from Sussex University two years ago, Faye has been making her mark as a young film maker. Her successes include making it into the final of the International short film-making competition 'enter-the-pitch.com.'

Her latest venture – 'The Real Divide' is very challenging. Since April 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 she has been a member of a team of 5 young adventurers who are hiking the 3,100 miles Continental Divide Trail which runs from New Mexico all the way to Canada. The trail, of which only 70% is actually mapped, runs through mountain ranges and National Parks in very remote places where even finding water to drink can be difficult. The team also have to be prepared for extremes of weather. Faye is currently hiking through snow. The 4 other members of the team are all experienced big trail hikers with an expert knowledge of surviving in the wild. It is Faye's job to film all the key moments of the venture from start to finish. This is her first ever Documentary in the making! The team who go under the name of The Real Divide are seeking to understand what it is that drives people to leave their jobs behind and forgo all home comforts to walk these remote long distance trails which can take up to seven months to complete. Faye's documentary will also aim to show the realities of making a journey such as this.

The team are also using this golden opportunity to raise as much money as they can for charity. Their chosen charity is Water Aid. They are hoping to make at least £1 for every mile walked. They would be very grateful for any donations made to their Water Aid page: <http://my.wateraidfundraising.org.uk/personalPage.aspx?RegistrationID=457013>

To learn more about Faye's adventures go to: [www.therealdivide.com](http://www.therealdivide.com) or check out the Facebook page of the same name which gives regular updates.

**STOP PRESS:** We have just learned that Faye has completed the walk – what an achievement!

## Joe McWilliam and Julian Plunkett

Joe (aged 18) of Hurd's Farm and Julian (aged 15) of New Road, are both continuing to excel as young actors. Both lads once again made it into the professional arm of Duck



Egg Theatre Co and performed with them at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer for the second year in succession. In August, Duck Egg took *Peter Pan The Musical* to the Festival, which had originally previewed last December at The Ropewalk in Barton. Both lads were in this too.

Joe, a member of Duck Egg Young Professionals played Smee, a wicked but strangely friendly soul who is also somewhat gormless and is the sidekick to Captain Hook. Joe played the role brilliantly and received good press reviews. Julian, as part of the Youth Theatre played Slightly, a bubbly, enthusiastic Lost Boy and a leader of the gang.

*Peter Pan* was a big hit at the Fringe with sell-out shows and some 4 star reviews. Duck Egg is now taking *Peter Pan* on a four-month tour to rural theatres around the UK which commences in North Lincolnshire in mid-November. At the time of writing it is not yet known which kids will be touring with the show as auditions do not take place until mid-October.

Joe is unfortunately not able to continue with his role of Smee as he has recently left home to commence a degree in Bio Medicine at Durham University.

Since Edinburgh Julian has already performed a role in Class Act Theatre Co's production of WW2 drama *Blitz*. He is now in final rehearsals for *The Diary of Anne Frank* playing at Scunthorpe's Plowright Theatre in October. Julian has been invited to play the part of Peter Van Haan in a guest capacity by Scunthorpe's Little Theatre Co who are staging this production, so it is quite an honour for him.

Both Joe and Julian recently gained top distinctions in their LAMDA examinations – Joe for Grade 8 Musical Theatre and Julian for Grade 7 Acting. Both boys also received awards for their work at the recent Duck Egg Awards Evening.

### Josh and Bevan Jones

Josh represented GB in the World ITU Triathlon Championships in Edmonton, Canada this month and came 26<sup>th</sup>, an incredible achievement considering he is only just turned 18 this month and competing in the under 20 age group!

In September Josh won the Brigg Triathlon and incredibly Bevan, who is only 15, came in 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Watch out for these boys they're destined to become Worlab's answer to the famous Brownlee Brothers!



Colette Cullen



Right, let's see what happens to all the maize which grew so quickly in the summer. Anne and Bill Hindle's son-in-law, Richard is the Director of Singleton Birch at Melton Ross so I asked to explain how their/its anaerobic digester (AD will gobble up and use the maize etc (henceforth known as feedstock) to make much of their electricity.

Sue Webster

## Anaerobic Digestion

Anaerobic Digestion (AD) is not a new technology – it has actually been used in the UK since the late 1800s frequently for water treatment. There are now a growing number of AD plants in the UK processing biomass and producing energy. In its very simple terms the plant is akin to a cow's stomach!

An AD plant has recently been built at Singleton Birch Ltd, at Melton Ross, to provide electricity for its quarry and lime production facilities. The site currently consumes around 3MW of electricity and the plant when fully commissioned will produce about 2MW. It utilises a range of feedstocks, but principally maize and grass grown by a group of neighbouring farmers looking to diversify their cropping rotations. The Biogas is combusted in Combined Heat & Power engines (CHP) which generate both electricity and heat. Alternatively, the biogas could be injected into the national grid as natural gas or indeed used as bio-methane road fuel. The material left over at the end of the process, digestate, is rich in nutrients and becomes a bio-fertiliser which is then used to replace artificial fertilisers (a major generator of greenhouse gases). The waste heat can be used to dry the digestate and the whole process has a significant impact on carbon reduction.

The components include the feedstock clamps from which material is taken on a daily basis and fed into the digester (the tank to the right of the photo) where it remains for around 30 days and where the majority of gas is produced as micro-organisms break down the organic material. It then passes to the tank on the left where the digestion process is completed.



Gas is stored in the dome over this digester. The digestate (bio-fertiliser) will then be pumped to sealed tanks before being removed to farmland where it will be spread reducing the farmers' need for artificial fertiliser.

Richard Stansfield



## Arts and Crafts in Worlabu

If you used to do it at school but haven't since; if you've always wanted to do it but the opportunity hasn't been there; if you have a gift for it but never had the time or you'd rather have a go with someone new – then the Worlabu Art and Craft Group could be for you.

We get together in the Village Hall on Thursday mornings in a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere – and a few more people would be most welcome



to join us – male or female and whatever age and whatever art or craft (although welding might be difficult).

If you're interested then please come along for a free taster session or ring Barbara on 618808 or Liz on 618070 for further details.

For those who wish to start earlier, we now start at 9.30 through to 12 noon – but if you would prefer to arrive around 10am then please do.



**Dave Bush**

## Pacific Curls

In early October Worlabu Village Hall rocked to Pacific Curls which consisted of two Scottish lassies and two New Zealanders who all brought something to a very eclectic table. The audience were transported to another place which was both rousing and thought provoking.

Instruments were used which had never been seen before and songs played which were inspired by far away places but which were brought right into the room.

One thing is certain: the listeners were captivated and royally entertained by the music and the gentle humour of this group. The comments afterwards were fantastic so we are very lucky that our Council are prepared to support such initiatives. All the acts we have had in this village are way out of our price bracket and the people who were there will remember the evening for a very long time.

**Bob Adcock**

A huge THANKYOU to everyone!! Those who helped us on and before the hog roast (too many to name everyone, but you know who you are) and especially those of you who came along to enjoy this feast. The weather wasn't too bad for us and the atmosphere was lovely. Brass band music bellowed out over the field as a very exciting game of cricket was played (strictly umpired by Fred Chapman!)



Ice creams went down a treat but the highlight in the entertainment has to be the J.W. WASHOUT! Richard Beeforth was joined by Tom Cave as the pair took a good dousing from villagers willing to pay £5 per bucket of water!

This was so popular that we had to refill the buckets several times. Over £100 was raised from this alone – well done you two!

At only £1.50 for the hog roast, you were not only treated to a beautifully cooked pork sandwich with apple sauce and stuffing, but a tasty array of homemade salads too that were donated by various kind people. The chefs did a sterling job with the pig. After an early morning 'initiation' (a tot of whisky for everyone!), the cooking commenced... It was an all day job and these loyal chefs never left their post! Thanks guys.

This hog roast was very hard work and we could NOT have done it without all you helpers, so again, a BIG thank you to you all!

We raised over £300 which will help us to put on more community events for your enjoyment and to bring villagers together to have FUN! Watch this space!

**Pam Beeforth (on behalf of the J.W. Club) tel: 618832**





Wow! A year gone already and nearly 100 members!

We've still room for a few more though so as the dark nights draw in, why not come down to a nice warm welcoming Village Hall on the last Friday of every month (except December – see below)?

Free membership, free prize draw, free tea and coffee and good company and special incentives for being part of the J.W. Club!

## **NOVEMBER**

On November 28<sup>th</sup> – J.W. Club proudly presents Steve Caprice as 'ELVIS'. An award winning tribute artist who will entertain us for the whole evening. By now, all you J.W. members should have your 'golden tickets' which entitle you to free entry!

The evening kicks off at 7pm with the Fish & Chip van. Please bring your own nibbles and alcohol and some pennies for the raffle.

This event is open to all with tickets being priced at just £5 for non J.W. members. However, tickets are limited so will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Please let me know asap if you would like a ticket.

## **DECEMBER**

J.W. Night will be on NEW YEAR'S EVE! We are hosting a New Year's Eve party for all the village. There will be lots of games with prizes, a disco, a free raffle and a communal buffet table fit for a king! Starting at 8pm, this promises to be a fun filled night!

J.W. members get in for free! Non members....tickets are just £5.00 (children free) Please bring your own drinks and nibbles for your party.

Tickets are limited so please get in touch with Pam on 618832 or Jean on 618890.

## **JANUARY**

After all this excitement... January's J.W. Night will be a nice relaxing 'Games Night' so we can all recover!

**Pam Beeforth (on behalf of J.W. Club)**

## **100 Club**

In August, 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £15 went to Rachel Hassell with number 62 and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £10 went to Gill & Terry Odlin with number 9. In September the 100 Club winners 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £15 goes to Sheila & Dave Bush with number 67 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of £10 goes to Jean McArthur with number 4. Congratulations to you all. Don't forget you too could win. Just ring Bob or Mel Adcock on 618507 and buy a number for £1 a month and be in with a chance of some cash!

**Mel Adcock**

Myself and my partner moved into Worlabby three years ago now, and although we fell in love with the village we really struggled to settle in.



Moving from another local village where I grew up, where we were a huge part of the community and knew most of the people, we found it really hard to settle into Worlabby where we didn't know anybody at all. As we both work in Hull as PE teachers, we are often late back from work and felt we rarely saw people. We have been to a couple of the events that have been in the village such as the bonfires, church services and Christmas fairs, where all the people we have met have always been lovely. But with there not being a village shop or pub, we also found it hard to meet new people in the village.

We were considering looking at moving house back to my home village, but before doing this, we decided we needed to give it one last shot in Worlabby to see if we could settle. So we booked our wedding at St Clement's Church for the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and, at the start of the summer, moved my two horses into the village.

I am very pleased to say that this was the BEST thing that we have ever done! Every morning and night I walk up the village to sort the horses out and see people pottering about. Everybody is so friendly asking how the horses are, stopping at the field entrance and introducing themselves.

Our wedding was truly amazing: the church in our village is beautiful, the horse and carriage ride around the village to and from the church was breathtaking.

We can certainly say that we can now see our future in Worlabby for a very long time and if we were to move, we will most definitely be looking to upgrade in our village!

We would like to say thank you to the Fillingham family for giving us the opportunity of moving our horses into the village and also a huge thank you to Father Owain and the two ladies who provided all the flowers and helped make our wedding day be as perfect as it could be at St Clement's Church.

**Mr and Mrs  
Hopkin, Top Road**



Credit: Joanne Gower Photography



## French Linen

There's nothing like the thrill of the chase, sorting through a pile of boring table linens at an antique fair, only to find a monogrammed linen sheet or pillowcase in the bottom.

Sadly, these experiences are few and far between in the UK. But if you are lucky enough to come across a brocante or flea market whilst on holiday in France, there's a good chance that you'll come across vintage linens from the great armoires of French households.

They date back to the time when every young girl had their trousseau sewn just for them, and had everything hand-woven and embroidered to their taste. A bride was expected to bring to her new home bed sheets, night dresses, napkins and table cloths. The usual number was twelve of each item they needed, but in well to do families, it could be up to one hundred of each item!

Each item would be home sewn and home embroidered. The more wealthy families would have the linen home spun too and would employ a professional seamstress to add beautiful borders, lace and decoration.

Most often the monograms depicted the initials of both the bride and groom, but sometimes, when a less wealthy family had built the trousseau up over time, some items would simply have the bride's initials on. Often, on aprons and table linens, you'll find them simply and discretely embroidered in small red cross-stitch. This would have been a practical way to make sure that maids could keep track of their mistress's linen, when the village washing was being rinsed collectively at the wash house.

A centre seam on a French linen sheet shows that it dates from before the early 1900s when linen was only woven in narrow cloth, so two widths were needed to cover a bed.

If you are lucky enough to come across some of these linens, don't be afraid to use them. Antique textiles should be loved and enjoyed. They were woven to last and the older ones will have already survived being washed by maids using stones to pound them clean in the village washhouses.

There's no reason why you can't use them on your bed every day and wash them on a cool cycle. Although I do recommend that you wash them more often than the French did – in the 19th century most households only washed and changed their bedding a few times a year!

As the grand old houses of France are being emptied and their contents sold off, the supply of these beautiful linens may run out one day. But until then – happy hunting!

**Chris Edwards**

*PS. If you are not heading to France anytime soon, check out the antique fairs in Lincoln and Newark, where several French dealers regularly bring a supply across.*



## Weekly Events

- Tuesday: Communion, 9.30am St Clement's Church  
 Chair-based exercise class, 2pm Village Hall
- Thursday: Worlaby Arts and Crafts, 9.30am Village Hall  
 Worlaby Crew, Village Hall (Alternate Thursdays)
- Friday: Early Starters Toddler Group, 9.30am-11.15am Village Hall
- Saturday: Keep Fit to Music, 9am Village Hall (see page 17)

## October

31<sup>st</sup>: J.W. Club – Games Night, 7pm Village Hall

## November

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sunday lunch, 1pm Village Hall – booking essential (see page 17)
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Bonfire Night celebrations, 6.30pm Village Hall (see page 17)
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Service of Remembrance, 10.15 at St Clement's Church, 11am at the War Memorial
- 10<sup>th</sup>: WI – Spinning Demonstration by Joan Halliwell-Dean, 7.15pm Village Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Thursday Group, 7.30pm Village Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Parish Communion with Father Owain, 9.30am St Clement's Church  
 Dickensian Market, 2pm Village Hall
- 28<sup>th</sup>: J.W. Club – Elvis Special, 7pm Village Hall – open to non-members (£5)

## December

- 7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Sunday lunch, 1pm Village Hall – booking essential (see page 17)
- 8<sup>th</sup>: WI – Christmas Decorations by Jean Smithson, 7.15pm Village Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Morning Prayer, 9.30am St Clement's Church
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Mellstock Band, 7.30pm Village Hall (see page 17)
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Thursday Group – Christmas meal, details to be announced
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Traditional Candlelit Carol Service Christmas Eve Service, 6pm
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Parish Communion with Father Owain, 9.30am St Clement's Church
- 31<sup>st</sup>: J.W. Club celebrates New Year's Eve, 8pm Village Hall



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### **Sunday Lunches – 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Why not join us for a delicious home cooked Sunday lunch? Once a month we serve a three course lunch plus tea or coffee for just £7. On Sunday 7 December we are serving a traditional Christmas lunch. Come and enjoy turkey and all the trimmings for just £8.50.

Our lunches, served at 1pm, are really popular and you will need to book in advance. To book, call Gill on 01652 618321.

### **Bonfire Night – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Bring the family along to our bonfire and firework display on the Recreation Ground.

Our bonfire is one of the best in the area, with a jaw-dropping firework display. The gates open at 6.30pm to give you chance to grab a hot drink and some food before we light the bonfire at 7pm. Once the fire is alight, enjoy our firework display.

Admission adults £3, Children £2

All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For safety, we ask that you do not bring your own fireworks or sparklers to the event.

### **Dickensian Christmas Market – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2pm-5pm**

The Village Hall is the setting for a friendly Dickensian Christmas Market where local crafts people and charities get together to sell beautiful gifts and festive foods.

With many stallholders dressed in their finery, it's a great place to find that unusual Christmas gift or special stocking filler. Admission is free and there's something for all the family.

Interested in having a stall? To find out more call Christine on 01652 618916

### **Mellstock Band – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm**

The Mellstock band are coming to Worlabby Village Hall as part of the Live Lincs Rural Touring programme. Come and join them at the Christmas Hearth for an evening of jovial festive songs, stirring dance music and haunting carols with literary readings telling the story of Christmas celebrations in nineteenth-century England.

Tickets £6.50 in advance, to book call Bob on 01652 618507

# WORLABY PARISH COUNCIL

[www.worlabby.org.uk](http://www.worlabby.org.uk)



## Autumn 2014

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Telephone number: 0784 220 1877 weekdays 10am-2pm

## Parish Website

If you would like information placing on the website which is relevant to the parish, please contact the Clerk.

North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) Self Service portal

<https://northlincs-self.achieveservice.com/module/services?>

By using the above link you are now able to report any NLC issues via their portal – from pot holes, dog fouling to bin collections.

The Parish Council is constantly liaising with NLC regarding lights, roads and drainage problems within the parish, but please use the link above if you have any concerns that you would like to report directly using the portal as detailed above.

## North Lincolnshire Broadband Roadshow Update

The broadband roll out for Worlabby is running ahead of schedule – you may have seen the new shiny green cabinet installed on Low Road near Grange Field. Work is progressing on the fibre optic cable that will run from Wrawby to Saxby; once this is completed BT will connect the new cabinet to the old one and switch on the service. So far we have met none of the problems that sometimes beset these projects, so, with luck, Worlabby will have high speed broadband earlier than planned. Keep a lookout for BT vans in the village.

## Planning

If residents have any concerns with regard to planning within the parish, you should contact the Parish Council and/or North Lincolnshire Council (NLC).

The NLC planning portal is <http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/newplanet/Default.aspx>

## Worlabby Playing Field

A joint venture between the Parish Council and the Recreation Committee will hopefully see the playing field developed over the forthcoming year.

Residents will be encouraged to participate in public consultation sessions which will be held between the various groups within the parish.



## **Defibrillator**

The defibrillator has now been installed in the newly refurbished kiosk. Many thanks go to Cllr French for his hard work in bringing the kiosk back up to such a high standard. (See inside back cover for a picture.)

In the case of an emergency you will need to take your mobile phone with you to the kiosk and ring 999 and there is a code on the housing box which you will need to provide to the operator who in turn will give you a code to get into the box. Alternatively make a note of the code as this will not change and you will then have it to hand.

Many thanks go to the residents and groups who contributed to the purchase of this valuable asset. Please look after it and if you see anyone tampering with it contact 101. It could save your life!

## **Best Kept Village results**

Worlabby came 2nd in the small villages and 1st in the Best Kept Churchyard/ Cemetery category.

Several members of the Green Team and PCC attended the presentation on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Howsham Village Hall. Well done to all that helped to achieve these awards.

Some of the comments made by the judges have been already dealt with, others will be looked at over the next few months. You can see the Judge's full report on the village website.

If you would like to join the Green Team to help with the planting and weeding please contact Sue Webster on 01652 618762.

## **Dog owners – attention please!**

Yesterday – 22<sup>nd</sup> September while walking the route to school along Top Road some very, very inconsiderate resident had allowed their dog to deposit to large amounts of vomit followed by a trail of dog faeces. When I came back on the route home I knocked on Pam Beeforth's door and between her and Cllr Tom Cave the mess was cleaned up but unfortunately not before someone had trodden in it.

The Parish Council and other residents are extremely thankful that the majority of dog walkers are responsible enough to pick up the dog faeces. But why oh why are some individuals not cleaning this up?

If you see anyone not picking up, please contact the Dog Warden on 01724 297000 or if you have any details and do not want to contact the local authority please contact a member of the Parish Council.

The nights are drawing in and this is when the problem gets worse because then the individuals responsible fail to clean up.

**Deb Hotson**

There are both morning and evening highlights to look out for from now through until Christmas.



A highlight for November (if you are an early riser) is the planet Mercury which becomes visible before dawn from the last week in October. It is at its highest point in the sky on 1<sup>st</sup> November just above and before the sunrise. The planet will be at its brightest on 21<sup>st</sup> November but will have dropped down by then closer to the east-south-east horizon (look towards the radio mast at Elsham). You will however need to be up the hill to see it later in the month. Mercury is the closet planet to the Sun, 58 million km away compared to us, who are another 90 million km out. It is 40% the size of Earth and orbits the Sun in just 88 days. This 'first planet' from the Sun has a rocky crust covered with impact basins and lava plains, a bit like the Moon but somewhat larger. If it is clear on the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> November, around 7am, Mercury is between the thin crescent Moon to the right and the rising Sun to the left; but the later you leave it, you will see less, as the rising sun destroys any prospect of seeing any of the disappearing night sky.

From the beginning of November, Mars is visible just above the south-west horizon; look for it each evening after sunset. It stays there close to the horizon throughout November and December, but will have set by about 8pm each night. On the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November it is next to the crescent Moon as they both set together.

Jupiter will have risen in the east before midnight by mid-November and over the nights of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December look for the mighty gas giant to the left of the Moon as they seem to move together across the sky for these two nights.

Finally, the welcome return of Venus as the evening 'star' in December. Venus is that bright first object to be seen after sunset, low down. On the 20<sup>th</sup> December, if you catch it, the dimmer 'star' next to it is Mercury.

The winter solstice is on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, when the sun in the northern hemisphere is at its lowest point in the sky. This is when we experience the longest night and the shortest day known as mid-winter. After the solstice the days start to get longer. Since the solstice is to do with which hemisphere is facing the sun, as we officially start winter the southern hemisphere starts its summer.

Full Moons on 6<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Paul Edwards**

The stylish wedding cake specially made and iced for the occasion was much admired and completed the spectacle.

A number of people visited the exhibition more than once during the weekend, and there were also tourists passing through the village, who stopped to admire it all.

Throughout the weekend delicious refreshments were served. This was a mammoth task, and many visitors lingered over the refreshments and returned for more!! Fortunately the weather was favourable, and it was possible to remain outside and chat to friends.

The event was a tremendous undertaking, and it was successful due to the hard work of everybody involved. I could not possibly name everyone, but my heartfelt thanks to you all, and of course to 'the brides' who trusted us with their wedding dresses. A total of £567.50 was raised for the church, and a splendid weekend was enjoyed by all.



Wedding exhibition photos: Tony Hayes

**Christine Fletcher**

## **The Transformation of Worlabby Phone Box – Now Home to a Defibrillator**



Phone box photos: Sue Webster



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