

# UTTERBY

## *Voice*



SEPTEMBER 2019

*Your community Magazine*

**Website:** <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Utterby>

**Email:** [clerkupc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkupc@gmail.com)



We are now on Facebook  
[@utterbyparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/utterbyparishcouncil)

# Utterby Parish Council

The Parish Council had a month off in August which means that it is some time since our last meeting. Nevertheless quite a lot has happened since we last met in July.

Traffic in all areas of our village continues to be a huge issue. Having spent a couple of days during the "tidy-Up" campaign on the A16 painting and tidying the bus shelters it's not only the speed of vehicles on the main road, but also the volume of traffic as well as the size of many of the large lorries. It really is an on-going problem and one which appears to have no answers at the present time. Another traffic issue is visibility for drivers when attempting to pull out onto the A16 from the lanes. It is essential that trees and hedges are well managed to ensure that drivers are able to manoeuvre out as safely as possible. As a result The Parish Council need the support and co-operation of all those responsible for these areas to make sure that maximum visibility is obtained.

The village "Tidy-Up" has been a success and it will certainly be on the Council's agenda for next year. Any feedback or suggestions that will make it an even better experience would be appreciated.

A vital part of our organisation is the role played by Maria Vincent, our Parish Clerk. Maria is paid for her work on a national pay scale and this takes up a percentage of our annual budget. However to say that it is money well spent would be an understatement. As Chairman I certainly rely on her a great deal. Without her input and advice our meetings would be much the poorer.

The Council will continue to strive to raise

standards in all areas of Utterby. Hopefully this will be achieved by best practice and by always trying to obtain the best value for our money. During this Autumn we will be discussing our plans for next year and hopefully produce a wish list. Obviously these decisions will require financing and we will then have to set our budget. We will always try to act in your best interests and for the benefit of Utterby.

Planning issues continue to come before the Parish Council on a reasonably regular basis. They are always considered fully and we feel that we consistently make appropriate and relevant points. Unfortunately, too often our comments appear to be ignored by ELDC even though we feel that we know what works in the best interests of our village. Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department seem to pay little heed to the effect any proposed development will have on the village.

Finally may I remind you that there is a public forum at the start of every meeting. This is your opportunity to let us know briefly of any issues in Utterby that concern you.

## ELECTED TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF UTTERBY

*Alan Woodward*

Chairman of Utterby Parish Council



# Village Hall *Progress Report*

In the June 2019 edition of the Utterby Voice, Graham Dalton wrote an important article concerning the perilous state of the Village Hall. In simple terms, unless new volunteers were prepared to come forward immediately to support the hall then it would cease to function and potentially be forced to close its doors. There appears to be a problem over the location of deeds for the hall and in the event of closure the hall could not necessarily be sold. The only outcome would be that the hall would fall into disrepair. We would not want that for the village of Utterby. The emergency meeting, called by Graham on Monday June 10th 2019 was quite well attended and a serious discussion took place by those present.

As a result several people offered their services on behalf of the village and a committee was "informally" established. Since June 10th this new Management Committee have agreed to meet on a regular basis and hopefully the Village Hall will begin to really thrive once more. At the time of writing, work has been undertaken in the kitchen area and toilets along with areas repainted. Store cupboards have been tidied and cleared, involving several trips to the Louth Recycling Centre. The passage at the side of the hall has had considerable amounts of rubbish removed. Much of this work has been undertaken by Glenda Thorndycroft and Pat Doherty.

There is still much more work to be done to

improve the carpark and the area at the back of the hall.

Ann Van Spall has taken over responsibility for the accounts, supported by other members of the Committee, to ensure that the hall bookings continue to run efficiently and effectively with a real priority to increase the bookings and usage of the hall even more. Without revenue from these sources the future of Utterby Village Hall may well be in the balance.

We wish to acknowledge the contribution of Graham Dalton who has worked tirelessly to keep the hall going. Graham has decided to step down from his duties at the end of July. He and his wife Sandy, will be very much missed.

The controversial large refrigerator purchased last year has now been advertised for sale on a national website. The new Village Hall Committee is as follows: Kevin Lichfield, Pat Doherty, Jackie Woodward, Glenda Thorndycroft, Nicola Mackin, Jenny Todd, John Mackin and Alan Woodward.

Anyone interested in joining this group should contact any of these individuals. The Village Hall is potentially a great asset to Utterby but it will only succeed if it is consistently supported.

***PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL!***  
**For bookings and enquiries call**  
**Mob: 07394 957 227**

# Village Big Tidy Up!

The decision of the Parish Council to withdraw from the 2019 Best Kept Village Competition was totally justified as a result of the great success of our two week village tidy-up campaign. During those days in July an enormous amount of work was carried out to improve the fabric and look of Utterby. Equally important was it helped create a lovely “feel good factor” amongst a large number of local residents. The positive support and enthusiasm shown by so many villagers was really encouraging for the new Parish Council. It proved to us that there is a real desire, by a majority of its residents, to maintain and improve Utterby.

## A Brief Summary/Example Of Work Carried Out

Week Beginning July 1st 2019

- ✓ Bus shelters painted, cleaned and surrounds trimmed and swept
- ✓ A16 Kissing Gate repaired and painted
- ✓ Large fence in Village Hall carpark painted
- ✓ Alleyway adjacent to Village Hall cleared / work in progress
- ✓ Area to the rear of Village Hall cut back and tidied / work in progress
- ✓ Land adjacent to substation in Church Lane trimmed and tidied
- ✓ Hedge on Church Lane cut back and tidied
- ✓ Area around Packhorse Bridge

trimmed, swept and tidied

- ✓ Several examples of residents in all areas of Utterby tidying their gardens, hedges and grass verges

Week Beginning July 8th 2019

- ✓ Lower churchyard cut and tidied with help from Utterby Academy pupils
- ✓ Church Lane Kissing Gate cleaned and painted
- ✓ Rubbish removed from Chapel Lane and fence cleared of overgrown weeds
- ✓ Signs for Chapel Lane, Grange Lane and Church Lane repainted
- ✓ Planters positioned in Chapel Lane, Grange Lane, Holywell Lane and Church Lane and flowers planted
- ✓ Large field off Church Lane removed of overgrown weeds
- ✓ Gutters swept throughout Utterby
- ✓ Several examples of residents in all areas of Utterby tidying their gardens, hedges and grass verges

*continued...*





The Parish Council wish to thank all the individuals who have supported this initiative. There are far too many residents to mention individually. Many people have worked incredibly hard over the past two weeks. Finally to all the residents who conscientiously maintain their gardens, hedges and verges permanently throughout the year, your efforts are really appreciated by the Parish Council. The village certainly should offer you all a great vote of thanks.

*Tidying up the roadside and work starts on the Kissing Gate*



Paint for our bus shelters was kindly donated by **B&Q, Louth**

*Completed work- looking much tidier!*



# Utterby Primary Academy

Greetings from all the staff and students at Utterby Primary Academy. The Summer Term once again has whizzed by in a blur of events and activities. As always it is with some sadness we say goodbye to our Year 6s as they head off to pastures new; however, we know they go with a very solid set of academic skills under their belts, but more importantly as kind, considerate and hardworking young adults with a love of learning and a have-a-go attitude.

I will forever remember their leavers' performance which was an absolute triumph from start to finish. Ably assisted by our fantastic Year 5s, the Year 6s performance of "Matilda Mash-Up", a play loosely based on Roald Dahl's 'Matilda', was an incredible show from all performers and had the audience in stitches (mostly at my expense, I might add...). Such confidence and power of delivery – sincerely one of the best school performances I have ever seen. Truly amazing what can be achieved in a small school, a credit to us all and the wonderful work they do with Miss Wilson in Morpurgo Class.

Towards the end of term we were delighted to be invited by Councillor Woodward to help take part in the village tidy up, and Donaldson Class put in a tremendous effort and great



enthusiasm in helping tidy up the churchyard. You may have read the write up in the Louth Leader and it was great for us to be involved in the village event.

Being located where we are on the outside the village it is important that we take every opportunity to involve ourselves in village life wherever we can. With this in mind, if you ever think of anything we could be involved in locally as a school please do get touch. We really do want the children to experience as much as they can in their time with us and rarely do I say no to anything we're asked to be involved with (as the staff in school know only too well...).

Over the September and October we will be holding a number of open days for prospective families, however please note that these are open invites for the whole community, so please do feel free to come along to join us for a cup of tea or coffee, meet the children and have a look around the school.

*continued...*



Open Mornings will be from 9.30am to 11.30am on:

Tuesday 24th September

Thursday 3rd October

Friday 18th October

Also a reminder of our Community Library located in the foyer. The idea is effectively that of a 'book exchange' in that you can come and choose some books to borrow or keep and bring in any books you no longer want for someone else to enjoy. We have a good selection of children and adult books which you are most welcome to come and browse through to take a book of your choice. It is completely free and we welcome members of the wider community.

See the latest going on in school via our website:

[www.utterbyprimaryacademy.org](http://www.utterbyprimaryacademy.org)

Or follow us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/utterby](http://www.facebook.com/utterby)

Best wishes to all from Utterby Primary Academy.

*Tom Hawkins*

Headteacher



**Sergeant 66 Lee Willoughby**

07973 844767

**Police Constable Richard Precious**

07973 847303

**PCSO Justin Mekkaoul**

07976 947918

**PCSO 2337 Ian Porter**

07973 843042

[louthrural.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:louthrural.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk)

**NON EMERGENCY CALL - RING 101**



## **NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS WITH REGARD TO LARGE TREES**

**You may be advised to check who is responsible for trees adjacent to your property as they may belong to you. If so, please be aware that you are liable for their upkeep and any costs in the event of any unexpected incidents related to them.**

## Utterby Activities

### *Watercolour Painting with Philip Walker*

Philip has been teaching watercolour painting in Utterby Village Hall for the past 29 years following his early retirement as a Building and Civil Engineer.

With easy to follow step by step demonstrations his classes are aimed at beginners and improvers. Subjects include landscapes, seascapes, animals, flowers etc. with new skills being taught at every opportunity. Each painting is designed to be completed in one session.

To encourage absolute beginners he loans out all the equipment and materials to help them produce a painting to the amazement of their family and friends.

No drawing skills are required as the image is simply transferred to watercolour paper at the beginning of each session.

**Autumn Term begins Tuesday 17th September 2019, 6.45-9.15pm**

**Contact Philip on 01472 840669 or text 07709 506532**



*Phillip's classes in the Village Hall*

## **SMOKE ALARMS**

**Have you tested your  
smoke alarms lately?**

**Make sure they are working  
and the batteries are still  
charged .**



# Eating As A Student In Newcastle

*by Poppy Wilkinson - Grange Lane, Utterby*

There are 25 Greggs in Newcastle. Unfortunately I don't like Greggs, I like Pret a Manger of which there are only two. When I first moved to Newcastle as a student (last September), what struck me was the choice of eating places. As will become obvious (if it hasn't already), I love food so for me the variety available was an instant attraction. Naturally I needed to sample the selection on offer and with the help of my student card (30% off in Byron Burgers) I was able to.

From noodles to sushi and from salads to teahouses, my list of favourite places to eat is constantly changing. However eating out as a student, is theoretically a treat so alongside this appreciation of restaurants I have had to learn to cook. Prior to living in Newcastle I hadn't done much cooking and if I'm honest I was rather daunted by the prospect. Yet doing my weekly shop and being able to choose what I want to eat has become something I very much enjoy. In a typical week I will plan my meals for the week on a Sunday and then go to Grainger Market (a fruit and veg market since the 1800s and one with lots of cosmopolitan food) and Tesco to get my supplies. As vegetables are both cheap and healthy, I eat a lot of sweet potato, courgette and aubergine and my mum says she is sure I have become more orange although that could just be the fake tan. I am living amongst Geordies now after all!

The more I have cooked at university I have found the easiest and cheapest way to feed myself is to make large quantities that can last several days. This also allows me more time for studying and socialising. This meant that I often had lots of food which I began to share with a friend or two. Over time this grew into what we now call 'Dinner Club' – my group of friends who eat together at least once a week and someone different cooks each time. There are usually seven or eight of us so it saves me from cooking and has become a popular weekly event! As we are students, there are sometimes mishaps. One day I cooked a lentil and pepper curry, however I had added several too many chillies and so this had to be eaten with a side of yoghurt. Another time the stove in my flat stopped working so we had to ask to borrow the one in the flat below. This meant carrying a large, rather full pot of bolognese and a pan of spaghetti down three flights of stairs and through four fire doors!

After a year of feeding myself it is nice to come home and have mum cook tea every night or sample the delights of Louth (Via Italia I'm looking at you). Although the choice of restaurants is not quite up to Newcastle, there is still a Wetherspoons!

**December articles to be sent to Parish Clerk by November 1st please.**

## St Andrew's Church News

Our monthly services continue even though we have been without a resident vicar since 2015. We are fortunate to have the support of retired and lay clergy to take our monthly services and in the meantime, the vacant position is being advertised for what is now the new Benefice of Fotherby, North Thoresby, Grainsby with Waithe. Our Benefice covers the 8 parishes in the villages of Fotherby, Utterby, Little Grimsby, Fulstow, Covenham, Ludborough, North Thoresby and Grainsby and a new vicar would be responsible for all those churches.

There have been two christenings in Utterby church during the last few weeks and there is a wedding to look forward to. Both lovely occasions.

To support the clergy, we are delighted that volunteers Debbie Cook and Hazel and Geoff Fitch have agreed to apply for safeguard training in order to carry out pastoral care duties in the village. If anyone needs extra support at home, our pastoral care team will be on hand to offer help.

In the meantime, activities continue at our little church. Roger Staniforth and Alan Woodward must be thanked for their time spent tidying the churchyard with a group of school children and their teacher Miss Childs. Alan spends many hours working in the churchyard and his work is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

The footpath work has finally been finished and we are approaching the time when we are due to pay Paul Mendham his retention for the major restoration work that he carried out last year.



*The Saturday Cafe*

It has been discovered that the bells and bell frame in the tower needs some remedial work and for this we are applying for another grant. There are three bells and once repaired they should be heard throughout the village. On Sunday 28th September at 9.00am David Matthews who is touring local churches to ring their bells, will be ringing the Utterby bells. Listen out!! (Unfortunately the bell repair will not have taken place by then.)

The newly planted trees are, on the whole surviving reasonably well. Only a couple have given up and one other is hanging on but overall, things are growing well. Even the sapling hedge is alive.

Linda Sproston will be in St Andrews Church to welcome visitors between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on those dates and there will of course be the usual refreshments and there will also be a display of work by the Utterby school children.

The Saturday café continues until 7th September and is increasing in popularity. The Wold and Coastal churches festival will take place on 7th/8th September. This is a *continued...*



*Pat serving on the Saturday veg stall*

festival for all churches in the Wolds and coastal areas and there will be lots of events for visitors to enjoy.

We are grateful for the support from Pat and Glenda for their Saturday veg stall and Geoff for his bric a brac stall. Their presence and contribution are making a huge success of our Saturday venture

On Sunday 21st July we welcomed to the church, a group of visitors from the Newbald Heritage group in Derbyshire who had read about our Heritage scheme in a national paper. We offered the usual Utterby hospitality of coffee and tea and then showed them our Heritage Collection. The Parish chest, listening post and touch screen which were of great interest. Newbald village also have a collection of photographs and other memorabilia which



*Visitors examine the Parish Chest*

would benefit from proper storage and yet be available for visitors to see. We are enormously proud that our ideas will be replicated in Derbyshire.

We explained that our Parish chest display is currently featuring weddings and we are looking for photographs and other Utterby wedding memorabilia to extend our wedding display. Do please let us have Utterby wedding memorabilia from any period to enhance our display.

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Friday 11th October at 7.00pm. This is when the church will be beautifully decorated for this very traditional event to celebrate the end of the harvest. Anyone wishing to join in the decorating should come along to the church on the morning of Thursday 10th when the team of volunteers will be pleased of any help you can give. Following the service, wine and canapés will be served.

The church will be open on Sunday 13th October between 11.00am and 3.00pm as we continue our celebration with an Autumn Festival. Entry is free and there will be a display of vintage tractors and agricultural tools, various stalls and our traditional refreshments will be available.

After the weekend, harvest gifts will be delivered to the Community Kitchen in Louth.

The District Church Council are pleased to acknowledge the newly elected Parish Council and the Parish Room Committee and look forward to working together in the future and helping Utterby thrive.

*Penny Would*  
**Secretary to the DCC**

# Useful Contacts

## Utterby Parish Council

**Chairman - Councillor Alan Woodward**, Moat Farm, Church Lane, Utterby, Lincolnshire LN11 0TH  
Email: [j.woodward383@btinternet.com](mailto:j.woodward383@btinternet.com)

**Councillor Mr Terry Buckley**, Pear Tree Farm, Pear Tree Lane, Utterby, Lincolnshire LN11 0XY  
Email: [terry.upc@gmail.com](mailto:terry.upc@gmail.com)

**Councillor Mrs Glenda Thorndycroft**, Old Joiners Shop, Grange Lane, Utterby, Lincolnshire LN11 0TS  
Mob: 07740596746

**Councillor Ann Van Spall**, The Bungalow, Utterby Close, Church Lane, Utterby, Lincolnshire LN11 0TH  
Email: [ann@harvan.co.uk](mailto:ann@harvan.co.uk)

**Councillor Jacqueline Woodward**, Moat Farm, Church Lane, Utterby, Lincolnshire LN11 0TH  
Email: [j.woodward383@btinternet.com](mailto:j.woodward383@btinternet.com)

**Councillor Nicola Mackin**, 3 Jacob's Close, Utterby, Lincolnshire LN11 0GJ

**Councillor John Mackin**, 3 Jacob's Close, Utterby, Lincolnshire LN11 0GJ  
Email: [johnmackin1690@gmail.com](mailto:johnmackin1690@gmail.com)

**Parish Clerk**  
**Maria Vincent**, 3 Church Walk, South Cockerington, Lincolnshire LN11 7EE  
Tel: 01507 328149 Mob: 07932 000341  
Email: [clerkupc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkupc@gmail.com)

## East Lindsey District Council

**Councillor Edward Mossop**  
New Farm, Coalshore Lane, Grainthorpe, Louth LN11 7JF  
Mob: 07502 111030  
Email: [Edward.Mossop@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:Edward.Mossop@e-lindsey.gov.uk)

## Lincolnshire County Council

**Councillor Tony Bridges**, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL  
Mob: 07710 224466  
Email: [cllrt.bridges@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllrt.bridges@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Abandoned Vehicles	ELDC	01507 601111
Blue Badge Scheme	LCC	01522 782232
Bus Pass	LCC	01522 873700
Call Connect		0345 2343344
Crime Stoppers		0800 555111
Dog Wardens	ELDC	01507 601111
Floodline	Env. Agency	0345 9881188
Fly tipping	ELDC	01507 601111
Highways	LCC	01522 782070
Lifelong Learning	LCC	01522 782011
Missed bins	ELDC	01507 601111
Mobile Libraries	LCC	01522 782010
Parish Clerk	Parish Council	01507 328149
Pest Investigation Advice	ELDC	01507 601111
Police Non-emergency Number		101
Streetlights	LCC	01522 782070
Trading Standards	Citizens Advice	03454 040506

### Utterby Voice

If you request not to receive unsolicited mail to your house, we will not deliver the Utterby Voice, so please call in at the Church or Village Hall for a copy.



We are now on  
**Facebook**  
[@utterbyparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/utterbyparishcouncil)