

# WEST HALTON AND COLEBY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone - Summertime and the living's easy – as the song goes. As this is being prepared swifts are screaming around in a clear blue sky and swallows and house martins are busy feeding their broods. It's such a joy to see these birds return every year, considering the long migrations they fly. Anyway, enough of the nature report 😊 happy reading! – if anyone would like anything adding to a newsletter, please do contact one of the members of the PC, PCC or VH committee

## Butchers Arms Public House Purchase update

Hopefully fingers crossed, contracts are planned to be exchanged on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. 😊 This is excellent news for our communities. After exchange there will be another 4-6 weeks for refurbishment work, so all being well our communities are well on the way to having a village pub again

**fabulous news!**

## West Halton – Coleby Road surface

The road surface on Coleby Road is in an absolutely appalling state – we all know this when we drive/ride over it! The PC are pushing for NLC to sort this out before someone, such as a cyclist has a nasty accident.

Please do complain to NLC - the more complaints they receive the more they must listen to us. Please log your complaint via the NLC web page.

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk>

Search for Road and path surface problems – it only takes 5 minutes log a complaint!

## Newsletter sponsor.

We are delighted to announce that a resident has offered to sponsor the printing of our newsletter for a whole year!

The VH, PCC and PC would like to express their very grateful thanks to the resident concerned.

This generous sponsorship will allow us to continue with our newsletter for the next year and the foreseeable future.



## In Bloom Grant Funding

The PC would like to thank North Lincolnshire Council for their generous 'In Bloom' grant fund of £300.

All the village planters (except for Alkborough Road) have now been planted up with a selection of colourful annuals and perennials. Several Coleby residents have offered to look after their planters and one Coleby resident paid and filled one planter. The PC would like to thank everyone for their time in volunteering to look after the planters. Let's try and keep our villages looking pretty and colourful throughout the Summer Months. If anyone is passing a planter, it would always appreciate a watering – they dry out so much in exceptional hot, dry weather



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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### *HELLO SUMMER*

#### **LINE DANCING CLASSES**

The Line dancing classes have been a “boot scootin’” success. They are great fun and a good way to exercise. Gents don’t be shy – there are several guys at both classes. Cowboy boots and hats – optional. Linda is currently running a class on a Tuesday evening 7pm – 8pm and on a Wednesday afternoon 2pm – 3pm. Depending on interest she is thinking about having a parent & child class during the school holidays.

Cost is £3.50. See our Facebook page for details on how to contact Linda or check out the noticeboard in our car park or inside the village hall.

#### **CADENT CENTRE FOR WARMTH**

You should have received a copy of all the Cadent leaflets by now and we hope that they have proved to be informative.

We have managed to hold a couple of information events at the hall and one slow cooker demonstration. Thank you to those of you who came along to the slow cooker demonstration and we hope that you enjoyed the food samples. We plan to run another couple in September and October. More details will be published nearer the time.

At the moment, we can still get our hands on a few more slow cookers and CO monitors.

Anyone who has an appliance that can produce Carbon Monoxide is eligible for a FREE CO monitor. You just need to complete an expression of interest form and return it to us. Contact Polly or Denise for a copy.

The slow cookers have certain requirements for you to be able to receive one. Again, speak to either Polly or Denise who can help you with any enquiry.

You still have time to sign up to the Priority Services Register (PSR) and we can help you with signing up and chat about the benefits of being on the PSR.

#### **SOCIAL EVENINGS**

Our social evenings have proved to be very successful, and we thank everyone who has supported us so far. We have all had a great time with lots of laughs, quizzes, bingo and even some karaoke. Our fridge is well stocked with lots of different beers and wine and we have served our first ever cocktails and we are looking at adding a couple more in the near future.

***DON'T FORGET WE NOW TAKE CARD PAYMENTS!***



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#### **Other planned events for 2025 include:**

**Family Day – 26<sup>th</sup> July** 2.30 – 11pm. Afternoon BBQ and games on the village green. Bar. Followed by an evening laser show.

**VJ Event – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August** – Afternoon tea, guest appearance of “Pink Lemonade” children’s dance troupe who will perform a few dances for your enjoyment. Followed later in the evening by a quiz and bar until 11pm. This event is sponsored by **North Lincolnshire Council**. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR THE AFTERNOON TEA.**

**£7.00 – ADULT add a glass of Prosecco for £4.00. CHILDREN under 16 years old - £3.50.**

**Street Boot – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August.** Cost is £2.00 and you will be added to the map of the villages. The hall will be open for refreshments, toilets and a couple of stalls.

**MacMillan coffee morning – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** 10am – 12pm

**Scarecrow weekend – 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September.** Bar will be open 5pm – 11pm on Saturday evening

**Race night – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** 6pm – 11pm. Bar until 11pm

**Children’s Halloween Disco – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Christmas Craft Fair – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Children’s Christmas Party – Either Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November (TBC)** 2-4pm, followed by **Christmas Tree Light Switch** on at 5pm.

**Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

**EVERY TUESDAY 2PM-4PM INDOOR BOWLS. £2 PER PERSON.**

**EVERY THURSDAY 10AM-12PM COFFEE MORNING.**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – look out for more info.

## **CHECK OUT OUR NEW CHALKBOARD ON THE WALL OF THE VILLAGE HALL FOR UP COMING EVENTS**

Volunteers for any of our events would be really appreciated. From selling tickets to helping to set up or clear up afterwards – and everything in between. Just speak to any committee member.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member – speak to any of the committee members for more information. We are always looking for people with great ideas and the enthusiasm to make the hall an ongoing success.

The work on the hall’s flat roof is still a work in progress. We need some tie in work on the back of the hall where there has been a slight shift. Facias will be replaced once this work has been completed.

Future fundraising events will go towards replacing the indoor bowls mat and having hopscotch and snakes and ladders in the car park for the younger children and a basketball net for the older children.

We’d like to have a full refurbishment of the toilets and a couple of grant applications are about to be submitted. **Keep everything crossed for us!**

*Thank you.*

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Flooding LLFA Water Lane Work

A road closure took place at the beginning of June. This was to allow the LLFA team to investigate, jet and map the underground drainage system down Water Lane. Several issues were uncovered during this visit. The teams found it impossible to camera map several areas due to an unknown sluice blocking the drainage system, many tree roots protruding into various channels and several broken drain portions.

The teams returned a week later to carry out extensive works. The PC were not informed about this impending work otherwise we would have advised Water Lane residents. This new visit was to carry out remedial work involving the installation of several new inspection chambers. This will allow the team full access to the drains and will allow them to map the drainage system properly. Once this has been completed the LLFA team will provide the PC with a copy of their report.

**Please don't forget** – any flooding issue large or small please do call these into NLC so that the incident is logged

The telephone numbers to use are

01724 297000 08.30 – 16.30 Monday-Friday

01724 276444 out of hours

Please also take photos, note dates/times and forward these to the Parish Clerk. Thank you

### Community Pay Back Team

The last visit from the teams found them tidying the village field boundaries and under village trees. Planned future jobs include a re-sweep and clean of Winteringham Lane and re-definition of all the footpath edges. The teams will continue to clear the area on the west side of the village field once the bird nesting season has come to an end

### Mr Trevor Davey

WH+C PC are delighted to welcome Trevor to our team of councillors. We are sure that his extensive knowledge and enthusiasm will be put to good use for the good of all residents

### What do you want from your Parish Council ?

What can the Parish Council do for you ?

Do you feel that the council is not working effectively for all the residents?

How can the council work more effectively?

The Council would like residents to reach out to the councillors. We can only help residents if we know what the pressing issues are

### NLC Photo Shoot Coleby defib

There will be a photo shoot taking place in Coleby on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45. Parish Councillors, Ward councillors and NLC representative will attend during which a plaque will be installed adjacent to the defib.

Coleby residents are also welcome to come along and join in

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### Allotment mains water Coleby Road

A road closure has been booked for July 28<sup>th</sup> so that Anglian Water can connect up the mains.

Public service buses will be affected. For more information on the road closure please check the One Network web site

<https://one.network>

### Village field wall repairs

We are still actively searching for funding to support the next section of wall mending. The wall is leaning badly in places along Coleby Road and Churchside. For the wall to be rebuilt into a vertical position, soil needs to be dug out on the field side.

However, as a large area of the field is a registered scheduled monument, permission must be sought from Historic England (HE) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for any work to take place on the badly damaged sections.

The Parish Council contacted HR however the method statement and scope of works HE insist the council follow is proving prohibitive so sadly some of the more damaged sections of the wall may not get mended

The Council will continue to repair other wall sections which are outside the registered scheduled monument area.

### Anglian Water (AW)

There have been many complaints concerning the condition of our drinking water. Please do complain to AW !!! Log all issues via their customer service E mail address or phone

Tel: 0345 791 9155

[CustService@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:CustService@anglianwater.co.uk)

### Cemetery Grass cutting

It has come to light that the cemetery on Coleby Road is not registered to West Halton and Coleby Parish Council. The land is in fact owned by North Lincolnshire Council. WH+C PC have been paying for a contractor to cut the grass, and we have been paying rates on the land for the past few years, so this year we have refused to pay the rates

The PC held a meeting with NLC back in Q4 2024 where it was agreed that NLC would transfer the ownership of the land to WH+C PC.

To date this transfer has not happened. NLC are dragging their heels despite us chasing for updates.

Our current contractor charges us £20 per cut. Council has asked NLC to refund this charge and they agreed to refund a total of £190 for the grass cutting season. Up to the end of June, the total costs are already £120.00!! WH+C PC has agreed that spending resident's precept funds on cutting grass land that does not belong to us is not a cost-effective use of resident's precept funds. Therefore, there may be a time in the future when the cemetery grass may not be cut.

Council appreciates this decision could prove to be controversial. If residents have any concerns over the length of the cemetery grass, please contact NLC.

01724 297000



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ST ETHELDREDAS CHURCH

Hello again!

At the last time of going to press, planned work on the south elevation of the chancel wall was about to begin.

We are really pleased to say that the weather in April was excellent for lime mortar work and so all the loose old and inappropriate mortar was removed from the above wall by the stonemason and the joints were repointed. The finished wall looks amazing!

Now that the guttering has been removed, re-levelled and re-fixed, the wall is watertight, and the church is better protected from the elements. Now the interior plasterwork will be able to slowly dry out with a view to re-plastering in the future.

Whilst the stonemason was working at church we also were able to get him to do a small repair on the churchyard perimeter wall where the new section of wall built after the fallen tree was cleared, met the existing wall.

Lastly, a new piece of Magnesian Limestone has been carved and fitted to the left-hand side of the porch entrance so that the entrance porch has matching stones once more.

The church services in April, May and June were all led by Rev. David Beverley who has now been doing the services for nearly 5 years whilst we have been without a vicar. The good news is that the Diocese have now placed the advert for a vicar – not just for West Halton – but who will be responsible for several parishes within the area. We await the outcome and will update when we know more.

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Our next services are planned as follows;

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 11:15am Holy Communion Service** with Rev. David Beverley

There will be no service during August

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11:15am Holy Communion Service** with Rev David Beverley. This will be a service with a theme of Harvest.

As always, there is a warm welcome to all our regular parishioners and any new people who wish to come along and worship in our lovely church.

We will be holding an Act of Remembrance in November. More information to follow at a later date

Do you know your hunky punk from a grotesque, a sheela na gig and a gargoyle?



Many of these features appear on our medieval churches around the country but we bet many people don't know the difference.

A hunky punk is often a carving of a short squatting figure, on the outside of a church and they come in many shapes, forms and sizes. They have no function, except for looking ugly! whereas a gargoyle is a carving of a figure or animal, designed to take water away from a building.

Sadly, we don't have any hunky punks on our lovely church, but we do have some wonderful figurehead finials around the windows and gargoyles on the tower. Take a look the next time you pass by As for a Sheela na gig – we will let people google that one for themselves!



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### Alkborough Road Steel Planter

This planter is in a terrible state  
therefore the council are arranging  
for it to be removed and re-painted.  
So, for this year no plants and  
flowers have been planted in it

### Parish Councillor Vacancy

Still one vacancy if anyone is  
interested. 😊 Everyone thinks  
that being a Parish Councillor  
takes up a lot of your time – it  
doesn't

Wouldn't you like to make a  
difference to your community?

Please contact the clerk via the  
PC web site

### Parochial Church Council

Mrs Caroline Robinson; Stonylea, West Street,  
West Halton.  
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