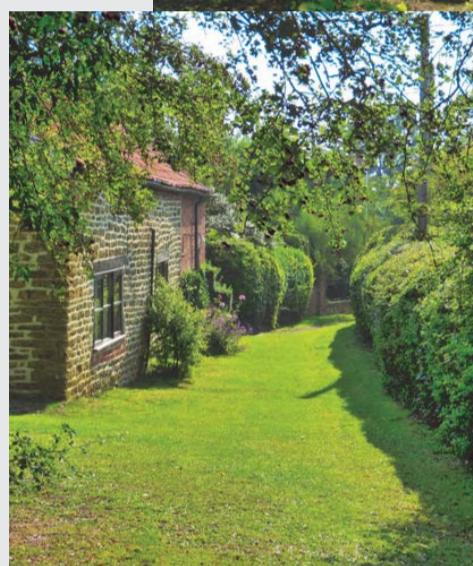
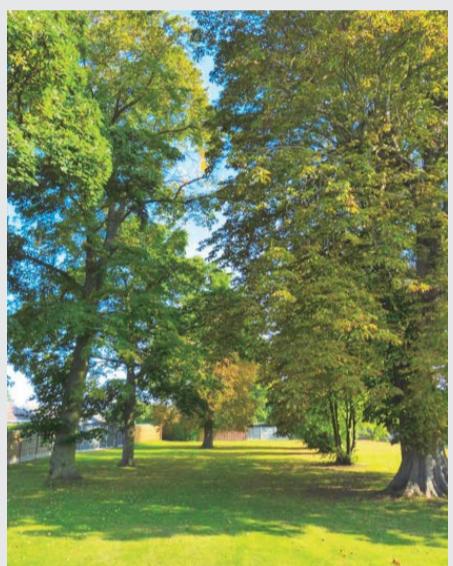


Allington News

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Allington has been voted joint Best Kept Village in South Kesteven, sharing the honour with Barrowby. Cllr Dr Peter Moseley, SKDC's Cabinet Member for Commercial and Operations, said, "Choosing our winners has been extremely challenging this year because the standards were so high. In the end the fairest thing to do was to split the larger village honours between Barrowby and Allington. Overall, however, what was very obvious from the front-runners was the community support in those villages."

The only surprise is that Allington was considered to be part of the large village category. Apparently the competition was divided into two categories of small villages, with populations between 100 and 500, and larger communities, with populations between 501 and 5,000. Caythorpe and Thurlby were second and third respectively in the large village category with Irnham winning the small village/hamlet category. The winners will receive £400, with £300 going to second place villages and £200 to those in third.

Over 100 villages and hamlets were visited with council staff joined by representatives from the Lincolnshire Gardens Trust and the Royal Horticultural Society to investigate the condition of village facilities and evidence of community pride. The criteria used to judge the competition were as follows: the condition of roadside seats, litter bins, paths and information signs; the condition of front gardens; community pride and ownership, floral features, condition of focal points and village hall/community centres.

Cllr Dr Peter Moseley announced "I am delighted to see how attractive the district is looking. Alongside that we now have detailed reports on the state of our villages to help us focus the work of our Big Clean team to clean up any problem areas and help improve communities."

Allington is proud to receive the award and thanks all those who have contributed to making our village so attractive, including of course Hempsteads for mowing, Sue Jackson for flowers, our village caretakers, Stuart Ashley and Dave Smedley and all those who have contributed to make the village a place to be proud of.

Update from Long Bennington Medical Centre

Flu Clinics

To keep strict control on our COVID-19 safety measures we are unable to be as flexible as we have been in past years. Patients are being invited to attend one of three clinics set up as follows: Aged 18-64 and clinically at risk - Saturday 3rd October - St James' Village Hall, Main Rd, Long Bennington.

Aged 65 and over - Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 17th October - Long Bennington Medical Centre.

Aged 50-64 - patients in this group, providing there is sufficient vaccine, in November or December.

We are sending text invites to those who consented to receive them and telephoning those without mobile phones. Patients are given a Vaccinator ID number to take when they attend for their vaccination. Patients given telephone invitations are being advised of when and where to go and those receiving texts will get a reminder of when and where shortly before their vaccination date.

Medication Review Changes

We aim to provide patients who have a long term condition, Diabetes, COPD, Chronic Heart Disease, Asthma etc and patients who are on long term medications, with a standard once a year medication review held in the month of their birth. This process has begun and an effective recall system is currently being developed. We apologise that initially some patients may be seen more than once. However, it is important we ensure that you are reviewed appropriately and once we have got everyone aligned to their birth month it will be a much more straightforward process. Depending on your condition you will be invited for a physical assessment with a Practice Nurse or to have your annual bloods taken and a follow up review with one of our Clinical Pharmacists. These changes are purely for your medication review so if you have any issue or query that you wish to discuss with your GP, please do so.

AskmyGP

Firstly, thank you to all our patients through what has been a difficult few weeks. There have been several issues with loss of this service across all the practices using the system and we would like to assure everyone that the matter is being dealt with at a much higher level on our behalf. We are required to use an online triage and consultation service as well as seeing patients face to face. Each system has its pros and cons but we hope making some changes will ensure that we offer as broad a service as we can to all our patients. The aim is to provide patients with a dual service whereby we operate a triage system in the morning, providing GPs with structured time in the afternoon to see those who need a face to face consultation. AskmyGP will be open for patient requests from 7am to 2pm. The GPs will answer telephone queries before undertaking visits, referrals etc. Face to face appointments will then take place in the afternoon. We do need all patient requests to be put through askmyGP but any patient who has no access to online services should continue to ring Reception. Receptionists will take the details and forward them to the relevant GP to make an assessment.

Please be assured that our GPs and Nurses are here to help and we encourage patients to come forward with any concerns about their health.

Please continue to follow the guidance and keep yourselves safe. Remember: **face** (covering), **hands** (wash your hands well and often) and **space** (maintain a 2m social distance)

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your ongoing patience and co-operation during these difficult times.

The Team at Long Bennington Medical Centre



On Thursday 17th September SKDC's 'The Big Clean' group were in the village helping to keep it looking at its best.

VIKING SQUARES

We were wondering how we could possibly get our club members together after such a long break from dancing. We came up with idea of a 'Bring Your Own Picnic' and sent out an email to all of our members. The response was overwhelming in favour of some kind of safe, socially distancing meet up. On the morning of Friday 7th August it was looking like it was going to be a perfect day for a picnic. With lots of space under the trees and canopies providing shade from what was becoming an increasingly hot day, we awaited the arrival of our fellow dancers in a member's large garden. What a wonderful afternoon we had, lots of laughter and chatting. When it was time for everyone to leave there were so many requests of, "When can we do this again?" So hopefully we will come up with another way of doing something in a safe way to try and keep the interest going in our much loved activity until we are able to return to square dancing in the village hall.



Photo Mick Grummitt

Memory Lane

Play group/Preschool

My family and I came to Allington during the autumn of 1969. Manor Paddock was newly built and Park Road consisted of around half a dozen houses. Several old cottages were empty and derelict (later they were renovated and extended), the village green was only cut by the council twice a year and Allington Gardens was known as 'the camp' or 'the caravan site'. It consisted of a few static caravans and only a few mobile homes – nothing like it is today.

But Allington had potential. There was a church, a school, a shop, a pub, a village hall and a doctor's surgery. Soon it would have a playgroup. I spotted a notice, asking anyone interested, to a meeting at the late Jean Potter's home to discuss the possibility of forming a playgroup. Jean's younger daughter was three and my two girls were one and three so I was very interested. Several young mothers attended and I with another who knew the village, visited homes where there were young families, to drum up more interest. This certainly helped me to become part of the village very quickly. However, it wasn't as simple as booking the village hall and getting started. There were formalities to go through and the hall inspected by the relevant authorities. We had to have a programme of activities for the children; no difficulties there. It was the toilet facilities which were the stumbling block. There needed to be hand washing facilities with hot running water. The toilets were in the small rooms near the hall entrance, one now a cloak room and the other a storeroom. However, we persevered and two years later all was made good. Our playgroup started just after Easter 1972. Jean's daughter and one of mine were five and now at school.

Reception preschool picnic

In late August, with the start of the school year looming, two picnics were arranged for new starters at Allington playing field by one of the mothers whose daughter was going to school in September. She commented, "The picnics were a great success, encouraging children and parents to meet in an informal environment prior to starting school. Not only did they help my daughter integrate with her new friends and feel a sense of familiarity on her first day at school, they did the same for me as I was able to meet and chat with other parents whose children were starting school in September. Thank you to everyone that came along." **Katie**

Back to school

Returning to school, after being educated at home for many months may have been a daunting prospect for some children. But in true Allington style, our children arrived on their first day back, at their allotted staggered start time (pick up times run in the same way) and slotted quite brilliantly into our new way of working. They are all very happy to be back with their friends. The children stay within their class 'bubble' for learning, lunch and playtimes and all have quickly adapted to the new routines and show a great understanding of the importance of regular hand sanitisation and social distancing.

Our new starters have amazed us with their maturity and resilience and they have enjoyed being outside in the sunshine experiencing lots of play-based learning.

Bonfire Night Cancelled

It is with great regret that the Playing Field Fund Raisers have decided to cancel the Bonfire Night Celebrations, we really do enjoy putting on this event. In order to go ahead we would have to HOPE that the Government, at the last moment wouldn't ban mass gatherings outdoors. We would have had to commit in August to buying £1000+ of display size fireworks, ever so slightly bigger than domestic ones, just think about it, those big bangs don't come from any of the supermarkets! If we had bought them and then the event had been cancelled what would we have done with them for a year? Couldn't store them in a Fund Raiser's house, what would your insurance company say if we stored them in your garage? The new shed isn't equipped to store them and then, again, there's the insurance. We can't even allow you to put your carefully collected garden rubbish, old flat pack furniture, obsolete office furniture etc on the bonfire site so the gates at the far end of the playing field will remain closed. At the moment the Christmas tree lighting will go ahead. Well, the tree will be there and it will be lit! We are tentatively planning events for next year, including a comedy night in the village hall sometime towards the end of March, regulations permitting - as they say "Watch this space" and the village website. Hopefully 'On The Green' will go ahead next year, subject to regulations.

The Tireless(some) fundraisers

The last flat top

The Last of the 'Flat Tops'
In September the last of 4 flat topped prefabs was demolished. Originally there were four bungalows built for the drivers from the prisoner of war camp. The drivers took the prisoners to neighbouring farms to work on the land. The camp was situated on what is now Allington Gardens. The only remaining building, we are aware of with connections with WW11 is the building on Bottesford Lane which was created for the Land Army girls and most recently used as a builders yard.

Land army accommodation

Allington News Team

Sadly Will has decided to leave the Allington News Team and we want to send many thanks to him for all his support and promotion of the Allington News.

More changes could be on the cards too. Editor Terry and Richard who is responsible for 'artwork' have their house up for sale and are intending to leave the area. So the AN could be looking for new blood. Terry's role includes liaising with the contributors, proof reading and preparing the copy for Richard, who then turns the articles into the newspaper using a desktop publishing program. He also liaises with advertisers, creates ads, and submits the AN to the printers. They both write articles, take photos and update the FLICKr account.

The AN committee is very flexible so roles could be split or reorganised. Currently both roles are completed, using laptops, with no previous expertise in publishing. It is an interesting, satisfying and worthwhile way of volunteering. Interested?

Contact Gill Towers 01400 281867 or allingtonnews@outlook.com

VIEW FROM THE PEW

Holy Trinity, Allington

By the time you read this we are hoping that the builders will have finished their jobs although no confirmed date has been given. The plan was that 72 hours after they left we would deep clean the church in readiness for private prayer one day a week and hopefully our first communion service in a long time on Sunday 27th September. This did not go to plan. We are now hoping to restart communion services on Sunday 25th October.

The Peace Garden continues to thrive and we have had two offers of garden seats for the area. The new grass is also growing well. Thank you to Marian, Linda and Jean for continuing to keep an eye on the area during our troubled times. A massive thank you also to our lovely Peace Garden Neighbours for all their help with mowing and watering.

We are continuing with our PCC meetings and planning as best we can for the future.

The Annual Churches Ride and Stride took place on 13th September. Chris Dicken and his band of intrepid cyclists completed their course. Unfortunately, Chris had an equipment failure but help was on hand in the form of Geoff Sharpe and his puncture repair kit. Chris was soon back on the road and currently a sum of £375 has been raised with more still to come.

Well done to all the cyclists and many thanks for all the effort.

Services at Holy Trinity

We are hoping to hold these services but circumstances may not permit.

Sunday 8th November - 10am - Remembrance Service

Friday 18th December - 6pm - Christingle

Friday 25th December - 10am - Christmas Morning Service

Please keep an eye on the notice boards for further updates.

St Lawrence, Sedgebrook

Such joy for the church family in Sedgebrook to be together again to celebrate the first of our Sunday evening services on 6th September. Opting for the service of Night Prayer – Compline, meaning completion, the service is built around protection from the dangers of the night and the comfort of God's love and presence in the hours of darkness. We would have added cosy throws, mugs of hot chocolate and marshmallows, but Covid regulations and a very warm evening prevented it this time.

Nevertheless, we were wrapped around with God's love and peace as we prayed and evening hymns were played. There will be services of Evening Prayer at 5pm on the 1st Sunday of the month and every effort will be made to have a communion service at 5pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month – alternatively a service of Compline will take place.

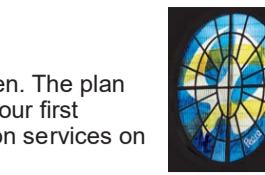
We now look forward to our Harvest Festival at 5pm on 4th October to avoid clashing with the Zoom services. All donations of produce are welcome and will be passed to Grantham Passage. Items requested include long life milk, porridge oats, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, big soup, squash, Mars bars or similar, cereal bars, sugar, coffee, cereal, biscuits, small tins of meat, toothbrushes and paste, deodorant, men's socks. We are happy to call and collect items or we will be receiving produce and decorating the church on Saturday 3rd October from 10.30am. Help welcome from all comers, particularly children or those who enjoy arranging flowers. Social distancing rules will apply and, at the time of going to press, masks will need to be worn by adults.

200 Club Winners: 1st prize £30 Sue McBride, 2nd prize £20 Lynne Butler, 3rd prize £10 Billy McNeish. The next draw will take place on 13th September. Thank you to all those who have taken part and helped us pay to insure the church for the year.

Remembrance service at 10.30am on Sunday 8th November.

The bookstall in church, with DVDs and CDs as well, is available by appointment to abide by Covid regulations.

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Please recycle your aluminium cans

There is now a new site where you can recycle your aluminium cans for the charity **HeliPads for Hospitals**. Clean and crushed cans and aluminium foil can be placed in a builder's bag in the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church. You will find the bag just inside the main gates and to the right, behind the wall.

It took a little while to establish a new collection point following the closure of the shop and thanks go to the Rev Harriet and the members of the PCC for giving their permission.

John Nowell from HeliPads for Hospitals was delighted to collect the first full bag from the churchyard in early September.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported this collection over the past year. Many builders' bags were filled for HeliPads for Hospitals at the former recycling point at the village shop. A special thank you goes to Will Allen for getting this off the ground. Please keep up the good work and carry on collecting and recycling your cans.



Wedding

Congratulations Sue and Derek



Following the forced postponement of their wedding in April due to Coronavirus, Sue Marvin and Derek Hughes from Allington Gardens have finally tied the knot. On Saturday 5th September, a small party of family and friends joined the celebration at Grantham Registry Office followed by lunch at The Green Man, Ropsley and continuing later at their home on The Gardens. We all wish them well in their future life together.



I own a small local business called Farrow Friends, a home help company for the elderly specialising in dementia.

I recognised there was a gap in the market for people who might be feeling a bit lonely or may need some help in their home but did not want to pay the high prices for a conventional care company. The company has grown gradually, and we are very proud that we have twice won customer care of the year at the Grantham Journal business awards. We strive to put our clients and their families at the very heart of all we do, which is why you will always see the same member of staff. We offer a range of services to enable elderly people to stay independent, such as cooking a freshly prepared meal, cleaning, shopping, laundry, changing bedding, looking after pets, gardening and more. We do not offer personal care such as washing or bathing, aiming to bridge the gap between being fully independent to needing more complex care. All our staff are fully DBS checked and insured and really do go the extra mile. We also have a therapy dog called Rosie, who loves to visit clients too. If you, or anyone you know may be feeling lonely or feel they might like to have an extra pair of hands helping with day to day tasks, then please feel free to give me a call for an informal chat.

Take care and stay safe,
Lauren



Tony and Julie Osborne are leaving Allington to live in Tenerife. Tony gave a farewell concert in his garden on Sunday 13th September. If you would like to experience Tony's music checkout 'TonyO' on YouTube or Facebook.

Foston Windmill

The Foston Post Windmill was one of the oldest in Britain, dating back to 1624. It was demolished in 1966. It had been sited on the A1 at the cottage known as Mill House. Previous to that it was sited at Mill Close on Allington Lane and before that it stood immediately below the old Post Office on Newark Hill. At the time these mills were considered portable. Mr John Rowbottom came to the mill in 1891 and refurbished it after it had stood derelict for a few years. He worked it until c1914 when it was struck by lightning. He then made three new sails for the mill making sail backs out of second hand telegraph poles, when that stretch of the Great North Road was being repaved. He made one spring sail to typical Lincolnshire pattern - no doubt copying what was already on. The other pair were to his unique design having approximately half the inner sail area as conventional spring controlled shutters. The outer half (which had the greater driving power) were made to take hand cloths. He would have known from long experience that hand clothed sails had more driving power than shutters and he no doubt made this arrangement to take advantage of both types of sail forms. He worked the mill by wind until 1928 when on 5th December a gale broke a stock and stripped some of the brake wheel teeth and other damage. Milling thereafter was continued using an engine driven pair of stones from the tail of the windmill in a separate building. The windmill was then left derelict and disused.

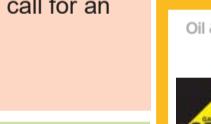
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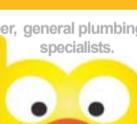
To all those generous villagers who have left excess produce at their garden gates for anyone to share. We have seen plums, rhubarb, apples, courgettes, pears and more – even eggs apparently!



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ALLINGTON GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT



Another two months has passed with not much happening on The Gardens. The residents seem to have adapted to their new life with Covid 19 and are beginning to get out more. Some have been on holiday, but others have had their holidays cancelled. There is always 2021! We have all benefitted from the wonderful gardens that have been created this year due to lockdown. Every cloud has a silver lining! Usually at this time we would be preparing for the AGM. Unfortunately, we will not be able to congregate in the village hall in sufficient numbers to make it viable. It has been decided, therefore, that voting for the committee will be carried out by post. There have been two resignations; the chairman, Russell Carter resigned leaving the vice chairman, David Totman as acting chairman. Now David is about to leave Allington so has also resigned. These posts are very important so need replacing urgently. If any member of AGRA wishes to be nominated for either of these posts, please contact AGRA by email. Contact residentassociation9@gmail.com for any information.



From The Archives Allington News Looks Back

30 Years Ago

The 50th edition of the Allington News was published. The foundation of the WI England and Wales on this day 75 years ago was celebrated. Church bells were rung at 2pm in many villages including Allington. There followed a tea party on the green. The school children dressed in period costume took part in dancing and games. WI members some dressed in 1915 costume served refreshments.

20 years ago

Allington with Sedgebrook School held its annual harvest festival. Harvest gifts were distributed across the village and a donation was made to Food Aid 2000 a charity supporting self-reliance in Africa.



Annemarie and William Betts, Ben Elmer, Karen Geeson and Robert Harmsworth bring their harvest gifts to school

200 Club

Allington News relies on the 200 Club and advertisers to keep the paper functioning. Several tickets for the 200 Club have now become available. If anyone is interested in helping to keep the paper running and would like to have a ticket to enter the monthly draw, please ring

Pam - 01400 281106.

The annual cost is £12.

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If YOU know of any news, events or you have an idea for an article please email

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A plea to all contributors When submitting articles/news/posters - PLEASE submit in Word our preferred format. If you submit photos with your articles please email them as attachments in jpeg format and not embedded in the article itself. Many thanks.

We look forward to receiving your news.



Allington Parish Council

Meeting Wednesday 9th September

Best Kept Village - Allington along with Barrowby won the SKDC best kept village competition. Congratulations and well done to everyone for keeping our village so clean and beautiful.

Planning - Refusal at Lofty Trees to fell a tree.

Fundraising - new ways of how to raise money for projects was discussed. Due to Coronavirus all normal avenues have stopped. Cllr Mould is looking at 'Easy Fundraising' and will put a package together to promote it.

Playing Field - new signage proposed. Two new signs stating that the playing field is owned by Allington Village and the allowed usage. Stronger banner signage re social distancing is to be purchased. Gonerby Youth FC - new 2 year agreement arranged. MUGA - suggested that for future use non villagers should pay, playing field advisory group to put a plan forward. The new storage facility was broken into, security bars have now been fitted to the doors. CCTV is to be installed.

Playing field annual inspection has shown some minor repairs required which will be carried out.

Community Wood - diseased trees to be toted poled and wood left for bio-diversity.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 11th November 2020

INDOOR BOWLS



Indoor bowls usually takes place in the village hall every 2 or 3 weeks from 2pm to 5pm, on Sunday afternoons between September and April.

Alas due to the Covid virus it had to finish early in March before having time to finish the semi final and final matches of the annual Leeming Trophy. The new season was due to start on Sunday September 6th 2020 and finish on Sunday April 11th 2021. Owing to the safety measures concerning the virus the start has had to be delayed. It is intended to review the situation again in November. In the meantime, the semi final and final matches of the Leeming Trophy have been completed with all necessary safety measures in place for the small number of players involved. The photograph shows the Leeming Trophy having been presented to the 2019/20 winner, Sue Fisher, by last year's winner Judy Grummitt. It also shows the other three players involved in the semi finals and the final, Terry Wright, Sandy Humphries and Dave Strange.

When the season restarts the dates will be in the 'What's On' listings of the Allington News.

Even if you have not played before, why not give it a try?

All are welcome to take part.

For further details contact:

Dave Strange on 01400 281449.

Holly Humberstone's "dark , wonky pop"



Former Allington with Sedgebrook Primary School musician has made the Radio 1 playlist. A previous edition of the AN reported news of her first single and supporting Lewis Capaldi on tour. Things are now on course for the release of her debut EP but sadly two headline concerts for November have had to be rescheduled for next year.

She told Radio 1's Newsbeat that she had moved back home to Lincolnshire at the start of lockdown to be with her three sisters and her parents, who are both NHS doctors. "It was extremely chaotic. We've all got big personalities and there's six of us in one house." She had just come off her huge tour with Lewis Capaldi and says the change of pace took the family a while to adjust to as they tried to "co-exist." Only three years ago Holly made her first appearance on the radio with Dean Jackson (champion of up and coming local bands) on BBC local radio's 'The Beat' (Saturday 6-10pm.) A big future is now predicted for Holly! Catch up with Holly's dark wonky pop (her own description of her music) on youtube .

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SEDGEBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING THURSDAY 10th September 2020

Covid-19/Meetings of the Parish Council – all scheduled meetings of the parish council are going ahead virtually – please see details on our new website

<https://sedgebrook.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> or see the agenda posted on the notice board. Please email the clerk

clerk@sedgebrook@gmail.com if you would like the log-in details.

Planning - Applications Cambria Cottage, Village Street- _alterations to convert conservatory into a summer room - permission granted by SKDC subject to conditions; Westholme, Allington Road - two storey side extension, conversion of existing garage, garage extension - representations submitted to SKDC. Parish council had no objection subject to consideration of impact on the local amenity and neighbouring properties; 12 Whattons Close - replacement of existing wooden shed with wood framed greenhouse, replacement of existing greenhouse with manufactured wood garden room - no objections, SKDC informed.

Highways - following issues reported to Lincolnshire County Council via Fix My Street:-

Roadworks partially blocking the driveway at Church View, School Lane - still awaiting repair.

Partially collapsed manhole cover outside Meadowbrook Lodge, Allington Road - awaiting repair.

Collapsed drain outside Camino on Allington Road - repair still awaited.

Visibility restricted on existing footpath no 11/1 onto Village Street (the hedge will be cut back)

Double Bend Sign on Allington Road – being investigated.

Height Restriction sign for the railway bridge obscured by tree outside Chestnut Lodge on Village Street - under investigation

Overhanging hedge on Village Street outside Chestnut Lodge - being investigated.

Overgrown hedge obscuring 30 mph sign on Allington Road - reported

Streetlight obscured outside Chestnut Farm Barns, Village Street - referred to SKDC.

Highways England had sent details of essential maintenance works on the A1 Southbound Newark to Gonerby Moor - the area will be surveyed on Monday 19th October and Tuesday 20th October between 9 pm and 6 am and the southbound carriageway will be fully closed during this time.

Tree Management - arborist being organised to carry out an inspection and to give a report on the trees in the Recreation Field and the tree on The Green. There is a large dead tree which will need cutting down in the Recreation Field.

SKDC will be organising the 3-yearly inspection of the trees in Whattons Close in the winter. Lincolnshire County Council had cut down the split sycamore tree on the corner of School Lane/A52.

Community Speed Watch - is still operating and has been very successful. The traffic has now returned to pre-Covid 19 levels.

Footpaths - a motorised scooter and bicycle (travelling at some speed) had been reported to the parish council. Motorised vehicles are not allowed on footpaths.

Recreation Field - the waste bins are being removed from the field for a trial period as they haven't been used during the current pandemic.

Dates of the next virtual meetings (subject to the guidelines regarding Covid-19):

Thursday 22nd October Thursday 26th November 7 pm



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As planned, the hall opened its doors in early September to the few sessions which could safely socially distance. Those were, Pilates, Wednesday Yoga and Star Academy. As you will appreciate it's uncertain at the moment when any of the other sessions will be able to recommence, and it almost certainly won't be for a while yet. It's a difficult time for everyone, more so with the lack of social interaction, and I'm sure we are all looking forward to the day when normal activities can resume in the hall. The library also remains closed for the time being, due to the fact it opens when the hall is occupied by social sessions, and as they are not taking place we can't leave the library unmanned as it would contravene the terms of the hall insurance. It's not possible to open it on Post Office days due to the problems it would pose with social distancing in the annexe. The good news is that the Post Office continues to attend on Tuesdays and Fridays, please remember to wear a face covering when using it.

Library Van Dates

Friday 9th October Friday 6th November

2.45-3.45pm Village Green



Community Library Opening Times Currently Closed

BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday only

Centrebus 24

Grantham Bus Station	7.33	Grantham Bus Station	16.30
Allington Green	7.53	Trent Road, Meres	16.41
Long Bennington	8.00	Downtown	16.52
Grantham Bus Station	8.30	Allington Green	17.00

Saturday

Centrebus 6

Allington Green	8.45	Grantham Bus Station	11.30
Peach Lane	8.47	Via Dysart Road/Barrowby	
Via Barrowby/Dysart Road		Allington Green	11.47
Grantham Bus Station	9.05	Peach Lane	11.49

CallConnect is a public bus service that operates in response to pre-booked requests. Registration is free but you must be a member to book a journey. You can then use the service for any reason and as frequently as required. The fully accessible minibuses operate from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, and from 7.30am to 6.30pm on Saturdays, with some local variations. Concessionary bus passes are valid on all services. To book telephone 0345 234 3344

Open Monday-Friday 8.30am-6.30pm Saturday 9.00am-5.30pm or Email: CallConnect@lincolnshire.gov.uk or visit the Lincolnshire Interconnect website

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