

# Allington News

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## HELP USSAVE THE MARKET CROSS



The Market Cross is now in desperate need of repair and renovation to prevent any further deterioration. Estimates for this specialist work are in the region of £20k to date. Your Parish Council has been able to raise half of this amount using the £400 prize from Best Kept Village, a donation from the Solar Farm development at Foston and Easyfundraising. In addition, we have been trying for some years to obtain a grant for this work from various government and charitable organisations without success, although our efforts are continuing. However, we do have to raise the funds required as a matter of urgency, so we are launching an appeal for help as we would ideally like to be able to commission a contractor to begin the necessary repair and restoration work sometime this year. We value the Cross and its long history and would appreciate any help and ideas for raising the funds required. If you feel able to make a donation (however small) to this project it would be welcomed and cheques payable to 'Allington Lincolnshire Amenity Fund' can be sent to the Allington Parish Council Clerk, 72 Park Road.

## 200 CLUB

Allington News is published bi-monthly and delivered free to every house in Grantham and Sedgebrook. We are able to fund the paper from our advertisers, a small donation from the Parish Council and the 200 Club. This past year has been difficult for everyone to raise money and Allington News is no exception.

Tickets for the 200 Club became due for renewal in January 2021 at a cost of £12 per annum, however, not all were renewed and we have some available if anyone would like to join in with support for the paper. If you already have a ticket, perhaps you would consider an additional one.

As this is now 2 months into 2021 all tickets purchased this month only for the year 2021 will cost £10 for the year – if you would like to take me up on this offer, please ring on 01400 281106

Many thanks  
Pam Plummer

## Gordon Jackson

Allington Parish Council is losing one of its long established members of the team as Gordon Jackson has decided it is time for him to retire. He has been with the Parish Council from 2003 and advised and helped with maintaining Allington through the years. He and his advice will be missed.

We would like to thank him on behalf of the village for his untiring care and consideration for Allington during these 17 years.

We wish him well.



## BACK TO SCHOOL

We are so thrilled to see all of the children back in school.

Seeing their happy faces coming through the gate on Monday lifted all our spirits! During lockdown, the children coped brilliantly with the sudden change of routine - both in and out of school - and worked so hard to complete the tasks set each day by their teachers. We are very grateful that our amazing parents were able to support the children with their online learning, despite having busy days of their own.

Olivia and Amy (both aged five) said, "It's brilliant to see my friends again. I missed them in lockdown."

"When the Government said I could go back to school, I felt happy and I danced!"



## LONG BENNINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE

### Covid Vaccinations:

GP surgeries in the Grantham and Sleaford area have been working together to deliver the Covid-19 vaccination campaign since mid-December 2020. This has been hugely successful up to now, with just short of 40,000 vaccinations administered at the main vaccination centre at The Meres Leisure Centre in Grantham, in nursing and residential care homes, and to our housebound patients. We are working through the cohorts and at the time of writing are inviting the 60 -64 age cohort.

We ask that patients who are still to have their vaccination remain patient as we will get to you very shortly. If you have decided that you do not wish to have the vaccine then please let a member of our Reception team know and we will record your wishes and remove you from the invitation system.

We understand that things change very quickly and really do appreciate it if those patients who have access to our Facebook page and website can pass on any information to friends and neighbours who may not have access to social media – thank you for helping to spread the word!

Website - [www.longbenningtonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.longbenningtonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk)

Facebook - @LongBenningtonMedicalCentre

### Blood Pressure

Despite there being a pandemic we still need you to keep an eye on your blood pressure, especially if you have a pre-existing condition which requires you to provide us with regular readings. A number of patients have asked us about buying their own blood pressure monitor as well as asking for advice on how to take their blood pressure at home.

The British and Irish Blood Pressure Society have a website with a really useful section on BP monitors and publish the only independent, peer-reviewed list of blood pressure monitors that is not governed by commercial interest.

If you decide to purchase a home blood pressure monitor there are some top tips for taking your BP effectively.

**Measure your blood pressure twice daily.** The first measurement should be in the morning before eating or taking any medications, and the second in the evening. Each time you measure, take two or three readings to make sure your results are accurate

**Don't measure your blood pressure right after you wake up.** You can prepare for the day, but don't eat breakfast or take medications before measuring your blood pressure. If you exercise after waking, take your blood pressure before exercising.

**Avoid food, caffeine, tobacco and alcohol for 30 minutes before taking a measurement.** These can all raise your blood pressure temporarily.

**Go to the toilet before taking a measurement.** A full bladder can increase blood pressure slightly.

**Make sure your arm is positioned properly.** Always use the same arm when taking your blood pressure. Rest your arm, raised to the level of your heart, on a table, desk or chair arm. You might need to place a pillow or cushion under your arm to elevate it high enough.

**Place the cuff on bare skin, not over clothing.** Rolling up a sleeve until it tightens around your arm can result in an inaccurate reading, so you may need to slip your arm out of the sleeve.

**Keep still and quiet while you take your reading.** Moving, chewing, talking and laughing can affect your reading. Make sure you don't cross your legs, as this will raise your reading too.

**Take a repeat reading.** Wait for one to three minutes after the first reading, and then take another to check accuracy. If your monitor doesn't automatically log blood pressure readings or heart rates, write them down.

Blood Pressure UK also has a very useful website providing advice on how to measure your blood pressure at home. <http://www.bloodpressureuk.org/your-blood-pressure/how-to-lower-your-blood-pressure/monitoring-your-blood-pressure-at-home/how-to-measure-your-blood-pressure-at-home/>

### Domestic Abuse:

If you are experiencing domestic abuse you can seek support by ringing the national domestic abuse helpline on **0800 200 247** or if an emergency dial **999**

### Awareness Days – April

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month - <http://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/>

Stress Awareness Month - <https://www.stress.org.uk/>

7 April – World Health Day - <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2021>

20 April – 26 April, Allergy Awareness Week

29 April – On Your Feet Britain - <http://onyourfeetday.com/>

**Stay safe and remember Hands, Face and Space**

The Team at Long Bennington Medical Centre

## From the Archives ... 25 years

Allington Morris Dancers performing at Corby Glen Sheep Fair in July 1996.

Igore, the puppet donkey, was our fool and was persuaded to enter the pantomime horse race.

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	April	May
1st Prize £35	Chris Baron	Lyn Steptoe
2nd Prize £20	Mark Cant	Jeff Stansfield
3rd Prize £15	Viv Durrant	Mel Cant
4th Prize £10	Brenda Barradell	Mick Grummitt
5th Prize £5	Hazel Dodd	Lottie
6th Prize £5	Jane Finch	Richard Simpkins

**Contact: Pam Plummer 200 Club organiser 01400 281106**  
The draw is paid bimonthly with the publication of the AN

**Village Produce Show**

Back in the mist of time the prospect of organising a village produce show was being discussed by members of the Allington WI. Three members were given the task of researching the proposal. They were Jean Potter, Mrs Joan Bennett and Pam Jackson.

The first show was held in September 1975. The number of entries outshone anything the organisers could have imagined, and certainly made the work that went into the staging of the produce show worthwhile. It was a lot of work setting up the village hall, but we all had fun and laughter whilst sorting it out especially for the first show.



The village hall at that time had a number of trestle tables, in varying sizes, the longest being housed in a barn at George Doubleday's home just across the road. To enable the entries to be displayed at their best, we were able to stand the wooden chairs from the hall on the tables, covering the chairs and trestles with hessian borrowed from the WI county federation, which gave a tiered setting.

The Produce Show caused friendly rivalry amongst the vegetable growers of the village especially the growing of the largest onion. The third Produce Show in 1979 saw entries top 300. The show prospered over the years with trophies for each section being donated by residents of the village who so enjoyed taking part. An award board naming the winner of the most points scored in the show was displayed in the alcove at the village hall. This Honour board must still be in existence somewhere?

Sadly, over time the entries began to dwindle which led to the last show being held in 1990.

**Farrow Friends**

Just recently I needed to set up 'Homecare' urgently for an elderly vulnerable friend coming home from Hospital without support. I had no idea what to do, I rang 'Farrow Friends' who advertise in AN. They were amazing, understood the problems, helped me through the process, provided the service required in the time scale and gave the most amazing support.

Subsequently I have discovered a little more about the young lady Lauren Mann who runs this amazing company. She tells me that she started the business via The Prince's Trust a few years ago and being part of that gave her great experiences and opportunities. She became an Ambassador for them, mentored other young people and was invited to attend an anniversary party at Buckingham Palace.

In more recent months, the Trust ran a National Competition, the prize offered was mentoring from Linda Plant (a hugely successful businesswoman who is an interviewer with Alan Sugar on the Apprentice) and to Lauren's amazement she won.

Linda Plant has now contacted her and the mentoring has started. Lauren is so excited and grateful to have this opportunity to further her business interest.

We wish her every success in the future and if ever you need assistance, do contact her you will not be disappointed.

**Pam Plummer.**

## Mobile services

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## POETRY CORNER

Poems by the children

### We're blooming again

The flowers are blooming.  
As are we.  
School is filling us with so much joy, as you can see.  
As the winter weather begins to fade away,  
The sun rises and brightens up the day.  
It watches us as we play.  
The cold disappears and rainbows appear,  
to further brighten the sky.  
The bees come out to collect their nectar,  
whilst butterflies flutter over our heads.  
We're back at school  
Seeing our friends.  
Everything is happy once again!

By Esme, Ava, Erica and Bea



A new story has begun,  
It's been a hard time as we all know.  
But Allington and Sedgebrook  
will reunite like a leaf to a branch.  
We have risen up and won't ever fall.

We need each other, like an Iris thriving with its fellow plants.  
We'll enjoy the time given.  
We are back to school, feeling better than ever,  
And we will appreciate what we have.  
Allington with Sedgebrook CE Primary School Message:  
Always believe in yourself and don't let these hard times bring you down; there will be a light at the end of the tunnel.

By Alice, Samuel, Chloe, Millie and Harrison



### A Poem by a Villager Lockdown

Hello Neighbour where have you been?  
Months have gone by with scant greetings to glean.  
Hello friend where have you been?  
Your laughter I've lost and few joys in between.  
Hello family where have we been?  
I meant to text daily, but time intervened  
And all we can do is just give a nod  
Touching and loving now seen as so odd.  
So let's reach out our hearts to each other each way  
And hope time flies soon to freedom one day  
Then we'll hug and we'll say all the things we should say  
And enjoy time together with no further delay  
And we'll do all those things we promised to do  
And catch up on our lives as if starting from new.

Mary Allen



## VIEW FROM THE PEW

### Holy Trinity Allington

You will have seen from the Parish Magazine that our vicar Harriet has resigned from the Saxonwell group. Harriet's husband John is moving to pastures new and has been appointed Finance Director for the Oxford Diocese. We would like to thank both Harriet and John for their oversight of the Saxonwell Group over the last few years and to wish them both, and their family, every success in the future. Tony Tucker, our Rural Dean, will have oversight of the Saxonwell Churches in the absence of a vicar but mainly it will be up to us to 'keep this show on the road'.

We will now be entering a period of uncertainty in our Church. The diocese as a whole is undergoing massive changes and reorganisation. What this means for Allington is unclear currently, but consultations are ongoing and rest assured we will be taking part in all the meetings about this reorganisation and we will keep you informed as things become clearer.

The repair work to our Church is now finally finished and the workmen have left the site. We would like to thank them for all their efforts in these very difficult times.

Our Churchyard is looking lovely with all the spring bulbs flowering. The Peace Garden, which the schoolchildren helped to create, is springing into life and the grassy area is now well established. We hope to install seating this year.

Our Church is now open again on a Wednesday afternoon for private prayer. 1-3pm. Please remember to fill in the record forms available and wear a face covering. The forms, pens etc are on the table/ledge behind the middle row of pews. This is to conform to Covid regulations.

Our Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on Zoom on Monday 19th April at 7.00pm. If you would like to join us please contact Harriet for the zoom link on 01400 281281 or email [vicar.saxonwell@gmail.com](mailto:vicar.saxonwell@gmail.com)

Below are the proposed service dates for Allington and the Group. We have to follow government guidelines so please keep your eye on the church notice board for further announcements.

#### Dates for 2021

As we are unable to hold service in Church at the moment, we will continue to hold them online on Zoom and Facebook. If you would like to join a service please contact our vicar Harriet by email on [vicar.saxonwell@gmail.com](mailto:vicar.saxonwell@gmail.com) or telephone 01400 281281 and she will give you the links.

#### Holy Week

Palm Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup> March – Long Bennington – Harriet – 9.00 and 10.30

Maundy Thursday – 1<sup>st</sup> April – Foston

Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Hour at the Cross – service of reflection by Rev Stella – on Zoom

**Easter Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> April – 09.00 Allington – Harriet's final service in Allington – not on Zoom**

We are delighted to be hosting a 9am service, which will be Harriet's last service in Allington. If you wish to attend then please (as at Christmas) book your seat, through Marian Hubbard (01400 281496 or email [marian.hubbard@btinternet.com](mailto:marian.hubbard@btinternet.com)).

There will also be a 10:30am service from Long Bennington Church which will be broadcast on zoom (Meeting ID: 812 9835 6801

Passcode: 031421) and facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Saxonwellchurches/>). Details can also be found on the church

noticeboard and on the Saxonwell Group of Churches website.

### St Lawrence Sedgebrook

Congratulations to Sam Wade for putting Sedgebrook in the spotlight with a full-page interview in the Grantham Journal of February 5<sup>th</sup> entitled "How a village came together to cope during Covid times".

Markham Community Museum – congratulations to the museum on being chosen for the Co-op Community Champions Grant. Thank you to Ian McKay for all his work on the application and to all those who voted for us. We have been selected to be Community Champion in the Grantham, Springfield Rd shop from Sunday 7th March to Saturday 5th June 2021. The main fundraising comes from members: – every time a member shops there and uses their dividend card a donation will go to the chosen Community Champions. In addition, money is added to the pot from carrier bag sales, collection boxes, event days and colleague fundraising. This should help us install CCTV to protect the church and Museum, ready to return to daily opening as well as putting the last of the T H Beale collection safely on permanent display, and to support marketing and publicity etc.

Post covid lockdown

Re-opening of the Church and Museum – From 12<sup>th</sup> April the church and museum will return to daily opening from 10am-4pm. There will be new museum displays including a fascinating new photo of the Old Rectory courtesy of Mike and Sybil Hubbard as well as village history. We also look forward to the village history group being able to begin once lockdown is lifted.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am-4pm - driveway sale with takeaway pop-up café on the green. Don't miss the charity shop outside the church. Proceedings will be given to the charities nominated by each stallholder.

**Easter Service** 4pm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April - A special service celebrating new life will be held on Easter Day, come and meet our chickens and interesting eggs and learn fascinating facts around them. At the time of going to press, the refreshments will form a takeaway outdoors and the traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the churchyard to allow social distancing (weather permitting). We hope this will be our final service at 4pm, before returning to our regular 10.30am morning services on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. We are also looking forward to returning to daily opening as soon as covid restrictions are eased. The church will be open from 10am-4pm all day.

Afternoon Teas: – We hope to resume our popular afternoon teas with charity shop and bookstall from June when indoor restrictions are lifted.

Prayer:- We are looking forward to resuming the weekly mid-week prayer group as soon as the lockdown is lifted and in the meantime we are praying daily for the community, our keyworkers and all those working for the relief of those suffering because of the pandemic and those who feel anxious or isolated. We would be pleased to hear from you if you have someone you would like included. We are happy to give anyone a call who would like someone to talk to.

#### Services April and May

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 4.00pm Easter Celebration of New Life and Easter Egg Hunt – Lay Reader

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer if no priest available

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 10.30am Morning Prayer – Lay Reader

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer if no priest available.

## OBITUARY

### Dr Carol Tung Tung Fan Black

From being tested positive on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Dr Carol Black died on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> from COVID19 (Carol had no known underlying health issues).

It was Carol's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Carol and Dr Andrew Black were married at Allington Church. Carol was a devoted wife, daughter, sister, mother, stepmother and grandmother. She always wanted to talk about others never about her own life. Her wonderful sense of humour would often mask her serious achievements. Carol was awarded a Degree at Cambridge and went on to achieve a Master's Degree and a PhD at Nottingham University.

With many visits to China and all over the UK & Europe, Carol organised deputations to Beijing and Shanghai with Peter Wheeler CEO Leicester Tigers, Martin Johnson (Ex England & Lions Captain), Rory Underwood, Lord Digby Jones of Birmingham and David Hands Rugby Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph. In Beijing, Carol was presented to the Chinese Sports Minister in the Olympic Hall, a great honour in her culture. Carol arranged flights, sponsorship, television interviews, coaching clinics, charity dinners and a game of rugby union in Shanghai between the Chinese Army and a local English Patriots Group. Another match was arranged between a Chinese Sevens and Leicester Tigers on their way to Italy. Carol was made an Honorary Corporal in the Chinese Army in recognition of her work. Carol's next project was to write a book on Chinese history and politics. At the last count it was over a 1000 pages - 4/5 years work. Carol as a child was brought up during the Cultural Revolution in China and it left many unhappy experiences and memories. Carol felt very safe in Allington, she loved it and the people.

Dr Black hopes to arrange a celebration of Carol's amazing life one Sunday afternoon at Allington Church, with a reception at the Manor. It will be an Open House and, once the date is known, all will be invited..



## OBITUARY

### Margaret Johnson

Resident of Park Road, Allington  
from 2001 – 2017

Margaret passed away in Gregory House care home, Grantham on 20 January 2021 aged 89.

Margaret grew up between Long Bennington and Cotham, moving to Foston when she married her farmer husband, Alan, in 1957. Alan passed away in 2000, and Margaret moved to her comfortable bungalow in Allington in 2001.

Margaret enthusiastically set about getting involved in village life. She joined the WI, became a regular member of the church congregation, attended history society meetings and coffee mornings in the pub. Margaret took part in roving dinners and open gardens events as well as joining in with Sedgebrook ladies lunch group. She made lots of new friends, and thoroughly enjoyed Allington village life.

Margaret's passion for singing and music saw her joining choirs in Grantham and Bottesford. Loveden WI choir was formed with members from Allington, Foston, Long Bennington and Marston meeting to practise in Margaret's bungalow on Thursday afternoons.

When Margaret's mobility problems meant she could no longer manage in the bungalow alone, she moved to Gregory House care home in Grantham. Her many Allington friends were regular visitors to the home, and the Loveden WI choir were welcomed into Gregory House to continue their Thursday afternoon meetings with Margaret.



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## ALLINGTON GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT MARCH 2021



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for any information re future events.

**At last Spring has arrived:** the nights are getting lighter, the daffodils and other spring flowers are out, brightening The Gardens. By now, hopefully, all the residents will have had their first vaccination with many having had the second. The country has started its slow release from lockdown, all very positive signs, but we will still need to be cautious.

The vaccination centre at The Meres is doing an incredible job by vaccinating over 1000 a day on average using both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines. Congratulations to Claire & Rob, The Gardens' Managers, on the birth of their son on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

The Committee have still not been able to have meetings but hopefully will in June. We can then look forward to organising some low key events at first, with a hope that we can have a full year of events in 2022. I am sure we have all missed meeting up socially.

KEEP WELL & KEEP SAFE!

Contact [residentassociation9@gmail.com](mailto:residentassociation9@gmail.com) for any information.

## 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.**

## HOW THE SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES CAME TO ALLINGTON

In these challenging times everyone needs cheering up and what better way of doing that than listening to feel good, sing-a-long, sixties songs and this is actually the music that Spirit of the Sixties provides! Spirit of the Sixties was the brain child of Ian Bowden who lives locally in Sedgebrook.

Having been involved in music since the age of 15, Ian has played his bass guitar, exploring many genres of music, but his heart was always with the Sixties sound.

When Ian moved to Sedgebrook, in the early 2000's, it was a good opportunity to achieve his dream and form a band with like-minded, local musicians and Spirit of the Sixties was born.



He and his wife, Karen, were married at Allington Manor.

Ian was keen to offer something different and, with support from Karen, formulated a complete Sixties experience consisting of a Sixties Band, Disco and a video presentation showing memories of the era in the form of films, fashion and news clips.

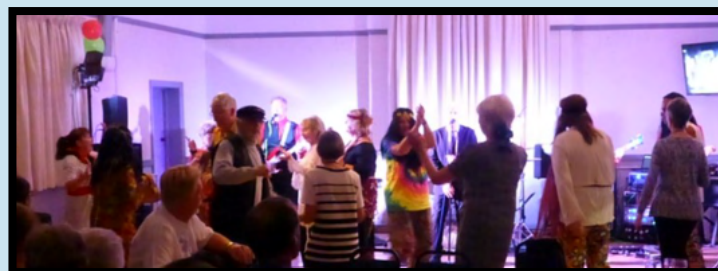
As with all new bands, it took quite an effort to get the band established in the area but now, they have a loyal local fan base, many of whom live in Allington, who cannot wait for the current Covid restrictions to be lifted to hear them again.

The band plays locally at Great Gonerby Social Club three times a year and has also appeared at Allington Village Hall, which saw villagers getting taken back in time with videos, music and raising nearly £500 for local charities, including the Village Cross, Holy Trinity Church and the Heart Foundation.

The bands reputation is now spreading, and they have played in Theatres, Social clubs, and at private functions throughout the East Midlands and even at two National Waterways Festivals – such is the sixties appeal.

One of the great things about sixties music is that it still lives on today.

"There is some great talent in the Grantham area and the welcome and support I have received since moving here is tremendous" – said Ian. "When out and about I am regularly bumping into fellow musicians and stopping for a quick chat. It's a great area to live and play"



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## Allington Parish Council Meeting via Zoom March 2021

### PLANNING

Application No: S21/0374

Applicant: Mr Bryn Gold

Proposal: T1 - Juglans - Crown reduction by 2 -3m

Location: Yew Tree Cottage, Side Street, Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2DZ

Application No: S21/0152

Applicant: Jannette Mole

Proposal: T1 - Variegated acer - To Fell

Location: The Small House, Side Street, Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2DZ

### RESIGNATION

Councillor Gordon Jackson has resigned from the council after many years of service on the parish council. The councillors all thank him and wish him all the best for the future.

### FUNDRAISING

Easyfundraising has now raised a total of £139 towards village projects.

A community benefit fund of £4,686 is to be received from the new solar farm at Foston. This money will be put towards the renovation of the Market Cross.

### PLAYING FIELD

New signage has been placed at the playing fields. Any organised groups that do not reside in Allington who would like to use the facilities need to contact the parish clerk for permission.

CCTV is now in operation at the playing field which will hopefully assist in preventing any unnecessary damage and unauthorised usage.

Discussions on how to maintain the MUGA in the future and the possibility of rejuvenation to prolong its life as long as possible.

### MARKET CROSS

The Market Cross is in a very poor condition, urgent renovation needs to be carried out as soon as funds allow. Cllr Mould is to look at ways of raising £10k additional monies for this project to start. Donations towards this historic monument would be gratefully received.

## SEDGEBROOK PARISH COUNCIL



### VIRTUAL MEETING 26th NOVEMBER 2020

Meetings of the Parish Council – all scheduled meetings are now going ahead virtually – please see the details on the parish council website

<https://sedgebrook.parish.lincs.gov.uk/> If you email the clerk [clerksedgebrook@gmail.com](mailto:clerksedgebrook@gmail.com) the log-in details will be sent to you.

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting dates have now changed. The Annual Parish Meeting is on the 29 April and the Annual Parish Council Meeting is on the 6 May 2021.

### Planning Application No: S20/1870 – Tanglewood, 29

**Allington Road** – erection of annexe to rear of dwelling – South Kesteven District Council granted the planning permission, subject to conditions.

**Planning Appeal – Land at Allington Road** – the Parish Council have sent comments on the Planning Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate and a decision should be received within the next two months.

**Planning Request for extension to Sedgebrook cemetery** – the Clerk to discuss the planning application with the Duty Officer of SKDC Planning.

**Planning Application No: S21/0280 Chestnut Farm, Village Street – replacement of roof tiles and underlay – repair of structural timbers, repair of dormers, addition of roof lights** – the Parish Council had no objections to the proposed Listed Building Consent Application.

**Street Sign for Allington Road** – Clarification has been requested from SKDC on the boundaries of the road from the A52 out to the Allington border of Village Street. There is some confusion as to the naming of Allington Road and Village Street which do not marry up with the Ordnance Survey Map and the addresses which have been given to various properties.

**Allington Road Railway Bridge Flooding** – County Councillor Mark Whittington had taken up the matter with LCC Highways.

Flooding had occurred due to surplus water on the railway embankment which is the property of Network Rail who have always denied responsibility. However, Network Rail have now admitted liability. Lincolnshire County Council will be completing the work required (as Network Rail are unable to schedule in the repair work but Network Rail will pay LCC). The work originally scheduled for 22 March to the 29 March has now been rescheduled for later in the year.

**Flooding investigations** – The Parish Council continue to work with the County Council as the Local Lead Flood Authority on the various flooding issues within the village. The County Council are carrying out various investigations related to recent flood events and will be formally reporting these once complete. It was noted that the maintenance liabilities of some ditches in the Parish was a matter that Riparian owners might be unaware of. The County Council would discuss the maintenance obligations where necessary to ensure that ditches drained effectively. The Parish Council have been offered sand and sandbags and the Parish Council are looking at storage solutions so that the sand/bags are more accessible to the centre of the village.

**Tree Management** – an inspection of the trees in the Recreation Field and the tree on the Village Green will be completed shortly.

**Footpaths** – The Senior Countryside Officer is investigating some issues relating to the historic standing of the footpath which leads from School Lane towards the A52.

A new finger post is due to be installed shortly on the Viking Way footpath close to the railway crossing on Sewstern Lane. Viking Way – the County Council are aware of the right of way which is being destroyed by 4x4s. There are large ruts which are full of water making it impassable by foot and bicycle.

**Dates of the next virtual meetings:** all at 7pm

Thursday 8 April 2021

Thursday 29 April 2021 – Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 6 May 2021 – Annual Parish Council Meeting

## Community Library at the village hall currently closed



## Library Van Dates

**23rd April**

**21st May**

**2.45-3.45pm Village Green**

## 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



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