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NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting, Monday 15th March at 7pm

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Village Hall Bookings – Maureen 07568 197 914

Village Hall News

AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday 5th MARCH 2024

Holton le Clay Village Hall 2-4pm

HOME MADE CAKES

All proceeds go to HLC MERC. The Village Hall
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Parish Council News

Budget and Precept

At the full council meeting held on 18th December 2023, Holton le Clay Parish Council set the precept request for 2024/25 at £76,772. This is an increase of 6% on the previous year – which equates to an increase of 0.26p per month per Band D household. The necessary budget for the coming year is £90,434, which will leave a shortfall of £13,662, which will be met by income from solar panels at the village hall, existing council funds and a substantial contribution to utilities by the village hall committee.

The Parish Precept supports the administration of the Parish Council, which in turn provides the following essential services to Holton le Clay:

- Cutting and maintaining the grass verges, 8 Acres Field and the Junior Playing Field
- Weed Spraying throughout the village
- Routine safety inspections and maintenance of the play equipment
- Provision and ongoing support of the village hall
- Provision and maintenance of the cemetery
- Daily litter collection in the village
- A staffed Parish Council office
- Active collaboration with Lincolnshire County Council and District Council regarding planning matters and issues pertaining to highways

Parish Gardens

There are currently two vacancies in the Parish Gardens.

If you would like to apply for a plot, please contact the Parish Clerk either by [email at hlc.pc@outlook.com](mailto:hlc.pc@outlook.com) or telephone on 07521 467524





Resident Spotlight



When we first moved here two and a half years ago, we were delighted to find such a great chip shop on our doorstep. We were even more delighted that the quality of the haddock was so fresh and nicely battered.

I popped in to chat with Lindsey and Glyn recently. I was amazed that the chippy had been there since 1966 when it first opened. After two owners, Lindsey's parents took it over and were there for twenty-two years.

When they retired, Lindsey and Glyn left their jobs in retail and as a gas-fitter to carry on the family-run business and have been there ever since. It was, and is, a good work/life balance.

One of the most popular things is having 'scraps' with your fish and chips. Back in Birmingham, we called them scratchings, and they do seem more popular here. One speciality of Holton Chippy is the homemade fish cakes. They are a good size, and they taste delicious, too.

Whilst I was in there chatting, locals came in and out. Lindsey knew precisely what they wanted and talked with each of them. Having been a part of the community for so long, they have seen children grow into adults and have their own families. It really is a hub of the Holton le Clay community: they have a connection with everyone in the village who uses it.

From chatting with people when we are out and about, we know their reputation spreads to surrounding villages and towns. People have told us they would rather travel to Holton le Clay than use their local chippy. That's a testament to the quality of the food.

Oh, and have you tried their chip spice? Give it a go when you next go in!
Opening times can be found on page 2.

Village Events-March 2024

The Village Hall

Tuesday 5th March 2-4, Afternoon Tea
Easter Pebble Hunt. See posters for details!

Holton le Clay Cricket Club

Bingo every Tuesday. Last ticket sales 7.15pm. Quiz every Wednesday at 7.30pm
Thursday mornings Brunch bingo with soup and a roll £5
3rd Easter afternoon tea till 15th
30th Stevie S at 9pm
31st Easter Sunday family day from 12 Egg Hunt and Family Fun with
Broken Pegs from 4-6pm

St Peter's Church

9th March Table Top Sale 11.00- 3.00
16th February-22nd March Soup Kitchen every Friday 12.00-1.30
30th March, 1st and 2nd May Easter Yarn Bombing Festival and Afternoon Tea 2.00-4.00

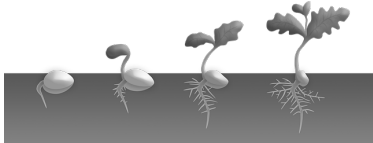
Village Hall Classes

<p>Monday Tai Chi 10-11 am Popercize 5.15-6.15 <i>From 11/09/23</i> Zumba 6.30-7.30pm Broadway Boogie 7.40-8.40pm</p>	<p>Tuesday Yoga 10-11.30am Musical Theatre 5-6pm. Age 7-11 Camera Club 7.15-9.45pm first Tuesday of month Afternoon Tea 2-4pm FIRST Tuesday of month W.I. every third Tuesday 7.15-9.15</p>	<p>Wednesday Pilates 9.50-10.50 & 11-12 noon Sequence Dancing 1.00-4pm Pilates 6.30-7.30pm</p>
<p>Thursday Tai Chi 10-11am Kurling 1-2pm Slimming World 4.30-8pm</p>	<p style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;">ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE VILLAGE HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE AND PARTIES PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN ON 07568 197 914</p>	<p>Friday Slim & Shape 9.30-10.30am GLC, Children's Dance Class 5.30-7.30pm</p>



Down on the Allotment

March is a busy time on the allotment, as you need to prepare soil, sow seeds and plant out a huge variety of edible crops. Key jobs include weeding, sowing seeds and planting out. Only plant out when temperatures are above freezing, ensuring plants are hardy and have been hardened off (acclimatised to outside conditions) before planting. Pre-warming the soil with cloches or clear plastic sheeting can enable you to plant certain crops – such as broad beans – out sooner.



Sow beetroot, broad beans, salads and Swiss chard direct into well-prepared soil. You could also make early sowings of carrots, peas, spinach and radishes if the soil is warm enough. You can also start off aubergines, chillies and peppers, plus tomatoes, under cover.

March is the last month for planting bare-root fruit trees and bushes. You can also plant bare-root strawberry runners, asparagus crowns and Jerusalem artichokes and plant out garlic, shallots and onion sets.

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Social bowling will be on Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and Saturday afternoons, with league matches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are competing in the Grimsby & Cleethorpes Premier Division again this year, so we are looking for experienced bowlers to fill our ranks.

Bowls is healthy and fun. There are no age restrictions. Our club has plenty of room for anyone who likes to challenge themselves by learning a new skill. Come and give it a try. New members are always welcome. No previous experience is required.

Pop along to one of our scheduled sessions, or come and meet us whenever you see members bowling. We have spare equipment for you to use. Saturday afternoon is a regular social gathering with refreshments and starts at 1:30pm! For more information about North Thoresby Bowls Club email us at norththoresbybowls@gmail.com



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St Peter's Church

Church Services

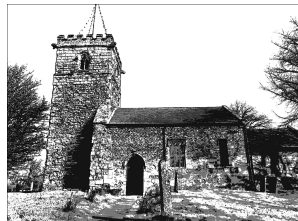
- 3rd March 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Tetney
10th March 10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, North Cotes
17th March 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter Holton le Clay
24th March 10.00 am Service at St Peter & St Paul, Tetney
31st March Easter Sunday - please see notice boards for services

As I write this, it seems the Christmas and New Year periods have only just happened! For the Christian Church, as we come out of Epiphany, we begin the journey of Lent when we follow the journey of Jesus into Jerusalem. Lent is often seen as a sad, mournful time with no flowers or decoration in the churches, and when people 'give up' some treat, often this is chocolate. However, today, it is regarded as a time of quiet reflection when we think about what is going on around the world and pray for peace. We think about what God did for the world in sending his Son, Jesus, to die for our wrongs, to be the vicarious sacrifice for all times. Then, after three days, Jesus rose from the dead, and we believe he is alive with us now.

On the third day, what we know as Easter Sunday, Jesus was alive, and he spoke to and was seen by his disciples and other followers. So, Christians regard Easter as a significant event of the Christian year. It is a time for celebration when we can enjoy the spring flowers, the Easter eggs, the lambs and the chickens because they are all about new life, and Christ Jesus gave us new life with him – and that is something for all to rejoice about!

Happy Easter, everyone.

Rev'd Jenny



NEW WALTHAM CIRCULAR WALK

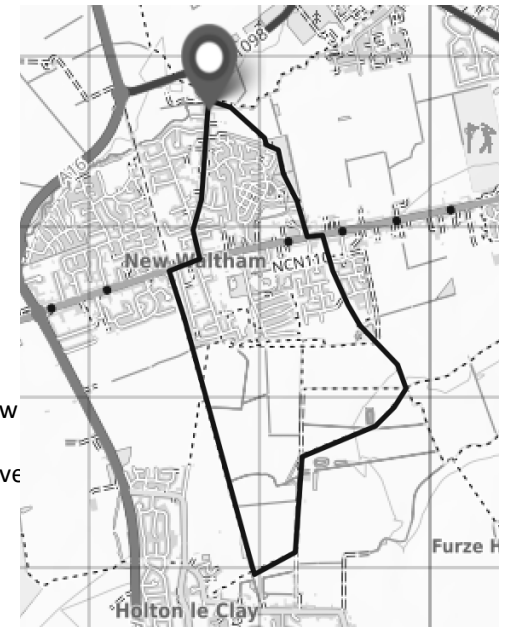
The walk starts on Hewitt's Avenue, just past the little side road of Weelsby View, where there is parking along some of the side roads in this area. Once past Weelsby View, on the right is a narrow path marked with a public footpath sign. Follow the path around to the right and crossover Buck Beck, a stream running through the edge of the field. Then, head off across the field, following the well-defined footpath in a diagonal direction to a small gap between the trees.

Go through the gap and follow the footpath around to the left on the edge of a housing estate. The path follows through the woods with a beautiful avenue of trees, which finally leads out into an open area. Then, follow a small network of paths through the labyrinth of alleyways to finally reach Humberston Avenue via a metal divider to prevent cyclists from going straight onto the road. Turn left onto Humberston Avenue and walk a short distance (20 metres), then cross the road and go down a narrow alley between two houses.

This leads down into a large open field with a clearly defined path (at the time of writing, the field was full of rape oil seed in places up to 5 feet high). Follow the path in the direction of a small wood, keep to the left of the wood to pick up a wide grassy track.

Continue down the track to a multi connection of paths turns right, and then almost immediately turn left in a diagonal direction, go past a pond on the right and head towards the right corner of a very large red brick house.

Once at the house, keep to the left and follow the gravel drive down towards a lane before the lane and about 150 metres down the drive take the path to the right; this is marked midway along with a single tree. Carry on along the path to the end and go through a gap in the hedge to join part of the old disused railway track.



Follow the track all the way back to reach Station Road finally. Go through the gate and turn right, cross the road carefully and take the first turning left, then head down Peaks Lane and follow all the way back to Hewitt's Avenue, then carry on back to the parked car.

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