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Ruskington Parish Council

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Ruskington Parish Council Updates

It is still busy in the Parish office with lots of ongoing and exciting projects and changes.

The new parish caretaker, Mr Carl O'Brien, started in post at the end of August. We would like to welcome Carl to the team and know he will play a vital role in the village. The council have also approved a new admin role within the office to assist the Clerk and Finance Officer with the day to day running of the council. This post will be advertised on our website, Facebook page and on the indeed job site in the near future.

The renovation of Parkfield Play Area have been delayed until week commencing 19th September but we are positive that it will be worth the wait!

A massive thank you to Vicky and other local residents for organising a Ruskington Winter Market which will be held on 3rd December in the centre of the village. We are very excited to attend and see the community spirit out in force this Christmas.

We are eagerly awaiting the plans for the rear of the office so renovation can commence to turn the unused space into a community hub and office space which will be available to rent.

We are hoping to launch a monthly e-newsletter in the coming months to keep you up to date with news and updates from the parish council more regularly. You can subscribe to this via our website—<https://ruskington.pariah.lincnshire.gov.uk/>

Full council meetings are held in the Winchelsea Centre at 7pm. Public are welcome to attend and make short statements in the public forum at the start of the meeting. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday 13th September

Tuesday 11th October

Tuesday 8th November

For information on committee meetings, please visit our website, check the notice-board or contact the clerk at clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk.

What's on ..

Ruskington Village Hall

Bingo. Meets every Thursday 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Lincoln Judo Academy. Mondays 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Ruskington Rascals Preschool. All day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mornings on Monday and Thursdays. Term time only. Contact Linda 07545954412.

Short Mat Bowls. Meet every Monday & Thursdays 2:00pm -4:00pm. Contact 01526 833421.

Slimming World. Meet every Tuesday 5:30pm and 7:30pm. Contact Sam Wheatley 07721364922.

Sleaford Model Railway. Meet every Wednesday 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

Ruskington Youth Centre

Beckside Knitting and Sewing Group.

Meets every Monday 10:00am - 4:00pm. Kate McDonald 01526 832 694.

Rainbow Flyers Youth Club. Children and young adults with special needs. Sunday 3:00 -5:00pm.

Contact Karen Kenward 07811 598681.

Ruskington Community Youth Club. Meet every Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:30pm. (School year 4-8)

Contact Maggie Harris 07443 851813.

Ruskington Amateur Theatrical Society.

Meet every Thursday 6:00pm - 8.00pm (8-18yrs).

**For hire contact Maggie Harris 07443 851813*

Ruskington Library


Ruskington Library Community opening times:

Tuesday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 1:00pm - 4.00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tel: 07955 049618 (Tue/Thu/Sat)

 Ruskington Library

Winchelsea Centre

All Saints Ladies Club. Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month (except August) at 7:30pm. Events planned for 2022—various talks and demos, cinema trips, shopping trips and the annual dinner. Contact Rose 01526 832566.

All Saints Pop-up Fayre. Every 3rd Saturday of the month (December weekly) 9am—12noon. Stalls selling food and drink, gift items and promoting local clubs. Contact Caroline 07719280965 or caroline.morrice@sky.com.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. Every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Contact Anthea 01529 413890.

Scrabble Club. Every first Thursday of the month 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Fitness Pilates. Every Friday 11:00am-12:00pm. Contact Nikki 07890704799.

Fitsteps. Every Wednesday, Shape and Tone at 9.45am. Strictly Dance Fitness at 10:30am. Contact Sophie 0792907143.

Move It Or Lose It. Every Monday: Gently Seated - 11:30am-12:15pm. Active Standing—12:30pm-1:30pm. Contact Kimberley 07432479835.

Slimming World. Every Tuesday 9.30am-11:30am.

Evergreen Club. Every Friday 2:00pm-4:00pm. Contact Patricia 01526 833234.

*for hire please contact Jan or Rob Goddard on 01526 834228

Keep fit with Kimberley. Exercise to music for the over 50's. Free taster session. Monday's 11.30am and 12.25pm. For further details contact Kimberley on 07432 479835 or keepfitwithkimberley@outlook.com.

All Saints Church

Walking for Health. Every Wednesday at 1:30pm at All Saints Church. Contact Judith Kirk 01526 832987.

Luncheon Club

Luncheon Club for People Who Live Alone.

Every 3rd Thursday of the month and have lunch at various restaurants in and around the area. Contact Stella Peake 01526 834783.

Methodist Church

I.T. Community Group. Meets Thursdays 10.30am—12noon, I.T. free support. Contact Rachel Gordon 01529 308110

Ruskington Women's Institute (WI) Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 7:15pm. Contact Christine Casey 01526 832132

Solo Whist. Meets every first Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm

U3A Gardening Club. Meets 1st Monday 2pm-4pm Contact Lynn Geen 01529 413843

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Monday evenings during term time. Contact Mrs Sarah Coughlin 01522 789429

Garden Centre

CHATTERBOX. An informal ladies group. Meets last Thursday of the month (except December) for coffee cake and a natter. Ruskington Garden Centre 2.30pm -4.00pm. Contact us on Facebook: CHATTERBOX RUSKINGTON or telephone Dee on 01526 833310

Free Church

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Churches..

All Saints Church

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Al Jenkins
revajenkins@gmail.com or 07961654486

Church Wardens Diana Holt 01526 832087 or
07949107035, dianaholt196@yahoo.co.uk
Alwyn Kirk 01526 832987, alwyno@aol.com

Secretary Caroline Morrice 01526 830717 or
07719280965, caroline.morrice@sky.com

Pastoral Visiting: Please contact Reverend Al.

Services

Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday at 8.45am

Sundays

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday @ 11am

For All the Church Family – 2nd and 4th Sunday
@ 11am

Benefice Praise Service – 5th Sunday when
they occur @ 4pm

Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact Reverend Al or Diana Holt

Ruskington Free Church

Church Secretary. Mr. George Phillips, 41 Sta-
tion Road, Ruskington, NG34 9DF, 01526
833263

email. George.phillips41@btinternet.com

Services :

Sunday Service and Sunday School. 11:00am

Women's own. Meets the first Thursday of
the month 7:00pm

South Lincs Church

19 Westgate, Ruskington, NG34 9ES
01526 834275

www.southlincschurch.co.uk

Email: info@southlincschurch.co.uk

Find us on Facebook.

Senior Leader: Dave Wade—
dave@southlincschurch.co.uk

Services and Groups:

"Sunday Celebration" Every Sunday 10am -
11am.

Contact us or visit our website for details of all
our other activities.

Ruskington Methodist Church

Minister. Rev'd Gabriele Britton-Voss
01526 830192

Church Secretary. Mrs. Delia Dubois 01526
268723

Bookings Secretary. Mrs Judith Kirk 01526
832987

Church Treasurer. Mr Richard Olliffe
01526268375

Pastoral Secretary. Mrs Kath Martin 01526
833438

Services:

Sunday Worship. 11:00am

Messy Church. Children's group. Meets the
2nd Saturday of the month. Contact
Rebecca Guilliatt 01526 569684

Midweek Communion. Meets every 2nd
Wednesday of the month at 10:45am

Lunch Bunch. Meets every 2nd and 4th
Tuesday.

Pleasant Monday Afternoon. Every 4th
Monday at 2.15pm. Contact June Olliffe
01526 286375

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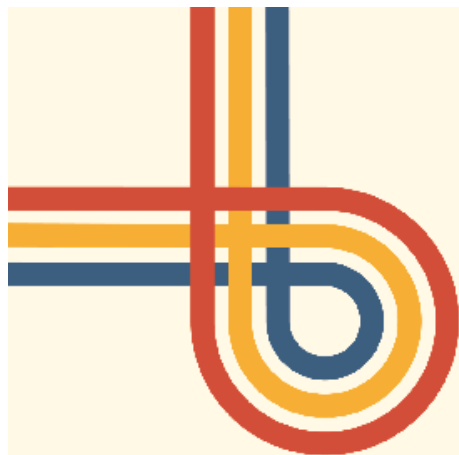
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For more information, contact Kirsty on
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If you would like to advertise or make a donation towards the costs of the magazine, please contact Kirsty using the above details.



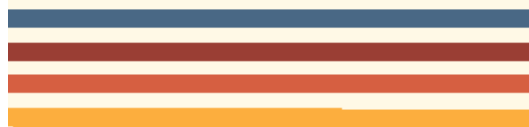
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Ruskington Chestnut Street

Church of England Primary School
and Little Conkers Pre-School

It is wonderful to welcome you to a new school year; the modifications to our new building are coming on really well and almost finished. We have welcomed our new Reception Oak class into our growing Chestnut Street family, it will soon be their turn to lay a stone in our Cairn as way of symbolising their start into school. We will also have our annual Harvest Festival collecting donations for the Sleaford Community Food Larder. Later this term our pupils will be teaming up other schools in our Trust to take part in a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) event which will be very exciting for our children of all ages. Nevertheless, we could not miss the opportunity to share with you the amazing events which took place at the end of last term and shine a light on some tremendous individuals and our community railway project.

We are always looking at ways to improve our school facilities, you may remember last year we enhanced our outdoor space investing in a new all-weather games area and trim trail clamber on the playground, this year we have moved to improving our indoor spaces. We are very proud of our new library creating a brand-new purpose made dedicated area for selecting reading books and to further promote reading for pleasure. The new library will be officially opened later this month, the children have been enjoying the library whilst the finishing few touches are being made. Look out for the completed library on Facebook and Twitter, also on our school website.



We have also refurbished our Art and Technology studio- '*The Design Den*'- a bespoke classroom sized area where children can explore and enhance their creative, artistic talents it will open early this half term.



Huge congratulations to Freya who won one of the categories of the '*Las Royal Rhyme Competition*' sponsored by the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society as part of the Lincolnshire Show 2022. Freya won family tickets to the Lincolnshire show in June, a Waterstones book voucher for herself and a £75 voucher for school. Well done Freya, a fantastic achievement!



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Over the summer term we have been working closely with Kaye from East Midlands Railways on a variety of railway themed projects, our Year 4 children have started making a mosaic. The artwork will depict images and scenes which reflect the character of Ruskington village – naturally the ducks feature, we don't want to spoil the surprise of what else is included, but please look out for the mosaic when it is installed as a permanent piece of artwork at the station it will be unveiled later in the autumn term as part of the railway's community art project.



At the end of the summer term Reception class through to Year 6 enjoyed welcoming back the girls from Kesteven and Sleaford Girls High School to join us for 'Tree in the Park'. The girls from Year 9 came in and set up different sports stations. The children had a go at as many as they could fit in during the afternoon, the whole school enjoyed the wonderful event and there was a fantastic atmosphere on the field for the afternoon, the children were so excited, "The parachute was awesome. I loved the games, cat and mouse was really fun." Thank you [#sleafordgirlshighschool](#)





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Team Chestnut had a fantastic sporting day out in June. Our year 5 children were amazing young leaders teaching games of bocchia, our dancers performed at the opening ceremony and taught others their dance. Our year 4's enjoyed going to all the different sports and giving them a go.



Congratulations to Phoebe who is our Summer term Rotary Stars Award winner for her act of good citizenship. We welcomed Bill and Lissie, from the Rotary Club, to our collective worship to present the award and we were delighted to have Phoebe's mum and dad with us.



Phoebe is very deserving of a Rotary star award, showing her kind thoughtful nature by having 15 inches of her hair cut off raising £655 for the Little Princess Trust (LPT), her target was £500. Phoebe has never had her hair cut (other than mum cutting the little ends), she has been inspired by the brave stories of young children who lost their hair due to cancer and other illnesses. Their stories made Phoebe feel very fortunate, ***“when the day comes to have my first cut, I would love to donate my hair to the LPT.”***

If you are applying for new school starter place for the Reception class 2023-24 we would like to invite you and any prospective parents to a family Open morning on Thursday 29th September for a tour and meet our staff and see our pupils. If families in our community would like to come and see what we can offer please contact the school office on 01526 832424, or email school.office@chestnut-street.lincs.sch.uk



To keep up to date with the exciting things we do at Chestnut Street please see view or website and our social media pages (Facebook and Twitter)

Very best wishes Mr Doud (Head of School).



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LITTLE CONKERS
PRE-SCHOOL



Planting seeds and taking delight in watching them grow and thrive is something our Little Conkers do throughout the seasons, learning lots!



After sowing some wildflower seeds they decided they needed to make some scarecrows to keep the seeds safe from the cheeky birds. Aren't they fabulous!

Just before we finished in the Summer, we harvested our peas and potatoes. Yummy mash and peas went down a treat!

We can't wait for our sweetcorn and pumpkins to be ready!





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To find out more about our fun and learning, check out Little Conkers Pre-School page on the school website, and we'd love you to visit!

Tel: 01526 832424

Email: school.office@chestnutstreet.lincs.sch.uk

Keep up to date with our adventures on Facebook too!

**MINI CONKERS are very excited to welcome back our parents,
carers and little ones from WED 14TH SEPT!**

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" Winchelsea what an end to 2022!

As I write this magazine entry it is the school Summer holidays and I am able to reflect on what a great academic year 2021/22 has been for Winchelsea. We have had many successes and have so much to be proud of:

- We have continued to develop our resources, such as investing in new reading books to support our new phonics programme, Little Wandle, which has proved to have a great impact on children's reading.
- We have also invested in our staff and their professional development and one of our most significant developments has been the new role that Mrs Dunham has been able to take up in school as Mental Health and Wellbeing Mentor/ Pastoral Lead to compliment her SENCo role. This has proved beneficial to many children, helping them to feel more confident, reduce anxiety and therefore access their learning more effectively as well as to parents that she has been able to help with some issues beyond the school setting.
- We have also improved our school grounds and buildings – we have had a SmartPod being built all year which we hope will be completed over the Summer holidays. We plan for this to be an excellent new learning area with sensory features to support some of our Special Educational Needs provision as well as being a great place for meetings or other learning activities such as cooking. We are also planning to develop a Zen courtyard next year at the request of the pupils who are designing various elements as a calm space for children to access.
- We resumed our extra-curricular clubs which I continue to be grateful to staff for providing beyond the normal school working day. Children have had the opportunity to enjoy a range of activities – many sporting such as football, netball, gymnastics and multi-skills, some creative such as choir and dance and others provide the opportunity to learn something new such as Zumba, gardening and chess.
- We have had some fantastic sporting achievements this year. We have entered many tournaments and enjoyed lots of festivals often bringing home certificates and awards – second place in the cricket, third in the tag rugby and we made it to regional finals in hockey where we came second. Our football team (coached by Mr Green for his first season with us) and our netball team (coached by Mrs Morley) both played extremely well and I am very proud to tell you that they have both finished the year at the top of their respective leagues bringing home more trophies for our display cabinet and medals for the children.



- We have resumed many of our community activities which is what Winchelsea is renowned for. We have been out in the local community, supporting activities taking place and visiting groups again with our choir and dance group such as the Methodist lunch club who help the elderly in our village and who love seeing the children and listening to our repertoire of songs. We also performed in Sleaford as part of the 'Sleaford Live' week and were very honoured to be invited to sing at the Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony outside St Denys Church.



- Many of our pupils have been recognised for individual achievements both in and out of school. Some children have taken part in sporting events and were local winners in gymnastics, football and dance. One of our Year 6 pupils was awarded a Rotary Stars award in recognition of her special achievements and another Year 4 girl has raised a significant amount of money by cutting and donating her hair.

- Despite the disruption to learning over the past two years, the children have continued to work hard and make progress and the staff have gone above and beyond to provide additional 'catch-up' sessions and provide additional support (sometimes outside of normal school hours such as our Easter school for Year 5 and 6 pupils) to help the children to minimise any impact on progress. As a consequence, our results in official assessments such as Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs, phonics in Year 1 and the new multiplication check in Year 4 are very good and place us happily above national averages. There will be more news on this for Year 6 parents in our Leavers' assembly.

We have managed to host lots of fundraising events such as our Easter raffle and highly successful Chocolate Bingo and taken part in charity events such as Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Inside Out and Dress to Express Days (for mental health charities) as well as supported the Ukraine crisis with a number of donations.

I would like to make sure that I have said a great big thank you to everyone who has supported school in so many ways –helping with fundraising, joining us for school events such as Christmas performances and Sports Day and working with school as partners in your child's learning whether that be simply hearing your child read, learn spellings and helping them complete their homework. I consider Winchelsea to be one big team and we all work together to make Winchelsea the great school that it is. Thank you!



Winchelsea Primary School

All Individuals Matter

We ended our year with many fabulous trips out of school – every class has been somewhere and experienced something new this year.

Our youngest children in Reception and Key Stage 1 went to Yorkshire Wildlife park which they loved! They managed to see lots of fantastic animals and particularly enjoyed the new dinosaur park.



Our school council had a fabulous time in London, having been invited to attend the Houses of Parliament for a tour to find out all about how government works. Afterwards they managed to squeeze in an amazing ride on the London



Eye. We may have budding future politicians amongst this group who have been so keen to find out about how laws are passed and what the role of an MP is. They will be using their own school council roles next year to drive new initiatives in school and represent the voices of our pupils in some decision making about how we can further develop our school provision.

Our older children visited the Space Centre in Leicester as part of their topic work. This was the culmination of a term's work all about space and they enjoyed all of the interactive displays and activities.



To see more of what we do please follow me on Twitter [@helen_duckett @Winchelsea1](https://twitter.com/helen_duckett) where you will see photographs and updates on a daily basis and won't have to wait for the next edition of the Signpost Magazine!

We are, naturally, very proud of our school and know it stems from the great team work that we have at Winchelsea – staff, pupils, parents, governors and the community are all valuable to the success of our school. Winchelsea school always rises to whatever challenges we need to face and will always endeavour to do our best for everyone we work with. We have been oversubscribed for six consecutive years now so if you know of friends who are intending to register their children at Winchelsea in the future or you have little ones of your own it may be advisable to talk to us soon! I believe that if you visit Winchelsea School you will be impressed by the friendly atmosphere and caring nature of all who work here but also by the pupils' enthusiasm for learning that makes our school special. If you would like to see more of what is going on in our school please visit our website at www.winchelsea.lincs.sch.uk/. Please contact the school office on 01526 832060 if you would like to visit.

In the meantime, I hope you and your loved ones all stay safe and well.

Helen Duckett—Head Teacher

Local Defibrillators



Ruskington has public access defibrillators at the following locations:

- * The Winchelsea Centre, 11 High Street North, NG34 9DY
- * The Co-op, High Street North, NG34 9DY
- * The Village Hall , Parkfield Road, NG34 9HT
- * Ruskington Medical Centre, 6 Brookside Close, NG34 9GQ

These are free to use by the members of the public. Upon calling the emergency services, they will be able to instruct you on where to go and how to access the defibrillator, if needed. But its always good to have a mental note of where the nearest one is located.

If there is any concerns in relation to the defibrillators, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01526 834483.

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