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RUSKINGTON VILLAGE MAGAZINE

LOCAL POLICING

News from your
Neighbourhood Policing Team

WHAT'S ON

Your guide to what's
happening in your village

FAMILY FUN DAY

Ruskington comes together
to celebrate

Summer
2023



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Welcome...

“Summertime is always the best of what might be.” — Charles Bowden

Summer is here and the sun is (occasionally) shining! In this edition of Signpost there is a selection of great articles I hope you will enjoy.

We have pieces about the recent Family Fun Day, the naturalisation of the church yard, updates from your Neighbourhood Policing Team and local schools, info about becoming a Parish Councillor, details of local clubs and groups and of course not forgetting the village community listings of What's On.

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All that remains is to wish you all a fantastic Summer and a reminder to keep sending in articles, ideas, and community information, we always love hearing from you.

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Ruskington Parish Council Updates

After the recent Coronation celebrations and local elections, Summer 2023 will be a slightly less frenetic time for Ruskington Parish Council as we start business for the new civic year.

We would like to welcome your new parish councillor, Chris Bain, and new caretakers Steve and Ben to the team.

7 councillors have taken office for the next 4 years and we have 6 vacancies to fill. If you are interested in making a change to your local community read more on page 15 or pop into the parish office on Highs Street North for a chat with the Clerk or councillors.



CORONATION BEST DRESSED WINDOW COMPETITION



Congratulations to Ink & Toner Direct who won the public vote with their excellent display and a big thank you to all the businesses who took part and entered.

THE PAVILION AT PARKFIELDS

The public consultation is now live about the development of the Pavilion on Parkfield Playing Fields. All residents are invited to

complete the survey, more details can be found via our social media channels, website, and parish office noticeboard. You can also scan the QR code on the back cover of this magazine to complete the survey.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Did you know that your Parish Council can award grants and donations to local community groups and organisations? For more information visit our website at www.ruskington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk ► Council Business ► Council Policies ► Grants and Donations Policy 2023.

The deadline for this year's applications is **1 October 2023**.

What's on...

Ruskington Village Hall*

Bingo - Meets every Thursday 7pm - 10pm.

Lincoln Judo Academy - Mondays 6:30pm-7:30pm. Contact 07539 320864.

Ruskington Rascals Preschool - All day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mornings on Monday and Thursdays. Term time only. Contact Linda 07545 954412.

Short Mat Bowls - Meet every Monday & Thursdays 1.45pm - 4pm all year round. New members get 3 free trial sessions (2 hours each). Bring a pair of flat soled shoes to wear indoors. Contact Patrick 07946 454047.

Slimming World - Meet every Tuesday 5pm and 6:30pm. Contact Sam Wheatley 07721 364922.

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

**General info: info@ruskingtonvillagehall.org
Bookings: ruskingtonvh@gmail.com*

Ruskington Youth Centre*

Knit & Natter Group - Meets every Monday 10:30am - 3:30pm and 10am - 4pm (BST). Contact Edwina Coleman 07931 109081.

Rainbow Flyers Youth Club - Children and young adults with special needs. Sunday 3pm - 5pm. Contact Karen Kenward 07811 598681.

Ruskington Community Youth Club - Meet every Tuesday 6pm - 7:30pm. (School year 4-8). Contact Maggie Harris 07443 851813.

Ruskington Amateur Theatrical Society Meet every Thursday 6pm - 8pm (8-18yrs).

**For hire contact Maggie Harris 07443 851813*

Ruskington Library

Ruskington Community Library is open:

Tuesday 10am - 12pm

Thursday 1pm - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 12pm

Tel: 01526 833420 (Tue/Thu/Sat)

Winchelsea Centre*

All Saints Ladies Club - Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month (except August) at 7:30pm. Events planned for 2023—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 - 12pm. 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 7pm - 9:30pm. Contact Anne on 01526 833276.

Fitness Pilates - Every Friday 11am - 12pm. Contact Nikki 07890 704799.

Fitsteps - Every Wednesday 10:30am—11:30am Contact Sophie on 07929 207143.

Evergreen Club - Every Friday 2pm - 4pm. Contact Lyn Gardner on 01526 833630 or 07450382628.

Keep fit with Kimberley Exercise to music for the over 50s. Free taster session. Monday's 11:30am and 12:25pm. Contact Kimberley on 07432 479835.

Bridge - Every Wednesday 1pm - 3:30pm Contact Jenny Wright on 01526 833896.

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

All Saints Church

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

Methodist Church

Digital Hub - Every Thursday morning during term time from 10:30am—12pm. Get online & improve your digital skills. Run by NKDC staff & volunteers. 1:1 tailored support & advice. Contact Mandy Lancaster 01529 414155.

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

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

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides - Monday evenings during term time.

Contact Mrs Sarah Coughlin 01522 789429

Happy Pluckers Ukelele Group - Meets every Wednesday at 10am Contact Peter Burgess 07980 011409

Chatting Crafters - Meets every Thursday at 9:30am Contact Christine Sandel 07795 192494

Lose with Lorraine - Meets every Friday at 9:30am Contact Lorraine Cadel 07715 328306.

Ruskington Bowls Club

New and experienced players welcome. Every Thursday afternoon between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Equipment available at no extra cost. Please wear flat shoes. Contact Paul on 01526 634831 or Sue on 07969 105164 or email paulbowlssec@hotmail.co.uk.

Churches...

All Saints Church

Priest in Charge - The Reverend Al Jenkins revajenkins@gmail.com or 07961 654486

Church Wardens - Diana Holt 01526 832087 or 07949 107035, dianaholt196@yahoo.co.uk
Alwyn Kirk 01526 832987, alwyno@aol.com

Secretary - Caroline Morrice 01526 830717 or 07719 280965, 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 & Weddings - Please contact Reverend Al or Diana Holt

Ruskington Free Church

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

Email George.phillips41@btinternet.com

Services

Sunday Service and Sunday School - 11am

Womens' Own - Meets the first Thursday of the month 7pm

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 & Groups

"Sunday Celebration" - Every Sunday 10am - 11am. Contact us or visit our website for details of all our other activities.

Ruskington Methodist Church

Minister - Reverend Gabriele Britton-Voss
01526 830192

Church Secretary - Mrs. Delia Dubois
01526 268723

Bookings Secretary - Mrs Judith Kirk
01526 832987

Church Treasurer - Mr Richard Olliffe
01526 268375

Pastoral Secretary - Mrs Kath Martin
01526 833438

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday Worship - 11am

Messy Church - Family session. Meets the 2nd Saturday every other month. Contact Rebecca Guillatt to book 07952 150195

Midweek Communion - Every 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:45am

Prayer Meeting - Every Tuesday at 9am

Lunch Bunch - Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 12 for 12:30pm. Contact Colin and Kath Martin 01526 833438

Pleasant Monday Afternoon (PMA) - Meets every 4th Monday at 2.15pm. Contact June Olliffe 01526 268375 (Last session is in June)

Women on Wednesday (WoW) - Meets every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm

Warm Space for all seasons - Every Friday in term time, 11am to 3pm

Charity Coffee Morning - Every 1st Saturday, 10am to 12noon





LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER

I am sure that many of us remember the halcyon days of travelling by bus or caravan in years gone by; stopping here, visiting there.

I grew up in Northumberland, near the coast, and so we spent many a summer's day on the beach, although not always sunny and not always warm ask anyone who has taken a swim in the North Sea.

Summer holidays can bring back so many memories and this year new ones will be created. Whether we staycation or travel further afield, they can be a time of change and reflection, then can be very different for each family, spent locally or further afield. The life of the Church will see a time of reflection as we think back to the major festivals, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. Those seasons bring something different to us as we experience joy, reflection, happiness and excitement in our faith. Summer, Ordinary Time we call it, allows us to So summer focus a little differently and do things a little differently. At All Saints this summer, in

amongst our offerings of church services and pop-up fairs we will be seeking to invite you to come and visit the church building, to join us for a variety of events including visiting musicians and speakers. We will also be holding a couple of days of activities for families at the Winchelsea Centre. Please keep an eye on our A Church Near You and FB page for details. We also have some new occupants in the church "The Church Mice" (the wedding mice are pictured left) These were kindly made for us by one of our parishioners. There are 11 or 12 of them. Why not come along and do some exploring and complete the quiz.

Warm Spaces For All Seasons – As a group of churches we decided that we would continue this initiative beyond the colder months. Our small group of volunteers serve at these events where we welcome those who might like some company, a cup of tea and a chat. At All Saints this is on Warm Welcome Wednesday from 10am to 12noon at the Old School House next to the Winchelsea Centre, Tuesday at South Lincs Church and Fridays at the Methodist Church. (Please note that we offer these events in school-term time only)

Messy Church – This family worship and activity service has become an important part of the lives of the families who join us. If you feel that you might wish to explore faith with us, please drop an email to messychurch.northlafford@gmail.com

We pray that you will be able to visit and be with us in the coming months. However you spend your summer holidays, I pray that you that you will be blessed in all that you do. **Blessings from Reverend Al and everyone at All Saints.**



Services at All Saints Ruskington— July and August

Date	Time	Service
01 July 2023	3pm	Messy Church
02 July 2023	11am	Morning Praise
09 July 2023	11am	Holy Communion
16 July 2023	11am	Morning Praise
23 July 2023	11am	Holy Communion
30 July 2023	11am	Sung Holy Communion
30 July 2023	3.30pm	Family Service Songs of Praise
06 August 2023	11am	Morning Praise
13 August 2023	11am	Holy Communion
20 August 2023	11am	Morning Praise
27 August 2023	11am	Holy Communion



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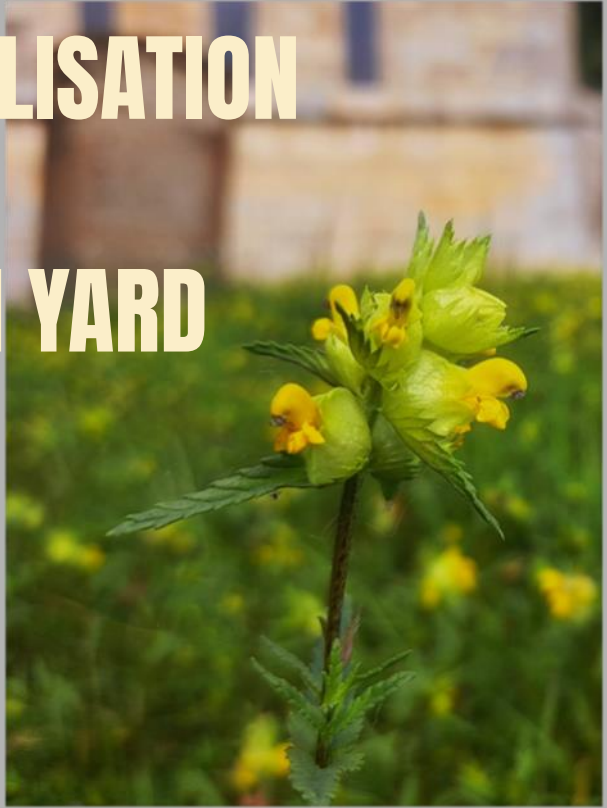
Unfortunately, every year less and less businesses are wanting to advertise and with the cost of printing forever increasing, the future of Signpost is at risk.

If you would like to advertise or make a donation towards the costs of the magazine, please contact Scott at admin@ruskingtonpc.org.uk or call 01526 834483.



NATURALISATION OF THE CHURCH YARD

Spring is well underway now and the rain has given way to glorious sunshine - and in the churchyard this is reflected in the pale yellow flowers of Yellow Rattle, *Rhianthus minor*.



The naturalisation of the churchyard is now in its third season, and it is an ideal time to see just what the Yellow Rattle does.

Stand at the east gate and look towards the church, on your right-hand side of the path is the area in its second year of Yellow Rattle - and the left side has not had any. You will notice that the grasses on the right-hand side have reduced massively, this is because Yellow Rattle is semi-parasitic to grasses, it attaches itself to the roots and steals nutrients which weakens the grasses. This allows space for the more delicate grasses and wildflowers to thrive.

The north side was sown with Yellow Rattle last autumn with seed harvested from the east side, and it is working its magic. I believe I will be able to harvest enough seed this year to sow the entire southern side in the autumn, which will speed up the entire process by a year.

Wildflower seeds were sown into the eastern side last autumn and now it is a waiting game to see what emerges. It is worth remembering that seeds can sit dormant for several years and germinate when conditions are right, so of the 24 species sown we should have a cycle of interesting plants appearing over the years. The southern side will be cut in July and the cuttings removed, this timed just before the grasses set seed, depleting their energy.

I hope you will enjoy the transformation with me. Since the end of the second world war, England has lost around 97% of its meadows, churchyards were often meadows and grazed by sheep in the autumn. This is why it is important to restore what we can and help our dwindling insect population which is the basis of all our wildlife.

Article by Andrew Doughty, Caretaker for Environment and Grounds at Ruskington Parish Council.



Ruskington Family Fun Day 2023

The sun was shining as the army of volunteers started setting up for the first Ruskington Family Fun Day. We only hoped it would stay for the day and we weren't disappointed.



As the day got warmer the crowds got bigger and events got underway in and around the main arena. We had the pleasure of Winchelsea School Choir followed by the Winchelsea Dance Club who gave a fantastic performance. They were followed by Go Dance Cheerleaders who gave an impeccable display.

The well attended dog show was run and organised by Wagalot & Woof. Ruskington WI very kindly judged the Bake-off. We had an amazing amount of entries for the children's races—Sprint, Sack and Egg & Spoon, it was great to see so many taking part and some

healthy competitive spirit amongst our young!

The first ever Ruskington Sausage Slinging competition took place, winners of their categories were Joe Wilson, Anna Farrell and Jacob Tomlinson. Tug-o-war followed to end the day. Throughout the day, Ruskington Lions were playing invitational games.

The generosity of local businesses made everything on the day free to enter and helped cover all costs. Thank you to all.

Article by Sarah Tonge, photos courtesy of Sleaford Standard.



SLEAFORD RURAL



YOUR LOCAL TEAM

sleaford@lincs.police.uk



PC Chris Green



PCSO Nicole Woolerton



PCSO Colin Ironmonger

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Rural ASB – We have now entered the Easter school holidays and once again we have seen a slight rise in the number of ASB reports involving youths. If you are experiencing issues with Anti-social Behaviour, please report it!

Drugs – We have seen some good results in regard to disrupting county line drug dealers; With several arrests for being concerned in the supply and possession with intent to supply a controlled substance. We will continue to develop intelligence and take robust action against those involved. If you have information regarding either of these issues, please report it via 101 or Online @ WWW.Lincs.Police.uk/online-reporting

LOCAL PRIORITY

Every three months, we listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. The results have set our priorities for the next quarter, these are:

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & DRUGS

If you think there is an issue we should be focusing on, please get in touch at one of our public engagement events or contact us by email or social media.

WANT TO KNOW MORE

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at www.lincs.police.uk



Search: **Sleaford Police**



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SLEAFORD RURAL



PCSO UPDATE – As I'm sure most of you will be aware by now, Lincolnshire Police, due to a funding gap are currently making changes to the neighbourhood Policing Team. This has sadly, resulted in cutting our Police community Support Officer numbers from 91 to 50. This is an ongoing process that will unfortunately affect the number of PCSO's we will have, with in Sleaford and the surrounding area.

The restructure has identified 19 vulnerable locations around the County where the PCSO's will be deployed.

Sleaford Town centre has been identified as one of those vulnerable locations and will see TWO PCSO's remain for Sleaford.

We will endeavour to keep you updated and well informed of the changes and potential impact this may have on our communities.



WANT TO KNOW MORE

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at www.lincs.police.uk

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Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area.

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Ruskington Parish Council Cemetery News

Cemetery Regulations

Please be aware that following a thorough review, Council approved the cemetery regulations without amendment at its meeting in October 2022. This followed advice from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematoria Management and the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils on the placement of non-regulation items in the cemetery and their removal.

Please note that only floral tributes are allowed. These can be placed on the headstone, grave or ashes plot but not around, beside, or in front of the grave/plot, and nothing can be planted.

Council understands that this is a very emotive issue and families may like to place tributes to their loved ones in the cemetery. However, the regulations are in place to ensure the health and safety of visitors to the cemetery, contractors and council staff; to provide safe access to other graves and plots; to allow maintenance work to be undertaken; and to ensure the cemetery is a restful and pleasant place for all to visit and reflect in peace.

Removal of Christmas wreaths, decayed flowers & non-regulation items

Annually, from the 31st January, Council removes Christmas wreaths and throughout the year will remove dead and decayed flowers and any dangerous items such as glass. Council has the right to remove any non-regulation items but does try to inform the person holding the Exclusive Grant of Burial for the plot/grave in advance, so the items can be retrieved.

Ashes Scattering Area - An area for scattering ashes is being created on the south border. There will be no cost to scatter ashes in this location, and although no memorial items may be left, residents will be able to purchase a plaque from the Council for engraving and displaying. Further information on this will follow.

Memorial Headstones - With immediate effect, only flat or sloping "tablet" headstones will be permitted on ashes plots to complement the size of the plots. These tablets can be created to incorporate flower vases, and your chosen stone mason will be able to advise you on this.

Further information - If you have any questions about the cemetery, interments or the regulations, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk on 01526 834483 or clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk.





"Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

There are currently 6 councillor vacancies, have you thought about becoming a councillor on Ruskington Parish Council?

Why become a councillor? Being a parish councillor is all about giving back to your community by bringing your energy, passion, and hard-working attitude. You can make a real difference to the local community and wider society in many ways as a councillor. For example, you could be representing the views of local people to ensure the community gets the right services, supporting a resident with an issue, or helping to shape the community by driving new ideas.

Being a parish councillor is a varied and highly fulfilling role. You don't need any experience or special qualifications, and you'll gain lots of new skills, experience, knowledge, and confidence.

What do councillors do? Parish councils are made up of councillors who are or co-opted or elected by the public in local elections. Councillors work with local people and partners, such as community groups, businesses and other organisations, to agree and deliver on local priorities. The decisions are implemented by permanent parish council officers and staff, who deliver services on a daily basis.

Who can be a councillor? To stand for election/co-option on a parish council, you must:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth. You may also be eligible as a citizen of the European Union, however the criteria has changed now that the UK has left the European Union. Please check on the gov.uk website for advice about EU citizens' voting and candidacy rights in local elections.
- At least 18 years old.
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked, or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election.

Do I need any skills, experience or special qualifications? No skills or qualifications are required to be a councillor - just a passion to make our community the best it can be.

Will I get paid? Councillors are not paid a salary, but they are entitled to receive expenses. This ensures they are not left out of pocket by covering costs such as travel to and from training, etc.

Further information.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a parish councillor, please come and observe one of our meetings, talk to a councillor or the Clerk, and look out for the NKDC and RPC social media channels and websites regarding the upcoming election process and timings.

Email: clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk



Ruskington Chestnut Street

Church of England Primary School
and Little Conkers Pre-School

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Earlier in the year we had our expected visit from Ofsted, maintaining our 'Good' Ofsted grade is a fantastic achievement for the school. We are very pleased that the hard work undertaken by all in the school community has been recognised, including the systems we have in place; the reflective and driven nature of staff & governors; the commitment of the pupils and the genuine high regard that all stakeholders have towards our wonderful school. The rigorous inspection truly reflects the dedication of every member of staff and the effective link with our Academy Trust, the *Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust* (LAAT). The full Ofsted report can be downloaded and read from our website: www.chestnutstreet.co.uk, Reports, Ofsted.

"The school values of 'Care, Believe and Grow' shine through at this friendly and inclusive school. Pupils know and understand these values. Together with the staff, they live and breathe them each day.

"Staff expect all pupils to work hard and behave well. They do. Pupils have pride in their work. They are enthusiastic in lessons and keen to please.



Coronation Fun

We had a lot of fun leading up to and over the Coronation weekend. Little Conkers and Oak class produced a sparkling creation entering the Ruskington Coronation Window Display Competition! With huge thanks to our parents at Ink and Toner Direct who invited us to decorate their window, we



are delighted that the display won the overall competition. The children dressed in red, white, and blue, producing fabulous work including 'a draw with Rob Biddulph crown special'. A huge thank you to everyone that came out and supported us at Ruskington's Family Fun Day today, we raised a fabulous £233 for the school!



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Year 3 Dancing with the Royal Opera House

Elder class enjoyed a 6-week programme of dancing and performance with the Royal Opera House and completed their dance at the 'Capulet's Ball', showing the wonderful skills and dance moves they had been learning. It was truly spectacular to watch it all come together. We were also extremely excited to see the same dancers from the Romeo and Juliet ballet perform for King Charles III at his coronation celebration at Windsor Castle.



Rotary Club – Children of Courage

In March, we were delighted to attend the annual Rotary Club Children of Courage awards which celebrates children who have overcome challenging circumstances and continue to do so. We nominated Verity and Isobelle as they are both young carers. It was a privilege to attend the awards to see the girls collect their awards to recognise their bravery and dedication to their families.



BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY

Year 5 & 6 visit the Brayford Pool



grateful to Bishop Grosseteste University Lincoln for collaborating with us and their geography students planning and supporting

with our trip and to *Alive Lincoln Church* who provided a venue to use as our base.

Year 5 & 6 had a highly successful fieldtrip to the Brayford Pool in Lincoln as part of our local history learning to complete geography fieldwork about the changes around the Brayford over the years. We are incredibly





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Team Rubicon – Scooter and Skateboard



We were delighted to collaborate with *Team Rubicon* to offer our children the chance to have a skateboard and scooter session with a specialist coach. We are always on the

lookout for new and fun activities for the children to try. It was a chilly day but that did not deter the children. We are always delighted to give our children new opportunities, taking part in the CARRES Outreach Friday Festivals is a fantastic way to introduce different sports. Our Year 1 children enjoyed a fantastic morning at Sleaford



golf club trying a variety of Tri-golf activities, some had never held a golf club before the day but were pros by the end. In the afternoon our Year 3 and 4 children had fun in a competition, we didn't win but fun was had by all! Our year 5 & 6 pupils are learning how to play pop lacrosse in readiness for a festival later this term.

Year 1 take a walk on the wild side!

Sycamore class had a fantastic day at Woodside Wildlife Park. Recently in science they have been learning how to classify animals and learning about what they eat. This was an amazing opportunity to enhance their understanding with a real-life experience. Even though a few of them were scared everybody stroked a snake!





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Year 2 Visit Boston



As part of our history curriculum Year 2 have been learning about significant historical events, people, and places in their own locality. They enjoyed a trip to Boston to learn about Lincolnshire's links to The Pilgrim Fathers, visiting the Guildhall. The children got a first-hand look at the courtroom and cells where the original Pilgrims were charged and imprisoned for trying to leave the country without the King's permission. We also spent time at the Boston Stump learning about Reverend John Cotton, previous vicar of the Stump, who became one of the founding fathers in Boston, Massachusetts.



From the 15th to 26th May all the children took part in a **Whole School Fundraising challenge along with our Academy Trust schools and leaders**. Children walked a mile a day for 10 days raising money for **Love As Action Together** - this fund will support children who are lacking the things they need to access the full life of school – in our school. We will remove barriers, promote equality, and champion inclusivity.

The fundraising challenge coincides with a LAAT staff challenge (including Mr Trafford and Mr Doud to take on the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge in June - The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge is 24-miles (38.6km) round trip route and includes 1585m (5200ft) of ascent.

The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge takes on the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent (694 metres), Wharfedale (736 metres) and Ingleborough (723 metres), in under 12 hours. Please help us to raise much needed funds for families in our school community through this Just Giving page:

[Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge June 2023 - JustGiving](#)





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Art Project

A group of Year 3 children from Elder class had a great opportunity to work with local artist Jason Wisner-Mills and alongside other children from our cluster group (Morton CE Primary, Horbling Brown's CE Primary and Branston Infants). Jason led a brilliant session using iPADS to create a digital self-portrait and layer pictures of their favourite things. The project was called *'Who am I, where am I going?'* and each child produced a digital piece of artwork based on a self-portrait in the popular style. In the afternoon we started work on an exciting project to create a painted panel about our school which will hang alongside panels from all the other schools in our trust.



Chestnut Street
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If you are applying for a 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 Tuesday 3rd October 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 enquiries.office@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk

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

Very best wishes Mr Doud (Head of School).





Ruskington Chestnut Street

Church of England Primary School
and Little Conkers Pre-School

LITTLE CONKERS PRE-SCHOOL



We were delighted to celebrate with all of our school community in maintaining our wonderful whole school 'Good' Ofsted grade.

"Children in both the Little Conkers nursery and the Reception class get off to a cracking start."

We loved joining in with the Coronation festivities and we learned so much about our culture and monarchy.



Planting and tending our peas. We're hopeful of a bountiful harvest!

We are so proud of the way our children have been challenging themselves and growing in their confidence.

Their joy, when they achieve something they have been trying hard to do, is fantastic to share in.

Keep up to date with our adventures on our Facebook page.

Looking for a friendly and relaxed group for you and your little one? We'd love to see you!

Tel: 01526 832424 Email: enquiries@chestnutstreet.laaf.co.uk

RUSKINGTON CHESTNUT STREET C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Mini Conkers Parent & Toddler Group

Everyone is welcome to join us for stay and play sessions.
From Birth to 4 years.

Every Wednesday
1.30pm - 2.30pm.

Booking essential, please contact
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What a busy few months it has been at Winchelsea, full of lots of the activities that Winchelsea is well-known for – exciting learning opportunities, superb links with our local community and beyond, fund raising to support both our school and various charities and developing our school to make it better and better for all of our pupils, staff and parents. It has been great to see the smiles on the faces of the children as well as the visitors and community groups that we have fantastic relationships with.

I thought this time I would share some of the great celebrations and fund-raising activities that have been going on in school since my last magazine article. We think it is important that we support others who may not be as fortunate as ourselves and this is an integral part of our school values, aims and ethos.

Coronation Celebrations

On Friday May 5th Winchelsea had its own celebration day where the children came to school in red, white and blue, with some faces painted, some colourful hair, some crowns or fancy headwear and with some great props including cuddly Jack Russells (the new King's favourite apparently so it's goodbye to the corgi!). We all had a fantastic day starting with a soundbite of me and some of our Year 6 pupils aired on BBC Radio Lincolnshire's breakfast show. We then had a whole school assembly where we displayed our outfits and sang our specially written song for the new king. If you would like to see it for yourselves an extract can be found on my Twitter page – it's very catchy! Our school was decorated across the site with bunting up around the outside and outsized flags up in every classroom with bunting, paper chains and colourful displays. Throughout the day the children took part in a range of differently planned lessons and activities to learn more about the traditions



and history of royal coronations and there were lots of fun arts and crafts activities such as making and wearing crowns and designing commemorative bookmarks. At lunchtime we all headed out into the sunshine for our street party where we sang the National Anthem, waved our flags and enjoyed some party food. In the afternoon we had parties and took part in more activities before leaving school with smiles on our faces for the long weekend.

Choir and Dance Performances

We are grateful to all the parents who brought their children along to the choir and dance performances that took place over both bank holiday weekends. The first one was as part of Sleaford 'Live' week which takes place annually and comprises of music events throughout Sleaford over the course



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of a week with live bands playing in local pubs, street musicians performing in outside locations and music groups performing in churches or other venues. Winchelsea's choir and dance group performed in the Riverside Church, also known as The Source and it was great to see so many family and friends of Winchelsea enjoying our entertainment alongside members of the public. Our second performance was as part of the Ruskington Fun Day on the playing fields on the Sunday after the coronation. After both events I received such lovely compliments about them and the staff who work with them and I was extremely proud of them. The choir still have further 'gigs' upcoming before the end of the year as our fame and popularity spreads far and wide!

Comic Relief Day



This year, Comic Relief or Red Nose Day was on Friday March 17th and as usual Winchelsea took part to raise money for all the

good causes it supports. The children and staff were invited to dress up in wacky or crazy outfits which could include wigs, glasses, red noses, hats and other accessories or even coloured hair. During the day the children took part in fun-related activities in their classrooms. In return for wearing their crazy outfits we asked for a donation of at least £1 although children and parents could give more if they chose to. With the help of our fantastic families we raised a brilliant £220 for this great cause.

World Book Day

Everyone had great fun on World Book Day on March 2nd. The children were greeted at the school gate at the beginning of the day by Rollergirl on the playground before entering their classrooms where their teachers and support staff met them dressed

as various characters such as Red Riding Hood, the Wolf and Three Little Pigs even a bookshelf of favourite books! We then had a whole school assembly where we enjoyed talking about each other's costumes and guessing which book was represented. Many children brought to school their favourite book too so that they could share them and introduce each other to books they may not know about to expand their knowledge. All of the classroom activities focussed on particular books – some of them were the featured books that could be purchased this year for free with the book tokens they received at the end of the day – and some focussed on class texts. We hope the children will go on to investigate more books that they have learnt about and have used their free book token to buy new books to enjoy.



Fundraising Support

On 23rd April, our fabulous teaching assistant, Mrs Pickworth, ran the London Marathon in aid of the 'Children with Cancer' charity. As part of her fundraising, Winchelsea children had a 'Wear your sportswear to school Day' which raised over £270. Mrs Pickworth is also planning to organise a car boot sale in the local area and Winchelsea staff and parents have been donating any unwanted, unloved or no longer needed items which they might otherwise have taken to a charity shop.



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Clothes, games, books, toys and any other suitable items have been gratefully received. So far, Mrs Pickworth has raised £5000 for this worthwhile cause.

Mrs Pickworth has also set up a JustGiving page if you would like to donate, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amanda-pickworth3

Mrs Pickworth has trained incredibly hard, and we would love to help her to raise as much money as possible.



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!

We continue to invite anyone who is looking for a new school for their children to give us a call. 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. We are committed to offering our children the best education that we can.

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.

Helen Duckett

Head Teacher



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Automated External Defibrillators (AED)



Ruskington has public access AEDs 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
- ⇒ Station Road, opposite bottom of the railway bridge, NG34 9BZ

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.

Hospital Voluntary Car Service (HVCS)

The service provides a reliable door-to-door journey and is available to all residents of Ruskington and Dorrington who have no other viable or practical means of attending a medical or dental appointment.

It is available for journeys to locations within the county although this can be extended to Nottinghamshire, Cambridgeshire and Derbyshire if required. It is charged at 45p per mile (Measured from the centre of Ruskington.)

If you have a car and a few hours to spare why not become a volunteer driver. You are paid 45p per mile – tax free!

For further details contact: Lyn Gardner 01526 833630



Useful Information

Personal

Age UK Lincoln and Kesteven	01522 696000
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177650
Citizens Advice	03444 111444
Child Line	0800 1111
Drugs Helpline	0300 1236600
Parent Line Plus	0808 8002222
Relate	0300 1001234
Samaritans	116 123

Services

Anglian Water	0345 7919155
British Gas	0800 0480202
Floodline	0345 9881188

Medical Services

NHS Service	111
Ruskington Medical Practice	01526 832204
Lincoln County Hospital	01522 512512
Boston Pilgrim Hospital	01205 364801
Grantham & District Hospital	01476 565232

Local Police

Crime Stoppers	0800 555111
Lincolnshire Police	101

Local Authorities

North Kesteven District Council	01529 414155
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