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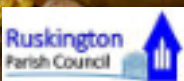
CELEBRATE!

With our Village Sign
Design Competition and
Shining Star Awards
winners.

WHAT'S ON...

Your guide to Ruskington
village clubs, groups,
church activities and
much, much more.

Autumn
2023



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WELCOME



Welcome to the Autumn Edition of Signpost.

Hello, neighbours and friends!

Autumn has arrived in Ruskington, bringing with it a burst of colour and a cosy atmosphere. As the leaves change, so does our community, and we're excited to share the latest stories and updates with you.

Our village thrives on your stories and experiences, and we're eager to hear from you. Whether it's a heartwarming neighbourly tale or a hidden gem in our community, your voice matters. We invite you to contribute to our magazine and make it a reflection of our vibrant village life. On that note, a big thank you to all who have contributed articles and made generous donations to the production of the magazine.

In this edition, celebrate with our Village "Design a Sign" competition and Shining Star Award winners, find news from our primary schools and churches, info about "What's On" in Ruskington, cemetery news and an update from your Parish Council.

Grab your favourite spot, a cup of tea, and enjoy the autumn read. We can't wait to hear your thoughts and see your contributions in the next editions.

Happy reading and have a fantastic autumn in our village!

Warm regards, Scott

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Check out Ruskington's Environment Matters page on Facebook.



@RuskEnvMatters

CELEBRATION TIME!

Ruskington Parish Council is elated to announce that it has received the prestigious (Large) Council of the Year Shining Star Award 2023 from the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC).

This recognition, presented on 19 July 2023, at the Bentley Hotel in South Hykeham, coincided with LALC's 50th anniversary, adding to the significance of the moment. This achievement celebrates the unwavering dedication and hard work of the council's exceptional team of councillors and staff. They have made a significant impact on the community, and this award is a testament to their brilliant contributions.

The council extends its gratitude to judges from neighbouring Local Council Associations for acknowledging their commitment to community service. This accolade reflects the combined efforts of councillors, staff, and supportive community members.

Ruskington Parish Council remains committed to enhancing the quality of life in Ruskington, pledging to continue their efforts in making it an even better place to live, work, and enjoy life.



WINNING VILLAGE SIGN DESIGNS

We're thrilled to share exciting news - the Design Our Village Sign Competition has yielded winners! Mason C and Evie Tomlinson from Chestnut Street CofE Primary Academy are the well-deserved champions, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to them for their outstanding achievement.

The competition showcased a wealth of talent and a profound love for our village. Numerous children exhibited their creative prowess, making the selection process quite challenging. However, Mason and Evie's designs truly stood out, impressing the council with their unique representation of Ruskington's spirit and heritage. Their dedication to capturing our community's essence was remarkable.

These winning designs will grace the new boundary signs at the Sleaford and Lincoln Road entrances, becoming the face of our village. These iconic symbols will not only honour our rich history but also symbolise the vibrant future of Ruskington. We believe these artistic visions will resonate with residents and visitors for generations to come.

Next, we'll work with sign-making companies on the artwork and costings. The Parish Council will keep you updated on the installation and unveiling ceremony, sharing details about the date, time, and venue.

Once again, our warmest congratulations go to Mason C and Evie Tomlinson. Their talent and dedication have left an indelible mark on our community. We also want to express our gratitude to all participants who shared their artistic abilities, making this competition a resounding success.

We eagerly anticipate celebrating this achievement with the entire community. Together, we continue to make Ruskington a place of creativity, community spirit, and pride.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Ruskington's Transformations: Pavilion Revamp, Emergency Plan, and More!

Exciting changes are afoot in our beloved village of Ruskington. Here's a quick rundown of the latest developments.

Pavilion at Parkfield Revamp: A Vibrant Hub in the Making

The Parish Council, in collaboration with University of Lincoln students, is working diligently to refurbish our pavilion. Thanks to input from a recent public consultation survey, the pavilion has the potential to house a dog-friendly cafe and accessible facilities. The Council is actively seeking funding options to make this community dream a reality.

Be a Hero: Join the Emergency Plan Volunteers

Ruskington is calling for heroes! We need volunteers for our Village Emergency Plan to ensure our community's safety during crises. If

you're interested in making a difference, contact the Clerk at clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk or call 01526 834483.

Parish Office Renovation: Boosting Local Businesses

The Parish Office is undergoing a transformation as well. The upcoming renovation of its rear section will provide flexible office space and meeting areas for local businesses, fostering growth and collaboration within our community.

Playground Upgrade for Our Kids

Good news for our youngest residents! The Beck Close Play Area is getting a makeover. Out with the old, rotten wooden fencing, and in with sturdy metal fencing. This change is part of our ongoing Play Area refurbishment program, ensuring a safe and enjoyable place for our children to play while reducing long-term maintenance costs.

With these exciting developments on the horizon, Ruskington is on the move. Whether you're looking forward to a cup of coffee at the revamped pavilion, considering volunteering for our emergency plan, or eager for improved amenities for local businesses and children, there's something for everyone. Our community's future is bright, and we're thrilled to be part of it!



RUSKINGTON CEMETERY NEWS

A Peaceful Resting Place for Loved Ones

The Parish Council are pleased to announce the availability of our dedicated ashes scattering area, a serene option for laying your loved ones to rest within our community. At Ruskington Parish Council, we understand the importance of providing choices during this sensitive time.

Before scattering ashes, please note that we kindly request you to seek prior approval from the Council. However, there's no legal obligation for the Council to maintain records of your loved one or the individuals requesting the scattering of ashes. Rest assured, there is no charge for using this facility.

Should you wish to add a personal touch, we invite you to provide us with a memorial brass plaque not exceeding 10cm x 12cm. This plaque can include up to three lines of text, commemorating the date of your loved one's passing or the date of ash scattering. Upon approval from Ruskington Parish Council, we will ensure the plaque is securely affixed to the memorial wall on your behalf.

In alignment with health and safety guidelines and as a mark of respect, we have established certain regulations for the ashes scattering area,

following advice from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematoria Management (ICCM):

- Ashes should be scattered during daylight hours.
- Burial of ashes is not permitted.
- Ash scattering is allowed only when there is no snow on the ground.
- Please refrain from leaving additional tributes, mementos, or trinkets, apart from approved memorial plaques.
- Non-regulation items will be respectfully removed. Memorial plaques will be maintained for 20 years before being retired.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we strive to provide a peaceful and respectful resting place for your cherished loved ones.



**TIRED OF
POTHOLES
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?**

**REPORT THEM TO
THE COUNCIL WITH**
 **FixMyStreet.com**

another project from the lovely people at **mySociety**



Looking ahead to the festive season with Ruskington Parish Council.

Lighting Up Ruskington: A Festive Community Effort

In our charming village of Ruskington, as the leaves fall and the air turns brisk, a magical transformation is underway. The Parish Council is again, gearing up for their annual "Light Up Ruskington for Christmas" project, infusing the town with festive charm and unity.

A Bright Idea

The heart of this project lies in community spirit. Spearheaded by the Parish Council, it aims to turn Ruskington into a twinkling winter wonderland. But what sets it apart is the involvement of local business owners.

Calling All Business Owners

The Parish Council is inviting High Street and Church Street business owners to join the festivities by decorating their shopfronts and

premises with lit Christmas trees. It's a chance to showcase their holiday spirit and connect with the community. Leaflets have already been distributed and business owners are urged to confirm their participation by 6 October 2023.

The Parish Council's call to local business owners reminds us that the true magic of Christmas lies in our bonds with neighbours. Together, they are making this festive season unforgettable.

So, get ready for a season of warmth, generosity, and enchantment in Ruskington. As the lights twinkle and the village comes alive, Ruskington promises a Christmas to remember for years to come.





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.

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 Green 01529 413843

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

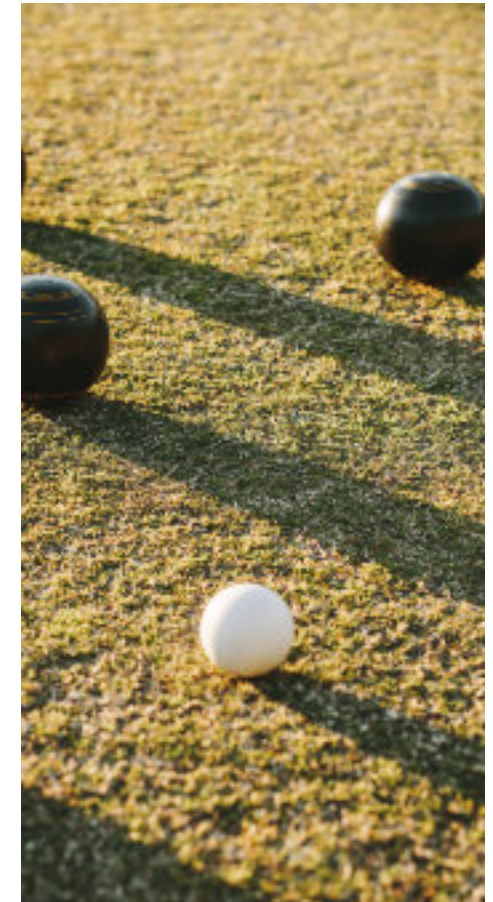
Happy Pluckers Ukulele - Meets every Wednesday at 10am Contact Peter Burgess 07980 011409

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.



All Saints Church



The Season of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

The autumn season at All Saints Church brings a spirit of thanksgiving and remembrance. We express gratitude for the bountiful harvest and the dedicated agricultural and food production workers who make it possible. Harvest Festival services and community meals have united us in celebration. We're also thankful for our schools, offering opportunities for our children and community.

Ruskington is a community-focused place, with various clubs fostering connections among its residents, including scrabble, football, Ladies Group, and Veterans breakfast clubs. These initiatives build positive relationships. Soon, we'll have a Mental Health Wellbeing Hub at South Lincs Church, offering support to those in need.

Support continues with Warm Spaces during the school term. These sessions provide a chance for people to meet and talk. Fun Mornings at the Winchelsea over the summer brought families together for traditional games, and we plan to do the same during half-term. Messy Church, held at Chestnut Street CofE School on the first Saturday of the month, offers a gentle way to learn about the Christian faith.

As we approach the season of remembrance, we honour our loved ones lost this year and in previous years. A special remembrance service at All Saints on November 5th welcomes everyone to pray and light a candle.



On November 12th, we commemorate Remembrance Day with a church service at 9:30 am, followed by a community procession to the Garden of Remembrance, honouring those who've served and civilians who've died in service to our country.

Regardless of how you express your gratitude or remember, take time to reflect on the relationships you've had, have, and will have in the years to come.

Blessings from Reverend Al.

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

**Baby Loss Awareness Week
gives everyone an
opportunity:**

To support bereaved parents and families and to unite with others across the world to commemorate their babies' lives and lost pregnancies.

To raise awareness about pregnancy and baby loss.

To drive improvements in care and support for anyone affected and in the prevention of pregnancy and baby loss.

It is so important that parents and families each find a way to remember their baby in a way that suits them. Some join with others at special services organised by their local hospital or a local support organisation, some find

Baby Loss Awareness Week



Would you like to join us and honour the babies we have loved and lost in pregnancy or babyhood?

Join us for a short service of reflection

**Mon 9th October
7pm**

With candles to light
And refreshments after



South Lincs Church
19, West Gate
Ruskington
NG34 9ES

solace in events organised by their faith community while others will remember alone in a way unique to them.

It is important to remember there is no right or wrong way and it can change as the years pass too.

www.babyloss-awareness.org

RUSKINGTON



WARM SPACES
FOR ALL SEASONS

Always a warm welcome

Opportunities to relax, meet people, and enjoy **FREE** refreshments and activities in non-judgemental, welcoming spaces all year round.

DON'T BE ALONE, HUNGRY OR COLD!



Old Schoolhouse, Winchelsea Centre (High Street North, NG34 9DY)
Wednesdays in term-time, 10am to 12noon

Refreshments including tea, coffee, toast and crumpets
Games and craft activities
Children's corner

Ruskington Methodist Church (Chapel Street, NG34 9DX)
Fridays in term-time, 11am to 3pm

Light meals and refreshments
Various activities
Wi-fi and charging points
Quiet space
Play area for pre-schoolers



The **Methodist Church**



Ruskington Methodist Church's Warm Space for All Seasons

One year ago, the idea of opening a Warm Space at Ruskington Methodist Church was just a concept. Questions loomed about its viability, the willingness of guests to attend, funding sources, and volunteer availability. Fast forward to today, and we have not only answered those questions but also saw the positive impact of our initiative.

With 15 to 20 guests each week, it's clear that this endeavour was the right thing to do. We are committed to embodying the spirit of Christ by offering warmth, love, and light to a world where people often grapple with isolation, hunger, and cold. Initially intended for the winter months, our guests' feedback inspired us to become 'Warm Spaces for All Seasons,' collaborating with other village churches.

The term 'warm' not only refers to the physical heat we provide but also to the guaranteed, non-judgmental welcome extended throughout the year. In August, responding to guest and volunteer input, we even added two extra afternoon sessions, where tea, coffee, and cake flowed freely.

Funding our project was made possible through a variety of generous means. Lincolnshire Methodist District provided an initial grant, and unsolicited monetary donations, homemade blankets, and soup poured in from church members. Friends from the Sleaford Methodist Circuit knitted blankets and contributed magazines and

newspapers. Local businesses supported us through advertising, donations of essential supplies and money. Our guests also kindly brought various items to share.

Volunteers, some not affiliated with the church, have been instrumental in our success. They received training, offered valuable feedback, and supported each other, playing various roles from cooking and serving to welcoming, playing games, and engaging with guests. One volunteer, unable to attend sessions, consistently bakes delightful cakes and puddings.

Our Warm Space evolved over the year, forming a partnership with Voluntary Centre Services that brings added activities for our guests. Looking ahead, we plan to diversify our offerings, introduce 'Warm Space Plus' with skills sharing and talks, and take part in the Sleaford Christmas Tree Festival. We're also excited about a new Wellbeing Hub in collaboration with other village churches.

Every Friday in term time, from 11am to 3pm, we open our doors. Come for a chat, enjoy quiet moments, play games, savour soup and cake, and take home a cosy blanket. If you're inclined, consider volunteering. Our mission is to ensure that no one feels isolated, hungry, or cold.

Becky Guillatt (Sleaford Methodist Circuit Support Worker for Dunston & Ruskington) can provide further details at cswrg.sleafordmethodist@gmail.com or 01526 833571. Join us and experience the warmth for yourself!

WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Reflecting on the 2022/23 academic year at Winchelsea during the school summer holidays, we are filled with pride for the numerous successes and achievements we have seen:

Resource Development: Our commitment to enhancing resources has continued. We've invested in more reading books to support our phonics program, "Little Wandle," and the Accelerated Reader initiative, significantly improving children's reading skills. Subscriptions to programs like Spelling Shed

and Mathletics empower children to practice their skills from home.

Professional Development: Our staff's professional growth remains a priority. They have received comprehensive training in First Aid, Fire Safety, asthma management, and child protection, ensuring a safe learning environment.

Infrastructure Enhancements: We're excited to introduce our new SmartPod, a versatile learning space with sensory features and

Children from Year 6 visit Skegness.

technology to support Special Educational Needs. Additionally, a fitness trail and Zen courtyard, designed by our pupils, will provide both physical and calming experiences.

Extra-curricular Activities: Our wide array of extracurricular clubs, thanks to our dedicated staff, offers opportunities for children to explore sports, creative arts, and new skills beyond regular school hours.

Sports Success: Our football and netball teams have achieved remarkable success, with top rankings in their respective leagues, bolstering our trophy collection.

Community Engagement: We have rekindled our community involvement, reaching out to local groups and organisations with our choir and dance performances, promoting the spirit of unity.



QUARTZ CLASS 2023

Individual Achievements: Several students have shone both within and outside of school, taking part in various sports, winning trophies and certificates, and gaining recognition for their accomplishments.

Academic Excellence: The joint efforts of our staff, students, and supportive parents have led to outstanding results in official assessments, surpassing national averages.

Fundraising and Charity: Through events like Christmas and Easter raffles, Ice Lolly Fridays, and participation in charity events, we've raised vital funds for our school and contributed to meaningful causes. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our entire Winchelsea community, including parents, governors, and staff, for their unwavering support. Together,

we create the exceptional learning environment that defines Winchelsea.

OFSTED Recognition: Our recent OFSTED inspection acknowledged many of our strengths, echoing the sentiments of our parents who commended the care and dedication of our staff in creating a wonderful learning environment.

Exciting Trips: Throughout the year, every class enjoyed exciting educational trips. From Key Stage 1's adventure at The Deep in Hull to Year 6's memorable visit to Skegness, our students experienced new adventures and learning opportunities.

West End Experience: Our older pupils had the chance to see the magic of The West End

with a memorable visit to see "The Wizard of Oz."

Community Bonding: We cherish the moments spent with our Services children and their families at Belton House, fostering a sense of togetherness.

Farewell to Year 6: We bid farewell to our exceptional Year 6 students, celebrating their growth and achievements over the years. We're excited to see their bright futures unfold in secondary education.

To stay updated on our daily activities, follow me on Twitter @Winchelsea1, where you'll find photos and updates. At Winchelsea, we take pride in our strong team spirit among

staff, students, parents, governors, and the wider community. Together, we rise to challenges and strive for excellence in education. We've been oversubscribed for seven consecutive years, a testament to the trust parents place in us. If you're considering Winchelsea for your child's education, don't hesitate to reach out.

Visit our website at www.winchelsea.lincs.sch.uk or contact the school office at 01526 832060 to learn more.

In the meantime, I wish you and your loved ones continued safety and good health.

Helen Duckett - Head Teacher

RIPARIAN OWNERSHIP

Have you ever wondered about riparian ownership in England? Well, let's dive into it!

In England, riparian ownership refers to the rights and responsibilities of landowners along a river or watercourse, including ditches and dykes that border your property. These owners enjoy certain privileges, such as the right to access and use the water, as well as the ability to fish or boat, within reasonable limits.

However, it's important to note that riparian owners also have responsibilities. If a watercourse forms the boundary between you and your neighbour, the law presumes that you own to the centre point of the watercourse.

This means that you and your neighbour are responsible for the maintenance and water flow within the watercourse. You must ensure your activities don't cause harm to the watercourse or infringe upon others' rights downstream. Preservation and proper management of the water environment are key!

If you're lucky enough to own riparian land, remember to respect and protect this valuable natural



For more info visit

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/flood-risk-management/riparian-landownership

resource. Let's work together to maintain the beauty and health of our rivers and waterways for generations to come!

FLOODING

Your home in Ruskington may be at risk of flooding.

Flooding is dangerous and can happen very quickly. The effects can be devastating. If it happens, you can be prepared.

For free advice, before, during or after a flood call [0345 9881188](tel:03459881188) or visit

www.gov.uk/flood

You can also call into the Parish Council office on Hgh Street North for further information.



The summer term may seem like a distant memory nevertheless we would like to share and celebrate some of the wonderful activities and achievements we finished the school year with.

Reception Oak class had a wonderful, busy time at Rand Farm Park for their class trip. The children enjoyed finding out facts about the animals and their young, they learnt all about how to milk a cow and what the milk is used for, bottle fed the baby goats and held chicks. They loved their ride on a modern-day tractor and saw lots of different types of tractors around the farm. Before the visit in school, the children learnt about the history of farming vehicles. Whilst on the visit they even had time to explore the play park! Jumping on the bouncy pillows, being brave on the very tall slides and sledging down the ramps!

Earlier in the term Oak class observed the butterfly life cycle. They watched the caterpillars grow and grow and then turn into a chrysalis all four of the caterpillars changed to become



butterflies which were all released in our tactile garden.

The children from **Year 3 Elder** class had an amazing time visiting Creswell Crags. Here they were able to consolidate their learning on the Stone Age period. The children had the opportunity to explore the Mother Grundy cave, build shelters like cave people would have done as well as having a go at being Palaeontologists. This really was a hands-on experience for the children and one that also allowed them to create wonderful recounts back in school. The staff at Creswell were superb and complimented the children on their wealth of knowledge. Just seeing how immersed the children were and how well they could answer the questions linked to their learning was such a satisfying experience for us all.

We were pleased to take a selection of children who have strong connections to the armed forces to the Sleaford Flag Raising Ceremony to start Armed Forces Week, as always the children



were a credit to school and all forces families.



It was a pleasure to welcome Councillor Mike Clarke and Clare Clayton from the NKDC Partnership Team to our celebration worship, all of the children entered a competition to design artwork for the Veterans' Lunch Programme. Amelia won in the Key Stage 1 category; all of the children who entered were recognised with certificates.

Congratulations to Susan who has been awarded a Rotary Star for citizenship. Lissie from the Rotary Club came to school to present Susan with her certificate and badge and we were pleased to have her mum at the assembly. Susan comes cheerfully into school each morning and constantly demonstrates our school values. Susan is the most amazing role model for her peers and has wonderful kindness and compassion. Susan is able to empathise with others, showing that she thinks about how others are feeling and when appropriate, will put the needs of others before her own which is

incredible for someone her age. She has the most wonderful manners and everything she does she does because she is kind, helpful and friendly and never expects any reward for her outstanding behaviour and attitude. She always lights up our school with her joyful smile and delightful sense of humour.

Thanks to the Rotary Club for supporting an interesting technology project as part of our STEM education day the children learnt a lot, designing and making a crane to rescue a damaged container from a railway truck. The children constructed the finished crane themselves incorporating gears and electrics, showing a huge amount of determination and skills to achieve this from scratch in a day.



Our **Year 6** pupils had a fantastic weekend at the Caythorpe PGL residential centre - experiencing canoeing, abseiling, climbing, laser tag, rifle shooting, archery, giant swing and much more. All of the children rose to the challenges - both small and large - with resilience, laughter and teamwork. The children did themselves, their school and parents proud. We are already looking forward to PGL 2024!



we learnt our harmonies and parts to a 'Beatles medley' which we sung with all the other choirs in the theatre. It sounded beautiful as one big vocal performance. The girls all sung their hearts out and represented Chestnut Street incredibly well. The music service praised all who took part for putting on a wonderful show and our choir "for their wonderful choir performance."

Sycamore and Hazel class enjoyed their cycling in PE, challenging themselves to ride over a ramp, up our mound on the field and worked hard to keep in a straight line along the running track.



Our netball and football teams have both performed exceptionally well this year, representing us at the Lincolnshire County Finals at Skegness Grammar School. Although they did not win the overall competition, we know that it is a great achievement to compete in a tournament against 11 other finalists, they played well and fairly, for this we are very proud of them. A huge well done to Mrs Rutter for coaching them to such a high standard over the year - a great team effort from all. The netball then went onto win the Sleaford and District League – playing 7 games and winning all of them. The football team finished the season as

They also had a super time at the Lincoln Cathedral day in June the children enjoyed every aspect of it trying on costumes, solving problems and puzzles, singing in the Cathedral and having a picnic in the cloisters.

A group of four **Year 6** children went to St George's Sleaford campus to take part in the annual maths challenge, the children competed to solve a variety of puzzles and problems against other local primary schools and finished a commendable third.

Chestnut Street choir attended 'Singsation' an event organised by Lincolnshire music service at The New Theatre in Lincoln. Hayley Sanderson, a vocalist in BBC's Strictly Come Dancing was there to sing some of her songs and offer advice and feedback to the children on how to improve their vocals. We were very lucky that we were chosen to perform 'Fight Song' by Rachel Platten to an audience of around 300 people. We also signed this song to make it inclusive for a child in our choir who is deaf. Before we went,



runners up, they came close to winning but narrowly missed out due to goal difference.

Our great PE and sport offer has been recognised by the school achieving Platinum School's Games Mark, this is given to schools who have achieved Gold 4 years in a row and have shown that the school provides a consistent and high-quality PE and Sport offer. I couldn't be prouder of all members of the school that has helped the school to achieve this. Thank you to all the parents who have supported with transport, signing the forms and being cheerleaders at the different events in rugby, hockey, girl's football, panathlon to name a few. Thank you to all the children who have represented the school and have made the teaching staff proud to be with you through these sporting events and finally a thank you to all the staff who have taken children to the events.

The Mini Conkers parent and toddler group has continued to grow in numbers and popularity. We are always very happy to welcome you and your little ones to Mini Conkers! We start our new term on Wednesday 20th September. Why not come and join us!

We are always proud of our whole school community the children work incredibly hard and the entire school staff are amazing every



single day to ensure the children get the very best, we are lucky to work in partnership with our supportive parents. Chestnut Street is known to go above and beyond to ensure the children get the very best care and education, I see this in abundance in every area of school, every day. 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@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk

We will begin to offer tours during the day and plan to hold a whole school Open Day for current and future parents on Tuesday 3rd October.

Very best wishes, Mr Doud (Head of School).

Please see [view or website](#) and our social media pages ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) for further updates.



Ruskington Chestnut Street
Church of England Primary School
and Little Conkers Pre-School



Our hardworking little gardeners were rewarded with fabulous harvests of peas and potatoes – these potatoes were from just one of the grow bags. There were five more bowlfuls excitedly gathered too and several more visits to the pea plants, resulting in popping more pods and enjoying sweet juicy peas! The children loved making their own mash and, of course, eating it!

You'll often find us outdoors where we have so much fun, and are growing into confident, strong and resilient little people as well as getting thoroughly messy!

**LITTLE CONKERS
PRE-SCHOOL**



See more of our happy adventures on Facebook!

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

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



AUTOMATED EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR (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. 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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Age UK Lincoln & 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
Electricity Emergency 105
Gas Emergency 0800 111 999
Floodline 0345 988 1188

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

Lincolnshire Police 101 (Non-Emergency)
Sleaford Police 01522 532222

Local Authorities

North Kesteven District
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