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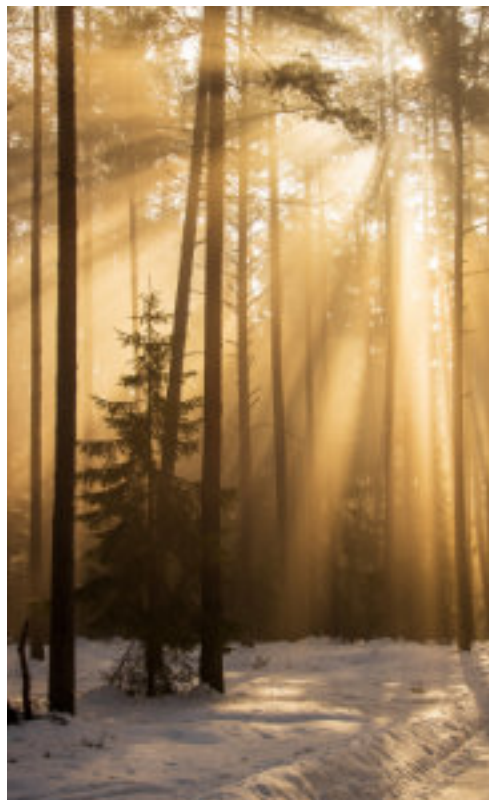
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# WELCOME



As our village landscape transforms into a serene winter wonderland, we're thrilled to present the Winter Edition of our Signpost magazine, a reflection of our village's heart during this special time.

Within these pages, you'll find many stories capturing the unique essence of our community. From the latest church news that warms the soul to heartening updates on our primary schools' activities, we're excited to share the vibrant tapestry of our village life.

In this edition, the Ruskington and Area Veterans Club detail their activities and pay tribute to the solemn beauty of Remembrance Sunday, honouring those who've paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Join us in commemorating their contributions and reflecting on the shared history that binds us.

As we navigate the season, we've included crucial advice for residents on handling potential flooding and riparian ownership. Our

village is a resilient community, and this information aims to empower us all in safeguarding our homes and families.

Let's embrace this winter as a unified community, celebrating the togetherness that defines us. Thank you to all our contributors for being the vibrant hues that paint the canvas of our village's story.

Warm regards,

*Scott* (Signpost Editor)

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - WINTER 2023

## Community Spirit Shines: A Heartfelt Thank You, Renovations, and Future Plans

In the aftermath of Storm Babet's October deluge, Ruskington witnessed the true power of community spirit. The Parish Council extends sincere thanks to the incredible village resident volunteers who joined forces with council staff, becoming the unsung heroes in aiding those affected by the flooding. Their selfless efforts made a significant impact, preventing more people from enduring the storm's aftermath alone.

As we reflect on the recent challenges, the Parish Council is proactive in learning from the experience. Emergency plans are under review, and an invitation is extended to those interested in becoming emergency plan volunteers. For details, reach out to the Clerk at [clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk) or call 01526 834483. Furthermore, a comprehensive county-wide investigation, involving Lincolnshire County Council, the Environment Agency, emergency services, and more, is underway. This

collaborative effort aims to enhance future emergency responses to flooding incidents, ensuring a more resilient community.

Amidst the ongoing transformations, the rear of the Parish office is undergoing renovations. This project is not merely about bricks and mortar; it's about creating flexible spaces that benefit both local businesses and residents. The revamped office will serve as a hub for collaboration and community growth.

In a poignant display of unity, our community recently gathered for Remembrance Sunday, honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and freedom. It was a testament to our shared values and collective gratitude.

Looking ahead, the Parish Council shifts its focus to budgeting, funding, grants, and setting the precept for the upcoming financial year. Simultaneously, preparations are underway to illuminate the village centre, ushering in the festive season with the warmth and joy that defines our tight-knit community. As we navigate these transitions, the strength of Ruskington lies not only in its infrastructure but in the resilient spirit of its people. Together, we shape the future.



# 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.







## 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 Club** - Meet every Wednesday 7pm - 10pm.

\*General info: [info@ruskingtonvillagehall.org](mailto:info@ruskingtonvillagehall.org)  
Bookings: [ruskingtonvh@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Sturgess 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.

### Free Church

**Brereton Handbell Ringers** - Tuesdays 7 - 9pm.

### 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](mailto:paulbowlssec@hotmail.co.uk).

### Sleaford & District Aviation Society

Third Tuesday of each month 7.30pm at the Legionnaires Club, Sleaford. Contact Mike Kennedy 01526 822541.

### Ruskington & Area Veterans Club

Second Saturday of each month 12pm at The Shoulder of Mutton pub. Check out the Ruskington and Area Veterans Group on Facebook for more details.



# CHURCH INFORMATION

## All Saints Church

Priest in Charge - The Reverend Al Jenkins  
[revajenkins@gmail.com](mailto:revajenkins@gmail.com) or 07961 654486

Church Wardens - Diana Holt 01526 832087  
or 07949 107035, [dianaholt196@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dianaholt196@yahoo.co.uk)

Alwyn Kirk 01526 832987, [alwyno@aol.com](mailto:alwyno@aol.com)

Secretary - Caroline Morrice 01526 830717  
or 07719 280965, [caroline.morrice@sky.com](mailto:caroline.morrice@sky.com)

Pastoral Visiting - Please contact Reverend Al.

### Services

Morning Prayer - Monday to Friday at 8.45am

Sundays -Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 11am

For All the Church Family – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 11am

Benefice Praise Service – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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Email: [info@southlincschurch.co.uk](mailto:info@southlincschurch.co.uk)  
Find us on Facebook.

Senior Leader - Dave Wade—  
[dave@southlincschurch.co.uk](mailto: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 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 Guilliat 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, for 12:30pm. Colin and Kath Martin 01526 833438  
Pleasant Monday Afternoon (PMA) - Meets 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



# RUSKINGTON METHODIST CHURCH



As the spider webs glisten in the early morning frost and we witness more of God's miracles in Creation, we look back on the autumn quarter...

Our Harvest Weekend in September included a laugh-a-minute Variety Show, followed by a service of hopefulness. Sunday services take place weekly at 11am. Prayer Meetings continue every Tuesday at 9am.

Messy Church families recently made a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday, alongside various Autumn-themed crafts. Messy Church takes place on the second Saturday every other month, booking required.

Lunch Bunch continues to serve meals on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month. A special 10th Anniversary service of celebration was held in October, followed by a delicious lunch.

Warm Space for All Seasons takes place every Friday in term time, 11am to 3pm. We finish on 15th December with an afternoon of Christmas refreshments from 1 to 3pm, returning on 5th January.

It's great to see friends old and new at our Coffee Mornings, whilst raising money for good causes. Refreshments, cakes, books and more will once again be available on Saturdays 9th December and 6th January from 10am.



Women on Wednesday always look forward to getting together on the first Wednesday every month, from 1:30 to 3pm, enjoying singing, chatting, crafting, knitting and refreshments.

Now to December...

### **Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon**

Saturday 2nd, 2pm to 4pm during Ruskington's Winter Market.

### **Warm Space+ Christmas Quiz**

Friday 8th, 11am to 3pm (courtesy of Voluntary Centre Services).

### **Action for Children Christmas Coffee Morning**

Saturday 9th, 10am to 12noon

### **Christmas Eve Carol/Nativity Service**

Sunday 24th at 11am

### **Christmas Day Service**

Monday 25th at 10am

All are always welcome to our regular activities, events and services.

### **Becky Guillatt**

Sleaford Methodist Circuit Support Worker for Dunston and Ruskington  
Tel: 01526 833571

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RUSKINGTON



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FOR ALL SEASONS

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warm welcome

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**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

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Play area for pre-schoolers



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# Christmas Blessings

From All Saints Church



Christmas is a time to celebrate, coming together through relationship; Our families, our friends, those we have known for a long time and those more recently. Over the December/January period All Saints will seek to reach out into the community through our Christian hope in Jesus. We will seek to offer invitation and hospitality through worship and in our service to the community.

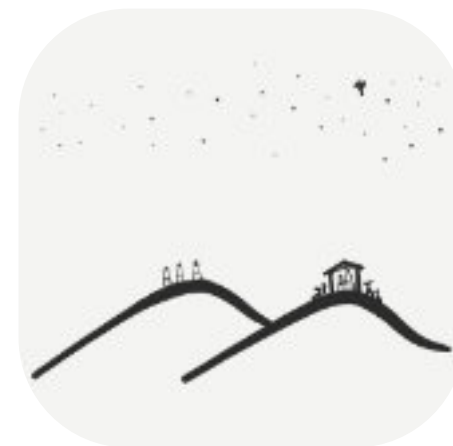
Please come along to your church to experience and be part of our traditional Christmas services, Christingle, Crib Service and Midnight Mass. These will be joyful times when we gather to welcome the newborn King.

We have 2 lunches planned for December

**Sunday 10th December** at the Winchelsea Centre at 1pm. To book please email caroline.morrice@sky.com or pop into church and put your name on the list at the back of church. £10.00 for 2 courses. Tea and Coffee will be available.

**Christmas Day** - Come and join us for a traditional Christmas lunch at 1pm at the Winchelsea Centre, High Steet Ruskington. We can pick you up or deliver food in Ruskington. Suggested donation £5 per person To book your place call 01526 830717 or email caroline.morrice@sky.com.

Look out for the ABBA Tribute poster around the village which will have details of our upcoming concert on the 5th of January 2024 at All Saints Church.



I pray that you and everyone you love will have peace and hope as the Prince of Peace is welcomed into the world.

Blessings. Reverend Al.

## Christmas Services and Activities for December

**02 December 2023** - Making Christmas Decorations for the Church Christmas Trees, 10am – 3pm.

**03 December 2023** - Advent Sunday Morning Praise, 11am.

**04 December 2023** - CNS Christingle Service, 3.45pm.

**10 December 2023** - Holy Communion, 11am.

**17 December 2023** - Morning Praise, 11am.

**17 December 2023** - Benefice Christingle Service, 3pm .

**22 December 2023** - Carol Service, 7pm.

**24 December 2023** - Benefice Holy Communion, 11am .

**24 December 2023** - Crib Service, 3pm.

**24 December 2023** - Midnight Mass, 11.30pm.

**25 December 2023** - Benefice Christmas Morning Service, 11am.

**31 December 2023** - Benefice New Year's Eve Holy Communion, 11am.



# Ruskington and Area Veterans Club



## Ruskington and Area Veterans Club

Local military veterans recently came together to form the Ruskington and Area Veterans Club. The brainchild of Chris Cook and Neil Fryer, the group aims to provide a space for like-minded veterans to get together, share company, and offer support to one another. Since its formation in April, the club has had numerous monthly meetups, a summer BBQ, and has been involved in events leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

### Care Home Visit

Members Neil, Kelly, and Ged visited St Andrews Care Home in Ewerby on Saturday 30th October. They spent time speaking with residents who had served in the armed forces and shared many a story with them over a brew and biscuits. The visit was very well received with residents reportedly still talking about it the following day.

### Poppy Appeal

The Club then supported the Royal British Legion's (RBL) Sleaford Branch in its Poppy Appeal collection by manning a stall in Ruskington Co-op over the weekend of 4-5th November. Through the generosity of local residents, the Club raised £966.08.

### Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday was naturally the highlight of recent events for the Club. The village Service of Remembrance was very well attended by large numbers of residents from



Ruskington and the surrounding area. The Club was honoured to be asked to carry the Standard of the former Ruskington RBL Branch that now lays up in All Saints Church. Praise must go to Ged for carrying the Standard with such dignity. After the service, many club members retired to The Shoulder of Mutton to raise a glass to The Fallen.

### Future Plans

Thoughts now look towards Christmas with a festive dinner planned. Are you a military veteran and interested in joining? The group meets on the third Saturday of each month at The Shoulder of Mutton, Ruskington at 12pm. Check out the Ruskington and Area Veterans Group on Facebook for more details.





# WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## *The Special Events Edition!*

### **PGL Adventures**

Year 5/6 children enjoyed a fabulous week in Yorkshire, taking part in many great activities. Being away from home can be exciting and frightening at the same time but they rose to the challenges they faced, overcoming nerves and pushing themselves to achieve more than they might have expected. Many activities require teamwork and it was great to see them helping their friends and cheering each other on.

### **Paralympic Sports Week**

The children had a brilliant week learning all about paralympic sports with a fantastic company who shared stories about how they became superb athletes despite having disabilities. The children used specially adapted sports wheelchairs to

experience the challenges of sports like basketball and rugby. The children enjoyed learning new skills and gained a fantastic insight into sport inclusivity.

### **Decades Week**

Each class studied a decade between the 1950s and present day. They loved learning about fashion, music, pop culture, politics, historical figures or significant events and technological developments. It was wonderful to include parents and grandparents who shared stories and memories from their lives too. The week culminated in dressing up for parties where we danced to music of each decade and sampled some of the food too.

We are proud of our school and have been oversubscribed for six consecutive years. If you or your friends plan to register children at Winchelsea talk to us soon! We invite anyone looking for a new school to give us a call. If you visit Winchelsea you will love the friendly atmosphere, caring nature of all who work here and the pupils' enthusiasm for learning that makes our school special. Contact us on 01526 832060



Winchelsea Primary School  
All Individuals Matter



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



major festivals, and Hindu beliefs, crafting Rangoli artwork and learning about Hindu deities.

We are very lucky to have enthusiastic and talented poets the children have been writing monster themed poems which have been published along with other nine other Schools.



Ruskington Chestnut Street School recently welcomed new students during the Cairn Ceremony, marking their official induction with decorated stones on the cairn. The worship council guided prayers and reflections, while Reverend Al presented Oak class students with school bibles.

The school engaged in traditional services, including Harvest and Remembrance at the local church, supporting the Community Foodbank and selling poppies for Remembrance week. Excitement builds for the upcoming Christmas celebrations, featuring a Christingle service, Nativity performances by Early Years and KS1, and a trip to watch Peter Pan at Lincoln Drill Hall.

Applications for children entering Reception in September 2024 are now open until 9 February 2024. The school invites parents for tours to experience the school's environment, with flexible visit schedules upon request via the school office.

Wishing the entire community a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year, Mr. Dan Doud, Head of School, extends warm regards on behalf of Ruskington Chestnut Street School.

**For visits, contact the school office at 01526 832424 or [enquiries@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk).**



Thank you to the generosity of Ruskington Fun Day who have kindly sponsored our new sports kit - we have been using it in several football fixtures.

The Elder Class delved into an immersive Indian Experience day, exploring Indian life, culture,



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



We are blessed with lots of trees in our school grounds and we've been treated to showers of stunning autumnal coloured leaves which we've, of course, gathered to observe, count, compare and create patterns with. As you can see, we have a great deal of fun in our great outdoor spaces!

Our natural world is a source of joy, wonder and learning, and our little conkers loved all of the delights of Autumn, including harvesting their pumpkins and then using their pumpkin puree to bake some tasty cakes – all were crowned 'Star Bakers'!



We want to say a huge 'Thank You!' to you for supporting Ruskington Co-op Community Champions fundraising. The fantastic £760.58 grant will enable the children's outdoor learning experiences to be further enhanced, especially after the flood damage to some of our resources. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos of these new resources and for more of our exciting adventures – Little Conkers Pre-School, Ruskington

**Tel: 01526 832424 Email: [enquiries@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk)**





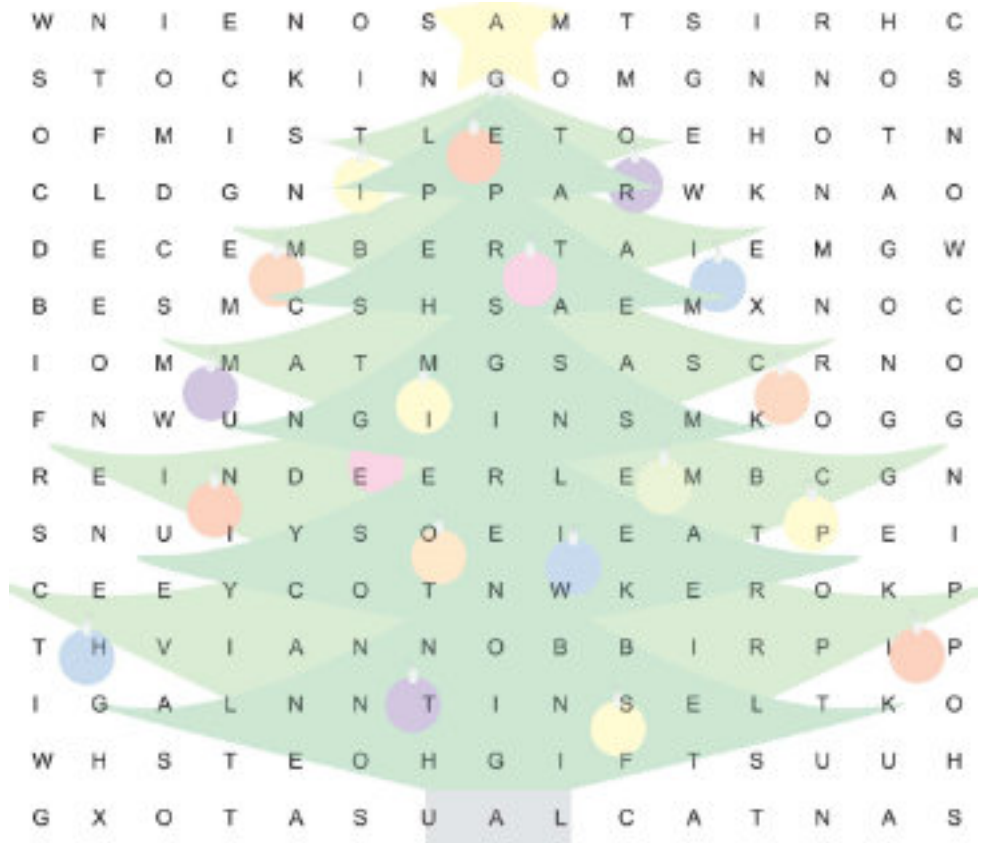
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| Candy Cane | Elves     | Reindeer    | Stocking |
| Christmas  | Gifts     | Ribbon      | Tinsel   |
| Cookies    | Mistletoe | Santa Claus | Tree     |
| December   | Ornaments | Shopping    | Wrapping |



## 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



In light of the recent floods affecting our village, the Parish Council have reissued important information on riparian ownership and flood alerts. Please read on.

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](http://www.gov.uk/flood)

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



## 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.





# USEFUL CONTACTS

## Personal

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  
Council 01529 414155  
Lincoln County Council 01522 552222

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Scott Johnstone - Administration Assistant

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Claire Raynor - Office Cleaner



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