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# SIGNPOST

## RUSKINGTON VILLAGE MAGAZINE

### EMBRACING CHANGE

A Fond Farewell to The Signpost  
Magazine and Welcoming New  
Ways to Connect!

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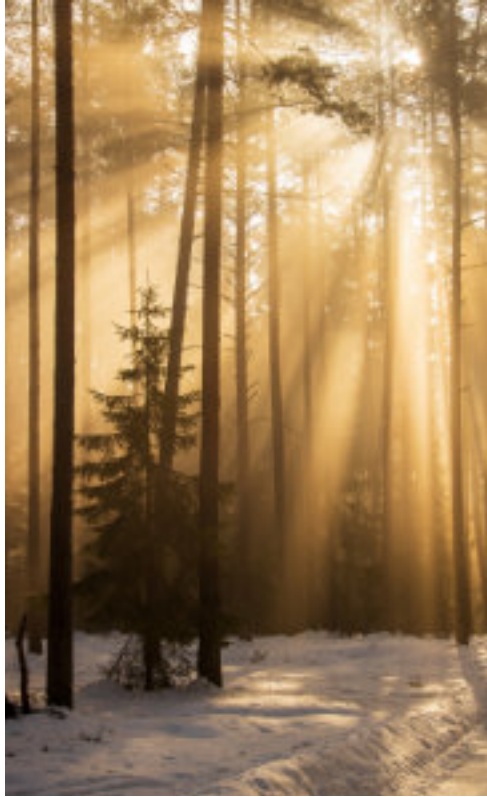
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# WELCOME



## Foreword: A Fond Farewell to The Signpost Magazine

Dear residents,

It is with a mixture of nostalgia and anticipation that we bid farewell to The Signpost Magazine, a cherished beacon of local news and community updates. As your village magazine editor, it is my duty to inform you of some significant changes that will shape the way we connect and share information in the months to come.

Publishing The Signpost Magazine has been a labour of love, a community effort that has kept us all well-informed and connected over the years. However, as the winds of change blow through our village, it is time for us to reassess how we communicate, adapt to new technologies, and ensure that every penny spent is in the best interest of our community.

The reality is that, despite our best efforts, the financial burden of producing The Signpost Magazine has become increasingly challenging. With an annual cost exceeding £2,000 and no advertising revenue to offset the expenses, tough decisions needed to be made. Venues that once welcomed our publication with open arms are now requesting fewer copies, indicating a shift in how our community consumes information.

Therefore, after careful consideration, the Council has resolved to conclude the publication of The Signpost Magazine. This Spring 2024 edition will mark the end of an era, a final chapter in the story of a magazine that has been an integral part of our community.

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But fear not, for the spirit of community and communication shall endure. In its place, a Communication Working Party has been formed to explore new avenues for delivering local news and information. Your input is invaluable, and we want to hear from you. How would you prefer to receive updates from the Council and stay in the loop about village affairs?

Options being considered include a dynamic newsletter via email, a classic 4-sided hardcopy newsletter, or a digital newsletter that can be easily shared on social media and printed upon request. Your feedback is crucial in shaping the future of our community communication, and we eagerly anticipate your thoughts on these exciting possibilities. Email your ideas to [clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ruskingtonpc.org.uk) or pop into the Parish Council office on High Street North.

The transition may be bittersweet, but change brings opportunity. As we embark on this new chapter, let us embrace the evolution of how we connect and share the stories that make our village unique. Thank you for your unwavering support, and we look forward to a vibrant future of community communication.

Warm regards,

*Scott*

Signpost Editor

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# COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION: SHARE YOUR FLOOD EXPERIENCE TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE!



Dear resident or business owner,

### October 2023 and January 2024 flooding data collection survey

I am contacting you following the recent flooding in October 2023 (Storm Rabat) and January 2024 (Storm Henk). We always look to gain as much information as possible after a flood, so that we can better understand what happened and the impact it had on you and the community.

We would like to ask you to complete a data collection survey to help us with this – even if your property was not affected.

The information you provide will also help us to improve our Flood Warning Service so that the messages are as accurate and timely as they can be.

The data survey is available online here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LNAFlooding/> or please use the QR code below. If you would like a hard copy instead, or prefer to complete an electronic version, please contact us by email [l.lindsay@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:l.lindsay@environment-agency.gov.uk) or call 03708 506 506.

If you have kindly given this information to us already, or to another partner organisation, please ignore this letter unless you have anything additional to share. This could be further information, photos, CCTV/doorbell images, drone or dashcam footage.



Thank you so much for taking the time to complete the survey.

With kind regards

A stylized signature in grey ink, appearing to read "Dave Manby".

Dave Manby, Flood Resilience Team Leader  
Environment Agency, Lincolnshire & Northamptonshire Area  
Ceres House, Scarby Road, Lincoln, LN2 4DW

# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - SPRING 2024

Spring! A time for optimism? The days are getting longer; flowers are in bloom; the rich green canopy of trees is returning and wildlife is busy rearing the next generation. But this year, we could be forgiven for not 'trumpeting' Mother Nature's 'gift of Spring' with the same enthusiasm. After all, she did us no favours in late Autumn and Winter when our village was severely flooded causing great disruption, personal hardship and grief to many.

If it's possible to take any 'positives' from the floods, they did bring out the very best in people with many joining us on 20 October to fill and distribute sandbags or to simply check on the welfare of those worst affected by the rapidly rising waters. But the floods have also forced us to ask ourselves how we could be better prepared. Certainly, as a Parish Council we have reinforced the village local Emergency Plans plus the Environment Agency and Lincolnshire County Council are working hard to identify 'higher-level' and sustainable solutions. But any future flood

mitigation must include a large helping of self preparation by those of us likely to be affected by these increasingly frequent events so I urge you all to familiarise yourselves with the flood information included on our Website.

So, looking ahead. Unfortunately, this will be the final edition of the Signpost Magazine because, without sponsorship, it simply isn't viable. We will, however, publish timely and relevant information through our various communication platforms, including a 'slimmed-down' information leaflet which will be available in the RPC office, the Library, Pubs and shops etc. In the meantime, we will continue to consult with you to find out your long-term aspirations for our village services and amenities, so why not have a chat with us at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 March 2024 or RPC Info Hub at this year's Family Funday on 29 June 2024.

Kind regards,

Councillor Owen Ditch  
Chairman of Ruskinton Parish Council (RPC)



# RUSKINGTON CEMETERY NEWS

## A Peaceful Resting Place for Loved Ones

At Ruskington Parish Council, we're delighted to offer a dedicated ashes scattering area, providing a serene option for laying your loved ones to rest within our community. We understand the importance of choice during this sensitive time. Before scattering ashes, please seek approval from the Council. There's no legal obligation for us to keep records, and there's no charge for using this facility.

For a personal touch, you can provide a memorial brass plaque (not exceeding 10cm x 12cm) with up to three lines of text. Once approved, we'll securely affix the plaque to the memorial wall on your behalf.

We've established regulations for the ashes scattering area in alignment with health and safety guidelines and advice from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematoria Management (ICCM):

- Scatter ashes during daylight hours.
- Burial of ashes isn't permitted.
- Ash scattering is only allowed when there's no snow on the ground.
- Please refrain from leaving additional

tributes, mementos, or trinkets, except approved memorial plaques.

- Non-regulation items will be respectfully removed. Memorial plaques will be maintained for 20 years before retirement.

In addition, we want to inform residents about an upcoming event. The Institute of Cemetery and Crematoria Management will hold a Cemetery Management and Memorial Headstone Inspection training day on April 25, 2024, in Sleaford Road cemetery.

For residents' convenience, you can find the 2023 Cemetery Rules and Regulations adopted by Ruskington Parish Council on our website and the cemetery noticeboard.

Please remember that RPC has the authority to remove non-regulation items to ensure the cemetery remains respectful, tidy, and safe for all. Whenever possible, we'll contact the responsible person for grave/plot maintenance in advance.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we endeavor 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 Club** - Wednesday, 12:45 pm - 3:45 pm New members are warmly welcomed to join us for two weeks, absolutely free, with a partner. Our club offers a vibrant and inclusive environment for bridge enthusiasts. Experience the thrill of the game without the commitment of a weekly table fee. Upon deciding to become a part of our community, the annual subscription is just £66. For inquiries, 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

**Bretherton 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.

# RUSKINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

## A Beacon of Community Support

In Ruskington, the Youth Centre stands as a vital hub of community activity. Last autumn, both the Ruskington Youth Club and the Rainbow Flyers Youth Club received recognition as Co-op Community Champions, resulting in an impressive fundraising total of £2820.

On 12 January, Rachel Fox, representing the Co-op, officially presented the funds to the Youth Centre Committee, stakeholders, volunteers, and club members. The Centre extends its gratitude to the Co-op and its customers for their support.

This year marks the Centre's 50th anniversary since its establishment as an LCC Youth Centre in 1974. Despite facing closure in 2015, the community rallied together to keep it operational as a non-profit limited company, with volunteers sustaining youth provision since then.

Alongside the Youth Clubs, the Centre hosts regular activities such as the YPLP, Becksie Knitting and Sewing Group, and the U3A crafting group. It has also provided temporary accommodation for The Ruskington Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers following the flooding of their Scout Hut.

With the recent funding, improvements to the Centre's exterior lighting are planned to enable year-round outdoor activities. Additionally, holiday activities will be expanded to benefit both club members and the wider youth community.

Updated event timings are as follows:

**Mondays:** Becksie Knitting and Sewing Group, 10 am - 4 pm. Contact Edwina Coleman at 07931 10908.

**Monday Evenings:** Youth Club for school years Y4 to Y8 children, 6 pm - 8 pm. Contact Maggie Harris at 07443 851813.



From left to right;

Rachel Fox with Paul Harris (Stakeholder) Rob Boyle (Stakeholder & Voluntary Youth Worker) Ayesha Copeland (Vice Chair), Maggie Harris ( Co-Secretary and Youth Leader), Terry Boston (Chairman), Dunstan Mallett (Voluntary Youth Worker) and representatives from the Youth Club members, Cain, Lilly, Edward, Thomas and Sid.

**Sundays:** Rainbow Flyers Youth Club for children and young people with additional needs aged 7 and above, along with their families, 10 am - 12 noon.

The Centre is available for hire most evenings, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays all day, and Sunday afternoons and evenings. For bookings, contact Maggie Harris at 07443 851813.

# 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** - contact Reverend Al.

### **Services**

**Morning Prayer** - Monday to Friday at 8.45am

**Sunday 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

[www.southlincschurch.co.uk](http://www.southlincschurch.co.uk)

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 and Groups**

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

## Ruskington Methodist Church

Minister -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

**Prayer Meeting** - Every Tuesday at 9am

**Lunch Bunch** -Meets every 2nd and 4th



Tuesday, for 12:30pm. Colin and Kath Martin 01526 833438

**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 well as our regular services and activities listed earlier, there's even more to look forward to this season at Ruskington Methodist Church...

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar at 10am**, churches join together for the annual World Day of Prayer Service, this year written by the women of Palestine. Refreshments will follow this insightful and poignant service.

Warm Space+ welcomes Healthwatch Lincolnshire on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Drop in to visit their free signposting service. SoundLincs UpBEAT! project will be running an African Drumming session on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 11:30am**.

We're once again working closely with Plastic Free Sleaford for another Clothes Swish on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**. Bring around 6 items of good quality clothing between 10am and 11am. For just £2 you can then enjoy refreshments whilst the hall is prepared ready for you to 'swish' from 11am. This is a fantastic way to REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE, as well as to raise funds for Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

On **Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** we are holding a special service when we recall the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, followed by hot cross buns. **Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11am** then sees us celebrate his resurrection and all are

encouraged to come along wearing Easter bonnets and hats.

Our Easter celebrations continue with the annual Easter Trail on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. Our local churches are looking forward to working together to tell you all about the true meaning of Easter whilst providing fun activities, yummy refreshments and well-earned prizes!

Finally, looking well ahead, to raise vital funds for our church we have 2 new events this year...

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May - 50s / 60s Night**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Quiz Night**

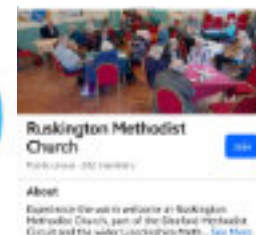
All are always welcome to our events, services and regular activities.

**Becky Guillatt**

Sleaford Methodist Circuit Support Worker for Dunston and Ruskington

01526 833571

[cswrg.sleafordmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:cswrg.sleafordmethodist@gmail.com)





# Easter Joy

## From All Saints Church



Easter in the church community is a time of expectation, we travel through the majesty of Palm Sunday, the solemnity of the Last Supper and the sadness of Good Friday. All of this culminates in the joy of Easter Day. There is a heralding of new life, just like Spring. The churchyard is full of Snowdrops, Daffodils, Aconites and many more flowers. It is a time where we too can take the opportunity for growth, spiritually and communally.

We will continue to provide spiritual support through worship and home visits. We will have started our 3rd Sunday of the month family service which is in the afternoon and continue with Messy Church. Mothering Sunday on the 10th of March will be a day of refreshment and celebration of all women who have influenced our lives.

Communally we will seek to build upon the warm spaces initiative and throughout the year we hope to offer a series of concerts, talks and lunches.

We hope that you might be part of the



Easter journey with us. Our services and events are advertised on the church noticeboards and on our A Church Near You website. However you enjoy your Springtime I pray that you will feel the presence of new life, through engagement with your church and the village.

Easter Blessings.

Reverend AI and everyone at All Saints



## Ruskington and Area Veterans Breakfast Club



### UPCOMING EVENTS AND REPORTS FESTIVE FUN

Ruskington and surrounding villages Veterans' Breakfast Club marked another great month, enabling members to celebrate an early Christmas together on a number of occasions in a number of different settings, including the monthly gathering at the Shoulder of Mutton where there was a healthy collection of items donated for a raffle in amongst the brews, bacon and sausage rolls, Christmas cake and lively chat, some members visiting residents of St Andrews' Care Home, Ewerby, and of course a fine meal at the Duke of Wellington, Leasingham. For some members, a first visit while others were more familiar with the establishment. Either way, there was an excellent mood amongst the paper hat wearing brigade!

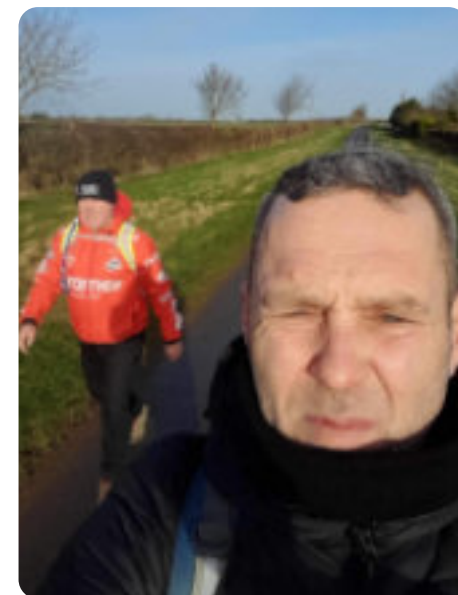
And now, into the New Year. At the time of writing, the first meeting of the year has passed, and we look forward to the plans for the club, not least the first anniversary which we celebrate on Saturday 13th April. A buffet will be served from 16:00hrs at the Shoulder of Mutton. Members will be able to reserve a ticket (£10pp) at the February meeting and collect them in March.

### TOMMY'S SLEEP OUT

Ruskington and surrounding villages Veterans' Breakfast Club is not formally affiliated with the RBLI Tommy's Sleep

Out, there are some members who are intending to take part, making the choice to sleep out in the open to express their support for fellow veterans finding themselves in a position of homelessness. So, on the night of Friday 29th March, a selection of veterans will be sleeping out in Waddington village and then making the walk to Ruskington, for a second night under the stars. But walking from Waddington to Ruskington needs some preparation, so if you see them out and about, please support with a donation.

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



## Winchelsea, Local and National Recognition!

### NKDC Award Winners!

Our school council entered a competition organised by North Kesteven District Council to be 'Leader for the Day' and suggest how they could improve our local area. The children wrote some amazing essays and a group of pupils from Winchelsea were all selected to attend the offices to collect certificates. One of our pupils was selected as the overall regional winner. The councillors were so impressed that they are returning to our school to work with the children further with the first event being a local litter pick.

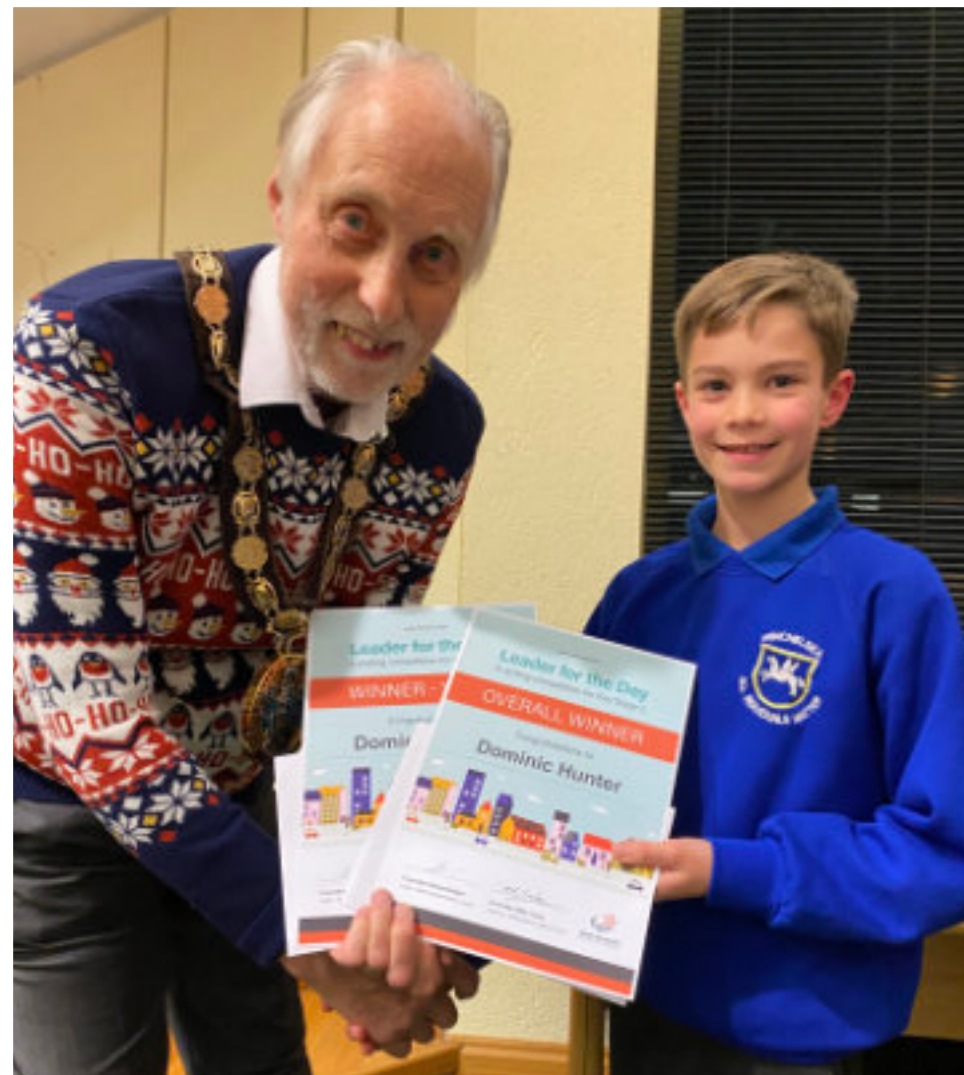
### Grand Opening

Just before Christmas we held the grand opening of our amazing new Smartpod and sensory garden. These two new features of our school have attracted national interest and Winchelsea has featured in a number of magazines and websites, showcasing us

across the country. We enjoyed showing them to many local guests who were amazed by the extraordinary facilities and resources available to our children. Our grand opening featured in the Sleaford Standard and you can find more information and photos with video footage on their website (as well as ours!) – go and have a look!

### International Work

Winchelsea has been award-winning for our outstanding International Schools' work and we have recently made new links beyond our partner schools in Europe to make contact with a school in Australia. This has been really exciting for the children who have begun to write letters to each other and share our ideas and experiences.



To see more about our work follow me on **Twitter Helen Duckett @Winchelsea1**

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. Helen Duckett (Head Teacher)**



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



the pets at the 'Great Pet Sale'. Year 3 and 4 made board games and clocks to help children in school. Year 5 enjoyed learning new multiplication methods and Year 6 were busy with algebraic formula and function machines.

We love sport and have been awarded our Platinum School Games Mark! Our netball and football teams are excited for their upcoming fixtures and we are looking forward to taking part in 'Sports for Schools', a social enterprise bringing the country's top athletes to primary schools to run energetic events inspiring children to be more active. The money raised will be used to support even greater physical activity in school.



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

Very Best wishes from all of us at Chestnut Street

With so much to celebrate in December, we loved being able to share Christmas performances with our families and always appreciate their support with our Christmas fayre and church events. Being active in our community is very important to us and we've enjoyed visiting local care homes as well as inviting our local community to our favourite Christmas tradition, 'Caring Christmas'.

The Spring Term is always filled with new and exciting learning. We loved participating in National Storytelling Week where our families joined us for a special 'book and biscuits' club, as well as immersing ourselves in the art of storytelling.

We took part in NSPCC Number Day, raising just over £100, where our EYFS children explored 2D and 3D shape, Year 1 and 2 children measured ingredients to make gingerbread men and used money to buy



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



Every day is full of adventure for our little conkers, whether they are creating imaginative stories of exciting journeys to the seaside or going on a bear hunt. We



are building our friendships as well as having so much fun together. So, what have we been up to recently? We've been learning about incredible sea life, exploring music and sound makers, continuing with Makaton signing and we've planted the first of our vegetables – the seed potatoes. We've also enjoyed celebrating Chinese

New Year, and loved our delicious Chinese Meal together.



We're looking forward to Spring and can't wait to start preparing the allotment beds and setting seeds.

Why not get in touch to come and visit – we currently have places available from September 2024 – July 2025 to join our Little Conkers family.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more of our adventures.

Little Conkers Pre-School, Ruskington

Tel: **01526 832424**

Email: [enquiries@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@chestnutstreet.laat.co.uk)



# Your home in Ruskington may be at risk of flooding

**PREPARE**  FLOOD ALERT

**ACT**  FLOOD WARNING

**SURVIVE**  SEVERE FLOOD WARNING



Flooding is dangerous and can happen very quickly. The effects can be devastating.

If it happens, you can be prepared. Look inside to find out how.

## Step 1 Check if you are at risk from flooding



Check your long-term risk of flooding  
[www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk](http://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk)

## Step 2 Sign up for free river/sea flood warnings



0345 988 1188



<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/>

## Step 3 Make a plan

**PREPARE**



FLOOD ALERT



- ✓ Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents
- ✓ Visit <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk>

**ACT**



FLOOD WARNING



- ✓ Turn off gas, water and electricity
- ✓ Move things upstairs or to safety
- ✓ Move family, pets and car to safety

**SURVIVE**



SEVERE FLOOD WARNING



- ✓ Call 999 if in immediate danger
- ✓ Follow advice from emergency services
- ✓ Keep yourself and your family safe

## Receive flood warnings by phone, email or text



## How else can I prepare?



- How would I arrange school pick-ups?
- What about elderly relatives or neighbours who may need my help?
- I can search online for flood product ideas for my home at [www.bluepages.org.uk](http://www.bluepages.org.uk)



## Where can I go for updates on flooding?



Listen for updates on local TV and radio stations



@EnvAgencyMids



<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk>



## Useful items for your emergency bag



## Who can you contact about flooding?

### Report Local Flooding

Lincolnshire County Council [01522 782082](tel:01522782082)

### Advice, before, during and after a flood

Floodline 24-hours [0345 9881188](tel:03459881188) [www.gov.uk/flood](http://www.gov.uk/flood)

### Surface water flooding help and advice

Lincolnshire Resilience Forum website

[www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org](http://www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org)

### General Flood Information

Ruskington Parish Council website

[www.ruskington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.ruskington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)



**If you think a life is in danger, call 999.**

## Experience Convenience with HVCS: Your Reliable Healthcare Transportation

The Hospital Voluntary Car Service (HVCS) ensures a dependable door-to-door journey for Ruskington and Dorrington residents without practical transport options for medical or dental appointments. It covers local and extended journeys, including Nottinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, and Derbyshire, priced at 45p per mile from Ruskington.

**Calling all car owners with spare hours**—become a volunteer driver and receive a tax-free reimbursement of 45p per mile. For details or to join, contact Lyn Gardner at 01526 833630. Your involvement can make healthcare more accessible for our community.



## Ruskington's Life-Saving AEDs: Know Your Nearest Access Points

Ruskington is equipped with Automated Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs) placed strategically across the village for public use. These locations are:

- The Winchelsea Centre, High Street North, NG34 9DY.
- The Co-op, High Street North, NG34 9DY.
- Ruskington Village Hall, Parkfield Road, NG34 9HT.
- Ruskington Medical Centre, Brookside Close, NG34 9GQ.
- Station Road, opposite bottom of railway bridge, NG34 9BZ.
- Shoulder Of Mutton Pub, Church Street, NG34 9DU.

Free to use, these AEDs can be a critical resource during emergencies. In case of need, calling emergency services will guide you to the nearest AED and provide access instructions. Remembering the closest AED location can make a significant impact in urgent situations, contributing to a faster response and potentially saving lives.



# 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

## Local Government

### **District Councillors for Ruskington Ward**

Cllr Richard Wright  
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Cllr Matt Waldeck  
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### **County Councillor for Ruskington Division**

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### **MP for Sleaford & North Hykeham**

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Kirsty Sinclair - Deputy Clerk and RFO

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Andrew Doughty - Caretaker (Environmental)

Steve Collett - Caretaker (Parks & Buildings)

Ben Pallister - Caretaker (Village)

Claire Raynor - Office Cleaner



# Ruskington Parish Council



## NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2024

2ND TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH, EXCEPT WHERE IN BOLD.

**THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024** (TO ALLOW TIME FOR MEETING TO FINALISE THE BUDGET/PRECEPT AND WINCHELSEA CENTRE AVAILABILITY)

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024

TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM) AND ORDINARY MARCH MEETING.

**THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024** (TO AVOID EASTER BREAK AND WINCHELSEA CENTRE AVAILABILITY)

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024 - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (AMPC)

TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2024

TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024

**AUGUST – NO MEETING**

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2024

All meetings are held in the Winchelsea Centre, High Street North, Ruskington, NC34 9DY and start at 7.00pm (unless otherwise stated on the agenda).

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Everyone is welcome to observe and all meetings commence with a public session where you can voice your ideas and raise any issues to councillors.