



COVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

October 2022

*a lovely bumble bee enjoying the nectar from the flowers at
The Parish Rooms. Photo by Angela Aylett.*

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and other Council documents.**

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Council vacancies: 2 seats for St Bartholomew and 3 for St Mary. The full complement of parish councillors is 11, comprising 7 for St Bartholomew and 4 for St Mary.

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

East Lindsey District Council: **Councillor Edward Mossop, Fulstow Ward**
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Dear All,

It is with great sadness that one of my first duties as Chair of the Council has been to announce the death of our Queen Elizabeth II on our website and wish our new King long life. Thank you to all who have left flowers outside the Parish Rooms and to those who have written in the condolence book that was held in St Mary's Church.

What a year we have had, a new Prime Minister, a new Monarch and now me, a new Chair.

I do not suppose many of you know me as I moved into the village during lockdown and it was therefore even harder to meet people than usual.

Why would a 'Newcomer' want to be council chair I hear you ask?

Well firstly because somebody needed to take on the role and as we are short on councillors the choice was few. However, I also wanted to play my part in making our joint villages of St Mary and St Bartholomew a place to enjoy living in, be able to be proud of and mostly a friendly and welcoming place to be.

I am used to village life from where I lived before, and have always done my best to help and muck in with fairs, fundraising and general village events. I will do the same here too.

My wish is that as a community we can come together not only to iron out any little problems there may be but also with each community group helping out the other whenever possible. You are all vital to village life and all of you that volunteer do a great job so thank you.

Please keep an eye out for various events that may be taking place whether it be at the Parish rooms, St Mary's Church or at St. Barts and come along and give your support as well as meet up with others from your community. These things and places will disappear if you do not use them.

Lastly I would like to thank the rest of the council for giving up their time, and for their help as I take on this new role. I look forward to working with them and for you to do my best for Covenham.

Gillian Pollard
Chair

The Winter issue of the newsletter will be ready for January 2023. May we have all the articles please by 15th December 2022.

Parish Council News

- Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) completed erecting safety signs in the parish. A Give Way sign near to the Anglian Water sub-station was erected as well as Beware Horses signs at Ings Lane and on the Main Road north of the parish.
- The Archer Survey results have been received. The technical data recording equipment was located on a lamp Post outside Number 1, Chapel Close which was installed for a full week. An average of 854 vehicles travelled through the survey area. The weekend data showed a lower volume of vehicles travelling through the village.

The average speed of vehicles was 28.1 mph in a 30-mph limit. The speed data showed evidence that some vehicles were exceeding the speed limit at a speed that would make the drivers liable to action or prosecution by the Police.

There had been no recorded collisions involving personal injury for the last 3-year period up to a data date of 30th April 2022. Highways engineers within the Road Safety Partnership have assessed the area and concluded that no engineering casualty reduction measures were identified.

- The Parish Council had one other recent resignation. Don Wiltshire who was elected Chair last May resigned in July. Cllr Gillian Pollard has been elected Chair and Cllr Ian Appleby takes on the Vice Chair.
- The External Auditors have now certified completing their review of the Annual Governance and Accounting Returns for Financial Year 2021/22.
- You will have noticed that this issue of the newsletter now contains adverts from local trades. The Council agreed the advertising terms for any tradespeople to advertise on the quarterly Parish Council newsletter as below.

Full page - £100.00 pa	Half page - £50.00 pa	Quarter page - £25.00 pa
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The annual rate is for four issues which is a real bargain. Please contact the parish clerk to advertise in the next issue coming out in January 2023.

The Parish Rooms

The Parish Council is pleased that a number of local groups have started using the Parish Rooms for regular events.

The rooms are available to hire for both private and commercial purposes.

There is a fridge, kettle, toaster and microwave available to use. We are now also equipped with mugs and bowls and other kitchen tools.

Booking forms, terms of conditions of hire and checklist for hirers can be downloaded online from the parish council website on [Parish Rooms documents](#) or email the parish clerk on parishclerkcpc@gmail.com or bookings@covenham-pc.info

New hanging boxes have been installed and the colourful display of flowers have been lovely. Thanks to Angela Aylett who provided the plants and have been diligently maintaining and watering.

The Parish Council has also invested in two blackboards outside the rooms to publicise upcoming events. Grateful thanks to Cllr Ian Appleby who made this happen.

Next project is to replace the light fittings for LED lighting panels which are more cost effective and environmentally friendly.

The shed at the back of the building will also be tidied up and shelves put in for more storage space.

Schedule of Covenham Parish Council meetings

The first 15 minutes of parish council meetings are allocated to the public forum where residents are most welcome to attend and speak on any issues they have concerns about.

Date	Meeting	Time
24 November 22	Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – Budget Setting	7pm
26 January 23	Ordinary Parish Council Meeting	7pm
30 March 24	Ordinary Parish Council Meeting	7pm

Nadine Must
Parish Clerk

Covenham Village Volunteers
(Formerly known as Covenham Jubilee Committee)

Please come and join us to raise funds
for Macmillan Cancer Support:

Friday, 30th September
10:00am to 12:00 noon

The Parish Rooms
Main Road, Covenham St. Bartholomew,
LN11 0PF

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Texts cost £5 plus network charge. Macmillan will receive 100% of every £1 donated in this way. Obtain bill payer's permission. Text STOP to 70550 to opt out from future communications from Macmillan.

Covenham Village Social Evening
Saturday, 29th October



The Parish Rooms, Covenham St. Bartholomew,
LN11 0PF

6:45pm – welcome drinks

7pm – supper beef or vegetable casserole with
crunchy French bread followed by Cheese platter

Free drink with every raffle ticket purchased or bring your own

Live music – easy listening
Fabulous raffle

£15 per person

Space is limited to 40 people so please book and pay for your tickets as soon as you can.

RSVP:

Angela: angela.aylett10@gmail.com – 07747 411040 or

Nicky: nicky.gulleybrown@gmail.com

Fancy becoming a volunteer – contact nicky.gulleybrown@gmail.com

Eleemosynary Charity

In view of the rising cost of food and fuel this is a reminder that there are limited funds available should anyone in Covenham need financial assistance.

We understand that it may be difficult to make such an approach but any request will be held in the strictest confidence.

You must appreciate that any application must include full disclosure of income and expenditure and should be made directly to one of the trustees: Ms Gillian Pollard 07947421137 or Ernest McCready 01507 363508.

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St. Mary's Church

Sunday Morning Worship 9.30a.m.

on the first Sunday of each month. Services at other churches in our group are listed on the village noticeboards.



A Book of Condolence on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was opened. A number of people signed the book over the Wolds & Coast Weekend, it was made available from Sat. 17th – Tues. 20th Sept. 10a.m.-5p.m. to allow for further expressions of condolences.

We had a successful Mad Hatters Tea Party on Sat. 13th August 2p.m. - 4p.m., when most people turned up wearing hats. Prizes, for the best hat, were given to all children and the adult winner.

The Wolds & Coast Festival at the beginning of the month brought more visitors. There were jigsaws for sale and also tea/coffee/cake.

Events planned for October, November & December:-

Harvest Service and Supper Fri., 7th October 7p.m. All are welcome to the service but **the meal must be booked by Mon. 3rd October by contacting Gillian on 07947421137.**

Charity Bingo Night for ECHO (East Coast homeless) Fri., 28th October 7p.m.

Christmas Fair Sat. 19th November 2p.m.

Friday, 16th December Carol/Christingle Service 7p.m. Stay after the service and enjoy a glass of wine and seasonal refreshments.

There will also be a service on Christmas Morning at 10.30a.m.

Details of all events will be advertised on the village noticeboards nearer the time and also on both the achurchnearyou.com website and Facebook.

*Anne McCready
Church Warden*

Monthly Lunches

Held on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Mary's Church Covenham

I am pleased to say the lunches continue to be going well. In September we had the most people ever and it was lovely to see some younger members of our community joining us for the first time. The atmosphere was great and it was so nice to stand back and listen to all the interactions between everyone. I do hope they all continue to come along.

Over the summer we had a change and did salad and home-made puddings but now it is starting to cool down we are returning to home-made soup and of course puddings from next month. So if you would like to join us please get in touch you are most welcome.

In October because the church is having a Harvest Supper in the first week of the month we have moved our lunch to the second Wednesday October 12th, so if you want to come along let us know by Friday 7th of October at the latest.

Ring:

Gillian 07947421137 (you can leave a message and I will get back)

or

Anne 01507 363508

Look forward to seeing you there.

Gillian Pollard

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The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust

Thank you for supporting St Bart's.

The new transept roof was only the start of the refurbishment programme and it was a steep learning curve! Looking back on it, about fifty people were involved within the project, it seems a lot but included surveyors, architects, roofers, environmental ecologists, Historic England, tutors, students, scaffolders, ELDC and the Bat Conservation Trust and that is not a complete list!

As we look forward to the next stage of restoration we want to use the church as much as we possibly can; obviously we are restricted to daylight hours and the warmer months but that is so much better than not having purpose until we have replaced the roof, installed facilities and switched the lights on.

Back in the late seventies St. Bart's was under threat of demolition. Later there was a plan to ship St. Bart's off to the USA! Fortunately, a few stepped up and put this building with over a thousand years of history associated with it into trust for the benefit of the nation.

There are many facets to the work required to this building which has a fascinating history and a promising future.

Externally the churchyard is strimmed a few times each year and wild flowers are gradually returning. We have barn owls regularly using the tower as a roost and have recorded deer and badgers using the churchyard. The large annual job is collecting the leaf drop. Leaf compost is then left to compost down at the back of the church and it's there for anyone to use.

The latest annual report is attached if you would like to read it. In a nutshell, we are now planning to apply for funding for the next stage in restoring the church. We need to discover the exact condition of the rest of the building other than the south transept – i.e. walls, timbers, floors, drainage and what remains of the roof. However, being able to start the restoration which will need to follow, we know we will have to raise large amounts of money including applying for grants to fund it and would like as much help and as many ideas as possible to do this.

We need those with administrative as well as practical skills in the following areas:

VAT returns	Gift Aid
Administration	Fund Raising
Event Organisation	Social Media
Painting	Lime mortar application
Slate repairs	Cleaning (interior and exterior)
Cleaning materials and sponsorships	
Co-ordinating the Friends of Covenham St Bartholomew Church	
Gardening (we have a good gang of volunteers but more are welcome)	
Contributors - for example native wildflower seed	

Again, not an exhaustive list and if you have any other ideas please suggest away. If you can help then please drop an email back to us and we will be in touch.

The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trusts needs you!

All the best, the Trustees.

contact@stbartstrust.or.uk



Gardeners Corner...

By *Angela Aylett*

As the sunsets draw forward and the autumn starts to dress herself for the coming season, donning her most vibrant hues, she has swept into our streets and woodlands with a humble boldness that invites the eye to see more than they otherwise might. The autumn takes her pirouette, her sweet turn on the stage all around, and we are so blessed to be given such beauty.

Some autumn tasks...

Tidy up borders:

- Dig up annuals, plant up winter annuals.
- Cut back faded perennial. But don't be too tidy, attractive seed heads are great for wildlife.
- Spread a nice thick layer of compost on your borders. Don't worry about digging in, the worms will do that job over the winter.

Lawns:

- Remove thatch and moss using a rake or with a scarifier (you may need to use a moss killer if you have lots of moss)
- Brush in a sandy top dressing, followed by an application of autumn feed.
- Autumn is a great time to sow lawn seed or lay new turf.

And:

- Make leaf mould: choose a sheltered spot and make a wire mesh frame for your leaves. Add the leaves sprinkle with water and leave. If you create a little gap at the bottom of the box a hedgehog might make a winter home there.
- If you have Dahlias, wait until the frost gets the foliage and then lift and store over winter.
- Net your ponds: decomposing leaves turn your pond water foul and block filters.
- Start feeding the birds and regularly clean their feeders.

Order bulbs and winter planting veg, I recommend the following suppliers:

Bulbs: www.dutchbulbs.co.uk

Onions and garlic: www.jamiesonbrothers.com

And then, relax and enjoy a little break over the winter.





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