

# COVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



*Spring 2024 Edition*

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## *Letter from The Chair*

Dear all,

Well spring has finally arrived, the snowdrops and daffodils are out and all we need now is some Spring like weather to go with them.

By now I would hope you have all heard about the proposed Pylons that would go through our village. At our Parish Council meeting we voted unanimously that we were totally opposed to this method being used for the grid upgrade. Not only would it spoil our views up to the Wolds, but it would take up too much of our much needed farmland, upset our wildlife and devalue a lot of the properties in the village. That is without the upset caused both mentally and physically while the Pylons were being put into place.

I have on behalf of the council and our villages sent a letter to National Grid and various other people detailing that we are opposed to the Pylons and urging them to look into the other options available and not to just think about the cash but to understand the upset it would cause to so many lives.

I hope you have all had your say either online or by sending in the objection slips. However, we must not put this to the back of our minds as the fight has only just started and there will be much more to come.

The exceptional rain we have had lately has caused flooding in some areas of the villages. As a council we continue to take these and other issues seriously and are constantly reporting them and trying to get action taken to improve our area.

If there is a specific problem you feel we may not know about please do contact one of the councillors or myself, we are here to put your case forward. There are always councillors at the weekly Cafe in the Parish Rooms and at the Monthly Lunch held in St Mary's Church so please feel free to approach us. Alternatively, you can get in touch by email or phone.

There are lots of events planned to take place during this year some at the Parish Rooms, some at St Mary's Church and also at St Bart's. These are all run by volunteers who just want to make our villages a nicer, more friendly place. So whenever you can please come along and enjoy these functions and support those who work so hard to arrange them. You will all be very welcome to any event.

All that remains for me to do is wish you all well and don't forget we are here if you need us.

With Kind Regards

*Gillian Pollard*  
Chair

## *Parish Council News*

- *Restrictive Covenant removed.* The Methodist Church Trustees have agreed to remove the restriction on the supply and sale of alcohol and that the value of the consideration removing the restriction does not need to be paid unless and until the Parish Rooms is sold. The value of the consideration has been put at £5,000. The Parish Council is grateful to Covenham Village Volunteers especially to the Chairman, Nicky Gulley Brown who liaised with the Methodist Church Trustees and settled this issue. The support of Cllr Edward Mossop, the ELDC Ward Member, is also acknowledged.
- *Parish Rooms.* The Parish Council has agreed in principle to lease the Parish Rooms to Covenham Village Volunteers. The lease agreement is now being reviewed by a solicitors' firm and it is hoped that the agreement will be signed soonest.
- *Bank account Mandate issues.* Barclays Bank has upheld the Parish Council's complaint on how they dealt with changes to the bank mandate signatories. The Bank credited the Parish Council with £200 and delivered a hamper to the Chair as a goodwill gesture. The Parish Council agreed to donate the hamper to St Barnabas Hospice for their fund raising event. A raffle to win the hamper at their Christmas Carols event in Lincoln generated £200. Photo of Covenham Parish Council Chair, Gillian Pollard handing the hamper.



- *National Grid Grimsby to Walpole Proposal.* Covenham Parish Council as a statutory authority has sent its strong objection to the proposal to build pylons in the parish. Meetings have been held in the Parish Rooms and residents attended the consultation events. The Parish Council has joined other parish councils in the county as well as Lincolnshire County Council in strongly objecting to the proposal. The two Members of Parliament for Lincolnshire have also voiced their objections.



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The Great Grid Upgrade is coming to your door. The National Grid is proposing to bring 87miles of cables through our area strung from Pylons measuring 164ft (50m) and carrying a whopping 400KV right over our heads. This is electricity generated out at sea from wind turbines that will be used in and around London.

The Grimsby to Walpole stage is just one of 11 planned phases across the country in a bid meet Net Zero targets by 2050. And whilst we can all agree on the benefits of Green Energy and improving our aging Electricity infrastructure National Grid appear to be favouring the cheapest and quickest way and not the solution that offers the best results for the long term.

## **PYLONS ARE NOT PROGRESS**

The recent underground Viking Link development has led the way in what is possible in this area and set the standard for all future projects so why have the National Grid taken a Step backward in the Grimsby to Walpole proposal.

To learn more and to make your voice heard visit our website [www.nopylons.co.uk](http://www.nopylons.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook.

Let's take back the power and say **NO**



## *Monthly Lunches*

The monthly lunches are held in St Mary's Church on the first Wednesday of every month. The lunches are open to all and you would be made very welcome so please come and join us.

We aim to be seated for 12.30pm and serve Homemade Soup and Pudding followed by tea or coffee. Please book by the Sunday before for catering purposes.

There is no charge but donations to cover costs are always very welcome.

If you would like to come along or just find out more then please ring.

Anne 01507 363508 or Gillian 07947 421137

*Gillian Pollard*

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## *Eleemosynary Charity*

Just a reminder that if you are having difficulties with heating costs or the cost of living, **regardless of age**, we may be able to help.

Please contact one of the Trustees **Gillian Pollard 07947421137** or **Ernest McCready 01507 363508** or pop a note, in a sealed envelope, in the letter box outside the Parish Rooms.

We are unable to accept third party applications due to the confidential nature of the charity, but if you know of someone in need please encourage them to apply. **All communications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.**

*Ernest McCready  
Charity Trustee*

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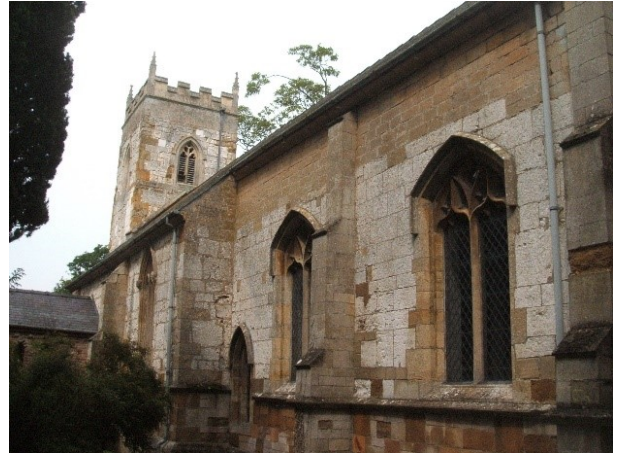
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## *St. Mary's Church*

**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.

**Rogation Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.** This is traditionally a time for blessing the crops and 'beating the bounds' in country parishes. This was to make sure no landmarks had been removed or public footpaths blocked. Our service will be different in that we will meet in the church, but, weather permitting we will be walking part of St. Mary's so the main part of the service will be outdoors. You are very welcome to join us, **please meet at St. Mary's for 9.30a.m.**



Some of the masonry work on the Church was done during February, but the major part of the work is still to be started. The work was delayed from the autumn. Due to an incident at church the heaters have been overhauled. The annual PAT testing has also taken place.

The church grounds have suffered over the autumn and winter and we are currently awaiting the gardener to return following his recent illness. The cemetery, on the other hand is in good shape and well maintained by David Buckley. He cut the hedges well back in the autumn and the whole area is looking better than it has for a long time.

We still host the Phoenix Singers on Tuesday evenings and the Monthly lunch on the first Wednesday of each month.

Following our autumn events and Christmas we have been taking a break from organising social events, but these restart on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7p.m. when we will be having a Pudding Night, which is a new venture for us.

### **Events planned for the Spring and Summer: -**

**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7p.m.** Pudding Night (*book by Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> March*)

**Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April 7p.m.** Family Bingo

**Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> May** Fashion Show (joint event with CVV)

**Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1p.m.-5p.m.** Open Gardens

**Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> July 7.30p.m.** Country Dance Night

**Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> August 7p.m.** Family Bingo

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> August 2p.m.-4p.m.** Afternoon Tea Party

Details of all events will be advertised on the village noticeboards, leaflets nearer the time and also on both the [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com) website and Facebook.

*Anne McCready*  
*Church Warden*





## *Covenham Village Volunteers*

2024 is bringing about some changes for our not-for-profit, hardworking and dedicated team of volunteers! We are looking to put on more specific events to reach even more members of the Covenham community.

Last autumn we held a survey - asking attendees what events they would like in the village and what they want to see take place.

To this end we are now holding monthly social events, weekly *Crafternoon* sessions (mixture of cafe and crafts), we have also set up 2 weekly Yoga sessions and for the more active keep fit contender we have Boxer Fit every Wednesday evening.

### **Future events we have lined up for you all:**

Fish & Chip night, Fashion Show (with St Mary's), Wine Tasting Evening, Play Your Cards Right, Race Night, Murder Mystery, War Talks, Family fund walks, Afternoon Tea, BBQs, October Fest, Casino Night, Christmas Turkey Bun night so hopefully see you at some or all of these.

We have applied for funding to help maintain and improve resources and facilities within the Parish Rooms, this includes central heating, running hot water, greater storage and doors and window etc. so please watch this space as hopefully many changes and improvements will soon start to take place.

However, as we are a small and busy team of 8 - we would love that 2024 extended this team so if you feel you have something to offer, skills, craft, ideas but don't like the idea of a committee then please drop us a text or email and let's see how we can work together and bring your ideas to fruition.

Thanks for reading

*Nicky  
Chair of CVV*

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## *The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust*

As the days are getting longer again we are looking forward to another year of activity at St. Barts.

We are currently waiting for the finalised reports and surveys that have been undertaken on the building over the winter months.

Historic England has been undergoing some changes recently and that has created extra work for them.

We will be working in the churchyard again soon as the weather improves and welcome all to join in.

If you would like to be kept informed please drop an email to [contact@stbartstrust.org.uk](mailto:contact@stbartstrust.org.uk)

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## *Some Events at a glance*

Date	Event	Venue	Time
<b>MARCH</b>			
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pudding Night <i>(book by Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> March)</i>	St Mary's	7 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	Community Boxer Fit	Parish Rooms	6 pm to 8pm
21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup>	CVV Café	Parish Rooms	9:30 am to 3 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Covenham Parish Council Meeting	Parish Rooms	7 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	CVV Fundraiser	Parish Rooms	11 am to 3 pm
<b>APRIL</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monthly Lunch <i>(book by Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March)</i>	St Mary's	12:30
26 <sup>th</sup>	Family Bingo	St Mary's	7 pm
<b>MAY</b>			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fashion Show (joint event with CVV)	St Mary's	7pm
<b>JUNE</b>			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Gardens	Covenham	1 pm to 5 pm
<b>JULY</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Country Dance Night	St Mary's	7:30 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Family Bingo	St Mary's	7 pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Tea Party	St Mary's	2 pm to 4 pm