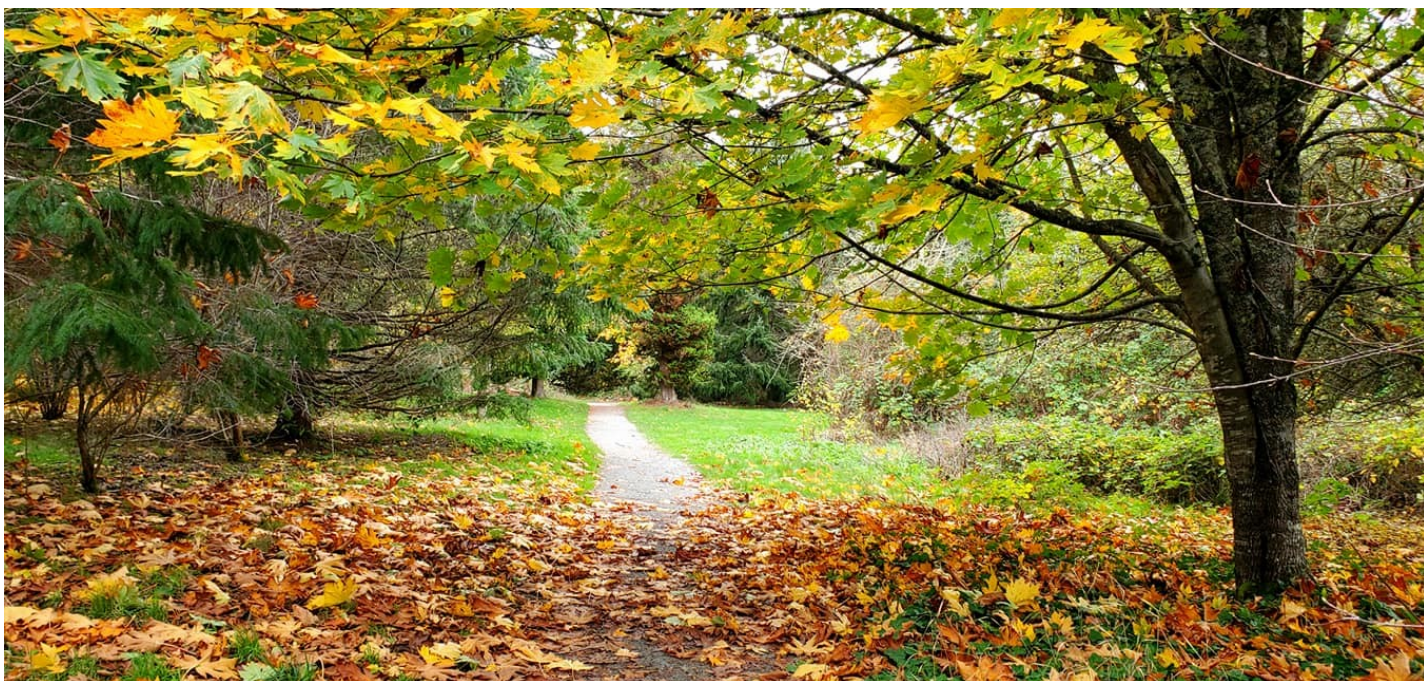


# COVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



*Autumn 2023 Edition*

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## *Letter from The Chair*

*Dear All,*

Hello to everyone both long time dwellers in the villages and a special welcome to any new comers.

Well here we are three quarters of our way through 2023 already and for the most part it has been a good year with various events taking place in the village and may I say thank you and well done to all the people that give up their time to organise and run these things whether it is at the Parish Rooms, St Mary's Church or at St. Bart's. I look forward to many more to come and also hope to meet and get to know many more people from the villages. So please do look out for these events and come along and join in.

I do have one thing to report that I am not happy about however. Graffiti that has taken place on the North Wall of St Bart's church. This is going to be very expensive and time consuming to remove due to the type of brick it is on. It has been done in red spray paint, various words and some crosses and in particular one that appears to relate to 'SLIPKNOT' which I am told is a heavy metal band. A spray can that was found in the water near the bridge on the footpath through St Mary's and a splash of paint on the bridge and on a tree in that area which has all been reported to the police. This does not appear to have been done by small children because of the height of the graffiti etc. So I am appealing to you all to please be aware of this and make it known that this is not something we want to happen again and that we would not hesitate to report it if any person was found doing this in future. Please be proud of your village and help us all look after it.

Once again we have had some high winds and it has been brought to my attention that quite a lot of quite thick branches have come down on the footpaths, road, etc. through the village and there is some concern that at some point this could cause harm. I would be very grateful if we could all keep an eye on trees on our property that may impact on the footpaths and road as we go into the winter months and look out for anything that may be a hazard.

If anyone from the villages needs to get in touch with one of our Parish Councillors our names and contact details are not only in this newsletter but also on our website. If you would like to meet us in person there are always several councillors at the Friday Cafe in the Parish rooms so please pop in and ask for a chat; also at the monthly Lunch held at St Mary's, myself and councillor Anne McCready are always there and you are welcome to just call in and ask to speak to us. We are all here to help if we can.

Finally, on November 12th we will once again be holding a short Remembrance Service around the memorial at St Bart's. We will start to gather at 10.45am to enable us to hold the two minutes' silence at 11am and finish by 11.15am after which everyone is welcome to come to the Parish Rooms for a hot drink. Please do come along and join us in paying our respect.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please if you have anything that you think good to put in any future newsletters let me know. Little anecdotes or stories about the village from the past, poems or photos it would be good to have some input from you the Villagers of Covenham.

With very Best Wishes to you all

*Gillian Pollard*  
*Chair*



## *Parish Council News*

- *Welcome.* Lesley Jackson and Anna Smith were both unanimously voted in as newly co-opted parish councillors at the meeting held last in July. They have moved back from Fulstow and live at Grange Lane.
- *Farewell.* The Parish Council gave their thanks to Angela Aylett who resigned from the Parish Council in August due to work loads.
- *Restrictive Covenant.* The Parish Council applied to the Methodist Church Trustees to lift the restriction on consumption/sale of alcohol at the Parish Rooms which were conveyed from the Methodist Church back in the 1980's. The local Methodist Group has agreed in principle but the legal overseers, The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes based in Manchester required further legal opinion in order to fulfil Charity Law. The cost of legal opinion will be at Parish Council expense. The implications are yet unknown and the decision from Manchester is still being awaited. The Parish Council is grateful to Cllr Edward Mossop, the ELDC Ward Member, for his support liaising with the Methodist Trustees.
- *Mobile Speed Sign.* Residents may have noticed that the device is in the parish and will be used until the end of October. The Parish Council continues to share the Mobile Speed Sign equipment with three other neighbouring parishes.
- *Parish Rooms Bookings.* 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](mailto:parishclerkcpc@gmail.com)
- *Newsletter Adverts.* Spaces are still available to advertise in the newsletter. The current annual rate is for four issues which is a real bargain. Please contact the parish clerk to advertise in the next issue.

Full page - £100.00 pa	Half page - £50.00 pa	Quarter page - £25.00 pa
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## *Monthly Lunches*

Our Monthly Lunch which is held on the first Wednesday of the month is still doing well. We have between 16 and 20 people attend and always look forward to having new people join us.

During the summer months we had a salad meal but now we are going into the autumn/winter we will be back to home-made soups and puddings. We start serving at 12.30 pm but our doors are open from 12. Anyone is welcome to join us and there is no charge as we do not aim to make a profit but we are always grateful of any donations just to cover food costs.

Already we have been able to donate to two local charities and hope to be able to carry on doing this in the future.

Due to building work there is not a lunch at the beginning of October so our next lunch will be on Wednesday 1st November.

If you would like to come along and have a pleasant chat over a nice lunch then we would be pleased to see you.

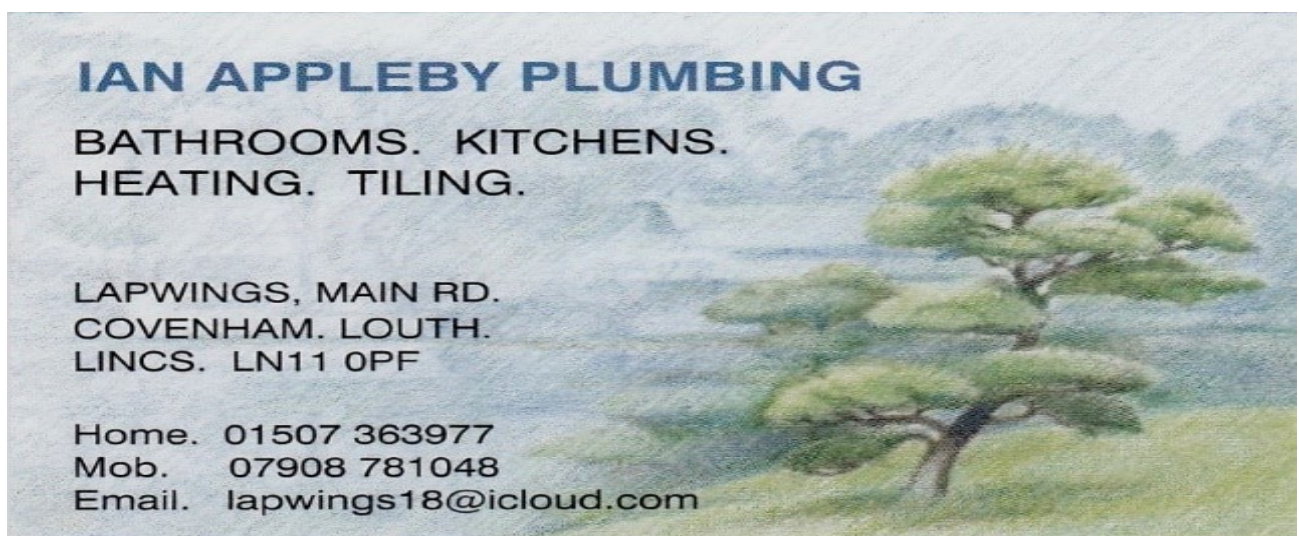
We just ask that you let us know you are coming by the Sunday before for catering purposes which will be 29th October.

Please ring

Anne 01507 363508 or Gillian 07947421137

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Gillian Pollard*



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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.

It is hoped that the masonry work on the Church Tower will start at the beginning of October. The work could take up to 6 weeks.



We had a successful Mad Hatters Tea Party in August when most people turned up wearing best 'Ladies Day' hats. Prizes were given for the best hats/dress. There was also a fun Country Dance evening in July. Our Harvest celebrations are due to take place on Friday, 29th September.

The Wolds & Coast Festival at the beginning of September brought plenty of visitors, some of whom stayed to enjoy tea & home-made cakes.

### **Events planned for October, November & December:**

**Charity Bingo Night for SENSE Fri., 27th October 7p.m.** Adults £5 Under 16s £2.50 which includes 8 games of Bingo & light refreshments. Raffle.

**Christmas Fair Sat. 18th November 2p.m.** There will be a variety of stalls & also refreshments. Prizes for the Christmas Draw would be appreciated & can be brought to church from 10.30a.m. on the morning of the Fair.

**Friday, 15th December Carol Service 7p.m.** You are invited to stay after the service and enjoy a free glass of wine and seasonal refreshments.

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

*Anne McCready*  
*Church Warden*

## *The Poores Allotment Fund*

The Poores Allotment is split into an Ecclesiastical Charity and the Eleemosynary. The trustees of the Ecclesiastical Charity are the current churchwardens of St. Mary's and the Eleemosynary has up to two trustees appointed by the Parish Council.

The income of the Poores fund is from land owned by the trust which is currently leased out for farming and also from an investment made when the old Blacksmith's shop was sold. Each charity receives half of the income twice a year. The Trustees also meet twice a year to discuss any issues.

The Ecclesiastical part of the money goes to St. Mary's church. The money received by the Eleemosynary is for use in the village. Over the years changes have been made as to how this money can be used and currently it is for *anyone of any age group* who needs genuine financial assistance.

Changes as to how the charity uses the money have to be agreed with the Charity Commission and recently we have included rural isolation which was why we were able to provide a free meal for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022.

Any resident in the villages of Covenham St. Mary and Covenham St. Bartholomew is entitled to apply to the charity for help, but there has to be full financial disclosure to the Trustees with regard to income and expenditure. Any approach and subsequent meetings are held in the strictest confidence.

We have not received any claims for some time despite advertising in the Village Newsletter and on the noticeboards. To give you an idea of assistance that we have given in the past, we have helped fund a stair lift, buy a new fridge/freezer, given out food vouchers and helped with a car repair.

If you feel that you need any financial assistance the first step is to contact one of the Trustees; *Gillian Pollard on 07947421137* or *Ernest McCready on 01507 363508*.

## *The Donald Witney Memorial Fund*

### **Grants available to young people**

This charitable fund was set up in the memory of Donald Witney, an eminent Louth citizen, one-time Headmaster of King Edward VI School.

The Louthesk Deanery Synod who are the trustees of the fund are able to consider applications for funding from those of school age and up to 25 years, who reside within the Louthesk Deanery, **this includes Covenham**. Grants can be given to assist them in the costs of such activities as attending Christian conferences or courses, carrying out expeditions to under-privileged parts of the world, or advancing their studies or skills e.g. undergoing an organ scholarship.

Applications in writing are invited, which should detail the activity to be funded and how the amount applied for will be used. Please apply to the Deanery Secretary, Dr. Anita Samaan at [samaan@doctors.org.uk](mailto:samaan@doctors.org.uk).

**Applications can be made by anyone, whether an Anglican church attender or not.**

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## *Covenham Village Volunteers*

### Covenham Café

The Parish Rooms, LN11 0PF

Open 10am to 12 noon  
Every Friday

### **Covenham Walking Group - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

Start: New Time - **10:00am** Covenham, Parish Rooms, LN11 0PF

Come join us for a free, monthly, guided circular walk:

Leaving the Parish Rooms for a 3 to 4 mile (1.5 to 2 hrs).

Suitable for: All ages and well-behaved dogs are welcome.

**Wear clothing suitable for the weather, conditions and ground.**

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Covenham Parish Rooms**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 11am – 1pm

Tea, Coffee, Cake, Savouries  
All £1 each

Bring your friends and family!  
Help us make money for this worthy cause!

**Working together to improve our environment!!**

We have set up a battery and ink cartridge recycling scheme.  
Bring these used items to the Parish Rooms café on any Friday morning, and we will get them recycled.

## *The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust*

### **Graffiti in the Village**

Recently we were very disappointed to find red graffiti on the north side of St Barts Church. This is a Grade II\* listed building so it will need specialist and undoubtedly expensive removal.

Judging by the height of the graffiti it was someone of around 6 foot tall – The words 'Jesus Lives' were written alongside a floriated cross and a pentagram.

Our graffiti artist is obviously a 'Slipknot' fan (yes, we had to look it up, they are an American Heavy Metal Rock Band who refer to their fans as Maggots).

Another red mark was found on both bridges and the word Slipknot was found on a tree in St Mary's churchyard.

An empty can of red paint was discovered in the stream on the footpath which runs behind St Mary's Church.

Furthermore, a tall young man (late teens, early twenties) was seen acting oddly in this area shortly before the graffiti was found, he was trying hard not to be seen, he hung around for a while and when he saw he was being watched, walked off towards the churchyard gate leading onto Cold Harbour Lane. No bicycle was seen so it is assumed this young man is local to the village and he would be recognised if seen again.

This incident has been reported to Lincolnshire Police as a Heritage Crime (which carries heavier penalties). The empty can, a description of the young man and his musical preferences have also been forwarded. Should you have any information which could be useful please contact Louth Police quoting Crime Number 306/19/08/2023.

While a hard-working group of volunteers are trying to raise funding to restore the church it is hard to fathom the mind of someone who could do this mindless vandalism.

*All the best, the Trustees.*

CVV & St Barts Present in the company of Dr Allan Barton

An evening of

'Lincolnshire Ghosts, stories around a fire'

Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> 4.30 @ St Barts Church

#### **Menu**

**Welcome Drink:** Smoking Bishop or Non-alcoholic Mulled wine

**Mains:** Hearty Beef and Veg stew

**Dessert:** Locally Scrumped Apple Crumble and Cream

**Afters:** Tea & Coffee

**Tickets:** £15

**Bar Open all evening, selling:**

St Peters Plum Porter, Gin, Tonic, Lemonade, Coke

Be aware this event is outside and may incur some inclement weather!

WC Facilities on site for the evening

Please order your tickets by 5<sup>th</sup> October for Catering purposes at Covenham Café or via Nicky on 07931258178



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## *Events at a glance*

Date	Event	Venue	Time
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Parish Rooms	11am
1 <sup>st</sup>	Village circular walk	Parish Rooms	10am
15 <sup>th</sup>	An evening of 'Lincolnshire Ghost stories around a fire'	St Barts Church	4.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Bingo Charity Night	St Mary's	7pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Celebrations and Supper	St Mary's	7pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Lunch	St Mary's	12.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service followed by Refreshments	St Barts Parish Rooms	10.45am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair	St Mary's	2pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Rooms	7pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
15 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service	St Mary's	7pm

### **Remembrance Service: Sunday, 12 November 2023**

This year we will hold it again at St Barts Church War Memorial.

Starting at 10.45am for service to start and hold our respectful 2 minutes' silence at 11am to remember and give thanks.

Refreshments will be available to all who attend at the Parish Rooms following the service.

Should any other group or body wish to lay a wreath or a cross at the service then they are very welcome to do so.