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Elloe Oracle



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Welcome to The Elloe Oracle Magazine

Dear Friends and Neighbours

Welcome to the Aug/Sept edition of the Elloe Oracle. We are still in need of new helpers to deliver the Elloe Oracle in **Barrier Bank and**Croft Close in Cowbit. If you can help then please contact

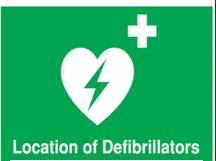
Pauline Start 01406 380599.

Everyone at the Elloe Oracle was sad to hear the news that Welland Print has closed. Jake and the team have printed this magazine from our first edition (over 10 years) and we would like to wish them all the very best for the future and to say thank you!

Best wishes, Janet

To submit content for Aug/Sept please email

grumpygrower@outlook.com_by 15th Sept 5pm.



Cowbit Park Pavillion
Cowbit Village Hall PE12 6AL
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Weston Hills Village Hall

Check out what's new in this edition



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Copy deadline for next edition Mon 15th Sept – 5pm

South Holland District Council



One of the biggest changes in the 51 years of SHDC being in operation will be happening next year as there will be significant changes to waste and recycling collections. Partly driven by the Government's Waste Reform Programme for England, the main changes will include:

- · Food Waste being deposited into "Food Caddies" and collected weekly
- \cdot Paper/Card being separated from other recyclables (i.e. plastic) and both being collected monthly in 240l Wheeled bins
- \cdot Non-recyclables (i.e. current black bag items excluding food waste being collected fortnightly in 240l Wheeled bins

For some time, SHDC has been one of the few Councils in the Country, and the only Council in Lincolnshire to carry out weekly refuge and recycling collections. However, the introduction of the Waste reform Programme has brought the need to make changes, which were agreed by Cabinet at a meeting in June. This huge change will affect every household within the District, in the way we dispose of our waste and will be of very split opinions. Further information will follow over the coming months.

As we enjoy the summer, and the children are on school holidays, why not pay a visit to Ayscoughfee Hall & Gardens, which has reopened its popular play area, following a £24k refurbishment and repairs. Partly, and sadly work was required due to an act of vandalism, which resulted in the destruction of the cage swing as well as significant damage to the surrounding flooring. As part of the work the team has also carried out repair and renovations to the jeep equipment, ensuring its continued enjoyment for young adventurers for many years to come. Set across five acres, Ayscoughfee Gardens provides a beautiful setting in the heart of Spalding with surroundings and facilities to keep families entertained over summer. In addition, on Sunday 31st August, between 11am – 3pm, the SHDC Communities Team, will be holding their annual "Give it a Go" Day and Carters Park, Holbeach. This popular event gives the opportunity for children and adults to try their hand at something new, with activities including mobile cave, mobile climbing wall, mini-golf, arts & crafts, garden games and much more!

Should you have any issues, please feel free to contact your councillors on:

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Anthony Casson – 01775 723965/07889 811845, email: acasson@sholland.gov.uk

Thomas Sneath—01406 340151, email: Thomas.Sneath@sholland.gov.uk

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Member of Parliament for South Holland and The Deepings:

John Hayes

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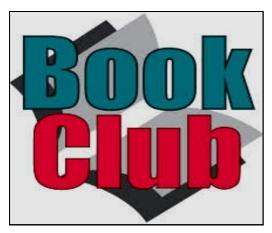
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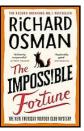
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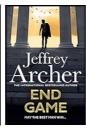
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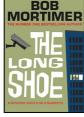
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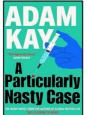


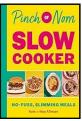


















A candid, moving story of self-realisation through the power of music, Our Secrets Are The Same is the remarkable ioint memoir by Simple Minds' founder members, Jim Kerr and Charlie Burchill. It not only reveals the inner workings of one of the most innovative and successful British bands of the past half-century, but the deeply personal tale of an extraordinary friendship which powered teenage dreams into visionary action. Exploring key songs, places, years and events in the Simple Minds story, and told in the distinct voices of both men, Their connection is grounded in shared experiences and a set of values and codes so deeply ingrained they don't need to be spoken. This is not just the story of two rock stars, but of two sons, brothers, partners and parents who have never forgotten where they come from. Two men who have remained deeply bonded to their roots and each other, while fulfilling a teenage dream to form a world-class live band and take their music around the globe.

Fascinating and funny, evocative and inspiring, this unforgettable memoir captures a unique journey through life and music, and a friendship like no other.

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Blackberry Gin

Ingredients

- 350gms blackberries
- 150gms sugar
- 700mls gin



Blackberries start to appear on their plants about this time of year and this recipe gives you a great excuse to rediscover your inner child and go scrumping along pathways and verges for this delicious little fruit.

Method

- Tip the blackberries and sugar into a 1.5l sterilised jar. Pour over the gin, seal the jar and swirl around to dissolve the sugar. Store in a cool, dark place and turn the jar once a day for the first week to ensure everything mixes well.
- 2. After 2 3 weeks, strain the blackberry gin through a sieve to remove the fruit. Pour the gin into bottles and label. The gin will keep its colour for a few months and will be drinkable for about a year. The infused blackberries can be used in a bramble cocktail or a delicious, boozy trifle.

As a cocktail idea, how about a blackberry gin fizz? Pour 50mls of blackberry gin, 25mls fresh lemon juice, 10mls of honey into a jar and shake well. Pour into a glass that is half full of ice and top up with soda water or a mix of prosecco and soda water. Garnish with a small sprig of mint and enjoy!

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share on this page contact Grumpygrower @outlook.com

WESTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITY

The Charity owns several wheelchairs that are available for either short or long term loan to residents of Weston Parish.

To arrange for the free loan of a chair please contact either



Anthony Casson-01775 723965 or Julian Bellamy- 07831 212976

Cowbit Rainbows and Brownies

And just like that the summer term is over at Cowbit Rainbows and Brownies and what fun we have had. We have been lucky enough this term to have a trip out to Doodles where we painted our very own animals, all the colours of a rainbow.

We have visited Fields Farm Nature play for an evening of wonderfully messy nature themed play, with making mud pies and water play being the favourites for the evening and a chance to meet the Alpacas and Donkeys. We finished this term with an evening of games and a picnic on the Cowbit playing field at Parkin Road by the pavilion. It was so lovely to see the girls enjoying the park. We of course haven't forgotten the badges and we are so proud of Caitlin McAlinden on achieving her Rainbow Gold Award. With some of our newer Rainbows achieved their Bronze Award. Well Done Georgia Painter, Alyssia Violante and Thea Turmer. We also presented Brownie Silver Awards to Abbey Ingamells, Amelia Neal, Charlotte Hornett and Rose Steel. I am so proud of Cowbit Rainbows and Brownies we have a fantastic group of girls who display such amazing teamwork, friendship and kindness whenever we are all together.



Cowbit Village Hall



Hello to all the readers of the magazine, as I write this, we are currently going through a mini heatwave within the area, I hope you are enjoying the nice weather but safely too. The village hall is being kept busy by our regular bookings weekly, fortnightly and monthly etc, a few of these are run by our local community to encourage social engagements. *Our Tea at Two* group meet every first Tuesday, a friendly group who meet for a tea, coffee with home made cakes etc, and pass a couple of hours chatting to each other. Our *senior citizens group* is similar and meet every second and fourth Tuesdays at 2pm, again similar to above, but often Les and Marie will have their home made soups as a teaser, and especially nice on a cooler wintry day. Les mostly holds a mini quiz to test the

grey matter, both of these groups have welcomed newcomers to the village and it is pleasing that both are still quite well attended. It shows how important a community hub in the shape of a Village Hall can be, especially with the village having no public house anymore, another group meet weekly on a Thursday between 1pm - 3pm, the *Cowbit* Crafters, ran by Anne Beeton, they take along their hobbies and chat and have a few refreshments too. Such as crochet, knitting, painting etc and again welcome anyone along to share a common interest. As you will see from the attached photos's my wife Claire and I decided to "pretty" the hall up a bit for Spring/Summer, my dodgy woodwork skills were used to make two nice planters and Claire enjoyed helping and painting them, but especially liked making them up with the plants. She never needs an excuse to visit a local garden centre!! But we are chuffed with them and users of the hall have commented saying how welcoming they look. We must thank **Vernon Brown Plant Sales** from Cowbit, who upon hearing what we were buying the plants for, kindly donated the plants for the black planter, a lovely gesture indeed. We also have now purchased a bench, and placed two slate tiles that I have used to show that **Cowbit** Spiritual Centre donated, and that the bench is in recognition of former Chairman Darren Harper. A nice place to sit and relax outside if you are using the hall. Thank you to all of our customers as usual and my supportive committee members as usual.

Marcus Pell (Chairman).



Cowbit Village Hall Second Fri of the month For more details contact:

Darren Harper 07903 209126 Email: daz1.harper@gmail.com Cowbit's
Outreach Post Office
operates in
Village Hall
Tues 2pm-4pm



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East Lindsey

South Holland



West Lindsey



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hsf@lincolnshirecf.co.uk



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THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025 *.

*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT MIGHT CLOSE SOONER IF ALL FUNDS ARE SPENT BEFORE THAT DATE.

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Sutton St James Sutton Bridge	07514 971761
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Cowbit. If you could
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CHURCH NEWS

For baptisms, weddings, or funerals at all three churches please contact Ruth Mlunjwa: tel: 01775 725698, r.richardson613 @bt internet.com

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17 Aug	9:15	Holy Communion	St John's Church					
14 Sept	9:15	Service of the Word	St John's Church					
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31 Aug	11:00	Service of the Word	St Mary's Church					
7 Sept	11:00	Service of the Word	St Mary's Church					
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Cowbit Church

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7 Sept

28 Sept



Like many others within our church group, we were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of our vicar, **Rev David Sweeting**, on Friday 11th July 2025. Many of you will have known Rev Sweeting through his work in the village and, in particular, with the school. Our thoughts are with his family – especially his widow Cath and his daughter Briony – at the moment.

St Mary's Church

St Marv's Church

Activities within the church have been a little quiet in the past few months but we hope to be able to pull together some fundraising and celebration

activities in the next few months – harvest, in particular, is such an important time for us given that we are part of a large rural community. Please do keep an eye out on our social media for upcoming events that you may like to join in.

Service of the Word

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WESTON PARISH COUNCIL



Hi Everyone

The main topic around the villages at the moment are the proposed Energy Installation's on Weston Marsh and surrounding areas with a large number of pylons crossing across the villages. At previous public consultation meetings none of the company's involved can give a definitive answer to many of the questions being asked, especially as to where exactly the path these pylons could be taking. More importantly is the new suggestion of not just one sub station on Weston Marsh, but two which begs the question, how much fertile agricultural land would be left. It is a fact that your Parish Council

carries little weight when it comes to concerns over these proposals, but that also applies to both your District Council and County Council as any decision made will come from Westminster and by just one person. It seems that our voice is not being listened to even after excellent concerns are and have already been made and much credit must go to those groups actively trying to stop this massive invasion into the Parish.

Where is the democracy in that bearing in mind the Government by changing Planning Rules claim they want to give local communities more of a say when planning applications are made.

There has also been much activity on the local FB page concerning speeding within our villages and I am constantly asked what are we doing. So I will reiterate what I have said many times over, and that any data we collect via our SID on Austendyke Rd or from our CSW Group is all passed to Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) & Police, so they are all aware of our problems so if you have a real problem with speeding vehicles I suggest residents complain directly to your local Police but I have to say that from experience most drivers who speed live in our villages, and that is borne out by the letters that are sent to drivers of speeding vehicles caught by the CSW Group, live in our villages.

Lastly, and it is with much regret that due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to carry out our VJ Day beacon evening and on behalf of the council I would like to apologise to any residents whose relatives were involved in the far east campaign during World War 2 for this cancellation.

Chris Dicks, Chair, Weston Parish Council

The next Parish Council meetings at **Weston Hills Village Hall** will take place at 7:30pm on **Monday 4th August** and **Monday 6th October**. The September meeting will take place on **Monday 1st September 2025** at **Weston Village Hall** again starting at 7:30pm. As always there will be a fifteen minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

Don't forget to visit the Parish Council website https://weston.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk for more information on Council business, meeting dates and venues etc.

Weston Parish Council Clerk Graham French, 30 Broadgate, Weston PE12 6HY, Tel 01406 371231 , email. westonpc@outlook.com

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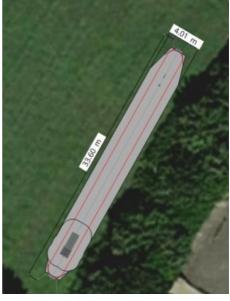
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UPDATE ON WORKS FOR : Weston Playing Field

Phase 2 install has been submitted for planning but has not yet made the meeting list. We expect this to be reviewed in August. This will see the installation of a zip wire and picnic benches.







Cableway, flat ground, slide length 25m

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Thurs 28th Aug, 10am - 2pm.

Create a parrot pal and

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Challenge at our tea party.

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Weston Hills Community News

WESTON HILLS VILLAGE HALL

Summer Raffle
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Diane Ridgley on 07962 342051

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Contact Eileen Richardson
01406 370181
Thurs 2pm—4pm
Contact Zelda Pearson
01406 380828

Pilates for Beginners—Sarah Myland Friday 2nd May—9.15am

Check out Sarah Myland Fitness and Training on Facebook.

Check out the new Weston Hills Village Talk page on Facebook



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Save the date!

Sat 22nd November
Christmas Fayre
Weston Hills Village Hall
10am till 1 pm—All welcome!

Christmas raffle tickets will also be on sale.



Coffee Morning

Weston Hills
Village Hall

13th Aug, 10th Sept

10.30am

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St John's Church, Weston Hills

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Harvest Supper

Weston Hills Village Hall 20th Sept - 6pm

Tickets £10

from *Christine* 01775 769345

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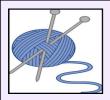
hallbookingonline.com/westonvillagehall

<u>Hire Charges – per hour-</u> Full Building: £20.00, Hall & Kitchen: £15.00

Meeting Lounge: £10.00

Residents of Weston Village and regular bookers are entitled to a discount of 10%

For any further information please contact our Booking Officer, Ryan email: bookings.westonvillagehall@gmail.com Urgent Queries: 07535426664



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First Monday in the month. Next lunch 4th August 12.30pm. All welcome.

Ring Karen 07936 997002 TUESDAY WARM SPACE

To continue at popular request through the

MOULTON CHAIN
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A cheerful, and all embrated by ministers, local professor the congregation. So the congregation of th summer. Tuesday 10am-12 noon, Come ,meet new folk, chat and enjoy light refreshments. Sadly Edward (Ted) Beasley.one of our regular folks ,passed on during June. The church was full at his funeral on Thurs 3rd July. Our thoughts and prayers are with Julia and Steve as they come to terms with thie loss. Generous donations at the service totalled £567 for church funds.

CRAFT CLUB.

Alternative Weds, 10am-12 noon. Light refreshments.

Next meetings 6th and 20th Aug, 3rd and 17th Sept. Come and share your skills.

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Mon 25th Aug - BH Monday - mill open 10-4pm for refreshments, tours and shop.

Fri 5th Sept (note change of date) - Quiz Night - to see if any spaces call Alan on 07710 094981

Sat 13th & Sun 14th Sept -Moulton Harvest Festival Weekend - mill open 10-4pm for refreshments, tours and shop.

Wed 17th Sept - Joint AGM of MWP Ltd and the Friends of Moulton Windmill at 7.30pm at the mill.



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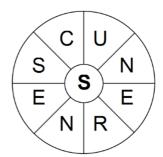
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