



All Saints, Nocton

Parish Magazine  
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### Our Endless Supply of Un-Holy Water!!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the trouble to contact us in respect of the water gushing out of a pipe at the back of the church. It seems to have been running for months now. The water however is not a leak it is generated by our boiler room which seems at this time to sit around 6 feet below the ground water table. It continually fills with water and we have an

automate pump which switches on when the level reaches a certain level.

Unfortunately the volume of water which is entering the boiler room is rather large at this time, hence the pump gives the impression of running all the time. Which it may indeed be!!

As part of the repairs to the church we hope to have the drains sorted to allow this to be pumped away sub surface in future.



## The Message

I normally have a look through the Temporale (church Seasons) and Sanctorale (Saints and festivals) to give me a focus for the monthly message, but as we have just celebrated Candlemass which we brought forward from the 2nd Feb to 30th of Jan, then February looks like a very uninspiring month indeed. It in fact looks very 'Ordinary', (and may be) not surprisingly as the grand celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany are over but we are not yet into Lent and awaiting the joy of Easter. Things do very much look and feel very 'Ordinary'. Surprisingly enough we call this time in our church calendar 'Ordinary Time'. We have two periods of it, a few weeks now until Lent and then a much longer period after Pentecost until Advent, at which point the church calendar has turned full circle.

The set piece festivals of the church are well known and tend to be celebrated well and robustly attended. It is as if we can cope with 'Corporate Worship' when it's all done for us, when we are celebrating or giving thanks to God for this or that aspect of Jesus and his life, and of course it is quite right and important that we should do so, and do so as the full church of God, together in our communities. But where are we? What about us as individuals?

There is much talk today about the rights and freedoms of individuals to live and make choices for themselves. Some will argue it's a good thing letting people take some responsibility into their own hands, others may argue too much choice breaks apart communities and gives false expectations.

In the church that period of 'Ordinary Time' which we acknowledge by dressing our churches in green hangings and vestments, is our time of individual personal celebration, it's time for us to celebrate ourselves as Gods creation and allow us to worship him and grow spiritually. It's a time of renewal, recovery and growth (green is quite an appropriate colour). Whatever your beliefs we all need a time to reflect in and on ourselves and our inner beings. The one choice very few of us get is to take a 'time out' to refresh our minds and bodies, find some inner peace, become right with God and the world, before we lurch headlong back into modern life. The annual family holiday for many is as stressful as being at home!

I always find it paradoxical that with all our technology, life improving gizmos and gadgets, we as a modern society are working more hours, have higher demands while we are at work, when we are at home many of us have to bring our work with us and we are permanently contactable as our phones are always with us, ringing, texting, emailing, twittering. Is that progress?

That 'time out' is a hard choice to make, but taking that time to retreat out of everyday life is sometimes the choice we need to make. Whether it's taking a couple of days to hill walk alone, go fishing, read that book we've meant to for months, individual time and space is the time of restoration, renewal and growth.

Within the church the concept of retreat and renewal is long established. I recommend it to all of you, and hope you find the peace and space to truly become 'you' for a time.

Chris



### A Prayer

Heavenly Father, it is through you that we are sustained and nurtured, find us when we give ourselves that space to be 'me' and refresh us through your grace and Holy Spirit,  
**Amen**

## The Nocton Registers

**Funeral Service**  
**Alison Rumbelow**  
20th January 2011

(Rev. Les Whitfield officiated at the Service  
and afterwards at the Crematorium)

### Nocton Parish Council.

At the Parish Council Meeting on 11 January some of the items discussed were:

**Mud on Grange Lane** - The increase in HGV's removing silage, the error of ploughing the field so that mud and water drained onto the road, blocking the storm drains and the recent harsh weather, has resulted in Grange Lane becoming a sea of mud. The Highway Department has been helpful, but concerns are such the Parish Council is to write to all parties involved.

**Tankers through village.** There has been a marked increase in tankers coming through the village. Bardney Sugar Mill is to be asked why.

**Parish Plan.** Representatives from all the village communities are to be invited to meet in March with a representative from NKDC, so that a Parish Plan can be formulated.

**Nocton Hall.** The Security of the Hall grounds is now back under LEDA properties, however should anyone have any concerns please still contact the Community Police or one of the Parish Councillors.

**Nocton Dairy.** Councillor Askew reported that there had been some complaints about the banners opposing the proposed dairy. Guidance had been previously sought by the Parish Council when the previous application was lodged and the banners can stay whilst the applications are in place.

**May Elections.** All Parish Councillors will come up for re election in May. Should anyone wish to consider standing either as a Parish or District Councillor and want to find out what is involved, two evening courses are being run by NKDC on March 14 and 15. Further details are available from the Clerk, Doreen Green Tel: 322323 or contact Cliff Robinson on 01529 308245.

Chairman Councillor Elaine Storr tendered her resignation due to pressure of work.. A formal 'vote of thanks' was expressed for her work on behalf of the community.

Come along and **Have Your Say**, next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 1 February at 7pm

**Councillor MaryAnn Williams**

## A History of Nocton Church - Part 4

### The Hobarts and the Robinsons.

Robert Hobart, the Dean's elder brother, succeeded his father as 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Buckinghamshire in 1804: his marble monument career as an eminent politician and colonial administrator, and in particular his negotiation of a new charter (depicted on the monument) for the East India Company. He is now much better known, however, for his links with Hobart, capital of Tasmania, founded during his time as Colonial Secretary and named after him.

In 1810 the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl renovated Dunston Pillar, replacing its crowning lantern with a colossal statue of King George III: a mason named John Willson fell off the pillar to his death while fixing it in position, and is buried in Harmston churchyard beneath the tombstone epitaph;

'He who erected the noble King  
Is here now laid by Death's sharp sting'.

King George himself was less than delighted to hear that his statue had been set up in such a desolate spot. 'Ah, Lincolnshire', he remarked in disgust, 'all flats, fogs and fens!'. The statue was removed when Dunston Pillar was shortened by the R.A.F. during the second World War:



Frederick Robinson  
1st Earl of Ripon

Earl Robert died in 1816 without male heirs, whereupon his title passed to a nephew. But the Nocton estate passed to his only daughter Lady Sarah Albinia Hobart (1793-1867), who had recently married the Honourable Frederick John Robinson (1782-1859), the MP for Ripon, later Viscount Goderich of Nocton (1827), and eventually first Earl of Ripon (1833). Robinson's not endowed with either capacity or experience....besides being disqualified for vigorous measures by the remissness and timidity of his character'. His failings as Chancellor of the Exchequer (1823-7) gained him the mocking nickname 'Prosperity Robinson', and though he managed to remain

Prime Minister for five chaotic months between 1827 and January 1828, he never faced Parliament in that capacity, his Cabinet having been formed so weakly or managed so clumsily that it fell to pieces before the accustomed time of trial arrived'. In short, he was 'perhaps the weakest Premier to whom a Sovereign of England ever intrusted the seals of office.

To be continued next month.....

Information taken from 'The All Saints Church History' prepared by Charles Kightly (1991) ©The Diocese of Lincoln . Additional information from 'Some Notes for a History of Nocton', Norgate & Footman (1900).

## Nocton Dairies Village Meeting—19th Jan 2011



L-R: Andrew David, Liz Murray, Peter Willes, John Stanford (Resident) & David Barnes.

On 19<sup>th</sup> January the Parish Council hosted a meeting between Nocton residents and representatives of Nocton Dairies. The aim of the meeting was to provide residents with an opportunity to ask questions about all aspects of the proposed Dairy development on Nocton Heath.

The meeting was independently chaired by Liz Murray (one of the Church Wardens) and was

attended by some 100 people, the overwhelming majority of whom were from Nocton.

After short presentations from Peter Willes of Nocton Dairies and Andrew David, a Nocton resident who outlined some of some of his concerns about the proposal, there followed a lengthy and detailed question and answer session covering environmental, traffic, spreading of digestate, public health and economic issues associated with the Dairy development. There were also a number of questions and comments from residents about Nocton Dairies' recently submitted application for an underground digestate pipeline from the Dairy to Wasps Nest.

The discussion was lively and generally very good-natured and covered a wide range of issues and concerns about the Dairy. Nocton Dairies attempted to provide as much information as possible to the meeting and was quite open in its wish to engage with local people. However, (and this is a personal view) there did seem to be a lot of information unavailable as to how the Dairy would actually work in practice, the effects on the village (notably around traffic volumes) and much detail which, even at this late stage of the planning process, has yet to be worked fully through.

At the conclusion of the meeting Liz Murray received a vote of thanks for the effective and very fair way in which she had chaired the meeting.

Before leaving, Nocton residents were asked to take part in an anonymous ballot to help the Parish Council assess the views of residents about the Dairy proposal. It would appear that all did so with the results as follows:

In support of the Dairy:	8 (8%)
Against the Dairy:	93 (92%)

A summary of the questions and answers from the meeting will be available on the Nocton Blog (<http://nocton.blogspot.com>). Alternatively, I will be happy to send out copies by email ([id.goldsworthy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:id.goldsworthy@hotmail.co.uk)) or Doreen Green, the Parish Clerk, will supply hard copies on request.

**Councillor Ian Goldsworthy**

## Do you know any more.....?

Group Captain Gilbert Stuart Martin Insall VC, MC. (1894 - 1972)



...was a recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

He is of interest to Nocton as his memorial lies in Nocton Churchyard. As far as I am aware he was cremated at Doncaster but there is no record of his ashes being interred at All Saints. While there is some limited information about him we have had a request for more information on him, therefore I am forwarding this appeal to readers of this magazine.

If you have more information about him, his life, his origins, his connection to Nocton, please could you forward it to the editor. I will review, collate and publish whatever we discover later in the year.

**Insalls VC Citation:** As published in the London Gazette 21st December 1915

"For most conspicuous bravery, skill and determination, on 7 November 1915, in France. He was patrolling in a Vickers Fighting Machine, with First Class Air Mechanic T. H. Donald as gunner, when a German machine was sighted, pursued, and attacked near Achiet.

The German pilot led the Vickers machine over a rocket battery, but with great skill Lieutenant Insall dived and got to close range, when Donald fired a drum of cartridges into the German machine, stopping its engine. The German pilot then dived through a cloud, followed by Lieutenant Insall. Fire was again opened, and the German machine was brought down heavily in a ploughed field 4 miles south-east of Arras.

On seeing the Germans scramble out of their machine and prepare to fire, Lieutenant Insall dived to 500 feet, thus enabling Donald to open heavy fire on them. The Germans then fled, one helping the other, who was apparently wounded. Other Germans then commenced heavy fire, but in spite of this, Lieutenant Insall turned again, and an incendiary bomb was dropped on the German machine, which was last seen wreathed in smoke. Lieutenant Insall then headed west in order to get back over the German trenches, but as he was at only 2,000 feet altitude he dived across them for greater speed, Donald firing into the trenches as he passed over.

The German fire, however, damaged the petrol tank, and, with great coolness, Lieutenant Insall landed under cover of a wood 500 yards inside our lines. The Germans fired some 150 shells at our machine on the ground, but without causing material damage. Much damage had, however, been caused by rifle fire, but during the night it was repaired behind screened lights, and at dawn Lieutenant Insall flew his machine home with First Class Air Mechanic T. H. Donald as a passenger."

## Nocton School Remembrance Project

Twelve Nocton Villagers lost their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. Nocton School took on the task of researching these as a remembrance project for some of their older pupils..

The twelve are all listed on the memorial on the Western Wall of the Church,, but it does not identify their final resting places. The school researched this via the Commonwealth war Graves Commission, discovering nine were buried in France, one in Turkey, one in Egypt and one in our own Churchyard.

Ten laminated wreathes were made by the children, to be placed on the all the graves with the exception of Turkey and Egypt. The schools deputy-head Mr Canadine was able to help out here as he was going to France over the Christmas Holidays and having identified the location of the graves was able to lay all the wreaths for the pupils.

As a start the pupils all gathered around the grave of '167916 Cpl G. Leary', and placed their first wreath. Cpl Leary's grave lies in our Northern churchyard and is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission along with a number of others lost in later years.. He was killed through service in Egypt, 15th December 1917'.



(left and below)  
The Pupils , Mrs Penistan and  
Mr Canadine with their  
wreaths at Cpl Leary's Grave



(left)  
further the pupils understanding of  
remembrance the school have decided to  
maintain the memorial to  
Group Capt Insall VC, MC. (See page 6)



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## Village Diary

**Tue 1st Feb** - 'Parish Council' meeting at Nocton Village Hall. Public questions from 7pm.

**Wed 2nd Feb** - "Village Hall Committee AGM" At the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All residents of Nocton are invited to attend, ask questions and elect the new committee.

**Fri 11th Feb** - 'Mr & Mrs' at Nocton Social Club start around 8pm

**Mon 14th Feb** - 'Nocton WI Open Meeting' with a talk on 'Adventures in Peru' from Chris Howard. Starts at 7.45pm cost £2.50.

### **An Update on our Church Roof Project from David Glew our Architect.**

The competitive tenders from the builders for the church roof repairs, are being considered by English Heritage. While questions raised by English Heritage are being answered, it is expected that the result will be known in March. Work will not be able to start straight away, however, because of the bat population. However, a start is expected in July, and completion hoped-for by All Saints' Day (1 November).

### **Useful Nocton Contacts:**

Nocton Parish Council:

Acting Chair - Debbie Wilson

Clerk - Doreen Green 322323

Village Hall:

Bookings - Lorna Storr 322074

Cricket Club:

David Glew 321756

Womens Institute;

Doreen Green 322323

Editor - Chris Hewitt

320645

Nocton Park Management Committee

Chair - Neil Faulkner 07799 296161

Police - Community Beat Manager

PC 298 Andrew Brown 07939896212

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Nocton Social Club

Club Bar 323588

NKDC:

Cllr Bill Chambers 320217

Cllr John Rose 321569

Lincs CC:

Cllr Marianne Overton 01400 273003

Arts Group & Village Trail Association:

Cliff Baxendale 321923

Nocton Primary School: 320324

Headteacher - Nick Dowler

School Administrator - Diane Powell

# theWI

**INSPIRING WOMEN**

## Nocton WI

Monday 14th February 2011 - Nocton WI are holding an "Open Meeting" when Chris Howard is giving an illustrated talk on "Adventures in Peru". Visitors are invited to attend at 7.45pm and the Cost will be £2.50.



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### Church Access

Via the Churchwardens and Treasurer;  
Ann Kennedy - 01526 322739  
Doreen Green - 01526 322323  
Additionally you can call at 'Hawthorn House', Main St.  
Or 'Nutwood', The Green..

Next issues cut  
off date  
**14th Feb**

## Nocton Social Club

# Mr & Mrs

## Competition

Friday 11th February  
from 8pm

### Normal Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	19.30 - 23.00
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	19.30 - 23.00
Friday	19.30 - 23.00
Saturday	19.30 - 23.00
Sunday	12.00 - 17.00

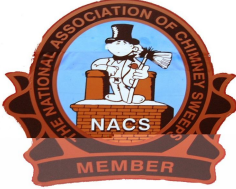
On Sunday, families with children are allowed in the main bar.

Annual Membership of the club runs from 1st Oct to 30th Sept.  
Annual Membership Fees are: Age 14-18 £2; Adults £5; Seniors £1.  
For further details contact the club on 01526 323588

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## Services For February 2011

*Sunday 6th Feb - 5th Sunday before Lent*

Branston	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Potterhanworth	9.30am	Holy Communion
Branston	11.00am	Morning Prayer

*Sunday 13th Feb - 4th Sunday before Lent*

<b><u>Nocton</u></b>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>	<b><u>Holy Communion</u></b>
Branston	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

*Sunday 20th Feb - 3rd Sunday before Lent*

Branston	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Potterhanworth	9.30am	Holy Communion
Branston	11.00am	Morning Prayer

*Sunday 27th Feb - 2nd Sunday before Lent*

<b><u>Nocton</u></b>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>	<b><u>Holy Communion</u></b>
Branston	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

*Sunday 6th Mar - Sunday next before Lent*

Branston	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Potterhanworth	9.30am	Holy Communion
Branston	11.00am	Morning Prayer

*Wednesday 9th Mar - Ash Wednesday*

TBA

*Sunday 13th Mar - 1st Sunday of Lent*

<b><u>Nocton</u></b>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>	<b><u>Holy Communion</u></b>
Branston	11.00am	Holy Communion



### **HAVE YOUR SAY.....**

Contributions to the magazine are always welcome. If you wish to contribute an article, photograph or advertise an organisation or event in or around Nocton, please send the details to the editor. (Charges apply for some advertisers)

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