



All Saints, Nocton

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A New Vision for your Church in our Parishes.

There have been many discussions about the shape of the church and its ministry in our parishes over the last four years since the Rev. Darol Reagon retired. Money as always is an issue and finances within the Graffoe Deanery (to which we belong) have been tight, and along with long term strategic planning, delays in moving forward have inevitably occurred.

However we are now in a situation where movement is happening. The major movement is the appointment of the Rev Jonnie Parkin as associate priest on a half time basis, to mainly develop links with young people through schools, youth groups etc. Jonnie has a background in this area and we welcome him aboard. Jonnie will live in Branston. Secondly we had the arrival of the Sisters of St Francis (Liz, Judith & Maureen) taking over the old vicarage in Drury Lane, Metheringham. It is hoped that they and their prayerful ministry can also form links within the community, reaching out to groups that have been sadly overlooked in recent years. Thirdly we are highly blessed with a number of active, willing and very able retired priests in the area. Each of which is willing to dedicate a considerable amount of their time to the churches mission.

What we now need is more Lay people to realise that the church of God is actually them, and they are a full and vital part of it. Each of our six churches; Branston, Potterhanworth, Nocton, Dunston, Metheringham and Blankney cannot run without Lay leadership.

If you have time and gifts to offer or just want to know more about what we do please contact us. You will be more than welcome.



The Message

Stand Up and Be Counted!

You will no doubt be aware that the 10 yearly census is just about upon us, catching a snapshot in time of the UK on Sunday 27th March 2011.

For those of you like me who have done some research into our families, they do provide a very interesting and sometimes useful picture of who we are and where we came from. Their major function of course, is to inform government decision making, strategy and policy. That may seem rather ironic in the present environment when many regard decisions as 'kneejerk', but if forward planning was a perfect science then we would all live in utopia. However it's not and we like many peoples before us have discovered that to our detriment. Its not just a failing of humanity though,

God also made some 'errors ' when he created us. He gave us laws to keep and we failed to do so. We distorted and corrupted them. He sent us his son to renew the bond with us, so what do we do?.....torture him and murder him. The 'error' that God actually made was to give us freedom of choice, but would we have expected any less, he is not a despot!

He never intended to direct our lives or wrap us up in cotton wool. Like any child (and we are all still children of God) failure, falling, feelings are all experiences we need in our formation, to help us make sensible and informed choices. It sometimes seems a harsh action for a parent to let their child slip, but we know occasionally it is necessary for growth. It is the love of a parent that allows us to realise that. It is the same with God, he loves all of us as his children, his love for us is unconditional. As I said God is not a despot, he does not control us, he does not interfere in our everyday lives, we make our own choices. But his guidance like that of any parent is always with and around us, through prayer, through that inspirational thought or sudden insight that appeared from nowhere, through the people we meet.

Would we want it any other way? Occasionally, very occasionally when a disaster strikes we might say yes, but in reality as the north African peoples have recently discovered, control of your life by another is a great yoke to be unburdened from, and what a wonderful feeling it is to be free.

So what I'm trying to get to is that God won't tell us what to do, but he may suggest things. So I ask you therefore to listen in those quiet moments to God in your lives, he is always there as your guide, and when you, like me, realise that, shout it aloud so others may hear, 'Stand up and be Counted'. Let us make decisions based not just on statistics, but with Gods guidance too.

There may be thousands of Jedi Knights in Britain according to the last census but there are billions of Christians around the world who feel and understand the love and inspiration of God and take him into their lives.

Join us.

Chris

A Lent Study Course

On all of the Tuesday evenings during Lent, there will be a Lent study course.



The focus of the course will be Henri Nouwen's book
'The return of the Prodigal Son'.



The Course will held at 1 Daphne Close, Branston, LN4 1PQ,
commencing at 7.30pm, on Tuesday March 15th.

Nocton Community School

Despite the weather we have all had a fantastic term and our pupils have still managed to spend time outside. Many of our sporting activities have been delayed, cancelled or needed to be rearranged. Let's hope the worst of the winter is now over! Assessments are showing good progress across the school and the children are working extremely hard and responding well to our new class structure.

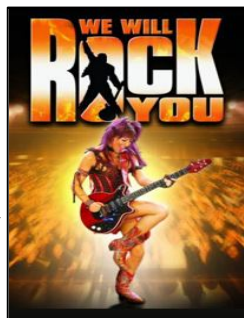


KS2 VISIT TO MAGNA

Key Stage 2 pupils recently took part in a trip to Magna Science Centre in Rotherham. They spent the day learning about different forces in an interactive environment. Each of the four elements is represented in a pavilion with many activities. After lunch they had the opportunity to use their own force in the outdoor Science Park!!

'WE WILL ROCK YOU' BRANSTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY

On Monday 14 February our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were invited to attend the dress rehearsal of the academy's presentation of 'We Will Rock You'. The concert was enjoyed by both pupils and staff. We were pleased to see one of our ex pupils, Lucy Butler, taking a lead role



GARDENING CLUB

The gardening club are looking forward to the better weather. So far potatoes and tomato seeds have been planted. The poly tunnel will soon be erected and the new staging is on order.

The club are now taking orders for bedding plants. The plants will be available for collection by 26 May and are excellent value at £1.25 per tray of six plants. Please return your orders together with payment by 10 March at the latest. If you require an order form with details of plants available, please contact school.

All Saints Church - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our APCM will be held in Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday April 13th. The meeting is open to all residents of Nocton parish. During the meeting the reports and accounts for the previous year will be presented and the Churchwardens, PCC Members and Officers (lay Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) will be elected. We are always looking for new people to join the PCC and you will be most welcome. If you want to discuss the roles and how you could help please contact the current Churchwardens, Liz Murray or Chris Hewitt for a chat.

Nocton Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 1 February and chaired by the former Vice Chair Deborah Wilson. Ian Goldsworthy was elected as the Vice Chair until the May elections for all Parish Councils are held.

Several ongoing issues were discussed at the meeting and they have been briefly listed below:

- Trees overhanging the road – Highways are to be contacted – again.
- Potholes – Highways are to be contacted again
- Coronation Bench – it was reported that the seat was not repairable and so the new seat given to the Parish will replace it. The plaque on the existing Coronation seat is to be preserved however.

The Dog Warden is patrolling the public footpaths now and should anyone wish to contact her re any nuisance problems regarding barking dogs, strays etc please telephone 01526 322220 as well as with dog fouling issues in their area.

Nocton Dairy. Concerns were raised from the floor re the transport and safety issues, especially in the Wasps Nest Area. The Parish Council is to respond to the additional papers on the Dairy application. A response against the proposed new the Pipeline (which is intrinsically linked to the Nocton Dairy Plans) will also be sent.

Compost Bins. As part of the *Love Food Hate Waste* Initiative, Compost Bins are being offered from £13.50 with an additional saving of 50% for two. Call 0845 130 6090 quote LCC01L or order on line at www.lincsc.org.uk/getcomposting.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 27 March Census Day

A national census is to be held in the UK on Sunday 27 March. The census is a count of the whole population and is **compulsory**.

Questionnaires will be put through your doors at the beginning of March as well as being available on line. Help is at Hand however: Nocton Parish Council is hosting a **"Census drop in Session"** on **WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH** between **2 and 6 pm** in the village hall. A census officer will be available to help you (in complete confidence) and answer any queries.

Don't let things happen without being in the know – the next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 1 March at 7pm

Councillor MaryAnn Williams

A History of Nocton Church - Part 5

The Robinsons and the Church.



Lord Ripon was respected as 'a fair and candid man', and he and Lady Sarah were certainly good friends to Nocton, The village's present attractive appearance, indeed, is largely due to the generosity of this couple and their son the Marquess of Ripon (1827-1909). Between them they built the Almshouses (1833), the School (1869), and the cottages known as the Old Row (1841), the Ripon Row (1870s) and the Ten Row (1878), all in distinctive 'Gothic Revival' style.

The Ripons also built the present Nocton Hall, now a ruin, after suffering the same fate on October the 24th, 2004 as its predecessor. Despite the valiant efforts of a brand-new village fire-engine, Sir William Ellys's Old Hall had burnt to the ground on July the 15th, 1834, blazing for nearly fifteen hours. At the 'earnest petition' of the villagers – who volunteered to cart building materials at their own expense – its replacement was begun in October 1841, the architect being William Shearburn of Dorking, a Nocton-born 'local boy made good' who was the son of the estate joiner, Joseph Shearburn. Old Joseph himself oversaw the building work, which took ten years and cost between £40, 000 and £50, 000. Much of the walling stone was quarries nearby Dunston Heath. At this time of writing 2011, a rebuild of the current hall looks extremely unlikely.

The New Church

The most impressive memorial to 'Prosperity Robinson' and Lady Sara, however, is the present church of All Saints. Its Georgian predecessor never been a satisfactory building, and though only 40 years old when the couple inherited the estate, was already decaying rapidly. By 1845 its western wall was dangerously cracked, a pewter bowl (still use for baptisms) was being used as a font – the mediaeval font having been exiled to the churchyard – and there was a bookshelf above the altar. Since it only seated 200 people (plus 40 children in the gallery) it was also too small for a parish whose population numbered 510 in 1851. But perhaps this scarcely mattered, since the average Sunday congregation in that year totalled only about 100 adults. The explanation, according to Vicar Edward Wilson, what that; 'The parish being nine miles long, several families who are from three to five miles from the parish church rarely or never attend it, but go elsewhere'.

Lord Ripon had intended to replace the old church with a new and more suitable building: but before he could do so, he died aged 76 in January 1859. His widow Lady Sarah therefore undertook the work, as a memorial to her deeply loved husband and a shrine for his tomb. By this time imitation of mediaeval Gothic architecture had come to be regarded as the only acceptable style for new churches, especially among the 'High Church' party to which Lady Sarah belonged. She thus employed the most respected and respectable of Victorian 'Gothic Revival' architects to design her church: this was Sir George Gilbert Scott, who had begun his career as a builder of Elizabethan-style workhouses and lunatic asylums, but had turned to churches (his first was St. Nicholas, Newport, Lincoln) and undergone a 'conversion' to Gothic Revivalism.

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).

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



Following my request for more information on Gp Cpt Insall, village resident and retired Sqn Ldr Mike Kaye provided the following:

'Gp Capt Insall's ashes are interred at Rose Hill crematorium, Doncaster. He died at Scawby. His wife Olwen Scott (Nee Yates) is interred in our churchyard, which is probably why his memorial is there. She may have died in RAF Nocton Hall? or have lived here after his death. He stayed in the RAF after WW1 and if they retired to Scawby, Notts, Nocton Hall would have been the nearest RAF Hospital. Info from Flight Magazine Aug 5 1926 and Wikipedia.'

Dunston Twinning Association



We have now started a new year and we are busy planning for forthcoming events.

In April there are 44 of us travelling across to Trangé via Eurostar where we will spend 3 whole days with our families. During this visit we also spend a lot of the time in a whole group enjoying whatever events they have got planned for us.



The Duck Race this year is the 2nd July 2011 2pm onwards so put this date in your diaries its a great day

We continue to try and attract new families, especially families with young children, we have at the moment one French family with young children waiting to be matched with either families from Dunston, Nocton or Metheringham, so give it some thought it is not only great fun but an education for the children and the adults have a great time as well.

We are thinking of introducing a savings plan for families who wish to put money aside for when we travel to Trangé. The cost of any visit either to them or them to us is not vast, for as an organisation we heavily subsidise the cost when they visit us. So if you are interested with no obligation, contact one of us and we will give you all the information you need.

01526 321740 Chair - Helen Door, 01526 323593 Vice Chair, 01526 322285 Treasurer.

Useful Nocton Contacts:

Nocton Parish Council:

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

Incident Report: 0300 111 0300

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

The Church Fundraising Committee, has arranged two more events to continue to raise funds for the reroofing project.

Sunday 8th May: A cold buffet lunch to be held in the Village Hall. These are always good social events and the bar will be open in the social club. Tickets will be available shortly and will be priced at £8 (or £6 for paid up church supporters). For more info contact Carol Bennett or Ann Kennedy. Volunteers to helpout would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday 25th June: A concert in the church featuring 'The Lincs Effect'. Sparkling Wine and Finger Buffet refreshments will be served. Tickets £12, Concessions £10 (or £8.50 for paid up supporters). More details to follow.



Ever wondered what would happen if Bach met the Beatles? Well so did The Lincs Effect. However, following several months of fruitless séances, an awkward telephone call to Ringo Starr's agent, and a breathless escape from a Leipzig security guard, they decided to form a close harmony group instead.

The Lincs Effect is made up of singers from Lincoln Cathedral joined by the odd minstrel picked up elsewhere.

The Lincs Effect have appeared widely both within their home county of Lincolnshire and further afield. They have made numerous appearances on television and radio, most notably including a recent invitation to feature on BBC Radio 3's flagship show: *Music Matters*, a programme which aired at Christmas 2009.

Village Diary

Wed 9th Mar - 'Village Hall Coffee Morning' 10–Midday. Free tea and coffee. Raffle.

Fri 18th Mar - 'Wii Fit Night' at Nocton Social Club start around 8pm

Wed 23rd Mar - 'Census Drop-in Session' A Parish Council drop in session to help with completion of this years census. 2-6pm in Village Hall.

Tue 5th Apr - 'Parish Council' meeting at Nocton Village Hall. Public questions from 7pm.

Tue 5th Apr - 'Nocton Social Club Committee Meeting' 8pm in the Club

Wed 6th Apr - "Village Hall Management Committee" At the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Sun 10th Apr - "Annual Village Litter Pick" 2–4pm, More info to follow.

Wed 13th Apr - 'Village Hall Coffee Morning' 10–Midday. Free tea and coffee. Raffle.

Wed 13th Apr - 'All Saints Annual Parochial Council Meeting APCM' This is our annual meeting where election of Churchwardens, Officers and PCC members take place. It is open to all parishioners of Nocton.

Mon 18th Apr - 'Frankie Martin' Back to round up his UK wide 'Help for Heroes' tour. In the Village Hall, further details to follow.

Fri-Mon 22nd–25th April - 'St Georges Day Festival Weekend' at Nocton Social Club. More details to follow but will tale the format of last years success!

Thu 5th May - 'Local Elections and Referendum'

Sun 8th May - 'Church Fundraiser Buffet Lunch' Raising funds to wards the roof continues with a buffet lunch to be held in the Village Hall. Tickets £8 (paid up supporters £6).

Sat 25th Jun - 'The Lincs Effect' probably the only concert we'll manage to have this year owing to the renovation works. 7.30pm at All Saints Church. Tickets £12. Concession £10 (paid up supporters £8.50)

Sun 2nd Jul - 'The Annual Dunston Duck Race' 2pm

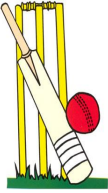
Confirmation Classes



Rev. Les Whitfield would like to start confirmation classes. He would therefore be happy to talk to any adults or young people who want to increase their knowledge of the Christian Faith.

If you are interested please contact Rev. Les on 01522 791195 or email him at rev.les@tiscali.co.uk

Nocton Cricket Club:



There is little visible activity at the cricket club at present. However, after drying out following a burst pipe which occurred during the 'great snow', and a couple of meetings, the cricket machine is about to gather pace on a slow run-up in time for the season's start in May. Preparations will start in March, and practices will start in April.

Phone David Glew on 321756 to have a chat; or simply come to practices at 6.00pm on Wednesday evenings (at the ground on the Bridle Path between Nocton and Dunston).



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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
18th Mar

Nocton Social Club

Wii Fit Night

Friday 18th March

St Georges Weekend

22 - 25 April 2011

Fri 22nd - Games Night

Sat 23rd - Live band and Supper £5

Sun 24th - BBQ

Mon 25th - (Sunday opening hours)

(6 Real Ales on Tap)

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

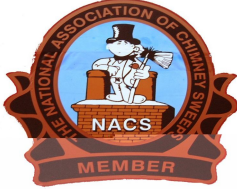
On Sunday, families with children are allowed in the main bar.

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 March / April 2011

Sunday 6th Mar - Sunday next before Lent

Branston 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Potterhanworth 9.30am Holy Communion

Branston 11.00am Morning Prayer

(Readings: Psalm 2, Exodus 24: 12-end, 2Peter 1:16-end, Matthew 17:1-9)

Wednesday 9th Mar - Ash Wednesday

Branston 7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashing

Sunday 13th Mar - 1st Sunday of Lent

Nocton **9.30am** **Holy Communion**

Branston 11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Psalm 32, Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4:1-11)

Sunday 20th Mar - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Potterhanworth 9.30am Holy Communion

Branston 11.00am Family Service

Branston 6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

(Readings: Psalm 121, Genesis 12.1-4a, Romans 4.1-5, John 3.1-17)

Sunday 27th Mar - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Nocton **9.30am** **Holy Communion**

Branston 11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

(Readings: Psalm 95, Exodus 17.1-7, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42)

Sunday 3rd Apr - Mothering Sunday

Branston 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Potterhanworth 9.30am Holy Communion

Branston 11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th Apr - 5th Sunday of Lent

Nocton **9.30am** **Holy Communion**

Branston 11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Psalm 130, Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45)

(Note: The Readings Given are for Common Worship Communion Services)



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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