

Withern Village News



*In the absence of recent photographs, here is one from last Summer.
(Future photos welcome!)*

A front page plea: can we please ask all residents to clean up after your dog(s). There has been an increasing amount of mess, including directly outside the primary school.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

Thank you once again to all of the local businesses who have placed adverts in this newsletter; it is these contributions that enable you to keep receiving this newsletter free of charge.

If you have anything to contribute to future editions: birthdays, anniversaries or other announcements, poems, photos, memories - please email withernvillagehall@gmail.com.

Hollie Pocklington, Editor

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday

Weekly Worship at Withern Chapel, 10:30am

Every Monday

Withern Singers meet at Withern Chapel, 7:30pm

Every Tuesday

Withern Art Group meet at Withern Village Hall, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Every Tuesday

Soup and Sweet at Withern Chapel, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Every Wednesday

Withern Sewing Group meet at Withern Village Hall, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Parish Council Meeting at Withern Village Hall

Tuesday 5th March, 7:00pm

Village Litter Pick starting at Withern Village Hall

Thursday 7th March, 10:00am

An Evening with Medium Joe at Withern Village Hall

Saturday 16th March, 6:30pm, £10.00 entry

Easter Open Event at Withern Chapel

Saturday 30th March, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Parish Council Meeting at Withern Village Hall

Tuesday 16th April, 7:00pm

Race Night at Withern Village Hall

Saturday 4th May, details to follow

Upcoming Events Continued

Withern Village Hall AGM at Withern Village Hall
Wednesday 8th May, 2:00pm

Sunday Service at Withern Chapel
Sunday 12th May, 10:30am followed by a lunch to raise funds for
Christian Aid.

Parish Council Meeting at Withern Village Hall
Tuesday 28th May, 7:00pm

Anniversary Service at Withern Chapel, led by Rev Margaret Asiedu
Sunday, 7th July followed by a lunch

Annual Flower & Vegetable Show at Withern Village Hall
Saturday 27th July. Programme to follow.

Announcements

Benjamin Pocklington-Harvey will be Christened on Sunday 12th May,
during the ordinary service at Withern Chapel. All welcome.

Withern Art Group would like to thank Darren Gregory, of Gregory's
Mobility, Sutton on Sea for transporting their Art display boards from
Alford to Withern, free of charge.

Birthdays

Lauren Duncan, 21 again on 22nd March
Jemima Pridgeon, 4 on 30th March
Casper Pocklington-O'Pray, 4 on 4th April



Casper, no.1 junior plane spotter

**March 13th deadline
to have YOUR say!**

NO PYLONS LINCOLNSHIRE



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The National Grid are proposing to build 87 miles of new overhead transmission lines on pylons between Grimsby and Walpole, as part of infrastructure that would provide London and the South with more offshore wind generated energy.

The 50m high pylons would be as tall as 16 storey blocks of flats, 330 metres apart, from Grimsby, past Louth, Alford, Burgh le Marsh, Boston, Spalding to Walpole - just over the Norfolk border.

Giant, noisy pylons would have a massive impact on the landscape, environment, natural habitats, tourism and agriculture – driving down the local economy, impacting the quality of life for many people.

The pylons are UNNECESSARY

An integrated offshore grid would be more efficient and cheaper.

We can object to this in the public consultation until 13th March. It's free and only takes a minute:

Email "I strongly object to the proposed pylons in Lincolnshire" with your name to:

contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com - or write the same to: Freepost G TD W (no stamp required)

Of course you may say more, but the minimum required is to say that you strongly object.

Tell your neighbours, tell your friends -

We need YOU and thousands of other people to tell National Grid:

"No Pylons in Lincolnshire!"



Full details as provided by the National Grid can be found by visiting their website:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/g-w>

National Grid Pylon Project in Withern with Stain

Dear Resident,

I am writing to bring to your attention a great significance concerning our village of Withern with Stain. As you may be aware, there is a proposed National Grid pylon project in our area, and it is crucial that we, as a community, fully understand and address the potential impact this project may have on our unique and precious landscape.

Preservation of Unindustrial Landscape:

Withern with Stain boasts a rare and precious unindustrial landscape. Two previous major electricity grid connections—the Tritton Knoll OSW farm link and the Viking Link Interconnector—were placed underground to minimise impact. The additional costs incurred in burying cables were a conscious decision to mitigate the visual impact. Compromising this investment would be highly illogical by introducing overhead cables in the same areas.

Proximity to Wold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB):

Withern with Stain sits adjacent to the Wold AONB, and the proposed line runs very close to it. The AONB designation is not limited to the physical area within its boundaries but extends to the views from the AONB to the coast and vice versa. Erecting overhead lines close to the AONB edge has a material impact on its aesthetic value.

Agricultural Land Impact:

Overhead pylons occupy valuable prime agricultural land, resulting in permanent loss. Off Shore or underground cables, as demonstrated by the Viking Link, have no lasting effect on agricultural land productivity.

Wildlife Conservation:

Our Parish is home to two significant wildlife areas—the Withern Trout Farm fishing lakes and the flood overflow area alongside the Great Eau. The proposed overhead cables pose a significant hazard to numerous birds inhabiting these areas, including Heron and Geese.

Health and Environmental Impact:

The electromagnetic envelope of high-voltage overhead cables produces a significant hum, buzz, and crack, has been shown in some studies to harm

health. Putting the cables off shore would eliminate any potential of long term, unknown at present, adverse effects on the well-being of our residents.

Mental Wellbeing and Natural Environment:

Withern with Stain's natural and unspoilt environment, with its numerous footpaths and cycleways, serves as a haven for residents and visitors alike. The potential introduction of noise, electromagnetic effects, and visual disruption would significantly negatively impact the mental well-being of our community.

In light of these concerns, it is imperative that we unite as a community to voice our shared apprehensions and actively contribute to finding alternative solutions that preserve the character and tranquillity of our Parish. To make our collective voice heard, I urge each resident to take the following steps:

Send Your Feedback by the 13th of March: All you need to do is write a letter stating, “I strongly object to the proposed pylons in Lincolnshire.”

This can be sent via free post to the following address: **FREEPOST G To W** (nothing else is needed on the envelope). Or via email to contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com. Of course, you can say more, and feel free to add any points in this letter you agree with, but the minimum needed is your objection and name and Address.

Spread the Word: Encourage your neighbours and fellow residents to participate by sharing information about the project and the importance of expressing our collective concerns.

By actively engaging in this process, we can significantly impact the decision-making process and advocate for an off-shore solution that best serves the interests of our community. This national infrastructure project should not impose health, wealth, and tourism burdens on the residents of Lincolnshire. Let us work together to ensure that the best option for all offshore—is considered and implemented.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I am confident that our united efforts will play a pivotal role in protecting the beauty and essence of our village.

Simon Acklam

Chair, Withern Parish Council



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Village Fundraising

Oliver and Casper appeared on ITV News Calendar to talk about their baking for charity. Their fundraising total currently sits at £907!

You can find their cakes for sale in the Chapel on Tuesdays, between 12:00pm and 3:00pm - or at Pocklington's, 2, Market Place, Louth during usual opening hours.



The Red Lion clearance sale raised £155.00 each for the Parish Council and Village Hall.

In addition, the Chapel raised £31.00 on refreshments and £66.00 on Charity table sales.

Withern Village Hall

Flower & Vegetable Show

Digital copies of programmes for this year's show will soon be available, please email withernvillagehall@gmail.com to request one.

To ensure a wide range of stalls and side shows, we need YOUR help! If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours, please contact us in the usual way.

We would also be incredibly grateful for donations of tombola and raffle prizes.

Race Night

We have an upcoming Race Night in May, and are looking for Race sponsors. For only £10.00 you will have your business name advertised on posters and in the race programme, with our compere also able to read out a short verse.

Please email withernvillagehall@gmail.com.

Upcoming Election

On May 2, an election will be held for the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

To vote at the polling station in this election, you will need to show photo ID. Your local Polling Station will be at Withern Village Hall.

New Dentist

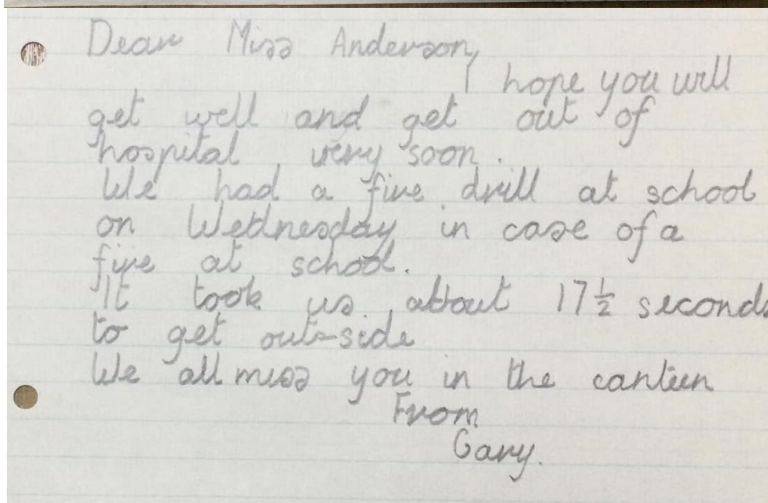
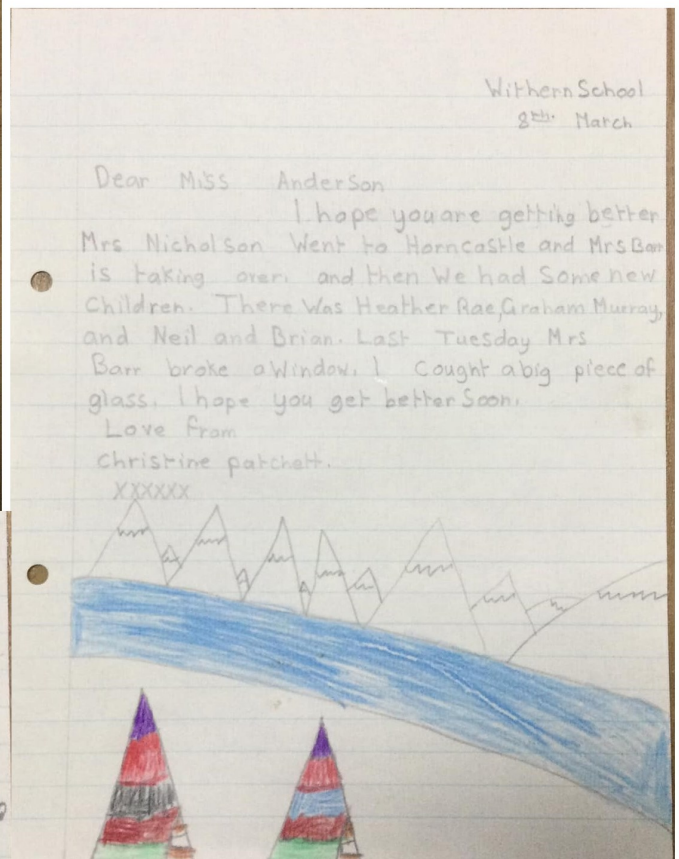
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Past Times

When Withern CE school assistant cook, Mary Ellen Anderson (known as Ellen, Nell or Nellie) was taken into hospital.

8th March 1973, the children wrote letters to her in hospital.

With thanks to John Smith via the Withern Memories Facebook page.





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Saturday, 30th March

12:00pm - 2:00pm

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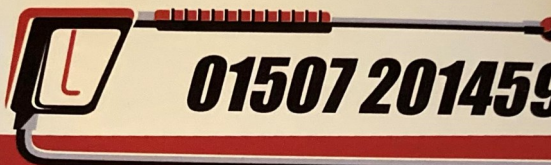
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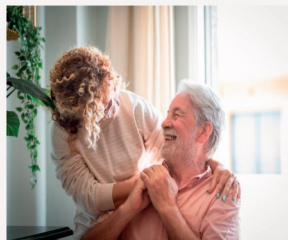
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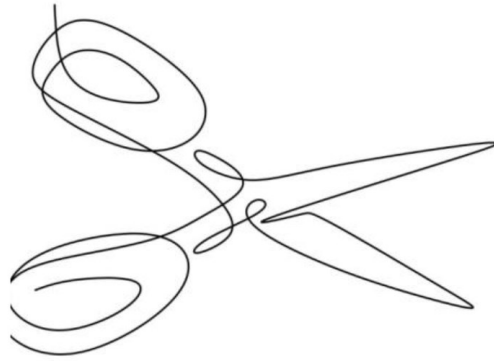
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