

Hemswell Ward

D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L L O R ' S O C T O B E R R E P O R T

**Cllr's Diary for
October**

**3 Hemswell Cliff
PC @ 7:30pm**

**4 Corringham
PC @ 7:30pm**

**6 Willoughton
PC @ 7:30pm**

**20 LCT meeting
WLDC**

**21 Selective
Licensing**

SCAMPTON RAF



The future of Scampton RAF is concentrating minds wonderfully especially that of potential developers and WLDC has announced that it will be looking for a partner to develop the site. Fears that it may go like Brookenby or Hemswell Cliff are in my opinion unfounded as its proximity to Lincoln makes it ideal to develop.

My concern is, that the future of the aviation museum and the 4 listed hangars. It should have a dynamic future, along with the new development preserving the distinguished history of the base, which will be forever associated with 617 squadron. Watch this Space!



W H O A R E T H E S E B E C K E T T ' S ?

For 266 years the Beckett's have enjoyed an association with Corringham and the surrounding villages. But what do we know of them ? – the talk will cover their rise from

humble beginnings to landed gentry to the peerage, a royal scandal , the inventiveness of one of its members, their art collection and their contribution of Corringham we know it

today. This will appeal to residents of Corringham but also to those who do not

Friday 30th of Sept Corringham Village Hall @ 7:30pm Admission £4 proceeds to the church

<https://becg.org.uk>

This is the First museum in the Hemswell Ward!

New Museum opened 17 September

The Broadcasting Engineering Conservation Group or BECG which had been looking for premises for some time has established at Hemswell Cliff, occupying the former Community Centre.

BECG was be open this year for [Heritage Open Days](#) on Saturday 17

September and Sunday 18 September. This will be the first opportunity the public received a peek at their collection and at the new building in Hemswell Cliff which they are busily restoring.

The enthusiastic group inherited a complex that had been terribly vandalized ,which led

to a lot of work removing debris. They set about installing new windows and solar panels on the roof.

Their central aim is to preserve historic artefacts and also enrich the understanding and interpretation of tv history for future generations



The solar farm proposed over the River in Gringley on Hill has been withdrawn due to the testing of the land, which was proved to be of high quality and therefore ideal for food production

Solar Farms – Opposition

There was a meeting at Springthorpe last Monday attended by about c50 people drawn from the village, including Cllr's Howitt-Cowan, & Milne. There was a presentation by Tillbridge, the company spear heading the proposed solar farm, after which

there was question time from the floor.

There was great concern that possibly quality farming land would be taken out of production to install a solar farm Tillbridge did emphasize that its plans are subject to revision and that the definitive

planning application would be submitted next year. My concern beside the land [which we need to test] was the encircling of Gainsborough with solar farms, the density of which I find most concerning. We need a united front to oppose than doing it independently.

District & Parish Elections 2023

The next District & Parish Elections are to be held on Thursday 4th of May 2023 and village halls and other community spaces will be hired as Polling Stations which will be open from 7am to

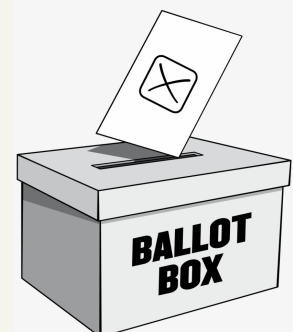
10pm

Many take up the opportunity of a Postal Vote.

The Count is usually at the Gainsborough Leisure Centre either on the day or the day after

ie 5th of May.

We shall be electing candidates for a 4 year term of office and depending on Devolution or local government reform, this may be the last of WLDC. Time will only tell.



Scampton RAF – the end of an illustrious era

A Lancaster bomber has been flown over Lincolnshire to celebrate the heritage of RAF Scampton early Sept. The station, from where the Dambusters' World War Two raids were launched, is due to close by 31 December 2022.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) announced in 2018 that RAF Scampton, near

Lincoln, would be closed as part of cost-saving measures.

A stained glass window commemorating the RAF's link with Scampton was dedicated in the church & another window to mark the 890th anniversary of the Dambuster's is due to be installed in 2023. Of Scamp-



ton's future—Watch this Space!

WL Churches Festival AGM

This was held at Nettleton Village Hall and was poorly attended

The Officers and Committee were re elected to serve another term . The Chair called on the Committee to work together and work as a team. He was candid about those working

against and told them to either shape up or consider their positions.

Over the past 3 years of the grant from WLDC valued at £24k has realized based on the stats for the past 3 years when the festival was held ie 2018, 2019 & 2022

Total Visitors	24,410
average	8, 136
Total Monies	
£711,808, 00	average
£237,269	
Total Volunteers	2, 295
average	765

The grant for 2023 has now been confirmed when the Review will be made .

“The idea of the churches being erased from the landscape is an absence of the heart; not an airy emptiness, a leaden one. It is deadness. It would be equivalent to the cultural vandalism of the Reformation. “

INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

Council submits investment plan for the district

West Lindsey District Council has submitted its Investment Plan to the Government, which sets out how it will spend its allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

A total of £2.7 million

has been set aside for the Council but in order to access the fund, along with other Council's nationally, it has to identify activities that will be right for the district and get Government approval.

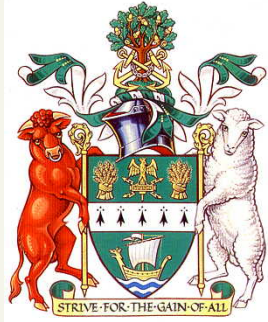
Twelve interventions have been selected by the

Council, which will focus on three key areas, linked to the Corporate Plan.

1. Communities and Place
2. Supporting Local Businesses
3. People and Skills

The majority of businesses in West Lindsey are micro businesses (90%) and there is relatively low level of new job postings.

The vibrancy of the district's economy has been ranked to 263 out of 324 and due to the impacts of Covid, our visitor economy has shrunk.



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TRINITY ARTS CENTRE BECOMES FINALISTS IN TOURISM AWARDS

.Destination Lincolnshire has announced the finalists in their 2022 Tourism Awards and we are thrilled that the Trinity Arts Centre is among those named.

The Unique picture-house which is set in a stunning grade II listed church is a cultural hub in West Lindsey, creating a space for people to enjoy theatre, live music and watch popular movies. It's hired by a number of community groups and creative companies to hone their talents.

Craig Sanders Trinity Arts Centre Manager has welcomed the news. He said: "We are so incredibly proud to be a finalist in the Destination Lincolnshire Awards in the Arts, Culture and Heritage category, which means a lot to me personally and to our wonderful team.

"The last few years has not been easy with arts and culture as we recover from the pandemic. However, the team has worked incredibly hard to transform the space here at the Trinity Arts Centre, to keep meeting the needs and demands of

the community and this demonstrates we are making a difference.

"We have had a number of sell out shows and we recently launched our new project, Trinity On Tour, which aims to bring accessible theatre and entertainment to more people across the district."

Trinity Arts Centre is not the only businesses in West Lindsey which has been named as finalists in the Destination Lincolnshire Awards including:

- Rand Farm Park –
- The Cross Keys Stow
- **Hemswell Antique Centres**
- The Grange- Bed and Breakfast and Self Catering

- The Old Granary, Lincolnshire
- Bridleway Bed and Breakfast
- The Cross Keys Inn, Grasby
- Bransby Horses - Rescue and Welfare
- **Uncle Henry's Farm Shop**
- Woodside Wildlife Park
- Trinity Arts Centre, Gainsborough

The winners will be announced at the award evening on Friday, 21 October 2022 at Lincoln Engine Shed, where Lincs FM presenter John Marshall will host the awards. For more information visit: <https://www.lincolnshiretourismaward.com/>