

Dyke Village Newsletter

September / October 2023



Breaking news; it's that time of year again, summer (such as it has been) is nearly over and all we have to look forward to is shorter days, long nights in and high heating bills....

Don't worry - DVHMC has just the remedy to shake off any negative thoughts:

Get friends and family round and make a scarecrow for the competition - there are prizes to be won and neighbours to beat!

Come along to the Craft Fair and do your Christmas Shopping or just treat yourself!

Immerse yourself in the history of Dyke Village in days gone by!

Learn all about the Zulu Wars and be blown away (sorry!) by 19th Century artifacts from the battlefields!

Get together with friends and neighbours to enjoy a game of Beetle or have a game of dominoes in a warm space and a chat over coffee and cake!

And that's all before we start thinking about Christmas (see next newsletter)!



"The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer.

One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider."

Jane Hirshfield, *The Heat of Autumn*

DVHMC Chairman's Report

It has been a busy time since the last newsletter with some great community events that have raised significant funds for the Hall and its maintenance.

There are three items of maintenance for the Hall still to complete and fund this year:

Shed Replacement

The old shed has been removed and the contents stored at William Ash's farm (Thank you William, Antoinette and Mike!). A new steel shed has now been ordered and we are hopeful for delivery and erection by September this year. Gill and Pete nominated the Village Hall as their charity to support at their Party in the Paddock in June and they collected an amazing £230 on the night that has since grown to £380 with other donations. In addition, it was requested that we set up a Just Giving site for those who prefer to give that way - please see link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/dvshed>

At the time of going to press, this has raised an additional £60 bringing our grand total for Party in the Paddock to £440. Fantastic!

The Hall Committee are very grateful to Gill and Pete for supporting us this way – Thank You!

The other fundraising events run by the Village Hall Events Team so far this year including the 70's and 80's Themed Quiz, the Plant Sale and Trash and Treasure, have contributed a further £1026. Brilliant! We are well on our way to paying a significant chunk of the shed replacement cost.

Thanks to all of you who organised, supported and attended these events.

Hall Kitchen/Extension

The extension of the main part of the Hall used as the kitchen is in serious need of external repair. The wooden cladding and some of the framework is rotten and we need to fully re-clad that part of the building. We are currently getting quotes for the work and hoping for a grant to carry out the work this year before the winter.

Chair Replacement

We would like to replace a good number of the hard and uncomfortable plastic chairs that we have with some padded and altogether more comfortable items. Chairs have been identified and we are similarly hopeful of a grant to support 50-60 replacement chairs. Our bottoms deserve some comfort! Watch this space for updates.

Upcoming events

We have a couple of very interesting talks coming up in October and November.

Local historian Brian Lawrance will give a presentation on the history of Dyke and Cawthorpe and Dyke resident Phil Peplow will be telling us fascinating facts about the Zulu War, debunking some of the myths around the film - did they really sing Men of Harlech?

Both men are passionate about their subjects and have some fascinating artifacts to show us. These events will feature a licensed bar and will both be open to the wider Bourne and Morton communities and are sure to be well attended so please make sure you purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Please do keep supporting the events that are put on for the benefit of the village. It really does help maintain the hall for the benefit of your community.

Thank you.

Robin Woodward - on behalf of Dyke Village Hall Management Committee

Scarecrow Competition and Craft Fair

Saturday 30th September

Dyke Village Hall 10am - 4pm

This year's Scarecrow Competition will be held on Saturday 30th September.

There will be prizes for the top three scarecrows, windows or front gardens incorporating a scarecrow or autumnal scene.

All the scarecrows will be included in a trail map through the village which will enable participants to vote for their top three entries.

The hall will be open from 10am - 4pm for refreshments including filled rolls, snacks, cakes and hot and cold drinks.



BEST SCARECROW, WINDOW OR FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

as voted for by the general public on the day

1st Prize - £50

2nd Prize - £20

3rd prize - £10



Please start thinking about your creations now. If you need any inspiration, the internet is full of whacky and downright ingenious ideas for scarecrows and seasonal decorations. Get friends and family involved - we can't wait to see what you come up with!

Scarecrows should be erected no later than Friday 29th September to be included.

Please let Jenny Woodward 07824 448038 or Anna Mclvor 07867 547816 know if you would like to enter a Scarecrow or a decorated window or garden in the competition **before Monday 25th September.**



This year's Scarecrow event will also include a

Craft Fair

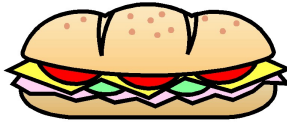
Stalls from the local area will be presenting their wares in and around the Village Hall.

They include handmade cards, jewellery, ornaments, floral arrangements, gifts candles, and gardenalia.

Start your Christmas shopping early or better still treat yourself - you're worth it!!

The hall will also be set up with tables and chairs for refreshments, so join us for lunch, a snack or just a drink and a chat.

There will also be a raffle (1st prize £50 voucher for a meal at the Wishing Well Inn), tombola, competitions and a cake stall.



As always, these events can only go ahead with the support of the village.

If you can volunteer your time to serve teas or help with setting up or clearing up the hall, bake a cake, donate tombola or raffle prizes we would love to hear from you, but the best thing you can do is come out and enjoy the day with us!

**When things start happening, don't worry, don't stew,
just go right along and you'll start happening too.**

Dr Seuss

Dyke WI Programme 2023



In June **Neil Harradine** played guitar and sang for us and included a variety of music on his playlist. Thankyou Neil.

Members of Dyke WI visited the **Village Hall Coffee Morning** on Tuesday 18th July where they enjoyed coffee and home-made cakes. They shared ideas for their scarecrow entry for the competition in September.

On Thursday 20th July, **Tim Stubbs** entertained us with his reflections of life and memories of when his family made and delivered bread to local villages. He knew so much about Dyke and the way of life. He brought his homemade honey and fruit jellies for us. A great evening, thank you Tim.

On August 17th, **Deliciously Chocolate** are visiting us to present a history of chocolate and a demonstration of chocolate making.

Meetings held in Dyke Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday in the month. **Visitors welcome.**

If you would like to join us, please contact:
Helen Whitfield 01778 571789

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday 21st September

Margaret Wainwright author of Margaret Beaufort of Bourne, Collyweston, Maxey and Deeping, the Tudor Dynasty

Thursday 19th October

Members Night - a programme organised by members for Dyke WI members only

Events at Dyke Village Hall

September

Saturday 30th September 10am - 4pm

SCARECROW COMPETITION and CRAFT FAIR

October

Friday 6th October 7.30pm - 10pm

A HISTORY OF DYKE AND CAWTHORPE

Presentation by Brian Lawrance



Saturday 14th October 7pm - 10pm

BEETLE DRIVE



November

Friday 10th November 7.30pm - 10pm

ZULU WAR HISTORY TALK by Phil Peplow

December

Sunday 3rd December 4pm - 6pm

DECK THE HALL EVENT



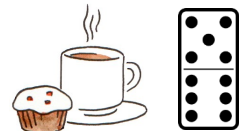
Sunday 16th December 6pm - 8pm

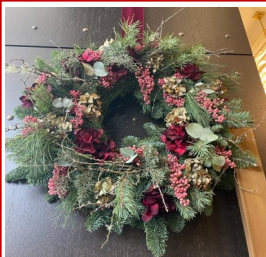
CAROL SINGING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Throughout November and December

WARM WELCOME HUBS

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm





Christmas Wreath Making Workshops with Tina Lovesey

Saturday 9th December

9am - 12pm or 1pm - 4pm

Places on these courses are limited - Book early to avoid disappointment

For more information please contact Tina on 07972 266663

Pilates Classes with Max

Tuesdays 7pm - 8pm

Thursdays 9am - 10am Dyke Village Hall



Pilates is a series of non-impact exercises that improve strength, flexibility, posture, balance and coordination. It helps to relieve stress and tension and is an exercise for the mind and body. Suitable for ALL ages and abilities.

For further information, please contact Max by phone or text on

07912 554256 or email maxgolding@sky.com.

Greenacre Dyke

Do you have friends or family coming to visit who need a place to stay?

Greenacre Dyke is a newly refurbished three bedroom (two double rooms and a twin room) bungalow at the edge of the village.

Owned by Dyke residents Darren & Jo and available to book via www.Airbnb.co.uk – just put the postcode (PE10 0AF) into the search box



Things to do in the garden September/October

Keep watering containers and deadheading

Save money by collecting seeds and consider drying seedheads to use in winter displays in the house

Collect flower heads to press and make cards or pictures for gifts

Take tender perennial cuttings from salvias and pelargoniums for next year

Finish sowing salad leaves and hardy lettuce for autumn/winter and early spring pickings

Towards the end of September start planting bulbs for next Spring - narcissi (daffs), hyacinths, anemones, crocus and mini iris - *I always plant some in small pots to have on a table outside so you can appreciate them and having them inside on a cold, grey day always makes me smile*

Refresh your containers if they are looking tired with winter bedding and spring bulbs. *Lately I have been putting small evergreen plants in to give a longer season so I put grasses in with violas and bulbs*

Make a bulb lasagne to extend your display - the largest and latest flowering bulbs go in the deepest, moving to the smallest and earliest in the top layer - *e.g. tulips at the bottom, narcissi next and crocus or irises at the top of the container*

Start collecting leaves to make your own leaf mould - put them in a black bin liner with holes, tie when full and leave to rot down

Containers will still need watering but keep the compost moist rather than really wet

Lift tender plants and bulbs and store inside and protect tender plants

Something a bit lovely to have in your garden for Sept/Oct is Cyclamen hederifolium - autumn flowering hardy plants whose flowers open before the leaves appear which are beautiful themselves - these last all winter

Best not to plant tulips until Nov/Dec time.

Happy Gardening!

Compiled by Tina Lovesey

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E: enquiries@thewishingwellinn.co.uk

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A HISTORY OF DYKE AND CAWTHORPE

Presentation by Brian Lawrance

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

7.30 - 9.30pm

DYKE VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £5 per person (includes a glass of wine or soft drink)

Local historian Brian Lawrance will present a history of Dyke and Cawthorpe villages from the late 18th century to the present day. There will be a chance to see photographs, postcards, newspaper cuttings and some artifacts from the past. There will also be an opportunity to ask Brian questions and to share your own local memories of bygone days.

The presentation will start at 7.30. There will be an interval of approximately 30 minutes.

Additional alcoholic refreshments can be purchased at the licensed bar.

Tea, coffee and canned drinks will also be available on the night.

Raffle.

Doors open at 7pm

Please come along to what promises to be a fascinating evening learning about the village in which we live and help to raise funds to keep our village hall going.

Tickets in advance from Jenny Woodward 07824 448038, Anna McIvor 07867 547816 or Helen Crawford 01778 421637

Let's keep in touch

WEBSITE: <https://dykevillagehall.org.uk>

EMAIL: contact@dykevillage.org.uk

Follow us also on the [Dyke Village Facebook](#) page. Please note that this replaces the Dyke Village Hall Facebook page which is no longer being updated.

[Dyke Village](#) also has a [WhatsApp](#) group which started as a gardening group in lockdown but has become a way for Dyke residents to keep in touch with general village news.

If you would like to be added to the village WhatsApp group, please contact Jenny Woodward on 07824 448038.

For enquiries about renting out Dyke Village Hall please contact Anna McIvor on 07867 547816

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter please let us know.

Text or call: Jenny Woodward on 07824 448038

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