

**Lincolnshire County Council LCC
North Kesteven District Council NKDC**

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News from your local, Independent Councillor,

MARIANNE OVERTON MBE

Nominate our community heroes!

You can say a big thank you by nominating someone from our community for the County Good Citizen's Award. Winners get a VIP day at the Lincolnshire Show, cash prize and framed certificate. The four categories are Citizen of the year, winner under 18, pair or community group. Ring 01522 552118 or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/goodcitizensaward before April 25th. Happy to write a support letter

Congratulations to Odling Brothers, Navenby who won the Regional Award for the best butcher. Not only for the quality of their products, but also including their community work. I was especially impressed with the annual "Design a sausage" competition where seven local schools competed. The public played a part in choosing the winning sausage. www.odlingbros.co.uk 01522 810228

Business Networks

More than a year ago, a few of us started a network in Branston which is working well with shared marketing and encouraging people to buy locally. Starting a business can seem a tough call. The networks are designed to support each other and encourage more people to buy local. We have joint events with our new sister network in Bracebridge Heath. Come along on the last Thursday monthly 6-7pm at the Branston Waggon and Horses.

Could Navenby Businesses benefit?
If you have a small business and you are in Navenby or nearby, please contact me or Roy Odling ready for a first meeting.

Winter Flood Compensation

If flooded between Dec 1st and March 31st you can apply to LCC for a grant to make your home or business more resilient in future; Eg driveway barrier, moving sockets up, replacing windows and doors with alternatives; restoring sodden fields. Also 100% business rate relief.

Contact: cllm.overton@lincolnshire.gov.uk 01400 273323 or Sec. at LCC on 01522 552066
www.independentvoice.org.uk



Thank you

Lovely morning at Buckingham Palace to be invested as an MBE for services to Local Government. A huge thank you to you all for your brilliant support. As always, it is working together that enables us to achieve so much for our communities.

Adventurous young people 16-25yrs

The Prince's Trust are funding four personal development weeks in Lincolnshire, 19th May Lincoln, 26th May in Grantham. Also weeks in September. Ring 01522 582285 or search on "Prince's Trust Lincolnshire". Why not try it?

Potterhanworth

The Chequers has just reopened, run by an excellent publican, Izzy Roe. Villagers plans to revitalise Potter' in a big way, with ideas to be brought to the pub at noon on the 12th April.

Council Tax

If you know anyone who is really struggling, please suggest they get in touch with the Council soonest. Penalties for non-payment are swift, but there is help in certain very limited circumstances.

Energy grants

Anyone can borrow under the "Green Deal" and then pay back gradually out of the electricity saved. www.gov.uk

For people on the breadline, NKDC can help a little and the Energy Company Obligation fund. There are separate grants for service people.

Leadenham

The site next to Househams has been cleared. The Police and Councils have visited but no action is currently practical. We fought very hard to keep this site from caravans before as it is contaminated land with permission for growing garden plants. Cllr Conway and I have worked hard on it so far, within the legislation

Bins

The waste collection routes were radically reorganised to be more efficient overall for the next few years. However, that meant some areas had a three week gap between collections, though with the same 24 collections annually. More on line www.n-kesteven.gov.uk

Planning

To view applications and comment search on "planning on line north kesteven".

The Old Rocket Site at Boothby Graffoe Heath is to get 90m of solar panels, 4.5m high, alongside the buildings, behind vegetation 13/1336/FUL Passed

Somerton Castle is to get a major overhaul, thanks to Graham Porter and family, subject to planning 14/0292/FUL and Listed Buildings Consent Pending

Two more turbines are proposed below Harmston 42m high.13/1402/FUL Pending

Fracking investigation underway

Like the 8000 dairy cow, project, the risk to our aquifers is said to be "low". However, even at 1pc, the leakage of pollutants would be huge. Meanwhile a coal power station closed recently in favour of cheap imports, exporting jobs!

We were let down by local party politicians whose faulty core strategy failed the Inspector's scrutiny. We now have a worryingly large number of applications for massive housing developments, without enough jobs, infrastructure, nor money for services. I am fighting to keep new housing targets sensible.

Help save lives and keep countryside clean

Report Potholes	01522 782070
Report Litter	01529 414155
Adult Concern	01522 782151
Non urgent	Health 111, Police 101

I hope you find this newsletter of interest. You can also get more frequent snippets by following me on twitter #overtonMarianne or facebook.

With Very Best Wishes,
Marianne

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Some April Events

- 4th Easter Happy Hour Harmston Vill. Ha. 5-9pm
- 5th Pain a Post, Welbourn Tennis court 10-12
- 5th Wildlife Watch at Belton House -with the Horse trials!
Come along for a good morning event. 10am
- 6th Coleby Car Boot Sale 8am
- 6th Craft Fayre at the Venue, Navenby
- 7th Navenby Meth' Church Easter Extravaganza 10am-1
- 7th Dunston annual parish meeting Vill. Ha. 7.30pm
- 8th Consultation on substantial road widening at
Canwick, but not all of it. Canwick Vill. Ha.1-6.30pm
- 9th Coleby Coffee morning and books 10.30am-noon
- 9th Wellingore & District U3A Pete Welbourne on
"Navenby & District Remembered" Well' Mem' Ha.10am
- 10th Dunston Hub (Like a shop in the vill. Ha.) 2-4pm
- 11th Talking Heads by Alan Bennett at Coleby £10 &.30pm
Book devonald@btinternet.com 01522 810030
- 11th Leadenham Ceilidh 7-11pm
- 12th Revitalising Potterhanworth The Chequers,
Potterhanworth at noon
- 12th Dunston Spring Craft Fayre 2-4pm
- 14th Coffee morning for St Peters' Navenby Ruth and
Tony Sharp, 17 Headland Way 10.30am-noon
- 15th Navenby Archaeology Society Roman Coins with
Anthony Lee Navenby Methodist Church 7.30pm
- 15th Nocton Parish Meeting Vill. Ha. 7pm
- 18th All Saints Branston Children's event
- 21st Boothby Graffoe Easter Hunt £2.50 for St Andrews
Church 3pm
- 24th Branston Biz Branston Waggon and Horses 6-7pm
- 25th Cranwell Military Wives Choir Navenby Meth' Church
Buffet Supper £5 Book Sheila 01522 810373 7pm
- 25-27th Nocton Beerfest Sat night band, sun noon-5pm
- 26th Temple Bruer Concert Cantores Mobile Singers £6
incl. light supper Book Keith 01522 810166 7.30pm
- 26th Leadenham Car Boot Sale 8am
- 27th Harmston's Hidden Talent: Arts & Crafts show and
sale harmstonmemorialhall@hotmail.com 11am-3pm
- 27th Hpt Potato Syncopators Leadnham £9 Hilary Proctor
01400 272835 or hilary@leadenhampc.co.uk 7.30pm
- 27th Bowls Club Open day, Bowling Green 2pm

May

5th Navenby May Day Event @The Venue 12-4pm

Terrific local programmes of events are on line at
www.navenby.net, www.dustondossier.org.uk

More Information

A new Lincolnshire Advice Network was launched in Sleaford by Falklands veteran Simon Weston last week. With a £400K lottery grant to partners CAB and Age UK and the Lincolnshire Credit Union LAN invite all organisations to register. 07748 116362 or
www.lincolnshireadvicenetwork.org.uk

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A few recent events



The Odling Family, established here since 1920, award-winning butchers in Navenby.



Lincolnshire wins the national Local Government Award for **Shine**, our mental health support network, presented by Rory Bremner in London. This was particularly heart-warming for me as one of my early tasks on the Primary Care Trust was engaging and supporting this community. Thanks to Paul Jackman and colleagues. www.lincsshine.co.uk

Potterhanworth Youth Club is thriving with 25 children attending on Thursdays 6-9pm, including through the holidays. Currently all ages attend at the Pavillion and there are excellent parent helpers.



Senior winners of the Biology competition run by our East Midlands Branch of the Society of Biology. More entries wanted next year!



Wildlife Watch Leadership Training at Whisby, Mary Porter



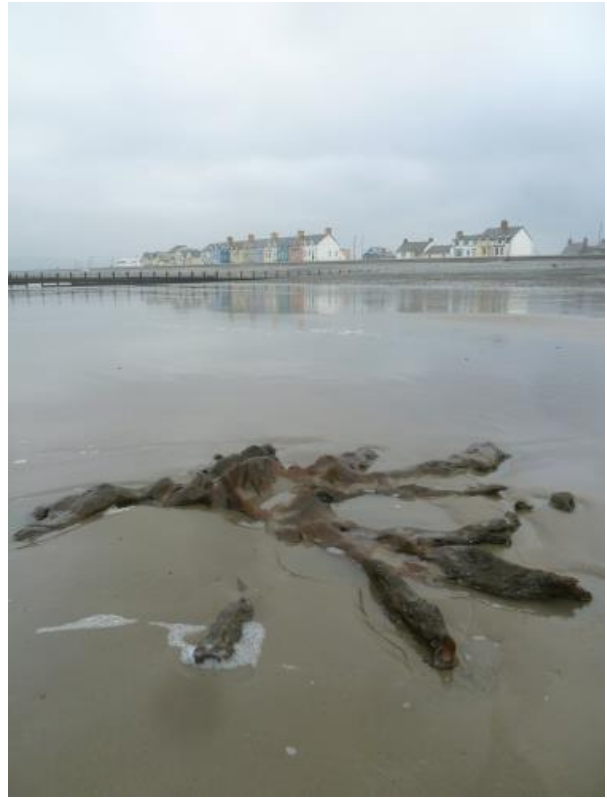
Somerton Castle, Boothby Graffoe

Potterhanworth's pub, The Chequers has reopened with a lovely publican, Izzy Roe. The new Community Project Group is meeting there and inviting people to come with good ideas on April 12th, noon.



Chief Executive of National Relate, Ruth Sutherland visited to encourage us at Relate Lincolnshire.

In support of Independent councillors in England and Wales, I gave presentations at two lovely places last month and visited others:



Ancient oak tree stumps briefly revealed by the recent wild storms, after 5000 years beneath the sand. (Borth, Wales)



Red Kite seen drifting over the Cliff Villages last week



Misty dragons writhe in Llandrindod - a good place to help develop a Welsh Independent Network of councillors!



Brave boat in wild waves at Aberystwith