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All meetings are held at the Venue in the Village, Cooks Lane, Great Coates commencing at 7 pm unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 21st December 2023
Thursday 25th January 2023
Thursday 22nd February 2023

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USELESS CHRISTMAS FACTS

Santa's Many Names: Santa Claus has different names around the world. In France, he's known as Père Noël, while in Italy, he's Babbo Natale. In Germany, he goes by Weihnachtsmann.

The Origins of Candy Canes: The first candy cane was made over 350 years ago. Originally, they were straight and all white. The familiar hook shape and peppermint flavor appeared in the 20th century.

The Tradition of Mistletoe: The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe dates back to ancient Norse mythology. It was believed to have the power to bring love and fertility.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The character of Rudolph was created by a Montgomery Ward ad writer in 1939 as a way to promote holiday coloring books.

Santa's Postal Code: In Canada, Santa Claus has his own postal code. It's HOHOHO. Imagine sending a letter to the North Pole!

The Twelve Days of Christmas Cost: If you were to purchase all the gifts mentioned in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," it would cost you a hefty sum. In 2023, the total cost was estimated to be around £147.580 !



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Father Christmas! Visits Great Coates !

If you'd like your child (or children) to have a magical and unforgettable experience this Christmas Eve please book by:-

Email clerk@greatcoates-pc.gov.uk
or
WhatsApp/Text 0771 3075682.

The big man in red is making an extra special trip from Lapland to see all the good boys and girls in Great Coates on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December 2023

Santa will be assisted by elves and carol singers with the opportunity for a memorable photograph as the children receive a gift from Santa

Sadly, due to traffic restrictions in Great Coates Santa is having to leave his sleigh elsewhere but Mrs Claus will be looking after Rudolph and friends while Santa and his helpers make their way through the village, bringing Christmas joy to the community.

Book now to avoid disappointment though – limited number of visits available.





Will Santa be knocking on your door ?

HALLOWEEN WEEKEND















CAST MUSICAL THEATRE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GREAT COATES VILLAGE COUNCIL, ELEVATED OUR HALLOWEEN WEEKEND TO NEW HEIGHTS BY OFFERING TWO CAPTIVATING PERFORMANCES FOR ADULTS AND TWO SHOWS TAILORED FOR YOUNGER AUDIENCES, FILLED WITH MUSIC, DANCE, AND HALLOWEEN-THEMED GAMES.

THE ADULT SHOWS, INSPIRED BY HORROR MOVIES AND FEATURING HIGH ENERGY DANCING AND POWERFUL VOCALS, BOASTED A CAST OF 18 TALENTED PERFORMERS. THE MESMERIZING SPECTACLE WAS FURTHER ENHANCED BY STUNNING LIGHT DISPLAYS, IMPECCABLE SOUND, AND CAPTIVATING VISUALS, LEAVING BOTH SOLD-OUT AUDIENCES THOROUGHLY ENTERTAINED.

ON SUNDAY, THE SHOWS WERE TAILORED TO SUIT CHILDREN, OFFERING A MORE TONED-DOWN EXPERIENCE. A DELIGHTFUL MIX OF THEMED GAMES, DANCE PERFORMANCES, AND SING-ALONGS ENTHRALLED THE YOUNG AUDIENCE, ALL WHILE THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS JOYFULLY JOINED IN THE FESTIVITIES.



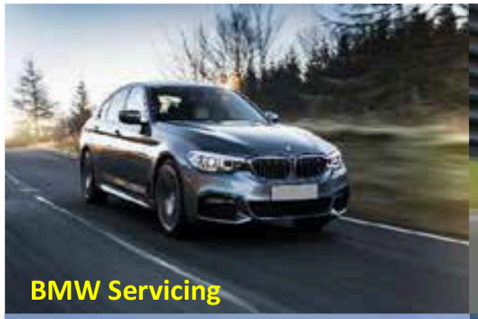




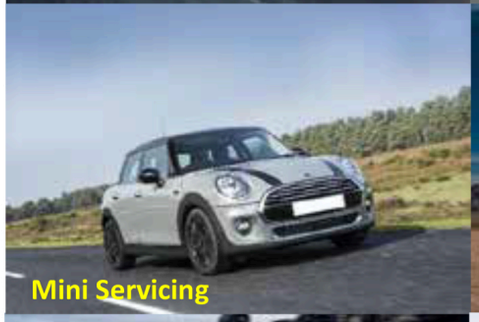


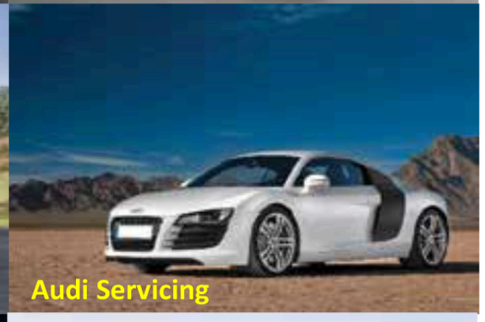


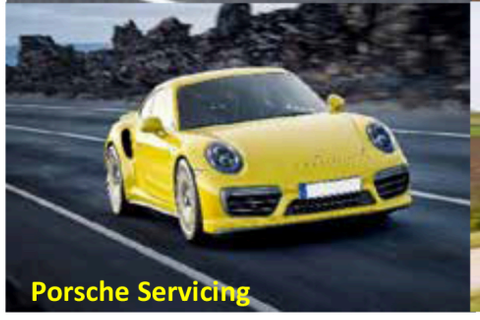
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Once again, on October 1st, 2023, Cllr Mike Stewart and his wife Dawn took up the mantle of hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning, a tradition they have faithfully upheld for several years. The event featured numerous craft stalls, joined by CAST Musical Theatre, who not only showcased their Halloween Show but also featured a talented bagpiper.





The community's generosity was truly remarkable, with a staggering £2030.79 raised on the day. A heartfelt thank you was extended to everyone who attended and contributed, bringing the total amount raised by Mike and Dawn for Macmillan to an impressive £5217.79 over the past four years—a truly fantastic achievement.



Wine making With Dawn

RED ROCKETS

A simple to make wine for the Christmas festivities

You will need:-

1 pint red wine
1 int white wine
1 print freshley brewed tea (any)
1 orange, thinly sliced
1 lemon, thinley sliced
1 large apple, thinley sliced
12 oz Demerara sugar
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tin sliced peaches

Put the sugar, spices, strained tea, lemon, orange and apple into a saucepan. Bring almost tot he boil and simmer very gently until the sugar has dissolved. Add the wines and heat again. Strain and tip the tin of sliced peaches on top. Serve at once.



Walk No	Distance	Time
3	5.7 miles	2.00 hours

The Healing Circle

You may download the full walk leaflet giving directions and a map from the village council website: www.greatcoatespc.com/walks.

The third walk we feature is a very pleasant two hour ramble through and around the villages of Great Coates and Healing. Suitable for all ages and abilities with just steps to contend with as you cross the A1136 road.



Starting from the railway station at Great Coates, you walk along the railway line on your left and cross the line before walking the perimeter of the field towards steps which cross the A1136.

Descending the steps, you'll walk across the field heading towards Healing and the Royal British Legion Grounds.

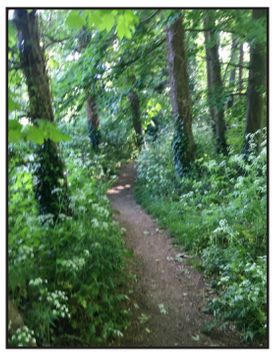
Continuing through Healing you'll pass the convenience store (a well-earned refreshment break) before heading down Station Road.

As you approach the roundabout at the end of Station Road, cross over into Wisteria Drive and look for a track in-between 50 and 52 then walk down the track heading towards the main Stallingborough Road.

One word of warning - don't turn right half way down this track otherwise you'll go the long way round !

Coming out onto Stallingborough Road, turn left and almost immediately you'll pick up the public footpath taking you through a small copse leading into an open field.

On exiting the copse, turn left and then walk through the woods following the path to your right. Walking through these pleasant woods for a few minutes you'll exit onto open, barren fields and follow the path.



This walk is similar to the first two where, for some reason, there is a random gate in the middle of a field - obviously there for some reason ?

Whether you choose to walk round or through this gate is up to you but cross the foot bridge and come through the kissing gate.



Hard to believe just to your left is the village of Healing, St Andrews Church and Healing Manor !

As you ramble around this pleasant and tranquil area come around the copse looking for a public foot path sign pointing across the field to your right.



If you're lucky, its visible, but if not head across the well-worn path (unless the farmer has ploughed it !) directly towards the electricity pylon ahead of you.



Walking across the small footbridge, in-between the two fields, you should bear left and after a very short distance turn back through a small opening into more open fields, turning right and following the track ahead of you towards the tarmac road.

Make your way past two sets of houses and you'll pick up another public footpath taking you left off the road across fields. Dependant on the time of year you'll see the Church of Saint Peter.



Continue through the copse into the magnificent Healing Manor built in the 1700s. The perfect opportunity to enjoy a sumptuous meal or a refreshing drink.

Leaving Healing Manor, head towards the main road turning right and follow the road towards Great Coates.





Having passed the roundabout, cross the road and follow Old Road turning left onto the path just before the houses and follow this path leaving the houses and Great Coates behind you.

Crossing the footbridge, turn right through the copse of trees until you meet the track and turn right, back into Great Coates.



Well done ! Walk completed successfully !

Walks from Great Coates

A series of walks for all ages with a range of distances

Combine with the train service and most walks have pubs en-route to enjoy a meal or a drink

Walks may be downloaded from our website www.greatcoatespc.com

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Events Diary

For full details of all events please go to www.greatcoatespc.com/events

Dec 9 — **Christmas Musicals**

All your Christmas favourites sung and performed by Cast Musical Theatre

Dec 24 — **Santa Visits Great Coates**

A great experience for your children

Will Santa be knocking on your door ?

Dec 31 — **NEW YEAR**

Live entertainment with Leah to say goodbye to 2023 and welcome in 2024

Feb 24/25 — **Great Coates Panto**

Robin Hood

Mar 9 — **Casino Evening**

Apr 27 — **Murder Mystery Evening**

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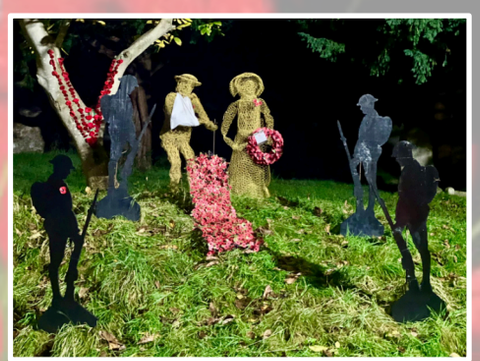
Lest We Forget

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, November 12, 2023, a deeply moving service took place at the Great Coates War Memorial in honor of our fallen heroes. Reverend Mary Vickers led the service which was attended by a significant number of Great Coates residents. The two-minute silence was observed with great respect as a tribute to the brave men and women from Great Coates who made the ultimate sacrifice during the World War.



Several organisations and individuals paid their respects by laying wreaths at the memorial. These included The Great Grimsby Branch Royal Anglian Royal Lincolnshire Association, Great Coates Village Council, Independent Councillors for North East Lincolnshire, St. Nicholas Church Community, Great Coates In Bloom, The WI, Freshney Forward and Conservative Freshney Ward Councillor.







Christmas Event

Great Coates was touched by the magic of Christmas on Saturday, December 2nd, as 108 children and adults revealed in a spectacular two-hour show presented by JJ Family Entertainer. The extravaganza featured enchanting displays of magic, music and superb ventriloquism.





Adding to the delight, Santa Claus made a timely arrival from Lapland, leading everyone to the Christmas Tree just in time for the eagerly anticipated light switch-on at 6 pm.



On a frosty night, CAST Musical Theatre took the lead, guiding the crowd in joyous renditions of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Deck the Halls," and "Frosty the Snowman." Following the musical interlude, Santa graciously distributed gifts to all the children present, spreading joy and smiles.



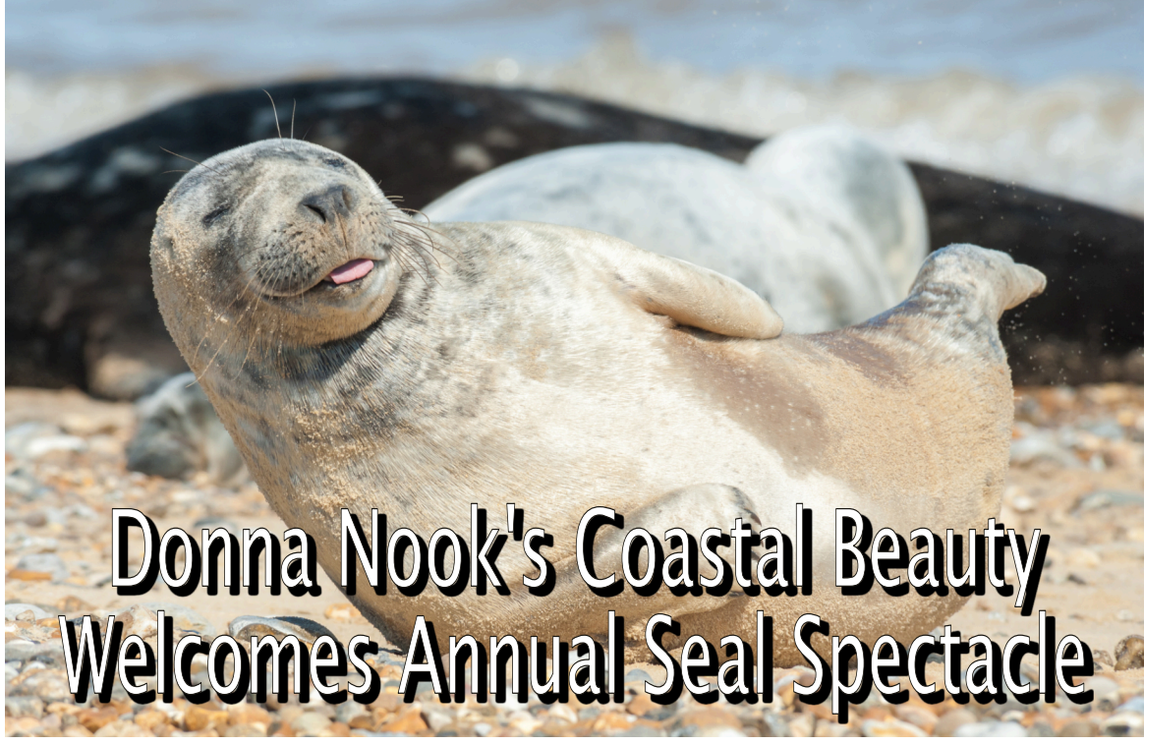


The evening reached its climax with the traditional countdown, officially illuminating the Christmas lights and ushering in the holiday spirit to the village. Santa bid farewell, returning to his sleigh for the journey back to Lapland, marking the end of a thoroughly enjoyable and festive day for all.







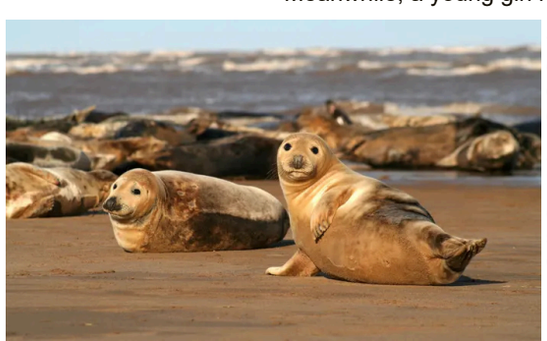


Donna Nook's Coastal Beauty Welcomes Annual Seal Spectacle

Once upon a time, in a quaint little village called Donna Nook, nestled along the coastline of Lincolnshire, something magical happened every year. It was a place where visitors from far and wide would flock to witness a remarkable natural phenomenon – the arrival of hundreds of seals on its golden shores.

Donna Nook was known to be the perfect sanctuary for seals due to its wide, sandy beaches and abundant fish in the North Sea. Every autumn, a great migration occurred. Hundreds of female grey seals, heavily pregnant, swam all the way from the Farne Islands to Donna Nook, guided by their instincts to find a safe haven to give birth.

One particular seal named Luna had been making this long journey year after year. She was a wise and experienced matriarch, known for her calm and gentle nature. Luna had become a mesmerizing sight for visitors, who eagerly awaited her arrival. They anticipated watching the miracle of life unfold before their eyes as Luna gave birth to her pups.



One chilly November evening, as the sun began to set, Luna arrived at Donna Nook, her belly swollen with new life. She let out a melodic calling cry, guiding her fellow seals towards the shores. The entire beach was soon transformed into a bustling nursery as seals emerged from the waves and nestled themselves comfortably on the sands.

Throughout the night, one by one, the female seals gave birth to their adorable fluffy white pups. The beach echoed with the sounds of joyful barks and tiny cries. Humans watched in awe as the mothers carefully bonded with their newborns, using their soft and sensitive whiskers to nuzzle and comfort them.

Meanwhile, a young girl named Emily, who lived in the nearby village, couldn't contain her excitement. She had grown up visiting Donna Nook every year with her family, feeling a deep connection to the seals. Emily had even developed a special bond with Luna, recognizing her by the unique shape of her nose.



The following morning, Emily hurriedly made her way to Donna Nook to witness the miracle of new life. Wrapped in a warm sweater and clutching her binoculars, she observed the seals from a distance, ensuring not to disturb their peaceful gathering. Emily absorbed every detail, from the soft, gentle eyes of the pups to the playful splashes in the sea as the older seals enjoyed their friendly swims.

As time passed, Emily noticed a special bond growing between Luna and one particular pup. The young pup had a mischievous glint in its eyes, just like Luna. It was as if the pup, whom Emily named Sunny, was destined to follow in Luna's footsteps.



Days turned into weeks, and Emily spent every spare moment at Donna Nook. She watched Sunny take its first wobbly steps, supported by Luna's watchful eye. Sunny was curious and adventurous, exploring the beach while Luna ensured it stayed safe.

One stormy afternoon, Luna sensed danger approaching. Dark clouds loomed in the sky, and the waves grew stronger. She called out to her fellow seals, guiding them to seek shelter beyond the reach of the high tide. Emily, who had become familiar with their habits, understood Luna's warning and alerted the rangers.

Together, they worked tirelessly to guide the seals to safety, creating a human chain to form a barrier between the seals and the raging sea. The storm pounded relentlessly, but not a single seal was left stranded. They had all found refuge, thanks to Luna's unwavering leadership and Emily's quick action.

After the storm subsided, Donna Nook returned to its peaceful state. The seals, now

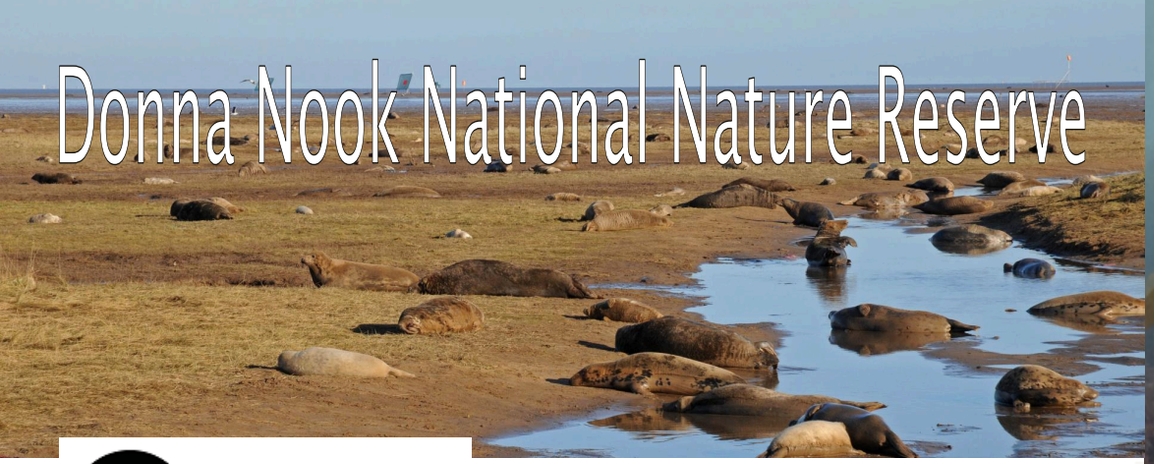


safe and sound, resumed their daily routines, basking in the golden sunlight. Sunny and Luna continued their playful antics, while Luna's wise eyes twinkled with pride.

In the years that followed, the bond between Luna, Sunny, and Emily remained unbreakable. They became a symbol of resilience and adaptability, reminding everyone who visited Donna Nook of the precious connections we share with the natural world. Donna Nook would forever remain a haven of love and protection for the Donna Nook seals and those who cherished them.



Donna Nook National Nature Reserve



Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
celebrating 75 years

Donna Nook covers over 6 miles of coastline between Grainthorpe Haven and Saltfleet where it borders the Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe National Nature Reserve.

Between November and December every year hundreds of grey seals arrive to give birth to their pups near the sand dunes; a wildlife spectacle which attracts hundreds of visitors from across the UK.

Female grey seals are known as Cows whereas the male grey seals are known as Bulls. Seals weigh around 25 stone and can live for over 30 years.

At the time of writing, this year, 1607 pups have been born with 1568 cows and 404 bulls arriving. The first pups have now been seen leaving the dunes and heading out to sea.

The viewing area is normally open from late October to December, sometimes into January depending on seal numbers, from dawn until dusk.

Car parking is available at either end of the reserve with disabled parking and ramp access available from the Stonebridge Car Park. Toilets are available at the main car park and a charge of £5 does apply for parking. Please follow the traffic management system.



Seals are large predators and very powerful and can move very quickly and having teeth similar to dogs can inflict a nasty bite - this includes the pups as well. Mothers with pups can be very protective and male bulls can be aggressive. A mother seal may abandon her pup if it smells of humans or dogs.

Dogs are not permitted on the reserve.

GREY SEAL FACTS

Pups are born with white coats and suckle from their mother for about two to three weeks. The mother will then leave the pup to mate again before leaving the beach. The weaned pup sheds its white coat and after a while, hunger drives it to make its way to the sea to look for its own food.

Grey seals have been breading on the Lincolnshire Coast since the early 1970s

Killer whales, and humans, are a grey seals only predator in the UK.

About 40% of the world's population of seals can be found in Britain, 90% of which breed in Scotland.

Their flippers are about 25 cm long

Males can weigh up to 300 kg and females around 200 kg. They will consume between 4 -6% of their body weight in food per day. For the males that's about 15 kg of fish every day !

A Seals blubber is about as thick as the length of your middle finger !

Grey seal pups weigh about 14 kg at birth

Between tides, seals will haul themselves out of the water onto rocks or sandy islands; these are called haulouts

Grey seals belong to the Order pinnipedia, which includes seals, sea lions and walruses. Pinniped translates to mean 'feather-footed'

Sand eels, cod, lobster and crab are a seals favourite foods

A females milk contains about 60% fat, helping the seal pup to gain about 2 kg in weight every day.

Grey seals were the first mammals to be protected by modern legislation - the grey seals act 1914

Grey seals have super sensitive whiskers, known as mystacial vibrissae, to detect moving fish when hunting in poor visibility

After giving birth, female seals will remain with their pup for about three weeks and will not go back to the sea to feed themselves. She will lose about a quarter of her body weight during this time.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Great Coates Village Nursery School



Building on the triumph of last year's Christmas fair, the village nursery eagerly embraced the challenge once more, and on Saturday, November 25th, the dedicated staff and children surpassed expectations yet again. The Christmas Wonderland proved to be nothing short of spectacular, capturing the hearts of visitors with enchanting displays crafted by the nursery's children. A delightful surprise awaited them halfway through the journey—a warm greeting from Santa himself with his crazy Elf, concluding with a magical flurry of snow.





The event drew in a large crowd, with numerous craft stalls, the melodious tunes of a brass band, and the presence of the local Policing Team all contributing to the festive atmosphere. The afternoon was a resounding success, leaving hundreds of visitors captivated and filled with holiday cheer.







Adding to the festivities, the children showcased their talents in a heartwarming Christmas show on the preceding Friday evening, bringing joy to their families and further enhancing the spirit of the season.



In June, attention was drawn to Great Coates Nursery School, Scartho Nursery School, and Reynolds Day Care as North East Lincolnshire Council initiated a consultation seeking to potentially close all three establishments on the basis that they are financially unviable. The announcement came as a shock to staff, families, and local council members, as nobody had prior knowledge. Even more surprising was the fact that the Cabinet of the Council claimed ignorance as well.

The Village Council, Ward Councillors, and nursery management had numerous questions for the Council Officers, mainly around finance, none of which were properly answered. Thousands of comments were submitted, and a public meeting was held on July 26th hosted by Great Coates Village Council, with a full house in attendance. Senior Cabinet Members, including the Council Leader, declined the invitation to attend leaving the Ward Councillors and MP Lia Nici to field questions on their behalf. Unfortunately, it was difficult to provide answers as the reasons for closure provided by the Council were unsubstantiated.

Due to the strong opposition expressed, North East Lincolnshire Council promptly ended the consultation on July 14th and took a different approach to ensure the long-term viability of all three establishments, a decision commended by Ward Councillor Steve Holland.

Following this, Cabinet Members invited School Representatives, Ward Councillors, and Village Council representatives to a meeting where the consultation was described as a 'car crash'. They vowed to listen and established a working group to thoroughly review the nurseries' viability.

To strengthen nursery management, several individuals, including Steve Holland, Simon Bate, Karl Green, Jim Masterton and Carl Thomas have agreed to join as Governors. Together with Head Teacher Sarah Bate and Deputy Lauren Ramsden, they met with Council Officers in search of answers. While some questions were addressed during this process, many important queries still remained unanswered. Of particular concern was the £1.5 million capital expenditure needed for all three nurseries. It was revealed in September that the Council believes Great Coates Nursery requires £800,000 for building works. However, the origin of this figure remains unknown and is firmly rejected by the Governing Body.





Over several weeks, the working group developed a comprehensive business plan that demonstrated the nursery's financial sustainability. This plan was presented at a special meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council on November 3rd and was well received.

One significant question that remained was the source of the £800,000 for capital expenditure with Council Leader, Councillor Philip Jackson, promising to get clarification from Officers on this at the earliest opportunity.

Although the business plan was positively received, there is still work to be done to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the nursery. Focus will be placed on maximising capacity by offering improved wrap-around care, establishing connections with other establishments (particularly the Forest School), and attracting community sponsorship to generate additional income.

After a busy few months, the future of the nursery has, for now, been secured. However, it is important that the nursery continues to serve the community of Great Coates and the surrounding areas for many years to come. Having been a presence for over 100 years, we are all committed to ensuring its longevity well into the future, including the year 2123.

What's important is that Great Coates Nursery School remains open for business and continues to provide a first class, outstanding setting to nurture our youngsters into rising stars.

CHRISTMAS JOKES

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations ?
Tinselitis !

Why did the Christmas tree go o the barber ?
He needed a trim !

Why did Santa go to music school ?
Because he wanted to improve his wrapping skills !

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire ?
Frostbite !

How does Santa keep his suit wrinkle free ?
He uses Claus-tarch !

What do you call a snowman party ?
A snowball !

What do you call Santa when he loses his pants ?
Saint Knickerless !



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VENUE IN THE VILLAGE TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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1900	Puppy & Dog Training 6.30 to 8.30 om						
1900				W.I. 2nd Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm			
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Timetable

From 10th December 2023

Monday to Friday

Cleethorpes	0610	0856	1059	1256	1456	1656	1857	2107
New Clee	0613	0859	1103	1250	1459	1659	1900	2110
Grimsby Docks	0616	0902	1105	1302	1502	1702	1903	2113
Grimsby Town	0620	0906	1108	1306	1506	1706	1907	2117
Great Coates	0624	0910	1112	1310	1510	1710	1911	2121
Healing	0627	0913	1115	1313	1513	1713	1914	2124
Stallingborough	0630	0916	1118	1316	1516	1716	1917	2127
Habrough	0636	0922	1123	1322	1522	1722	1923	2133
Ulceby	0640	0926	1127	1326	1526	1726	1927	2137
Thornton Abbey	0645	0931	1132	1331	1531	1731	1932	2142
Goxhill	0648	0934	1135	1334	1534	1734	1935	2145
New Holland	0653	0939	1140	1339	1539	1739	1940	2150
Barrow Haven	0656	0942	1143	1342	1542	1742	1943	2153
Barton	0703	0949	1149	1349	1549	1749	1950	2200

Barton	0708	0954	1154	1354	1554	1754	2008	2205
Barrow Haven	0713	0959	1159	1359	1559	1759	2013	2210
New Holland	0717	1003	1203	1403	1603	1803	2017	2214
Goxhill	0722	1008	1208	1408	1608	1808	2022	2218
Thornton Abbey	0725	1011	1211	1411	1611	1811	2025	2221
Ulceby	0730	1016	1216	1416	1616	1817	2030	2226
Habrough	0735	1020	1220	1420	1620	1821	2034	2230
Stallingborough	0741	1026	1226	1426	1626	1827	2040	2236
Healing	0744	1029	1229	1429	1629	1830	2043	2239
Great Coates	0747	1032	1232	1432	1632	1833	2046	2242
Grimsby Town	0752	1037	1237	1437	1637	1838	2051	2247
Grimsby Docks	0756	1041	1241	1441	1641	1842	2055	2251
New Clee	0759	1044	1244	1444	1644	1845	2058	2254
Cleethorpes	0803	1048	1248	1448	1648	1849	2102	2258

Saturday

Cleethorpes	0640	0854	1054	1254	1454	1658	1856	2104
New Clee	0644	0858	1058	1258	1458	1702	1900	2108
Grimsby Docks	0647	0901	1101	1301	1501	1705	1903	2111
Grimsby Town	0650	0904	1104	1304	1504	1708	1906	2114
Great Coates	0654	0908	1108	1308	1508	1712	1910	2118
Healing	0657	0911	1111	1311	1511	1715	1913	2121
Stallingborough	0700	0914	1114	1314	1514	1718	1916	2124
Habrough	0706	0920	1120	1320	1520	1724	1922	2130
Ulceby	0710	0924	1124	1324	1524	1728	1926	2134
Thornton Abbey	0715	0929	1129	1329	1529	1733	1931	2139
Goxhill	0718	0932	1132	1332	1532	1736	1934	2142
New Holland	0723	0937	1137	1337	1537	1741	1939	2147
Barrow Haven	0726	0940	1140	1340	1540	1744	1942	2150
Barton	0732	0946	1146	1346	1546	1750	1948	2156

Barton	0745	0950	1150	1350	1550	1755	2001	2202
Barrow Haven	0750	0955	1155	1355	1555	1800	2007	2207
New Holland	0754	0959	1159	1359	1559	1804	2011	2211
Goxhill	0759	1004	1204	1404	1604	1809	2016	2216
Thornton Abbey	0803	1008	1208	1408	1608	1813	2020	2220
Ulceby	0808	1013	1213	1413	1613	1818	2025	2225
Habrough	0814	1017	1217	1417	1617	1822	2031	2230
Stallingborough	0820	1023	1223	1423	1623	1828	2036	2235
Healing	0823	1026	1226	1426	1626	1831	2039	2238
Great Coates	0826	1029	1229	1429	1629	1834	2042	2241
Grimsby Town	0831	1034	1234	1434	1634	1839	2047	2246
Grimsby Docks	0836	1040	1237	1437	1637	1842	2050	2249
New Clee	0839	1043	1240	1440	1640	1845	2053	2252
Cleethorpes	0843	1048	1244	1444	1644	1849	2057	2256

Sunday

Cleethorpes	1002	1307	1505	1807
New Clee	1006	1311	1509	1811
Grimsby Docks	1008	1313	1511	1813
Grimsby Town	1011	1316	1514	1816
Great Coates	1015	1320	1518	1820
Healing	1018	1323	1521	1823
Stallingborough	1021	1326	1524	1826
Habrough	1027	1331	1529	1831
Ulceby	1030	1335	1533	1835
Thornton Abbey	1035	1340	1538	1840
Goxhill	1038	1343	1541	1843
New Holland	1043	1348	1546	1848
Barrow Haven	1046	1352	1549	1851
Barton	1052	1357	1555	1857

Barton	1110	1406	1611	1906
Barrow Haven	1115	1411	1616	1911
New Holland	1119	1415	1620	1915
Goxhill	1123	1419	1624	1919
Thornton Abbey	1126	1422	1627	1922
Ulceby	1130	1426	1631	1926
Habrough	1134	1430	1635	1931
Stallingborough	1140	1436	1641	1937
Healing	1143	1439	1644	1940
Great Coates	1147	1442	1647	1943
Grimsby Town	1151	1447	1652	1948
Grimsby Docks	1154	1450	1655	1951
New Clee	1157	1453	1658	1954
Cleethorpes	1202	1458	1703	1959

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November saw us once again join with the village, at the village War Memorial, to commemorate and give thanks for those who gave their lives for others in conflicts across the world. A big thank you to The Rev. Mary Vickers for leading the moving ceremony. In addition the churchyard again played host to the Remembrance tableau.

When writing this we are moving rapidly towards Christmas with lots of events taking place at St Nicolas.

We kick off with our Christmas tree festival when trees will be decorated and displayed in church with a tombola, raffle, refreshments and a chance to vote for your favourite tree. The Singing for Fun Group will also provide entertainment. We will also enjoy our usual Nine Lessons and Carols, a Christingle service and of course the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

In the New Year we are hoping that the Village Time Capsule will be placed safely in the spot allocated within the church. We will also begin to see the churchyard come to life again as the snowdrops begin to make their appearance thanks to its careful management.

More practical matters are also being addressed as there will be some roof repairs taking place in the new year, following the church's recent quinquennial and we are also moving into the 21st century by installing a card reader that will enable people to give to the church with a simple tap of their card, phone or even watch!

Can I take this opportunity to wish all of you all the best for the season and the new year.

CHRISTMAS FACTS

Record for Most Lights on a Christmas Tree: The record for the most lights on a Christmas tree is held by a tree in the town of Riga in Latvia, adorned with over 800,000 lights.

Nearly 60 million christmas trees are gown each year in Europe

Children in the Uk receive an average of 16 presents

According to tradition, you should eat one mince pie on each of the 12 days of Christmas to bring good luck

55% of us now buy presents online

It's technically illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day in England. In the 17th century Oliver Cromwell banned christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony. The law has never been rescinded !

The first printed Christmas card was created in England in 1843. It featured a family enjoying a festive drink.

The oldest Christmas carol is "The Boar's Head Carol" which dates back to 1521.

The Yule log has its origins in ancient Scandinavia and was later adopted by the Romans. It was believed to bring good luck and protection from evil spirits.



Hello once again from Great Coates W.I. What a busy few months we've had!

During the spring and summer, we held our annual 'Sunflower Competition'. Several of the ladies had theirs destroyed by squirrels, I hope it wasn't Cyril!! After a very shaky start, the tallest sunflower reached more than 9ft high, so well done to all who participated. Prizes and certificates were awarded in September.

In October, we welcomed Steve from the RNLI to our meeting. He told us of the history of our local lifeboat and some of the rescue missions the crews had been on, clearly our beach can be very dangerous!



In November we welcomed seven therapy dogs. It was very interesting to hear how they help both children in schools and people in care homes, I know many of our ladies couldn't wait to stroke them and you could see the pleasure it brought.

For several months our ladies have been knitting hats, we now have 49; these are going to be transformed into a Christmas Tree, ready for the Christmas Tree festival at St Nicolas' Church (9th – 10th December). After the event, these hats will be distributed to Harbour Place



the WI
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and Women's Aid. Well done ladies. I hope you also saw our hand-knitted poppies on the mound outside the church too.

Each month we continue to support the food bank at Oasis Hub, South, and, as always, they are very grateful for our donations.

Christmas will be soon upon us, and our December meeting will comprise of a craft activity followed by Secret Santa and a wonderful faith Supper. Next year's programme is all sorted so now all I have to do is to wish you all a lovely Christmas and hope that next year finds you in good health.

Great Coates WI always offers a warm welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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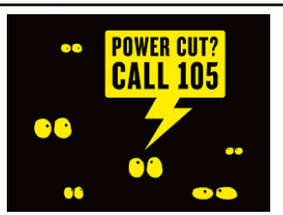
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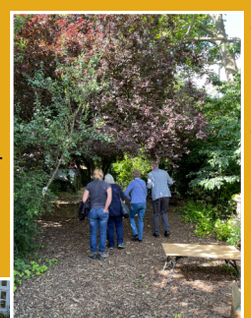
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It may seem along time ago but the Great Coates In Bloom Team are still celebrating the fantastic achievement in being awarded two back to back Gold awards in September 2023.

But it wasn't just Great Coates in Bloom who received awards.



Great Coates Nursery School have always supported the competition and the group regularly assist the nursery. This year they were awarded a 'Special Judges Award' for the delightful Secret



Garden, a space that provides a great learning experience about the natural world. Recognition was also given to the Winter Wonderland the nursery creates at Christmas. It was wonderful to see the children, once again, singing for the judges showing real community involvement in this prestigious competition.

For two years now the group have worked with **Cambridge Park 6th Form Academy** who received a Silver Gilt award. Students work with In Bloom members at the Venue in the Village maintaining the grounds and planters. Judges visited the school and described this as an 'inspiring experience' with the children who are encouraged to grow not only flowers but vegetables with particular note of how enthuiastic the children were in various projects.

Finally, back to Great Coates where **Rev Julie Donn** who resides on **Woad Lane** received the Frank Constable MBE Best Front Garden Winners award. Receiving a clock as the overall area winner Julie also was awarded a Gold Award for her 'jaw dropping' front garden, centered around a wonderful pond creating a natural environment for numerous forms of wildlife.

All in all a fantastic few months for everybody involved with Great Coates In Bloom including our fantastic volunteers and not forgetting our sponsors who without them could not achieve what they do to put Great Coates on the map.

Even though the summer has gone and the colder days and nights are here the group continue to work hard keeping Great Coates in tip top condition.

The planters throughout the village have now all been re-planted with winter plants and the team have planted hundreds of bulbs throughout the village which will appear in the spring.

Work will start on the Railway Station early next year to extend the King Charles III Garden kindly sponsored by East Midlands Railway.

Most of our efforts in the last couple of months has however gone into the displays to remember our fallen hero's over the remembrance weekend.

Nearly 100 poppy's were displayed on lamp posts throughout the village together with a superb display at St Nicolas Church and at the Cow Byre, Osprey Drive.

2,000 redundant poppies were provided by the Royal British Legion Healing Branch and recycled into the displays created by In Bloom Members.

Thanks must also go to McCann who very kindly arranged for this years display at St Nicolas Church to be lit up.













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Thursday 4th Jan
Thursday 18th Jan
Thursday 1st Feb
Thursday 15th Feb
Thursday 29 Feb
Thursday 14th Mar
Thursday 28th Mar





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Thursday 28th Dec
Thursday 11th Jan
Thursday 25th Jan
Thursday 8th Feb
Thursday 22nd Feb
Thursday 7th Mar
Thursday 21st Mar
Thursday 4th Apr



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Monday 29th Jan
Monday 12th Feb
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Monday 11th Mar
Monday 25th Mar
Monday 8th Apr
Monday 22nd Apr



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