

Village Voice

June / July 2014

Editorial

We are urgently looking for a couple of people who are willing to distribute our Village Voices. It is not an onerous task and won't take more than 20 minutes every two months. So please come forward and help.

In the last issue of Village Voice we talked about the essentials for a vibrant village, but omitted to include a Post Office / shop. So please accept my apology, John and Anne.

Also I regularly seek feedback and comment from you. After the last edition I was reliably informed that the item on PIN Number Reversal is INCORRECT!!! Sorry. Obviously if your number was 1221 then reversal would not be useful!!!

We have had a volunteer to help with the Youth Club. Clearly this is not a task for one person, but it is a start and we hope that two or three more villagers will be prepared to share. Please come forward to help.

I have had many requests for a prominent notice on the subject of DOG FOULING. Please note that fines up to £1000 are applicable. It applies to "any land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment)" e.g. the grass verges along Mount Pleasant Road !!

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Diary for Village Voice

Meeting in the Village Hall

Social Centre Committee First Monday each month 7.30pm - new volunteers welcome

Jellytots meet Wednesday mornings during term time 9.30 – 11.30am

Lisa-Marie Dance Academy meets Wednesday afternoons 4 - 5.00pm

Yorkshire Countrywomen 11th June, July 9th 7.15pm, (One date is the Annual Outing)

Neighbourhood Watch will meet 16th June, 7.00pm

Frodingham Drum Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm during term time.

Frodingham Parish Council meets second Monday in each month except August, at 7.30pm – all welcome

Frodingham History Group will meet at 7.30pm 15th May in hall and 17th July for annual outing.

Neighbourhood Watch will meet at 7.00pm 17th March and 16th June

Mature Mayhem meet Friday afternoons 2-3pm for exercise and fun.

Paperback Swapshop first Sunday in each month 10-12pm

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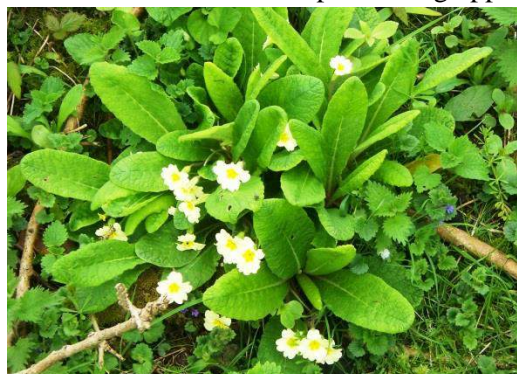
WOLDS WANDERERS



Two more excellent walks organised and led by Andrea. On a fine day in March, there was a fair turnout for a 7 mile walk from the Black Swan in Wetwang. Heading north and then east, the party soon found themselves in quiet rolling countryside, the only sounds being from skylarks overhead (and the occasional detonations of gas-guns!). Part of the way was along the track of the old Driffield to Malton railway. That train was known as the Dodger, the name now given to the summer weekend bus.

A gradual ascent from Wetwang Grange afforded fine open views across the Wolds. Crossing the A166, the path followed field headlands with Far Falls Farm to the right and then over the Tibthorpe road to head up the enclosed green lane on to Tibthorpe Wold. Again there were fine views in all directions before descending back to Wetwang.

The April walk took a group of 16 further afield to Malton to walk from Norton along the banks of the Derwent towards Menthorpe. Passing opposite the Talbot Hotel (enjoying fame with James Martin)



the path soon reached tranquil river meadows full of birdsong. An elusive woodpecker could be heard drumming. The path, at times wedged between the river and the Malton-York railway, meandered along the river bank as far as the footbridge at Menthorpe. Here the more young-at-heart couldn't resist a good bounce on the bridge before leaving the river to cross the Menthorpe Beck and head back on the return leg to Welham Hall Farm with spring lambs and a fishing lake and then the very tidy golf course beyond. With views of Malton ahead, the party soon reached their starting point.

St Elgin's Church

Rector

Rev. James Grainger-Smith tel.01262 488042

Church Wardens

Mrs Kathryn Kell tel.01262 488647

Mrs Anne Briggs tel.01262 488420

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4th Sunday 9.30am Family Service

More info. about St Elgin's can be found at -

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Notes

At the time of writing this we haven't yet held our 'Your parish, past, present and future' weekend and gift days but I would like to thank all those who have helped and contributed in any way. The East and West windows are badly in need of repair and all the money raised will go towards this project.

Diary Dates

Sat. 14th June - Open Gardens - 1.30pm to 5.00pm.

Please look out for details of this event coming through your letterbox.

Thurs. 10th July. Coffee morning at the home of Mrs Margaret Duggleby, 99, Main Street, at 10am.

Thurs. 31st. July. Tombola at Driffeld Market.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriages

On Fri. 4th April the marriage took place between Leslie Philip Thornburn and Mikaela Lesley Butler. We wish them every happiness in the future.



Jelly Tots is a friendly, local playgroup for babies and children up to 5 years old.

We offer playtime for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers together with their children offering a large selection of toys, craft activities, dress up, ride on's, singing and much more.

We meet every Wednesday morning (term time) from 9.30am until 11.30am at the Village Hall (Social Centre) in Frodingham.

The cost is £2.00 per child (50p per additional child) which includes tea / coffee and biscuits for the grown up's, milk / juice and a mid-morning fruity snack for the little ones.

We do hope you'll come along and give us a try - new faces are always welcome so we look forward to seeing you!

If you would like to know more please call Lynn on 07823 373228.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Goddess and Glamour' night.

£120 was raised for Jelly Tots funds. Thank you for your support

Elaine



North Frodingham Primary School

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We are only a year away from our centenary celebrations in May 2015. We are keen to celebrate this very important milestone in ways that are appropriate to our children but also to the village as a whole. We are currently putting together a group to organise the events; if you are interested in joining us please contact the school on 488444. Thank you for your support.

Robinwood Residential Trip

Last Sunday I got back from the best residential trip ever! It was great fun! Everything was either high or daring, but I felt very safe because we were well coached. We were encouraged to do the best we could in all activities and then push ourselves two more steps. The instructors were very humorous and made everything fun. My favourite activity was the big swing. It's just as it sounds- a really massive swing with safety ropes and a metal bar to hold you up. Amazing food was presented to us every night. We were pushed to the limit and found out a lot about ourselves. The best trip ever – I would recommend it to anyone

Matthew Ward – Year 6

Cookathon

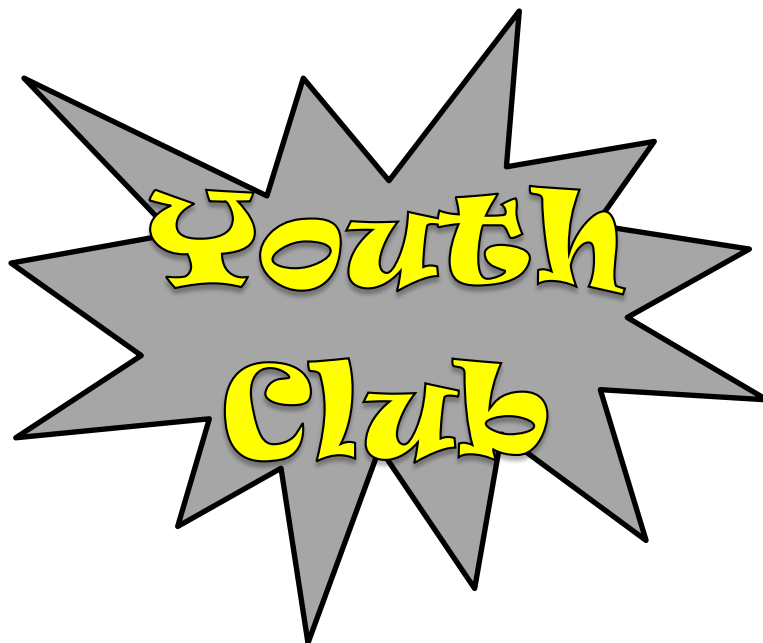
On Friday we took part in the Cookathon. We made leek and ham pasta bake, in groups. The people who didn't want meat used mushrooms and leek instead. At the end of the day we got to take our cooking home – which was amazing. The older ones helped the younger ones which worked well. It was a real team event.

Emma & Katrina

Kind regards

M J K Bell

Executive Head



Next Meeting

June 6th, 2014

**Every other Friday except during school
holidays**

Village Hall

6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Ages 7-12

Contact: Jennifer Loubé

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**ALL MEETINGS ARE ON THE THIRD MONDAY of June;
September and December
IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE AT 7pm
The 2014 meetings are :
June 16th September 15th December 15th**




If you feel as if you could spare approximately half an hour, then please come along to the Neighbourhood Watch meeting , where you will be most welcome.


YOUTH CLUB

Hello my name is Jennifer Loubo, the new club leader of the Youth Club in the Village. I know that by the time the Voice is delivered we'll have already had our first meeting on May 16th. But don't worry if you missed out we'll have 4 more meetings before the summer holidays begin. June 6th, June 20th, July 4th, and July 18th. Also, this new club can only continue with the help from volunteers, so please if you can spare some time we would love your help. There is a sign-up sheet at North Frodingham Primary School. Depending on how many children attend, 2-3 volunteers each meeting should provide enough supervision, so you can feel free to drop your child off. The Youth Club meets every other Friday, except during school holidays, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Any child aged 7-12 is welcome. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone or email. 01262 481019 or jennifer.loubo@gmail.com. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on June 6th.

Jennifer Loubo



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Social Centre

The Lissett application for hall security improvements has been submitted, we await a decision in June. Sadly the Craft group failed to get off the ground, perhaps this will have more success during the winter months as we are all too busy in the gardens these days.

However Mature Mayhem is going from 'creaky' (*you should hear them during the chair aerobic session!*) strength to strength. Yesterday they tried Diabolo, plate spinning (*our Parish Council Chairman showed a remarkable aptitude for this!*) and a form of target practice. The Group is still supported by the ER Sports and Play officers, and has already opened a bank account and looks set to continue. New members are welcome to try a session.

The Drum Club and Dance group have a good membership but the Jellytots are struggling a bit - too few 'tinies' unfortunately.

Just a gentle reminder, the Social Centre now owns a 'Bouncy Castle' which can be hired for children's parties. Contact the Secretary for details.

On a more sombre note, our young grounds man is still finding broken bottles in the recreation area, sorry to be a bore about this but please remember it could be one of your family that is seriously injured by glass hidden in the grass.

Someone is showing interest in starting up the Youth Club again, nothing is decided but please will all interested people 'keep your fingers crossed?'

Next meeting of Social Centre Committee Monday 2nd June, 7.30pm, Can you spare an hour or two to help support this village amenity?

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Another method of "tricking" older and vulnerable people is fraud. The offenders are often the same but they purport to be trades people offering repair services and maintenance to home and gardens. They will often carry out inferior work or sometimes no work at all and charge exorbitant fees. They place extreme pressure on vulnerable people to obtain monies and sometimes accompany older people to banks and building societies to withdraw cash. They tend not to accept cheques as they can be traced. The offenders hide behind the defence of providing a service making these offences difficult to prove.

We regularly encounter instances where the victims' entire life savings have been stolen by a variety of methods. These offences result in untold stress and potentially could result in the death of the victim.

Detection rates for distraction burglaries are not as high as those for domestic burglaries for a variety of reasons, i.e. elderly victims may not realise they have been victimised, offenders being forensically aware and offenders travelling widely to commit crime. Bear in mind that although many victims are elderly they often make the best witnesses retaining considerable detail of the offender(s).

If persons attempt to sell you products and cannot produce a genuine Hawkers licence or you have reason to suspect the item they purport to be their Hawkers licence (examples have been an A4 size laminated sheet with their photograph on which is not genuine), contact us on 101 giving us as many details of the person as you are able - clothing/hair colour/style/if they have an accent/any distinguishing marks/tattoos, were they driving a vehicle, if so can you confirm the registration number...)

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Bluebells at Riccal Dale near Pockley, taken by a Wolds Wanderer

Memories and Escapades of Youth (My Youth that is).

It was New Year's Eve a good many years ago and I, as a cadet in the Merchant Navy, found myself on board a ship that was unloading cargo at a small jetty somewhere in the Maracaibo Lake, which as everyone knows, is in Venezuela, South America. There were no stevedores on board, they had all gone home to their families for the holiday period, which left us – two cadets – with nothing to do.



We were moored by a jetty with no other vessels near and the jetty was about a quarter of a mile long and at the end it appeared to be just jungle, though we could see a road. We decided to investigate and, taking swimming costumes and towels, we set off down this road, not having the slightest idea where it would lead.

Having walked for about a quarter of an hour, a car appeared behind us, stopped and asked where we were heading. When we told him we had no idea but somewhere to have a swim would be handy, he dropped us off at a clubhouse, which I believe was something to do with oil drilling. He also kindly booked us in and gave us some vouchers for drinks etc as we had no money other than a couple of American dollars

between us. He told us to enjoy a swim and all the facilities of the club and he would come back in the evening and run us back to the ship.

He did come back, but brought his wife and another couple, saying they don't often have visitors and it is New Year's Eve, so let's have a party – so we did, getting pretty tipsy in the process.

Twelve o'clock came and we all sang Auld Lang Sine and it was time to go back to the ship, but during the evening we had told them that they could all come back to a dance which we would organise the following night on board.

The last I remember of that night was standing at the shore end of the jetty, passing round a bottle of Johnny Walker Red Label and once again singing Auld Lang Sine.

The following morning we realised that we had a **real problem**.....

.....to be continued.

F.A.W.

Sophie's Column

So, what to talk about from these past few months, well, Malawi, French, and business, exam leave and Friends.

French is easy enough, by the time the Village Voice arrives at your door, I will have done my AS French oral exam. The nerves are building up rapidly, and I know everyone else who is doing a foreign language is feeling the same. I don't talk about Fashion in my own language, let alone in French!! Hey-ho, the stuff you have to do for UCAS points! Business and Economics is going well; I have done fine in all my past papers and feeling more and more confident about it every day. This may be the only exam that I will enjoy taking. I have decided that this is the subject I want to do at University. In fact, I have open days for Uni booked already, including Hull; far enough away to be independent, but close enough for mum to do my washing :) love you mum!

Exams: I hate that word. I'm sure everyone does, and we are coming up to exam season (May/June) it's stressful and tiring, but once it is over it's a huge weight off your shoulders. To all the GCSE students: DO NOT worry, take a bottle of water into every exam, and don't rush. When the examiner says you may start, count to ten, breathe deeply and read your questions slowly and carefully. Also think positive thoughts, if you say you will do rubbish, you most probably will. Have fun, it gets harder!

My friends are incredibly important to me, even more so than past years, it's great to know that there is always someone to support me and talk to me whenever I need them, and I really appreciate it. To whoever is reading this, keep in contact with your friends, talk to them often, because if you neglect them, you'll lose them when you need them most.

Finally Malawi, I got accepted to go!! I handed in the deposit this morning; the trip will include visiting an orphanage and a hospital and Jali Youth Centre. It is going to be an amazing experience but I have to raise a lot of money for training. I will be going to on a training course on how to teach first aid out there, so, if anyone knows any good ways to fundraise don't hesitate to email me: soph.liz.watson@gmail.com it would be a great help, it's something that I have wanted to do for the past 6 years and I finally get the chance to go! And with training, I actually have a reason to go, I can make a difference. It is a great feeling :)

Local History Group



Welcome to the March meeting of the history group where we had two excellent speakers which meant we had a change of programme.

First of all we had Alan Ball who gave us a talk on Drifffield Canal. He showed us some slides of Geoff Southwell from Hornsea in the 1970's at the Drifffield Canal. He then showed us a slide of the gates which were restored at Tow Lock, Drifffield and Wansford Lock. During 1960 interest waned in trying to reach the swing bridge and it was taken away. River levels fluctuated and cut down Hempholme adjuater by a mark at Frodingham Church. He then showed us some pictures of Whin Hill Lock gates which were the narrowest ones.

In 1960 all locks were operative. In the 1930's the Bargees had a Gala with Water Sports but Health and Safety stopped their fun. The sailing club is still there.

Chris Bonnet began his talk with an explanation of why he became interested in WWI. His Grandad was awarded the DSC in World War 1. In 1968 he was in Ostend when he found a train which took him to Ypres and he went up to the Menin Gate where he found the names of 55,000 soldiers with no known grave.

Two men from Leeds told him about the Last Post ceremony which takes place at 8pm at the Menin Gate by 4 firemen in uniform. At first there were only 13 people but now there are 100's who come to see it. So he stayed to see the ceremony and said it was a very moving ceremony. The youngest lad on Menin Gate came from Hull.

His granddad William Henry in Royal Field Artillery went to Beverley Barracks. In 1916 he was wounded was then sent to Glasgow where it was discovered his left arm was 4 ½" shorter. He then re-joined and was sent to the Somme, Ypres and Passchendaele.

There are 330 names on the cenotaph at Bridlington. He said in St Johns Walk in Bridlington there were 64 houses with 16 lads lost. He showed us some artefacts made by soldiers during service in the trenches like a vase made from a shell case, a match box case.

Princess Mary sent a Death Plaque to every family. Then in 1914 soldiers only had one dog tag system was not working so in early 1916 it was changed to two dog tags with name, religion and dob.

The Menin Gate ceremony was carried out from 1921 to 1940 where it was shelved until after the WWII when it was started again in 1946 and is still carried out today with Buglers every night.

After the talks we had a short business meeting in which Chair Polly Stead thanked the two speakers for enjoyable talks. There were 27 members and 4 visitors with apologies from 10 members.

North Frodingham Y.C.A. (Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association)

Meetings of the Y.C.A. are held in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 7.15pm. Annual membership £12 plus £1 per meeting which includes tea/coffee and biscuits, visitors £1.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Tea Party in March, over £400 was raised for the Marie Curie nurses.

We began our new year in April with a new Chairman, Mrs Pat Willingham, who welcomed our speaker Kate Stringer who told us of her career as a vet physio.

Future Meetings

Wed. 11th June - Afternoon Outing - Dolls houses with Mary Scaife.

Wed. 9th July Whitely's Store - Ann Clough - comp. An old garment.

Wed. 13th Aug. - Houndales Knits - comp. A pretty scarf.

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Message from Ward County Councillors : Jonathan Owen & Jane Evison Yorswitch

With the prospect of good weather ahead it perhaps seems a strange time to be talking about the bulk buying oil scheme called Yorswitch. The scheme is run jointly between ERYC and Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council and has been very successful since its launch in December 2013 in providing substantially cheaper oil for its members. Many of our rural villages in the East Riding are unable to access gas which means residents are reliant on solid fuel, oil or electricity for heating. Membership of the Yorswitch scheme now stands at 167, membership of the scheme is normally £20 for a Household but is free to the first 200 members. ERYC are paying this for you, so this is a chance to join the scheme for nothing and see if you can save some money on your heating oil purchases.

In April, HWRCC ordered in excess of 20,000 litres and made a saving for members 7.52p per litre against the highest price quoted for a single 500 litre order. If you want to know more about the Yorswitch scheme phone HWRCC on 01430 430904 or by email to oil@hwrcc.org.uk

Parish Council Cluster meeting

Over recent months the topics of transport and broadband are two issues which have been raised by people we have spoken to as we attend meetings of the 21 parishes in our East Wolds & Coastal (E.W.C.) Ward. To try and ensure information on both these topics was shared with communities we have invited every parish council in the E.W.C. ward to send representatives to a meeting to be held at North Frodingham Village Hall in May.

In the case of transport ERYC has worked closely with local communities & community transport groups over the years address transport issues and as a result we have 4 very good community transport groups working in the East Riding. However this does not mean the transport problem is solved and there remains work to do and ERYC has not only produced a Community Transport Strategy but also a Tool Kit to help communities identify their own problems and help resolve them. We have invited ERYC staff to attend our meeting to explain how that toolkit works.

There has also been much talk of BDUK Broadband improvements which are to be delivered by BT as the governments preferred contractor. The first phase of work is currently being rolled out in Goole and we wait to hear who will be next, we do know that the overall picture is quite complicated with some areas likely to fall into the BDUK work whilst other areas are covered by general service provider improvement schemes, there will also remain a small number of people who will not be covered by any schemes. We have invited ERC staff and BT staff to attend our meeting to answer questions.

Lissett Wind farm Community Fund

Finally the Lissett Community Wind farm, the closing date has just past for applications for this year's grants and the committee will meet in June to make their decision on which of this year's applications will be successful.

Parish Council Procedures

March 31st is an important date in the Parish Council's calendar; it marks the end of the Financial Year and the time the Council has to submit a formal Annual Return to appointed Auditors. In the last issue of Village Voice a short explanation was given about the Parish Council role in planning decisions. This issue offers a logical opportunity to explain the Parish Council finances.

Towards the end of each calendar year the Parish Council's Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) produces a projection of costs likely to be incurred during the next financial year. This projection is presented at a full Council meeting, for discussion amendment and approval of the amount of money (precept) to be requested from County Hall. The precept is collected as part of the Council Tax, on a sliding scale related to the property Council Tax banding, and forwarded to the Parish Council in two lump sums. For example, this year residents of a band E property will be charged £33.05 (a decrease of £5.20 on last year) as their contribution towards Parish costs.

The RFO maintains an Income and Expenditure ledger, bank account and an annual record of all transactions. Cheques are drawn up by the RFO and signed by two members of the Parish Council at a Council meeting and after all members have approved the payment. This process is recorded in the Minutes of the Council meeting. All of the information, for the current and past seven years, is available for any resident to inspect, having made arrangements through the Clerk.

At the end of each Quarter the RFO presents a summary of income and expenditure to the Parish Council, which has the task of checking the information with past Minutes. At the end of the financial year a local, independent external auditor (IEA) checks the annual balance sheet with all of the records, and completes part of an Annual Audit Return. This document requires the RFO to explain all variances in income and expenditure from the previous to current year, and the IEA to check that all financial systems are in place and operating efficiently.

The Annual Return is then submitted to a government appointed Auditor for review and comment. To date there have been no issues of financial probity, or matters of procedural concern, raised by the official Auditors

Next Issue: Parish councillors; what do they do?

Parish Council Activity

Apart from the usual business of dealing with Planning Applications and incoming Invoices, one of the main topics of discussion has been the War Memorial. As everyone knows this year is the Centenary of the start of the First World War; and all Parish Councils have been asked to consider marking this event. North Frodingham has decided to renovate the War Memorial in Main Street, with a professional clean and re-painting of the lettering. Quotes have been sought from various stone-masons and the matter is now in the final stages of decision making. The Heritage Museum and Frodingham History Group will also be contributing towards marking the Centenary, with a display entitled 'North Frodingham, life and death in the Great War'.

As always the Parish Council receives an update of police matters in the Parish, and whilst there has been very few instances of antisocial behaviour or criminal damage this period, there has been an increase in poaching in the area. Residents are asked to report the number of any unknown vehicle parked in farm gates, or strangers with dogs walking the fields.

On a few positive notes, the new hedge at the Church is growing well and should provide an attractive screen within a fairly short period of time; Church Bridge, having finally been repaired, is looking very smart. Also the ERYC Highways Department managed a 'First' last month by getting the potholes in Foston Lane filled within two days of their being reported! Whilst on Highway matters, residents are warned that part of Grange Lane is scheduled for resurfacing this summer. This work is weather dependant and part of a county-wide scheme which should start May 12th and take 17 weeks to complete, so we can't be more specific about the actual date. Be prepared for a few more days getting through Beeford or braving Brandesburton Road sometime this summer.

Next meetings: in Village Hall,
June 9th, 7.30pm Annual General Meeting
July 14th, 7.30pm,
all welcome.

And finally

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