

Rauceby Parish News

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Community News & Village Events

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Christmas 2006



Tally-Ho! The Tradition Lives On

The opening meet of the Belvoir Hunt at Rauceby Hall was all the more spectacular this year as the huntsman wore their traditional red coats.

Whether you are for or against hunting, it is a strong part of our countryside heritage and it is doubtful that any of us could not admit that a meet such as this has a certain majesty about it.

With all the talk of the ban of hunting with hounds, it is a much more strictly run affair these days. If a fox is put up it is dispatched using a bird of prey, instead of the hounds. Other quarry such as hare are still permitted to be hunted as before. For sport there is also a certain amount of dragging done, where by a scent is laid down by a runner.

There really leaves little for the anti to complain about now.

The morning was quite fresh though sunny and a warming tippie of port or whiskey did the trick to keep the cold out.

There is quite an art to supplying those on horseback with a drink or mince pie, weaving in amongst the horses and fighting off the occasional greedy hound.

It was nice to see so many children about, getting acquainted with the hounds and soaking up the atmosphere.

As always a huge thank you was bellowed from the master, above the din, to Mrs Hoare for her hospitality and for allowing the hunt to pass through her land.

If you have never been to an occasion such as this then you have only a year to wait for the next one, and it really should not be missed.



Thanks Mike For The Inspiration

Staff and children at Rauceby Primary School held a presentation assembly for Football coach Mike Peterken on his retirement.

Mr Peterken had been a volunteer coach at Rauceby School for 21 years as well as being the landlord of the Bustard Inn in South Rauceby.

Mike said: "Football is my passion and coaching is my delight and I hope I have inspired many children how to play the game with the right spirit".

As an ex-professional football player with Peterborough and Millwall, and the proud winner of an England cap, Mike knew a thing or two about football which he was more than happy to share with the children.

His proudest achievement was passing his level 2

coaching qualification at the age of 65.

Head teacher Tom Verity said: 'Mike has been an inspiration to everyone he has coached and the children and staff wanted to thank him for all the hard work and dedication'.

The School bought Mike an engraved decanter and glasses which he was presented with during a special assembly, which by all accounts is now full of his favorite tippie 'Highland Park' malt whiskey.

Mike is moving to Lincoln where he hopes to find another junior football team he can carry on coaching. (Reprinted courtesy of Sleaford Standard, 01.11.06.)



Coach Mike Peterken and his pupils at Rauceby school. - Photo Courtesy of The Sleaford Standard. (5780SA-4)



THE ROYAL BRITISH
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Poppy Appeal

Sydney Represents Poppy Sellers at Albert Hall Ceremony

Mrs Sydney Graham of Pinfold Lane, South Rauceby was one of the few to be able to proudly represent the The British Legion Poppy Sellers at the televised ceremony held at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday the 11th November.

In the presence of HM The Queen and other senior members of the Royal family, BBC coverage of this annual Festival from the Royal Albert Hall was a unique combination of performance, spectacle and religious service, which brought together

young and old to remember the victims of conflict and pray for peace and justice for all people.

As well as being an evening of remembrance, this event is just as much a celebration of Forces camaraderie - those taking part this year include: world famous mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins and singers Chris De Burgh, James Fox and Nicky Spence, who join the Massed Bands of the Guards Division; the Band of HM Royal Marines; The Queen's Colour Squadron, RAF; The Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas; and representatives of the Armed Forces.

The Service was conducted by the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Manchester, and included the traditional silence and poppy drop.



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Neighbourhood Watch Column - Sydney Graham

Here we are again. The season of breaking and entering is upon us.

Please make sure that you lock doors and windows when out and about. If possible leave a radio and lights on (anything to discourage thieves). Also please ensure that sheds are secure and ladders are kept out of sight and preferably locked up.

There will be a meeting in the new year in the village hall, with a presentation by P.C.S.O. Ironmonger on "doorstep crime" Details will follow. Everybody is welcome. To contact P.C.S.O. Ironmonger; telephone Sleaford police station on 01529 302420 and ask for him by name or alternatively in an emergency call 999.

Martin Dickie is our new crime prevention officer and neighbourhood watch co-ordinator. If you would like to become a co-ordinator please telephone him at Lincoln on 01522 885326, or you can e-mail on martin.dickie@lincs.pnn.police.uk. Please also contact Judith Johnson who is the secretary for the sleaford Neighbourhood Watch on 01529 861293.

The next N.W. Meeting is in the N.K.D.C. civic chambers on 16th January, 7pm - 9pm, there will be no refreshments, but there is a presentation by 'trading standards'. On the 17th April there will be another meeting, with refreshments, and the guest speaker will be Inspector Gillett.

May I take this opportunity to wish a merry and safe Christmas to one and all.

The Vicar's Pulpit -The Reverend Christine Dolby

CHRISTMAS – OH NO!

Just after the children had gone back to school after the summer break I decided to go shopping in Nottingham. I walked into one of the large department stores and what did I see? Christmas Cards!

Hoping my eyes had not deceived me I rushed over to get a closer look; sure enough there they were – santas and reindeer, snowmen and robins – in September! Not only that, but just around the corner there were decorations and trees. Slightly shell-shocked I staggered out into the warm sun. Had I got the date wrong? Surely there was another three months to Christmas!

So I panicked! In the middle of September I was making lists galore, present lists, food lists, drink lists etc. I even received Christmas catalogues through the post from various companies that month. The final straw came when my 'children', seeing one of these catalogues, asked in jest, in October, when they should 'post their Christmas order to Santa!!

That was it, it really brought it home to me that we are really losing sight of the true meaning of Christmas. I am the first to admit that I love Christmas and all that goes with it – giving and receiving presents, the decorations, the atmosphere, the carols and all the goodwill. I love to see the delight on children's faces as they drink in the magic of the season, and I used to join in with my children putting out the sherry on Christmas Eve for Santa and a carrot for the reindeer. (Do reindeers really eat carrots?) It was magical on Christmas Eve hanging up the stockings and watching the delight on their faces. But I have always tried not to lose sight of why we are celebrating, and I tried to bring that home to the children. But it seems that Christmas is more commercial than ever and its so difficult to make our children understand.

We were created in God's likeness to live in the world and enjoy an intimate relationship with him. Because God is love. We were not forced into this friendship. We were given the free will to choose; to accept or reject God. But from the start, and

throughout history, we have turned away. We have turned from our Creator, choosing our way rather than his. We have shut God out of our lives. And because of this breakdown of communication, something was needed to heal the divide – someone to stand between God and us, someone who shared and understood our humanity, yet untainted by our sinfulness.

God himself became man in the person of Jesus his son. That is the meaning of Christmas, the babe at Bethlehem. It is the coming amongst us of God himself, to restore the world which we continue to mess up.

Let's really have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy it to the full, but let us not forget why we are celebrating and whose birthday it really is.

Brian and I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

A Letter From The Editor

I hope you have all enjoyed the past years editions of the newly formatted Rauceby Parish News. I have certainly enjoyed compiling it and have met a few more of our villagers along the way. I must apologise to the Roberts for the delay in the last edition of the paper as it fell very close to their annual MS society Christmas card coffee morning.

It has been difficult to cover all the stories as so often I am restricted by space. The paper presently costs in the region of just over £700 per annum for a 12 page document, two of which are dedicated to advertising. All the contributions and my time are obviously volunteered. I have managed to cover the cost of production of the paper in its entirety through advertising for this year. I am also looking at the possibility of restructuring the advertising fees to allow the paper to have a bigger budget.

The paper has huge potential and I have many ideas and am open to your ideas for its future development.

It would be nice to see the paper produced in colour, unfortunately this would mean a dramatic increase in production costs. One way to reduce our costs would be if we had our own colour A3 format laser printer. These don't come cheap.

Advertising alone may not bare these kind of costs. There are a number of grants available for this kind of community development project, and could be given some consideration.

There are also plans ahead to develop a Rauceby website, unfortunately this also has been put on hold due to the fears of the high setting up costs involved. I therefore have come to the conclusion that I need to set up a fund for the paper and future developments. I intend to open a club and societies account which has virtually no running costs. The purpose of which to allow us to improve the paper and move towards its independant production.

If you have pride in your community and are pleased with the overall content of your newspaper, then why not make a donation. You would not only be sponsoring your community paper but also helping build a concise record of Rauceby's future social history.

If you have any enquiries regarding this, please do contact me on 01529 488508 or email jonathanhoare@mac.com for more details. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the up coming seasonal festivities.



Children from Rauceby Primary School enjoying the firework display on Friday November 3rd.

Sparkling Results - Tom Verity

Rauceby Primary School started the academic year on a very positive note with its highest 11+ exam results - 88% of Year 6 children passed the secondary selection exam. Rauceby School has always had high academic standards and I am sure that they will be continued for many years to come! Rauceby has a dedicated, experienced and committed staff who expect high standards from the children in their work and behaviour. All the

Year 6 children are a credit to the school and I am sure they will be a success at whichever school they decide to go to.

After our 'good' grading at Ofsted (in March this year), we have been working hard at developing our outside classroom for the youngest children. We now have a canopy outside the Reception classroom so the children can work inside and outside whatever the weather. The Foundation curriculum, expects the children to work outside for 50% of the time and allows them the freedom to learn through practical application and it appeals to a range of different learning styles.

We continue to hold a range of events and activities for the children, making sure that the education that they receive is broad and varied. Since the start of term the children have had a range of sports coaching from Carres, attended origami workshops, held our Harvest Festival celebrations at St Peter's church, supported various charities (Jeans for Genes, and Macmillan Coffee morning), held a fireworks night, had road safety talks by the police, a K'nex engineering challenge and many more!

On a sad note, we said goodbye to our long standing football coach, Mike Peterken. Mike had coached football at the school for over 20 years. To thank him for all his hard work and dedication, we held a celebratory assembly and presented him with a decanter and glasses to remember us by.

Yoga Club - Fridays: 1.15pm-2.45pm

Margaret Sanderson - 01529 421277

margaret@lennoxlove.fsbusiness.co.uk

Classes are held at Rauceby Village Hall on Fridays and have been running for a number of years. If you would like to come along and see if Yoga is for you then give me a ring or enrol through Stella Bellamy.

Village Hall News

Ralph Mundy

The Village Hall committee apologizes for any inconvenience caused during ongoing repairs to the extension ceilings. This work has to be completed for safety reasons and is taking a little longer than originally planned. We thank you all for your co-operation and patience.

There has been little change with the situation regarding the cost of heating oil and electricity since this time last year.

Regretfully, we have once again had to introduce a temporary charge of fifty pence per hour from the 1st November. The committee will continue to keep prices under review following the AGM.

The Village Hall remains open for children's parties, anniversaries, birthdays classes and many other activities. Bookings and any other information can be obtained by ringing Niki Orley on 488369.

Bowl News

Eric Bellamy - 01529 488275

The Rauceby Bowls club has been competing in the Summer league since January.

In the inter club competitions. The Eric Fletcher Trophy which is played in memory of Eric on or around his birthday, was this year won by Stella Bellamy. The Ladies Trophy was one by Nicky Bellamy and Jean Hodgkinson was the runner up. The Mixed Singles Trophy was won by Brian Wilkinson.

In the end of year League bowls which was played at Ruskington. Team B (Colin Bellamy, Geoff Simpson, Brian Wilkinson and Dave Neve) Ran off with the Coningsby Trophy for a third year in a row.

The Club continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm and Fridays at 7.30pm and we again extend an invitation to anyone interested to support us on match days or to join us at club meetings. Come along and we are sure you will enjoy the company and the bowling.

Gardening Club News

Eddie Herbert - Club Chairman

I feel it is an appropriate time to make a more comprehensive report about our Village Gardening Club, now in it's fifteenth year and I have been chairman since its formation. That length of service is also replicated by three other Committee members. Currently the club has 45 members, 22 of whom reside in the village, which means we are very dependant on support from Sleaford and the surrounding villages.

The club meets in the Village Hall generally on the fourth Tuesday of each month, in the evening, between September and April, the exception being December when an earlier Tuesday applies. Speakers, normally concentrate on horticultural subjects, backed by slides. They are engaged and a good percentage of them travelling material distances. The subjects to be covered in 2007

include 'Propagation', 'Hellebores', 'Fritillarias & Poppies', 'Variegation', 'Ramblers 'n Scramblers' and a 'Travelogue of Tibet and its plants'.

In addition the club normally has two outings per year, one by coach, visiting gardens with a high national rating. Last June the coach outing was to Cholmondeley Castle Gardens, Malpas, Cheshire and Wollerton Old Hall Garden, Market Drayton Shropshire. On the day the weather was beautiful and the gardens were really magnificent. In 2007 we plan to visit Harlow Carr Gardens, Nr Harrogate, last visited by the Club in 1993, which was actually its first coach outing.

Annual subscription is a modest £4 per member and there is a charge at the door of 50p per meeting (£1 for non-members). The Club is financially sound as of now, but speakers alone for the whole of 2007 will cost the Club almost £600 in total. The Club is very reliant on raising a material income from its Coffee Morning and Plant Sale event in April. The date for 2007 falls on Saturday, 21st of April.

Over the last twelve months the average attendance has been aprox. twenty- seven. Although in October the attendance was a disappointing twenty. It would be encouraging to have an average attendance of thirty-five minimum. So, additional members would be most welcome. We are a friendly group, that is guaranteed and supporters' gardening ability is varied - we just love our gardens and plants.

If you would like any additional information, or to talk, don't hesitate to contact Eddie Herbert or Beryl Herbert on 01529 488403.

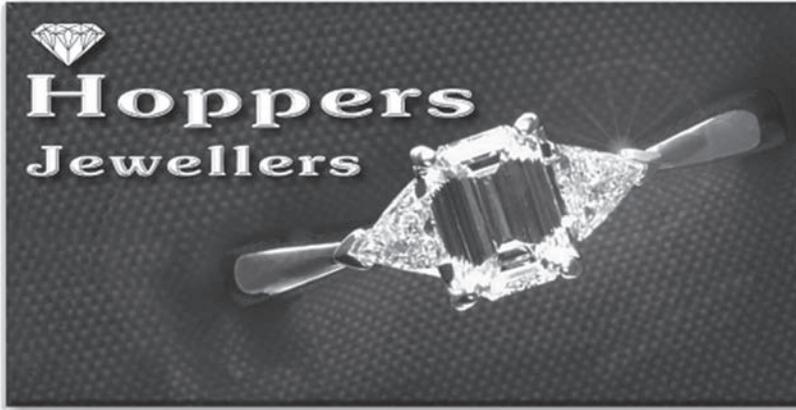
For details of upcoming illustrated talks and events please see the events diary on page 10.

WI News

Margaret Mundy - President

On October 14th a hearty meal was enjoyed by ninety villagers at the village hall to celebrate the harvest festival. The WI also enjoyed a lunch at the 'Sackstore' in Boston and a stop of at Old-rids on the 19th. For a full list of the upcoming events please see the Events diary on page 10.

WI members meet at Rauceby Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7.15pm. New ladies are always welcome. For further details please contact either Margaret Mundy on 488213 or Barbara Roberts on 488488.



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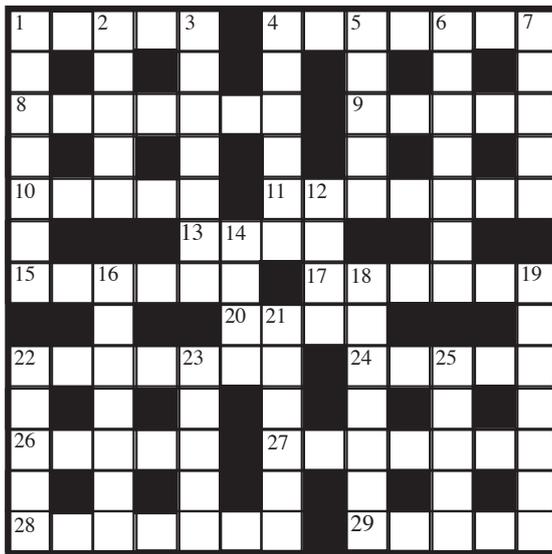
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7	1	4	3	6	8	2	9	5



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ACROSS

- 1 Ilex(5)
4 Sunlit period(7)
8 Burglary(7)
9 Hate(5)
10 Antelope(5)
11 Distinguished(7)
13 Irritable(4)
15 Diatribe(6)
17 Jubilant(6)
20 Idle(4)
22 Animosity(3,4)
24 Governor(5)
26 Commerce(5)
27 Fruit grove(7)
28 Shaken(7)
29 Careworm(5)

DOWN

- 1 Crop(7)
2 Zodiac sign(5)
3 Ceded(7)
4 Dehydrating(6)
5 Fermenting agent(5)
6 Live at(7)
7 Weird(5)
12 Town-crier's call(4)
14 Dingle(4)
16 Confident(7)
18 Musical(7)
19 Scoffed at(7)
21 A nut(6)
22 Bury(5)
23 Perfect(5)
25 Memorise(5)

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Solutions to Crosswords in Autumn Edition.

Across- 1. Jewel, 4. Control, 8. In front, 9. Waver, 10. Terra, 11. Lobelia, 13. Rhea, 15. Decide, 17. Spread, 20. Lath, 22. Custody, 24. Angel, 26. Babel, 27. Actuary, 28. Tax-free, 29. Moped.

Down- 1. Jointed, 2. Wafer, 3. Leopard, 4. Cattle, 5. Nawab, 6. Revolve, 7. Larva, 12. Oast, 14. Held, 16. Cash-box, 18. Phantom, 19. Delayed, 21. Aye-aye, 22. Cubit, 23. Oiler, 25. Grasp.

Diary of Events

28th November - Gardening Club illustrated talk at 7.15 in the Village Hall. The earlier start is to allow us to have our annual general meeting. Janette Merilion is a professional garden designer and historian and comes from Billingham : 'Plants for difficult places'.

1st December - WI outing. 'Hello Dolly' Lincoln

2nd December - Christmas Fair at 2pm in the Village Hall

5th December - Thorntons Chocolate Evening. 7.30pm at Rauceby School

7th December - WI Meeting at 7.15 in the Village Hall. Christmas Party, bring a plate of party food. Competition - A photographic memory of Christmas. A wrapped Christmas present (£3.00)

11th December - WI Carol Service at Boston Stump.

12th December - Gardening Club illustrated talk. Robert Potterton of Potterton nursery at Caistor : Around the nursery; Cultivation and propogation of alpines and bulbs. The evening concludes with a christmas get together to round off the year.

21st December - Candlelit Carols at 7pm, St Peters Church.

24th December - No Service at Rauceby. Crib Service at Wilsford at 4pm.

25th December - Christmas Day - Holy Communion with Hymns at 8.30am St Peters Church, North Rauceby.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

4th January - WI Members night. Members annual subscription is now due.

5th January - WI Resolution Discussion Day at Cranwell Village Hall.

20th January - Lincolnshire Philharmonic Orchestra. Whittle Hall, RAF Cranwell at 7.30pm. See advertisement for details.

23rd January - Gardening Club meeting in Village Hall at 7.30pm. Illustrated talk by Eddie & Beryl Herbert : 'Some of our Best Garden Shots'.

27th January - Church supper at Rauceby Hall By kind permission of Mrs Gillian Hoare. 7.30pm for 8pm Tickets £18.00 from Mrs Hoare on 488233 or Jenny Coombs 488673

1st February - WI Meeting. 7.15pm Rauceby Village Hall. Puddle Duck - Sue Stephenson. Competition - An Animal Portrait. Flower of the Month.

27th February - Gardening Club meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Talk and practical by Geoff Hodge(Peterborough) on 'Propagation'.

1st March - WI Annual Meeting. Flower of the Month.

10th March - Marmalade coffee morning in the Village Hall. come and enjoy a cup of coffee and buy some marmalade too.

13th March - Federation Spring Council Meeting at Springfields. Speaker - 'Calendar Girl' Trica Stewart.

27th March - Gardening Club meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Illustrated talk by Barry Gayton (Brandon, Norfolk) on 'Hellebores'

21st April - Gardening Club Coffee Morning & Plant Sale in Village Hall. 10.30am - 12.30pm.

24th April - Gardening Club meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Illustrated talk by Michael Myers(Nr. Harrogate) on 'Green with Envy'.



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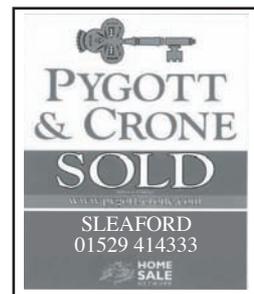
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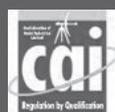
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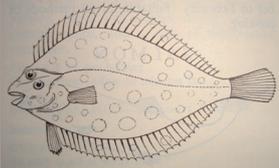
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