

# The Plough

October 2025

To: AVERHAM, STAYTHORPE & KELHAM VILLAGERS



## On Freedom's Wings

Lincolnshire's New Landmark Takes Flight: The "On Freedom's Wings" Lancaster Bomber Sculpture. A life-size steel sculpture of an Avro Lancaster bomber, titled On Freedom's Wings, has been unveiled along the A46 in Lincolnshire after nearly eight years of dedicated effort by the Bomber County Gateway Trust.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Mobile Library

Staythorpe Road, Averham

29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 14:10 - 14:25

## Messy Church

St. Michael and All Angels Church

5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 16:00

## W.I. Meet: WWII Yarn Bombers Talk

Robin Hood Theatre

13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 19:15

## Garden Club

Robin Hood Theatre

21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 19:00

## Mobile Library

Staythorpe Road, Averham

27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 14:10 - 14:25

## Special All Souls Service

St. Michael and All Angels Church

1st Nov. 14:00

There will be a Special All Soul's Service on Saturday 1st November 2025 at 2.00pm in St Michael and All Angels Church, Averham. Anyone can have a loved one remembered at this service. We can read out their name and/or light a candle, in their memory.

Please contact Jenny Hamilton with your loved one's details including their link to the parish or village.

jenny.hamilton54@gmail.com To give us time to compile the list of names, please contact Jenny by 21st October 2025. Thank you.

## See page 13 for Church Services

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## **On Freedom's Wings** continued from front page

The impressive landmark was finally installed in early September 2025, marking the completion of a £1 million project that began in 2017. A Monument to "Bomber County" The steel structure, called On Freedom's Wings, commemorates World War II RAF crews who served in the region, known as "Bomber County". Lincolnshire earned this nickname due to its crucial role during World War II, hosting ten RAF Bomber Command airfields in 1939 rising to forty-five by 1945 from which thousands of sorties were launched against Nazi-occupied Europe. The sculpture stands near Norton Disney, positioned strategically on the border between Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, close to the site of the former RAF Swinderby. The landmark honours RAF crews of World War II and will be seen by 35,000 motorists daily, serving as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by airmen during the war. Years in the making, created by the Bomber County Gateway Trust after nearly eight years of work, the project has been described as the Midlands' answer to the Angel of the North. The sculpture represents not just an artistic achievement, but a deeply personal tribute to the thousands of aircrew who flew dangerous missions over occupied Europe, many of whom never returned. The team behind the £1m landmark 'On Freedom's Wings' sculpture have spoken of their pride following an emotional seven year journey to completion, with the project clearly resonating deeply with those involved in bringing this memorial to life. A Lasting Legacy The installation of "On Freedom's Wings" creates a permanent memorial that will ensure future generations remember the courage and sacrifice of RAF Bomber Command crews. As thousands of motorists pass the site daily on the busy A46 route, the sculpture serves as both an artistic landmark and a solemn reminder of Lincolnshire's pivotal role in securing Allied victory in World War II. The project stands as testament to community dedication and the enduring importance of remembering those who served, transforming the landscape with a tribute that honours the past while inspiring future generations.

We had a really, although a bit scary, talk about keeping safe on line and at home from the Police Cyber Protection team of Kynam and Sean. Kynam opened his talk with advice about passwords: principally

not to use the same password for everything and to change your passwords at least every 6 months! That was the first challenge for most of us there. Just creating a new password every 6 months when it is difficult to think of really secure options every so often! However he convinced us that it is perhaps the most important act in keeping safe and not allowing your vital info to leak out onto the W.W.W. He advised that 3 random words and symbols are a good combination and don't be afraid to write it down and store it in a book, obviously not next to your computer! And of course NEVER share passwords. Another piece of key advice: update your devices a.s.a.p. This prevents breaches in on-line provider's systems. I always wondered what that was about but I can cope with inconvenience of updates having the realization that it keeps on-line activity safer. He advised to back everything up either using a memory stick or using cloud storage. Next on the agenda were phishing scams. These usually are panic inducing phone calls or emails. The best advice is never to give any details about yourself and NEVER give out bank details. Banks will never ask you to give out your bank card/account details. He also advised that if it is a phone call to not use the phone for 10 mins after the call or use a different number to carry out checks as the crooks hold the line open and get your info. As if that wasn't enough to scare us to death Sean then went on to warn us about postal scams. Door to door fraud (never employ people who knock on your door for jobs) or buy anything. Always do a check on the people trying to sell you something and never sign up on the spur of the moment. Stop and count to 5 before doing anything. He asked us to report any suspicious activity by phoning 03001232040. Our next meeting is on Monday, October 13th starting at 7.15, at the Robin Hood theatre, with a talk from Yarn Bombers. For further info please contact Jenny Quickmire on 07890641102.



# **CHRISTMAS JAZZ CAROLS CONCERT**

**RESERVE THE DATE**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**7.30pm**

**St Michael and All Angels Church**

**AVERHAM**

**Ticket only event @ £10.00 pp, including refreshments**

**Reserve your seats early, message 07904 243304**

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## ASK Garden Club Report

### Garden Party & Fuddle 2025

For the past few years we have rounded off our summer meetings with a good old garden party and fuddle. This year Nicki and Colin volunteered to be our hosts....

putting your hand up and volunteering always seems like a good idea at the time, inevitably there's a lot of work involved, but they made us all proud! We had a great turnout; everyone brought a plate of food and drinks to share, homemade pizza bread, quiche, sausage rolls, lemon drizzle cake and a delicious blackberry fruit cake to name but a few delights. I have noticed the meetings where foods involved are always well attended.



After weeks of drought there was just the chance of a shower, thankfully the rain held off and although it was a little cooler than of late no one got wet. We took it in turns to have a guided tour of the garden. There's a real feel for heritage being part of the former walled kitchen garden for Kelham Hall, Nicki and Colin have reintroduced fruit and vegetables as well as flowers for cutting within their garden.

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## ASK Garden Club Report Continued

As the sun set over Kelham people began to make their way home, it was a lovely evening, a chance to catch up with our neighbours and friends, we always have a fabulous raffle. On this occasion Margaret was thrilled to win a mini scarecrow.... however from what I've heard she feels it's too good to leave outside in the garden.

Our next meeting is our AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 7.00pm at the Robin Hood Theatre Averham for a 'Photographic Review of the Year'. Non members are very welcome to all our meetings, but don't forget, this is the best time to join our club. Members benefit from priority places to our summer visits, activities, regular updates and also



receive a 10% discount at Southwell Garden Centre on most purchases. We hope to have our winter season of meetings at the Robin Hood Theatre speakers covering a wide range of subjects including garden design, woodland conservation, propagating and growing heritage varieties of vegetables.

For further details about our club, please contact me at: [bootiqueonline@outlook.com](mailto:bootiqueonline@outlook.com) or 07929 367461

Nigel Britton – Club Secretary



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## **Community Hub Project, work in progress.**



Following their August 14th meeting with Nottinghamshire County Council, the ASK Hive team has received exciting news – officials are recommending a revised plan for half the original site (0.53 acres) to County Councillors. This presents a fantastic opportunity to create something truly special.

### **The Story Unfolds**

The ASK Hive Committee has enthusiastically accepted the proposal, firing off their approval to council officials with characteristic energy. The proposal is expected to appear on the October NCC agenda, where the team anticipates smooth passage.

Once approved, the real excitement begins! NCC will clear and divide the site, and handle the Land Registry paperwork before the legals and agreed financial transaction takes place.

### **What's Next?**

The moment approval comes through, the ASK Hive Committee plans to spring into action with a community engagement campaign. They're eager to gather the community's brilliant ideas for layout, functionality, and usage – transforming every suggestion into an architect's brief that will generate design concepts and rough costings.

The Community Hub Project represents passionate determination in action. With half a site, they're planning to create twice the impact!



## **A message from the Reverend David Lewis.**

After a lot of prayer, preparation and anticipation, I'm so pleased to be able to write to the recipients of this monthly publication. I enter into my new role as Priest in charge of the Beck and Trent Benefice alongside my wife Hannah, and our children Norah, Seth, Ethan and Margot. Hannah is from London, Ontario in Canada and I'm from Leicester. We met in Oxford where we both participated in the same internship but a year apart. Our lives have almost exclusively been spent living in cities but we are now very excited to be moving to a more rural area where we can be embedded in the community many of you have loved and served in for years. As part of my journey towards being called to rural ministry I was encouraged by a short online documentary called 'Living at God's Speed'. This features a young American minister who moved to a remote community in northern Scotland. There he met a local who up until that point had had little interest in God or the church. As the two of them studied the Bible together, it ended up being the maps included with the scriptures that brought it all home for this kilt-wearing woodland-walker. He realised that the area Jesus operated in for the majority of his ministry closely resembled the distances between the villages in his local area. Suddenly he could connect with a nomadic rabbi who hiked from town to town with his disciples, preaching and demonstrating the kingdom of God. Maybe this is an experience we too can share in. We all have different ways in which we connect with God. For some of us it's nature, for others it's music, for others still it's family (blood-related or not). I hope that as I get familiar with this area, there will be a plethora of different ways we can connect with each other and our creator.

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## A message from the Reverend David Lewis Continued

Whether it's a school celebration, communal meal, prayer walk, chat at the pub, or anything else, I look forward to seeing what's in store here. When you read the four Gospels, many incredible things happen when Jesus is at a meal or travelling to or from one. People are healed, included, elevated and restored when he comes into contact with people around a table. Of course, the most potent image of this is at the Last Supper. Though tradition has formed the Eucharist into a specific set of words, actions and responses, I find it helpful to remember that Jesus' final meal was one celebrating the Passover with his closest friends and followers. We are transported and drafted in to that unique evening, reminded of all those who have taken part in it before and those who share in it with us around the world. As part of the liturgy, we affirm that "though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread" and this emphasises the unity that this simple act creates. All are welcome at Christ's table and I'm looking forward to serving many of you at it as I move around different churches.

All blessings, **David**

### Village WhatsApp Groups

Did you know that our villages have their own WhatsApp Groups?

Well, we do and they keep us in touch with what's happening around us and share community news. If you'd like to join, here are the 'Administrator' details:

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|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| ◇ <b>Averham:</b>    | <b>Tracey Carlisle</b> | <b>07970 179755</b> |
| ◇ <b>Kelham:</b>     | <b>Judith Mills</b>    | <b>07775 781591</b> |
| ◇ <b>Staythorpe:</b> | <b>Debs Storey</b>     | <b>07974 957684</b> |



## — Safeguarding —

The Church of England, along with many of the world's faiths has a shameful history in respect of Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. The resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby points to an institution still struggling to put the needs of children, young people and vulnerable adults before its reputation. I know some people who have been faithful Church attendees have really questioned their own commitment to the national Church. A position I understand.

I am the Local Parish Safeguarding Officer. Although now retired, I spent forty years of my life in Health organisations and in Local Authority organisations where a key part of my role was Safeguarding. I bring that knowledge and experience to my volunteer role.

My key priority for our 4 local Churches is prevention of any abuse.

To that end each Parochial Church Council has a signed declaration and posters displayed in all our Churches confirming our commitment to safeguarding. All volunteers attend Basic Awareness Safeguarding training and all volunteers working directly with Children Young People or vulnerable adults attend Foundation Safeguarding Training.

All leaders including (retired) clergy, church wardens, leaders of Children's, Young People's and Vulnerable Adults' (CYPVA) activities are required to complete Leadership Safeguarding training. All the volunteers must have a current Disclosure and Baring Scheme Check (includes a criminal record check) before starting any activity in Church. One of the responsibilities of my role is to make sure all volunteers comply with these requirements.

Alongside this, is our work on recognising, assessing and managing risk. This work is both to protect CYPVA and to protect volunteers from any ambiguous situations. As volunteers we make no decisions, and undertake no investigations. Our job is to share any concerns so, that if, when the pieces of the jigsaw are put together by the statutory agencies of the Local Authority and Police, they can take the necessary action.

Susan Twemlow



## CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9:30am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's</b> <b>North Muskham</b>	<b>Harvest Festival and</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Combined Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9:30 am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's</b> <b>South Muskham</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 3:00pm</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's</b> <b>North Muskham</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9:30 am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's</b> <b>Kelham</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9:30 am</b>	<b>St Michael and All</b> <b>Angels, Averham</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 4:00 am</b>	<b>St Michael and All</b> <b>Angels, Averham</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1st Nov. 2:00 pm</b>	<b>St Michael and All</b> <b>Angels, Averham</b>	<b>All Souls Service</b>

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