

Firstly, a huge thank you to all those people who helped to organise and run the events we held last year

### **General.**

The final quiz of the year raised nearly £300 towards the defibrillator fund and so far we have raised £1000 of the £1500 defibrillator cost. The Carol Concert was well attended and proved great fun with the ukulele orchestra (Coningsby & Tattershall Strummers) and the Christmas songs proving really popular. A big thankyou also to the Bain Valley Choir and to Holly Pallat for all of their lovely singing. Just over £100 was raised which was shared between the Church Conservation Trust, the Parochial Church Council and our Parish Funds.

### **St Benedicts Church, Haltham**

Our village church; St Benedicts, with its amazing history, is maintained by the Church Conservation Trust (CCT), a charity that maintains those historical churches that are no longer active. We are allowed, with the appropriate permission, to use St Benedicts and, as was seen at Christmas, it really looks stunning when cleaned up and decorated. A number of villagers have expressed an interest in looking after St Benedict's to both the Trust's and our village's mutual benefit. We are therefore planning to meet up with the Trust's representatives in the Spring to see what is possible and might be achieved within budgetary and other constraints. Perhaps power, an outer door, heating etc might be possible to help make the church more suitable for our use? We need to find out? The Trust is keen to see their churches used as much as possible by the local communities and some funds might be available for us to bring improvements to the church. If you have ideas or suggestions, or would simply like to help, or would like to start or join a "Friends of St Benedicts" group that could meet up occasionally to help improve and maintain the church, then please let Helen Huthwaite know of your interest. Any village action will probably start by meeting up with the CCT and agreeing a way ahead.

### **Village Activities**

We hope again to have a number of fundraising and village events this year and are therefore looking for people to help organise and run them. If you have an idea for an event, or would like to be involved in any way, then please let John Huthwaite know.

There is a coffee morning penned in for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am till noon at the Roughton Parish Hall, there will be various stalls including Tombola, £1 mystery parcels, cakes, books, a raffle, Mother's Day and Easter Gifts available, No entry fee!! So please come and give your support in aid of St Margaret's Church, Roughton.

### **Defibrillator**

Two LIVES run training sessions have been held and a total of 26 people have learnt about CPR and how to use the defibrillator. Thank you to all those who helped, not only the LIVES people but also the villagers involved. We will look at ongoing and refresher training for the future in due course. Margaret MacCall has volunteered to lead on future training.

Meanwhile, can I ask you all to consider what you will do and who you will call for help in the event of you, or someone else close to you, feeling ill or collapsing? Do you know what your helper's telephone number and do they know they are your point of contact for help? Generally, in the event of someone collapsing you call 999 and may, if appropriate, begin CPR until help arrives. If the help takes time to arrive you may need someone to help you maintain the CPR? Please take action now to decide, if necessary, who you will call? If you are unable to identify someone to help then please let us know and we will help you address the issue.

### **Village Funds**

We have just had confirmed a grant of £565 from the Councillors Community Grant Fund. £500 of this is to be used to improve access to the Village Green and its use, the remaining £65 is to fund a one off payment to allow for attending LALC (Lincolnshire Association of local Councils) training courses for the year April 2019 through to March 2020. A big thankyou goes to our District Councillor William Gray for arranging this to be made.

Mike Schofield 20 February 2019