



Dear all,

None of us could have watched the situation unfolding in Ukraine over the last few weeks and not felt helpless, angry, upset and emotional. Some of us have been praying very hard for peace and justice to come once again to a fellow European country. The bravery and commitment to one another and their country has been overwhelming I'm sure we would all agree. It's hard at times like this and some of us ask that usual question, 'if there is a God why does he let this happen?' But we need to be aware that just as there is a God there is also evil in our world and this is what we are witnessing at this time.

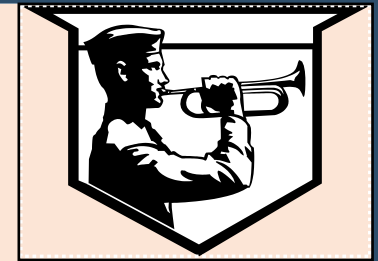
None of us knows how this will end but for now we can all do something to help. Many have already given financially or given donations to the many places collecting for refugees in Ukraine which is wonderful, and many are also looking at opening their homes to a known refugee family since phase one of the government scheme opened in March.

Previous to being here in Leadenham many of you will know I was a parish priest in Cyprus which is a key destination for refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and many other countries. During my time there I initiated and developed the church's response to ministering to the refugee community which involved supporting them and working with them in many different ways enabling them to settle and find their way forward in their new lives in a new country. It was truly a rewarding and humbling role and if possible it would be wonderful for us all to do the same if we can here in our communities.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March we held an open meeting at St Chad's church to discuss how we as a local rural community can offer sanctuary and support to refugees. I know some may be able to offer space in their homes, but many cannot due to lack of space or circumstances, but it's important to remember that if you can't you may be able to help in other ways; offer financial support, time to welcome these refugees and help them settle into their new lives here, activities to help them integrate. One for instance has offered dance lessons for the children, another beekeeping time out, there are many other offers. to understand what we can offer.

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# The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle



April 2022

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## Time to get walking again!

Walking in Lincolnshire ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs/](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs/))

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Lincolnshire has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place. John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lincolnshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so

whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for push-chairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

Slow Ways ([beta.slowways.org](http://beta.slowways.org))

We're creating a network of routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities. There are currently over 7,000 Slow Ways. This unique network of routes was drafted online by volunteers during the Spring 2020 lockdown.

The next challenge is to walk or wheel, review and verify them all – checking over 100,000km of Slow ways routes. It's a big ambition for 2022. Thousands of people are getting involved. Up for helping?

Simply choose, walk and review a Slow Ways route. Use Slow Ways to discover suggested routes to walk or wheel between neighbouring cities, towns and villages. Download routes onto your favourite walking app, print them out, download or memorise – the choice is yours.



All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next June 2022 issue is May 20th 2022

So if you can help and haven't offered yet please get in touch as we are trying to put a plan together as a community to understand what we can offer.

What is important in all this and a lesson I learnt very early on is that we are called to empower them to live their own lives in a new community. But we also need to be clear and honest what we can offer, think it through as this will be a real commitment and not something to be undertaken lightly.

As we come to that wonderful time in the church community of Easter let us remind ourselves of Jesus' command to us all 'to love one another' and look for ways to live that out as we help in whatever way we can. In the words of Archbishop Justin and Stephen, 'In these days of uncertainty and fear, we pray that each of us might again turn to the Lord and receive God's gift of peace, work for God's justice, and know God's reconciliation and love. May we choose paths not of hatred or destruction, violence or retribution, but God's way of love and justice, mercy and peace'.

A reminder that our churches are all open for anyone wishing to use them for some quiet prayer time and many have a Ukrainian flag and candles to light for peace whilst you are there.

Rev Chris

### Services In April

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1030 Leadenham

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 1030 Brant Broughton – Palm Sunday

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Welbourn – Maundy Thursday service with Tenebrae

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm – Beckingham – Good Friday

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 1030 – Leadenham – Easter Sunday

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 1030 – Brant Broughton



PCSO Sarah Lingard

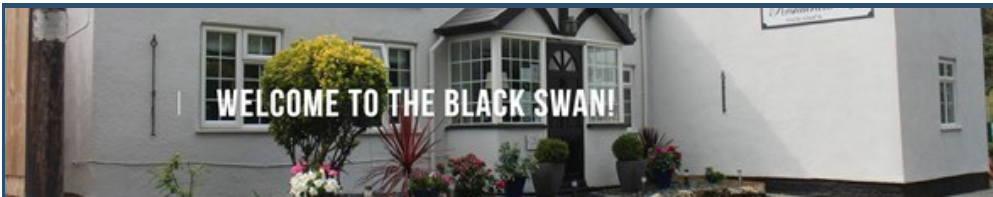
Please note that from March 2022 all police email addresses will no longer have "pnn" in the address.

The team email address is now [Hykeham@lincs.police.uk](mailto:Hykeham@lincs.police.uk) this is the preferred address to be used to contact everyone in the team.

If you wish to contact an individual team member, the address remains the same without the "pnn" e.g. [firstname.lastname@lincs.police.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@lincs.police.uk)

Kind Regards **Sarah Lingard**

PCSO 2120



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Black Swan Team

Black Swan Restaurant  
Hillside

Beckingham

Tel:01636 626474

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### Support for Ukraine

Various support measures are being developed by Lincolnshire County Council and other organisations to support families relocated from Ukraine and families already here who are affected by the ongoing situation.



The network of Lincolnshire councils, police, public bodies and charitable and community organisations working up Lincolnshire's welcome is continuing to put everything in place, in readiness for the arrivals.

Councillor Richard Wright, Leader of North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire representative on the East Midlands Migration Board, said he understood and shared the frustration of people who felt things were not moving fast enough, but assured everyone that there was significant activity underway. *"We know there are hundreds, if not thousands of Lincolnshire people, opening up their hearts and homes in response to this dreadful humanitarian crisis and I thank everyone for all that they are doing, giving, donating and putting in place. I know that it's frustrating, because we all want to do the best we can, but I encourage everyone to be patient and wait on the next set of guidance. It makes sense to start with matching people who already know each other or have a connection, to get them placed and begin supporting them as soon as we can. Following this first phase I've no doubt that the Government will move forward as fast and as securely as it can. Meanwhile, here in Lincolnshire, we are working together at pace to prepare to welcome Ukrainian refugees as part of Phase 1 of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. While we await more detail on how the resettlement scheme will be applied, this hasn't stopped us joining up to develop plans and put in place effective partnership arrangements to oversee the local response. Our initial focus is on providing links to local services, developing local donations and appropriate property and safeguarding checks."*

A further process through which UK or Ukrainian nationals living in the UK who have direct family connections can reach out to offer refuge in their homes is in place. Details at [www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukrainefamily-scheme-visa](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukrainefamily-scheme-visa) As the refugees arrive and settle in Lincolnshire, there is a network in place to ensure connections are made for all the advice and support they need, as well as statutory services such as healthcare, education, benefits and council services.

(But if your council wishes to support the emergency response, please be aware of specific limitations within the Local Government Act 1972 ie it is unlawful for a council to contribute to a charity or a public service body operating overseas, or to a fund established to help persons outside the UK.)

**The story so far.....**

The NKDC Planning website now lists 171 public comments objecting to this set of planning applications.

For the 20 Statutory Consultees the Housing Strategy Manager, for example states:



*“The 2020 Central Lincolnshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment identifies in North Kesteven between 2019-2024, no additional need for pitches arising from gypsy and travellers, assessed in line with the criteria of the 2015 Department for Communities and Local Government publication Planning Policy for Traveller Sites.”*

The Ministry of Defence replied:

*“..... Paragraph 185 of the NPPF 2021 requires planning policies and decisions to ensure that new development mitigates and reduces to a minimum potential adverse impact from noise which would give rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life.*

*..... In the absence of a noise impact assessment report based on a site-specific noise assessment carried out during an appropriate time frame using an approved methodology the MOD object to the identified planning applications. This is based on insufficient information being submitted by the applicant to demonstrate how the noise generated by military activity will impact upon the residential amenity for future occupants of the proposed caravans and whether it is possible to adequately mitigate the impact of noise within habitable and external amenity space”*

David Broughton stated:

*“..... At present the information available for this suite of 17 related planning applications is insufficient to understand the potential impacts and effects on biodiversity and nature conservation, and therefore it is also insufficient to demonstrate that relevant planning policy and legal requirements can be met. “*

Beckingham Parish Council commissioned Chattertons Solicitors to prepare its objections. This runs to 10 pages and a full copy can be found on the Parish Council website at [beckinghamvillage.co.uk/news/objection.pdf](http://beckinghamvillage.co.uk/news/objection.pdf)

Also The Parish Council commissioned The Transportation Consultancy (ttc) to undertake a ‘traffic and transport’ review



They conclude :

*“As a result of the evidence presented above, it is clear that granting of permission for the 17 plots would have a severe impact on the highway safety. The proposals are clearly in breach of local and national planning policies whereby they do not provide a sustainable site, safe and secure access cannot be provided and the impact of the additional traffic from the development would have a severe impact on firstly highway safety and secondly the operational capacity of the A17. We therefore see no reason why this application should be allowed to be granted permission.”*

This was added to the above objection to NKDC and a full copy can be found on the Parish Council website at [beckinghamvillage.co.uk/news/survey.pdf](http://beckinghamvillage.co.uk/news/survey.pdf)

So the case looks overwhelming.....but be prepare for surprises!!

Late update 30th March:  
  
Lawrence has had recent talks with Mark Williets (Development Manager) and Nick Feltham (Principal Planning Officer and the new Case Officer ) and it seems likely that the application(s) will be called before the Planning Committee at the meeting scheduled for the 7th June

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday 5th May at 7pm  
  
This is the Annual Parish Meeting—come and have your say!!