

## SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MATTERSEY IN OCTOBER 2011

Sun 02 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 09 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 16 Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 19 Oct	9.30am	mid-month Holy Communion in <b>Clayworth</b> Church
Fri 21 Oct	1.30pm	School Harvest Service
Sun 23 Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sun 30 Oct	<b><u>10.00am</u></b>	Holy Communion – <i>United service for all 4 parishes;</i> <i>Preacher: Rev Sue Hemsley Halls</i>

### YOUR CHURCH IS OPEN

The Parish Church is open on a daily basis, normally from sunrise to sunset. The building can be an oasis of peace in a busy world. Please feel welcome to make use of **your** church for prayer during these periods. Please also feel free to contact me on 01777-817364 if there are any concerns that you would like to discuss or pray about.

*Jonathan Smithurst, Vicar*

# Idle Talk

## The Village Magazine of Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe



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## Some useful telephone numbers:

### Commercial Services:

Animal Hotel: Margaret A-Jones 01777-817379, [www.animalhotelmattersey.co.uk](http://www.animalhotelmattersey.co.uk)  
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*Please email or phone the Editor if you would like to advertise your services available to the residents of Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe*

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Mattersey Primary School Head Teacher: Mrs Sharon Patton 01777-817265  
Vicar: Jonathan Smithurst, 01777-817364  
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### Contacts:

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## Editorial October 2011

### Initial Meeting for 2012 Jubilee Celebrations

The first meeting of residents interested in ensuring Mattersey celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 took place at the end of August. From the group who attended approximately nine people agreed to get more involved in organising the event. In addition to those attending, offers of support have been made from five others who were unable to attend the event in person due to holidays and other commitments.

The follow up meeting is taking place on Wednesday 6th October in the top room at the Church Hall and aims to start putting some flesh on the bones of what has been suggested so far. Hopefully all the "interested in helping but not able to make the last meeting" parties will attend this one.

What was decided was that the event will be held on Saturday June 2nd. Probably the biggest issue we have is to decide how high to aim and how complex to pitch the event in terms of what to put on and the costs that could be incurred. At the moment there really isn't any indication from the village of how well this event will be supported, so that tends to suggest we should keep the event simple with minimal committed up front expenditure - as we cannot otherwise be sure to cover costs.

While the Parish Council are making some monies available for as yet to be decided uses, the cost of any equipment, facility or professional entertainment will undoubtedly be a lot more on this weekend than at any other time during 2012. Additionally, facilities will be bound to be booked up earlier than on any normal weekend so we will have to move quickly on some items.

Again anyone who wishes to attend our next meeting and contribute suggestions and offers of help would be very welcome.

**Don't Forget—The 2012 Jubilee Celebration Planning Follow-up Meeting is being held in the upstairs room at the Church Hall on Wednesday 5th October at 6.30pm.**

**Steve Digby (Editor)**

## Message Board

### ANOTHER DELICIOUS LUNCHEON

We all enjoyed the summer luncheon served by those highly professional ladies in the villages of Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe. They did have some difficulty with the pud as it was blackberry and apple crumble and, whilst apples are plentiful, blackberries are not. However, not to be outdone, they all managed to find some to flavour the apples - well done, ladies! I look forward to the Christmas lunch with anticipation.....**Liz Clark**

**Helen Woodhead** would like to thank all her friends and relations who attended her recent birthday celebration at the White Swan in early September. Also for all your cards, presents and kind wishes. Thanks to Tony Casino who provided the entertainment during the evening.....**Helen**

### Mattersey Primary School

We are celebrating Book Week during the week beginning 3rd October and I was wondering if anyone would like to volunteer to come in and read one of their favourite stories with the children?

**Sharon Patton**  
**Head Teacher, Mattersey Primary School (01777-817265)**

### News from the Pews

Furthering our efforts to keep Mattersey Church as welcoming as possible for worshippers & visitors, we are having a BIG CLEAN on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. I know it's more usual to do "big cleaning" in the Springtime but because that is the time when the bats are becoming active after their winter hibernation, we thought we would wait until the bats begin to settle down (or should that be up) for the winter.

**MANY HANDS MAKE A CLEAN CHURCH** & so we'd be delighted if you could spare the time to come & help clean the church anytime between 10am & 4pm for an hour... or 2.... or even longer!

We invite you to choose your chore & come to - *catch cobwebs* - *polish pews* - *vacuum the velvets (curtains)* - *disperse dust* - or any of the other tasks that we hope will leave our church **BRIGHT & SHINING**.....And there will be *drinks to be dispensed & biscuits to be bitten*. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Contacts Churchwardens Gail Foster 818062 or Anne Mills 818398**

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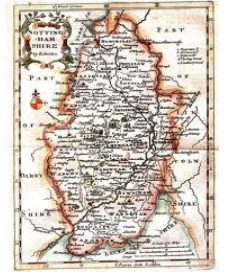
Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe

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The MAP project is an idea that came from local people in Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe, to create activities that we could do across the generations that would be engaging and enjoyable. Archaeology was suggested because it can be made interesting on different levels, can involve all ages and could help us to put Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe on the map as an interesting place to live in or visit.

Following a meeting with local residents at the end of last year, a small group of people involving local residents, the Rural Youth Worker and Blue Skies Community Initiative are currently applying for funding to offer the following to local people in and around Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe for free.

#### The main ideas are:

- to provide an interesting project for **anyone in our area** to be part of
- to hold informal, information sessions about the history of our area
- to give anyone (adults, children and youths) the chance to learn together about archaeology and how to identify "finds"
- **field walking sessions** - supported by professional archaeologists to develop skills in identifying and plotting finds and reading old maps
- metal detecting sessions
- sessions for children in school out of school
- trip to York to visit their archaeology site, Jorvik and the Dungeons
- art and craft sessions to use the finds to create a long-lasting display



A meeting took place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10 am at the TRA House. If you missed this - don't worry - you can still be involved - watch out for local posters and information.

PS You don't need to be a Time Team fan or expert - we just want to spark your interest

# Village Business

## BRICKBYBRICK Property Maintenance

The latest company to operate out of Mattersey has opened for business with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September. BRICKBYBRICK Property Maintenance, run by Glen Rutherford, aims to specialise in rebuild, repair and maintenance of existing brick built structures in the villages within the Bawtry/Gainsborough/Retford triangle. Patios, walls, chimneys, roof ridges are all within the remit of the company.

" I was born in and been a long term resident of Clayworth before moving to Mattersey 5 years ago. After finishing at King Edward's School in Retford, I was apprenticed as a bricklayer to my father in the family building firm - Rutherford Builders. On completing a 3 year apprenticeship I studied for a further year to gain an advanced City & Guilds certificate.

My experience was further extended by working in technical sales for The Nottingham Brick Company, working closely with major house building companies. This also required me to build brick panels for exhibitions, demonstrating specialist mortars and pointing. Additional responsibilities required liaison with architects to design bespoke bricks for specialist applications e.g. brick archways. After several years in this and other construction related fields, I returned to the family business for several years, specialising in renovating barns and other period properties. Whilst still keeping my hand in, doing specialist brickwork I also was responsible for managing the sub-contractors working on sites.

Whilst having moved around in several non-building orientated jobs, I continue to return to my favoured building roots and experiences. Consequently Brick-by-Brick Property Maintenance is my latest venture into the building trade, and whilst there are no specific limitations to the work I will undertake, it will preferably involve maintenance of existing structures rather than new builds.



Things don't always run to plan doing house maintenance. A few years ago, whilst working on the roof pointing a chimney stack of a large house, a plumber in the house disturbed a bee's nest inside the chimney. They were a little angry to say the least and when they saw me decided to take revenge for their rude awakening. The only avoiding action I could take was to run

down the roof and jump - fortunately into a large pile of loose sand that had been delivered earlier in the day. In those days I was a lot younger and a lot braver and also sand was dropped in a heap on the ground - not delivered hard packed in aggregate sacks as it is now!

Outside work, my wife Rebecca, 2 children and I are very sports orientated. Formerly I played local club football for Clayworth & Everton (now retired), and any time now left over after maintaining our large garden, is taken up playing golf at Gainsborough."

Glen Rutherford

I can be contacted by phone on either 07885-495952 or 01777-817092.

Also by email: [glen.brickbybrick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:glen.brickbybrick@hotmail.co.uk)

## Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe Fundraisers

**The Fundraisers Annual General Meeting will be held on October 20th at 7pm in the Church Hall.**

**All Welcome**

# Villages Together

Recent meetings have included a visit to Gainsborough Old Hall, where we had an interesting guided tour and delicious tea and cakes to follow.

Margaret Bennett's talk on her adventures and encounters with wildlife in Australia was also very well received, as was Maggie Battersby's second talk to the group; this time focusing on "Skeletons in the Closet", a fascinating insight into some of the unusual and unexpected discoveries which can emerge from delving into family history.

Members of Villages Together group, had a fantastic afternoon at Liz Clark's "Taste of France Part 3". After speaking in French (yes, we all managed it!) about our leisure interests, playing a game to reinforce our new found language skills we were treated to a wonderful feast of Gallettes avec tomates et oignons, galettes avec champignons et Brie, followed by delectable Tarte au Citron and Tarte Tatin.

Magnifique. You don't know what you missed! Parts 1 and 2 were great too - can't wait for Taste of France 4!

**The 'Villages Together' forthcoming programme of events is published below. Do come and join us in Mattersey Church Hall at 1.45pm.**

Tuesday 4th October - Call My Bluff - Rodney Cousins  
Tuesday 18th October - Housekeeping - The National Trust  
Tuesday 1st November - Corn Dollies - Janet Goddard

All are welcome to 'Villages Together' meetings which we hold every other Tuesday and if you have friends in other villages, please bring them along. See 'Idle Talk' for the programme or call Sue on 01777 818880 for further information.

Villages Together is supported by Blue Skies Community Initiative Tel: Sue for further information on 01777 818880 or 07921-132889

## Seasonal Recipe Pumpkin Soup



**Preparation time:** 30 mins to 1 hour **Cooking time:** 1 to 2 hours

### Ingredients (to serve 8-10)

1 x 4kg/8lb 13oz pumpkin,	2 medium onions, peeled, finely chopped
125g/4oz butter,	1.7 litres/3 pints chicken stock
1 cinnamon stick,	freshly grated nutmeg
3 tablespoons sherry,	salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Preparation method

1. Cut the top off the pumpkin and set aside. Scoop out the seeds and fibres from the middle and discard.
2. Using a sharp knife and a spoon, carefully hollow out the pumpkin, removing the flesh and setting aside. (It is imperative that you do not cut right up to the inside of the skin or pierce it. Leave 2cm/1in of flesh all around the inside.)
3. Roughly chop the scooped-out pumpkin flesh.
4. Melt the butter in a large pan with a lid over a low heat and add the onions. Cook the onions gently for 10-15 minutes, until they are softened and golden-brown.
5. Add the pumpkin flesh, the cinnamon and nutmeg, and season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Increase the heat to medium and cover with the lid. Cook for 40-45 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent the base from burning, until the pumpkin is cooked through.
6. Add the stock and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly. Transfer the soup to a food processor in batches and blend until smooth.
7. Return the soup to the pan and bring to a low simmer and cook for a further half hour.
8. Forty-five minutes before eating, preheat the oven to 170C/335F/Gas 3.
9. Pour the soup into the hollow pumpkin shell, add the sherry and stir to combine.
10. Place the reserved pumpkin 'lid' onto the pumpkin and place onto a large baking tray. Cook in the oven for about 45 minutes, to bring the soup up to temperature.
11. To serve, carefully remove from the oven and serve the soup in the pumpkin at the table. Ladle into bowls and serve.

# Bassetlaw Rural Children's Centre Network Autumn-Winter Activities 2011

Bassetlaw Rural Children's Centre Network  
(The Old School Site)  
(Just off) High Street  
Misterton  
Doncaster  
DN10 4BU  
01427 892500

## What's on every week...

### MONDAYS

Bumps and Babes 9am to 1pm

Baby weighing available (Just drop in) Antenatal Appointments  
(Please ring to book an appointment with one of the midwives)

### TUESDAYS

Family Fun – Stay and Play Session 9.15 – 11.00am  
At Clarborough Primary School (term time only)



### WEDNESDAYS

Baby Massage 10-11am

(Starts 16<sup>th</sup> November for 5 weeks please ring to book on the course)

Sure Babies 10-11am

(Starts 5<sup>th</sup> October for 6 weeks) Gym style session with games,  
exercises and songs

### THURSDAYS

Family Fun – Stay and Play 1-2pm

At Elkesley Primary School (term time only)



### SATURDAYS

Just for Men 10am – 12noon

Last Saturday of every month, Dad's and Male Carer's group at  
Misterton Fire Station, Fox Covert Lane, Misterton

# Autumn/Winter Activities

## October

### Space Week.....

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Clarborough Stay & Play 9.15 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Misterton Stay & Play 1-3pm
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Elkesley Family Fun Session 1-2pm



Join us for some outer space and alien fun in one of the  
sessions above. Space themed crafts and activities!!

### Humphrey's Pyjama Parties.....

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Bumps and Babes at Misterton 9am-1pm
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Clarborough Stay & Play 9.15 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Misterton Stay & Play 1-3pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Elkesley Family Fun Session 1-2pm



Come to a fun pyjama party to help raise money for The  
Children's Trust. Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite  
teddy bear! £1 donation to The Children's Trust.

### National Parents Week..... Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Look out for our National Parents Week Celebrations,  
more details coming soon.



### Spooktakular Half Term Halloween Treats.....Join us for some messy Halloween fun:-

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at Mattersey Thorpe 1-3pm (outside @ Keys Court)
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Misterton Stay & Play 1-3pm
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Elkesley Primary School 1-3pm



## **MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

[www.matterseypc.co.uk](http://www.matterseypc.co.uk)

Chairman: Mr. G. Brown, Vice Chairman: Mr. T.J. Roberts  
Councillors: Mr. P. Barrett, Mr G Chambers, Mrs. L. Hunt, Mr R Kendall  
Mrs. L.B.Saint,

Contact Details: Mrs. Adele Haddon, Clerk to Mattersey Parish Council,  
Caudle Meadows, Wigthorpe Lane, Wigthorpe, Worksop. Notts  
S81 8BU Tel: 01909 731565  
email: [clerk@matterseypc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@matterseypc.co.uk)

*Meetings are held 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (except August)  
in the Church Hall commencing at 7.30pm*

### **Diamond Jubilee**

The village meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August regarding organising an event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was attended by some very enthusiastic residents who are prepared to give their time to organising some fun for the special occasion. However, there were not as many as had been hoped and it would be easier on everyone if a few more volunteers could be persuaded to lend a hand. Please contact Cllr Lesley Hunt if you would like to help, perhaps some of the younger people in the community would join in so that there is something for all the family.

### **Snow Clearing**

Last year's terrible weather resulted in chaos on the roads and many villages being cut off by deep snow and treacherous ice. Mattersey Parish Council and others throughout Nottinghamshire have been communicating with the County Council to give their views on how the problems could be minimised in the future. The Parish Council will have 2 tonnes of its own grit salt which it will use when necessary and we are lobbying for more grit bins in the area. Cllrs Roberts and Hunt have been nominated as the villages Snow Wardens and will provide information on local conditions to the Highways Officers. The County Council are also seeking expressions of interest regarding the use of farmers to assist in the clearing of roads. It is anticipated that this will be paid for on an agreed hourly rate. If anyone would like to be considered for this type of work would they please contact Karen Nurse on 01623 520715.

### **“Britain in Bloom” and “Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village” competitions**

I am sure that most of you will have heard about these competitions in the press. The Britain in Bloom competition is run by the Royal Horticultural Society and aims to involve the whole community to improve their environment by introducing more flowers and pride into their village.

The Notts Best Kept Village competition has similar aims but with more emphasis on the cleanliness and general well kept appearance than floral. The Parish Council has not entered these competitions before but would welcome any feedback from residents.

### **Rented Housing Vacancies**

There are some houses in Mattersey Thorpe which are managed by Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association with whom there is a special agreement that local people should have priority when a house becomes available. Following discussion with the Association it was felt that local people may not be aware of this and consequently opportunities might not be taken up. If you would like to be contacted when a vacancy arises would you please give your details to the clerk to the Parish Council so that they can be kept on file.

### **What would you do with £500?**

Not a question you get asked every day – but the Parish Council is asking **you** today. Why? Because we want residents to take more of an active role in deciding what happens in your own community and where you think money should be spent. The system is called Participatory Budgeting and has proved successful in other parts of the country. It means that instead of sitting back and letting the Parish Council spend your money throughout the year and then muttering about not seeing anything to show for it or feeling that priorities have been wrong, you vote on suggestions made by yourself or your neighbours. Now before you get carried away it must be pointed out that the Parish Council do have to abide by certain legalities and can't spend money outside its parameters but that can be explained in more detail later. So, would you like to see the money go towards a bigger project (e.g. youth shelter, traffic calming measures, play area,) or be used for a one-off event for the whole village (Jubilee celebration) or for equipment for youth club or flower tubs, litter picking or weed killing, or for that matter not spent at all. The Parish Council wants to hear from as many people as possible with as many ideas as possible. All will be looked at and assessed as to their feasibility, legality and total cost. They will then be put back to residents with explanations and each household will be asked to vote on the idea which they feel should be pursued.

The Parish Council have proposed that up to £500 might be allocated to Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe so that each village will have the same amount at its disposal as both may have differing needs – it may be that you decide the money should be spent on the same thing. This is a pilot scheme which has been tried in other parts of the country and with great success in some areas. In fact some Parish Councils now ask residents to vote on how to spend virtually the whole of its precept by being asked to set their own priorities and budgets. Please think about what you want to spend this money on and write or email the clerk by 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next parish council meeting will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

# October Occasions

## 10<sup>th</sup> October Devil's Blackberry Day or Old Michaelmas Day

Old Michaelmas Day falls on October 10<sup>th</sup> (11th October according to some sources). According to an old legend, blackberries should not be picked after this date. This is because, so folklore goes, Satan was banished from Heaven on this day, fell into a blackberry bush and cursed the brambles as he fell into them. In Yorkshire, it is said that the devil had "spat" on them. According to Morrell (1977), this old legend is well-known in all parts of the United Kingdom, even as far north as the Orkney Islands.

## 21st October — Trafalgar Day



Trafalgar Day is the celebration of the victory won by the Royal Navy, commanded by Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson over the combined French and Spanish fleets at the Battle of Trafalgar on 21 October 1805. It was widely commemorated by parades, dinners and other events throughout much of the British Empire in the 19th century and early 20th century. It is still widely celebrated in navies of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Its public celebration declined after the end of World War I in 1918. The massive casualties and upheaval had changed the general public perception of war as a source of glorious victories to a more sombre view of it as a tragedy, for which the newly instituted Armistice Day on 11 November was created. However, Trafalgar Day was still marked as a public day each year. Around 1993 it was rumoured that John Major's government might make it a public holiday in place of May Day, and this plan has been revived in the 2011 Tourism Strategy created by the Coalition government.

## 31<sup>st</sup> October Hallowe'en

This is the night of the Dead - the most unpredictable night of the year - and one where festivals from many cultures collide. In the Christian calendar this is the eve of the Feast of All Saints, when the dead in paradise are remembered. Nowadays Halloween is a popular celebration, which commonly includes a mixture of traditional British activities such as carving jack-o'-lanterns, telling scary stories and apple n - bobbing, with more recently imported events such as trick-or-treating, playing pranks, attending costume parties, visiting haunted attractions and watching horror films.



*Rambling Rose*

# Retford Ramblers

Our Groups 40th Anniversary Year programme is drawing to a close, but there are still plenty of walks to enjoy. Autumn is upon us, the countryside is taking on that golden glow before Winter takes its hold. If you enjoy walking and would like to meet some like minded people, then come and try one of our walks. We are a friendly bunch and are always happy to see new faces. Our usual Sunday morning meeting place is Chapelgate Car Park, Retford at 9.30am & we operate car sharing from there if needed.

Hope to meet you soon.

Sun 9th Oct @ 9.00am 8miles Edge of Wolds/Battlefields & Lost Churches  
Wed 12th Oct @ 9.00 am 10 miles Burbage Edge  
Sun, 16th Oct @ 9.30 am 10 miles Five Villages Walk  
Sun 30th Oct @ 9.30 am 8 miles Langold Lake & Roche Abbey  
Sun 6th Nov @ 9.00 am 10 miles Binbrook

**For further information contact 01777-818055  
or 01777-838763  
or e-mail to [reford.ramblers1@btinternet.com](mailto:reford.ramblers1@btinternet.com)**

**Sally Fraser — Chairman — Retford Ramblers Group**



## Common Phrases and Sayings "The Bitter End"

**Meaning:** To the limit of one's efforts - to the last extremity.

**Origin:** "Bitter" has been an adjective meaning acrid or sour tasting since the year 725 AD at least. The word was in common use in the Middle Ages and Shakespeare uses it numerous times in his plays and poems,

However Captain Smith in his publication *Seaman's Grammar*, 1627, is the earliest citation of the phrase in print: "A Bitter is but the turne of a Cable about the Bits, and veare it out by little and little. And the Bitters end is that part of the Cable doth stay within board."

As you might have deduced, a bitt is a post fastened in the deck of a ship, for fastening cables and ropes. When a rope is played out to the bitter end, it means there is no more rope to be used.

# Crimebeat

A monthly look at ways to Combat Crime  
With East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood  
Policing Inspector, Jenny Madin



## **Make life difficult for a burglar**

**Most burglaries are carried out by opportunist thieves, and – incredible as it may seem – in two out of every ten burglaries they don't even have to use force to get in, they gain access through an open door or window.**

But everybody can reduce the risk of their home being burgled by taking some simple (and often inexpensive) precautions.

Start by making sure your doors and windows are fitted with strong locks – and keep them fully locked, even when you are in the house.

An open door or window is an open invitation to a burglar.

If you are replacing or fitting new doors and windows, get ones that are certified to British Standard BS7950 (windows) or PAS 24-1 (doors).

Then, look at your home through a burglar's eyes. If you had forgotten your keys, how would you get in?

If you can get in then so can a burglar.

Are there any places where they could break in without being seen? Would they have to make a lot of noise by breaking glass?

A third of all burglars get in through a window, so in addition to BS7950 Windows of Enhanced Security, consider fitting laminated glass, particularly in ground floor and accessible windows as this is much harder to break.

Window locks that can easily be seen from the outside are a good deterrent and may well put thieves off because the burglar knows he will have to break the glass and risk attracting attention.

And even if he does take that risk, he knows he still cannot open the window so runs the risk of cutting himself climbing through the broken glass.

Home security and DIY shops sell inexpensive, key operated locks to fit most kinds of

windows and remember you may need more than one lock depending on the size of the opening to be secured.

You should fit key operated locks to ALL downstairs windows and windows that are easy to reach such as those above a flat roof or near a drainpipe.

Even really small windows such as skylights or bathroom fanlights need locks. A thief can get through any gap that is larger than a human head.

Louvre windows are especially vulnerable because a thief can easily take the slats out of the frame.

If you have one, glue the slats in place and fit a special louvre lock or replace them with a fixed glass window.

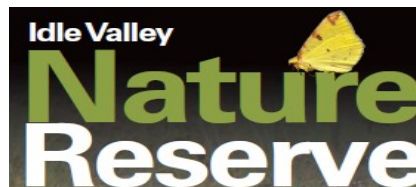
Before fitting locks to PVC-U or metal windows, it is best to talk to your installer to make sure this will not affect your warranty.

You may also like to consider fitting security grilles to particularly vulnerable windows, but only if these windows are not escape routes in case of fire.

A number of recent burglary victims have been away on holiday at the time. Caravans and campervans which are usually parked outside your home are sure signs to a thief that the occupants are away when they are not there.

My advice would be to consider storage away from the property. If this is not possible ensure neighbours are aware that you are away and can look after the house for you. And ensure valuables, including jewellery / money, are locked in a safe.

**For more information on combating crime, you can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat Manager, PC Chris Glover on 07595 074176 or PCSO Cath Phillips on 07525 409789 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111**



**Events at Idle  
Valley Learning Centre**  
contact 01777-713945 to book  
your place at all events

## **October Activities**

Oct Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	- 10.30 to 11.30 / Health Walk	FREE (no need to book)
Oct Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	- 10 to 12.30pm / Paper Making from raw materials	£3
Oct Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	- 1.30 to 3.30pm / Clay Modelling and Story Telling	£3.50
Oct Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	- 1.30 to 3.30pm / Wildlife Watch (Photos)	£1
Oct Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	- 11 to 12pm / Health Walk	FREE (no need to book)
Oct Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	- 9.15 to 12.30pm / Bird Walk	£2
Oct Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	- 11 to 12pm / Seed Gathering on the Reserve	£3
Oct Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	- 10 to 4pm / Learn about the world of fungi	£12
Oct Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	- 11 to 1pm / Magic Newts and Broomsticks!	£8



## **2011 PROGRAMME AT EVERTON VILLAGE HALL**

<u>October 17th</u>	Surprise Evening
<u>November 21st</u>	Colour of Bangladesh
<u>December 19th</u>	Christmas Party (Christmas Memories)

We are **not** ageist, we **are** friendly. Come and join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7-30pm in the Village Hall.

For more information ring:

Rosa Wright - 01777 816073 or Ann Hickman - 01777 818993

# LETS

**WILSON CLOSE, MATTERSEY THORPE, DONCASTER**  
No Bond / Deposit, Employed / Unemployed Welcome,  
Maintenance Services / 24 hr Cover

**2 BED, 3 PERSON HOUSE WITH ELECTRIC CENTRAL  
HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING.**

**RENT: £80per week Ref: 5ET1 Landlord: NCHA**

**CRITERIA:** A family with 1 or 2 children, depending on age and gender. Preference given to LETS applicants who are also registered with A1 Housing and who have a local connection to Mattersey Thorpe.

**AVAILABLE:** End October

**Please be aware that this property may still be tenanted and the notice withdrawn.**

**CLOSING DATE: 4th October 2011 @ 4.30pm**

### HOW TO APPLY FOR A PROPERTY

❖ To bid for a property you MUST be registered with A1 Housing and NCHA (Lets). Please telephone the A1 Bid line : 0845 2304365 quoting Property Reference Number - A1 Housing Application Number and Password  
OR visit A1 Housing website: [www.a1homefinder.org.uk](http://www.a1homefinder.org.uk)

❖ 50% of any vacancies will be advertised as preference to persons who are registered with A1 Housing and 50% will be advertised as preference to persons registered with A1 Housing and LETS

❖ The criteria is based on type and size of property and any estate community lettings plans applicable.

**N.C.H.A. will make exclusion checks on all applicants prior to making any offer. You will only be contacted by our Lettings Team if you have been successful**

LETS, 3 Forest Court, New Ollerton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9PL.  
tel 0800-013-8555 (Option 2)

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## A letter from our Vicar

### Dear Friends

Events in the Middle East have dominated the headlines in recent times. We have read of the overthrow of oppressive regimes in places such as Egypt, whilst in Syria the authorities are attempting ruthlessly to eliminate all opposition. As I write the downfall of Colonel Gaddafi in Libya seems imminent. In many of these countries there is great optimism as the people look forward to a better future. Will their dreams be fulfilled or will one despotic regime simply be replaced by another? Time will tell. What long-term solution can there be until Jesus Christ is welcomed at the conference table?

What is required is a transformation of attitudes. This is true too in our own country in which we have recently experienced the horror of riots in some of our cities. Many people appear to be motivated by self-interest.

The Christian attitude is to look to the interests of others ahead of our own. This involves a radical approach and a departure from the prevailing attitude of our society. St Paul summed it up like this:

*'Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will' (Romans chapter 12 verse 2).*

Let us pray for world leaders and for the leaders of our own nation that they may act wisely and by so doing, by the grace of God, may help to create a better world.

**Yours in Christ**

**Jonathan**

### Contact details for our Vicar:

For all queries about weddings, baptisms, funerals or other pastoral needs please contact: the Reverend Jonathan Smithurst, The Rectory, Abbey Road, Mattersey, Doncaster, DN10 5DX. Telephone 01777-817364.  
His day off is Friday.