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Inside Hough on the Hill Brand on Gelst on

The occasional publication by Hough on the Hill Parish Council. For contributions and queries contact any Parish Councillor or email houghpcclerk@gmail.com.

New Neighbours



A new sight overhead is the Phenom, based at RAF Cranwell. The 2-engined jet is replacing the King Air in the multi-engine training role.

reVOLT Fund

reVOLT was set up by local residents in 2012 to oppose the planned Temple Hill Wind Farm near Brandon. £7,200 was raised for the legal costs in the expected planning appeal. When it became clear this would not be necessary it was decided to distribute the funds to local projects, focussing on the villages where the most of the fundraising had taken place. Funded projects include:

- Parish church repairs £1,700
- Road safety £2,000
- Village halls £1,100
- Other community projects £2,400

Broadband

The County Council are still working on broadband provision for homes outside the villages. In the meantime, reasonable speeds are available via a radio link from Quickline (www.jhcs.com / 01636 682244) or ineedbroadband (0115 871 8379).

Brandon now has Fibre to the Property, which has the fastest speeds but a smaller choice of providers. For a basic service the radio links may be cheaper.

Speed Limits

After years of campaigning, and with the help of County Councillor Maughan, there is now a 40mph speed limit on the C001 through Brandon. The next priority is a speed limit for Gelston and measures to discourage speeding through Hough.

The 40mph limit is emphasised by 'gates' which were paid for by reVOLT.



The missing 'Brandon' village sign should be replaced soon.

Parish Council Budget

The Parish Council spends about £6,400 a year, typically comprising:

- Grass cutting £2300
- Clerk's Wages & Tax £2450
- Playground Maintenance £500
- Defibrillators/VETS £310
- Insurance & subscriptions £550
- Admin & Hall Hire (meetings) £290

The 'precept' on council tax bills is equivalent to about 31p per resident per week. Parish Councillors are not paid and take no expenses.

Cllr Milnes has awarded Hough Parish Council £200 from the SKDC Ward Member Grant Scheme for improvements to the playground surface.

Local History: The 1942 Hough Air Crash

John and Annie Ayto moved to Hough on the Hill around 1910. Their only son was killed in action 10 weeks before the end of the First World War.

Between the wars John worked for Robert Tyler, the baker at Gelston. He drove the horse-drawn bread van around Brandon, Hougham and Marston.

By 1942 the Aytos were in their 70s and living in one of the damp thatched cottages on Lower Road, Hough.



Just after midnight on the night of 8th Jun 1942, an RAF Bristol Blenheim bomber was on a training exercise when one of the engines began to misfire. As the aircraft lost height the air gunner baled out over Normanton Heath. The bomber hit a power line near the playing field in Hough before crashing on the Ayto's cottage. John & Annie and the remaining two crew members were killed in the ensuing fire.



Brandon Chapel of Ease

Brandon's 12th century St John the Evangelist Chapel was rebuilt in 1872 but requires constant upkeep. Several repairs were made in 2018 but the total cost of outstanding work is around £3,000.

A village get-together raised £660 towards the repairs and Chris Sherwood raises more money during the annual 'Lincolnshire Churches Ride and Stride'. The church has also raised money for local charities, including Grantham Food Bank. A service is held at 9am on the 3rd Sunday of each month.



This year's Brandon **Carol Service** (with mulled wine and mince pies) will be at 6.30pm on Friday, 13th December 2019.

www.loveden.org.uk/brandon-chapel

Call Connect Christmas Offer

From 23rd Dec to 2nd Jan, CallConnect single trips are £1 per adult, under 16s free. lincsbus.info/callconnect

Gritted Roads

The only roads in the parish that are regularly gritted - and even then as low priority - are the C001 (Marston-Stragglethorpe) and the road from Brandon to Stubton. A map showing gritted routes and related information is available at www.loveden.org.uk/winter.

The Parish Council and County Cllr Maughan have campaigned for at least one road into Hough and Gelston to be gritted. We're now on the waiting list for additional routes but nothing will change this winter, so be careful out there! Grit bins are available in key locations (for use on the road only). Contact the council if these need filling up.

The Thorold, Marston

After closing in 2015 the Thorold Arms was bought and renovated by a group of local people (including some from Hough Parish) who are now shareholders in the project. More shares are available to fund further improvements (save.thethoroldarms.co.uk).

It re-opened as **The Thorold** on 30th November and is open from midday every day (www.thethorold.co.uk).



From 11th Dec the **Post Office** is introducing an Outreach Service which will be in the pub on every Wednesday morning from 9.30am until 12.30pm. The shop will be re-opened as soon as possible.

Caythorpe Pre-School

Caythorpe Pre-School has places for children from 2 to school reception age. It's based in the grounds of the primary school.

Tel.01400 272036

www.caythorpepreschool.co.uk



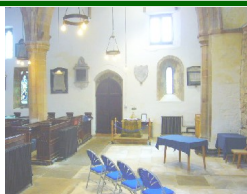
2019 Poppy Appeal

£438.61 was raised in the parish this year. More volunteers are needed for next year, to help with house to house collections and putting up big lamppost poppies.

Contact Penny Milnes, 01400 250855 / 07973 954685

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Hough on the Hill Community Area

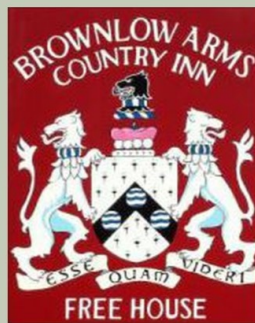


The 'community area' at the back of All Saints Church can be hired for events. It has an open area, folding chairs and tables, a toilet and a small kitchen area with crockery etc. And the church has a new heating system!

For enquiries contact Jill Lewis:

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THE BROWNLOW ARMS

HOUGH ON THE HILL

— NOW OPENING LUNCHTIMES —

Wednesday to Saturday 12pm - 2pm

Sunday Lunch Menu (set menu) 12pm - 2.30pm

- Heated and covered outdoor dining area
- See website for menu www.thebrownlowarms.com
- 5 en-suite rooms from £130 double, £80 single

In the heart of the picturesque village of Hough on the Hill, The Brownlow Arms is a 17th Century country inn formerly owned by Lord Brownlow.

01400 250234 - www.thebrownlowarms.com

Hough on the Hill, Grantham Road, Lincolnshire, NG32 2AZ

*Our thanks to Paul and Lorraine at the Brownlow Arms for sponsoring this edition of **OnSide**.*

Penny's Pen - from the nib of your District Councillor

I cannot believe it has been 8 months since you elected me to follow Bob Sampson as the District Councillor for Loveden Heath Ward. Bob served the ward for 8 years and was highly respected both by his constituents and SKDC, where he served a year as Chair of the Council. Thank you, Bob, for your help and encouragement.

For me it has been something of a baptism of fire. I have represented 4 parish councils in their objections to planning applications, of which 2 are going to appeal. These together with a myriad of other issues have broadened my SKDC experience, which has been further developed by several training courses and membership of the Planning Committee and Rural and Communities Scrutiny and Overview Committee. As an Independent, my political influence is possibly limited, although I continue to push for greater democracy at executive level. But the freedom to scrutinise and shape decisions from a common-sense perspective is truly rewarding.



The Ward has a particular problem with noise. There is an immediate need to report any noise nuisance from clay pigeon shooting at Stubton and kart racing at Fulbeck Lowfields. A noise report sheet and instructions can be found at www.loveden.org.uk/noise. The refusal of an application to extend the days of the clay shoot from 50 days to 120 days is to be heard at a public inquiry 25-27th February 2020 and any input from you would be helpful. Finally, there will be a need to monitor any noise and traffic problems resulting from the temporary permission for an autograss race track below Gelston. A team of volunteers willing to undertake this task will be needed if we are to build a case in support of any refusal. Please contact the Parish Council in the first instance.

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There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are willing to help please contact the Parish Clerk or the Chair.

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Police (non-emergency)

101 please make it clear you are in Lincolnshire, not Nottinghamshire when you give a postcode).

Caythorpe Surgery

01400 272215

NHS (non-emergency)

111

Defibrillator (Emergency)

Call **999** then **01400 414515** for VETS (calling VETS will put you through to a volunteer in your village who is trained to use the defibrillator)

Electricity Failures

105

Report Fly Tipping

01476 406080 / www.southkesteven.gov.uk/?service=FLYTIP

Report Pot Holes

01522 782070 / fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Report Hare Coursing

Use the Police non-emergency number (101)

Planning Applications

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planningsearch

Call Connect Flexible Rural Bus Service

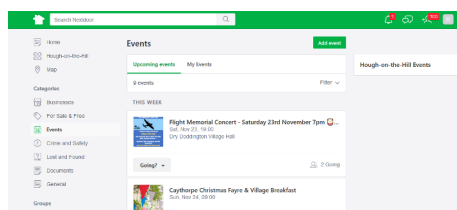
0345 234 3344 / lincsbus.info/callconnect

Local Websites

Over 2/3 of households in the Parish have now signed up to 'Nextdoor'

www.houghonthehill.nextdoor.co.uk

It also connects (if required) to 860 neighbours in nearby villages. The site is simpler than 'social media' and is especially useful for announcements, road closures, lost and found pets, local services and trades etc.



Local history etc: www.loveden.org.uk

Parish Council: www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/houghonthehill