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There's no excuse to hibernate this autumn and winter – from a theatre evening to a New Year's Eve Party, and from Bonfire Night revelries to the traditional Christmas Eve Service, there's something for everyone! Also in this magazine: a look back at some of the events of the summer, Worlabby school's celebration of its 140th birthday, an exhibition of our village history, stargazing and our regular features.

Maurice Triumphs again!

Congratulations to Maurice Ashton who, for the fourth time, has just been awarded first prize for Best Container Garden in the North Lincolnshire Homes competition. A very well-deserved success – we all appreciate Maurice's stunning garden, as well as beautiful borders he's planted on the Rec ground. Enjoy spending your £100 prize token, Maurice!

Worlabby needs you!

Are you able to give a few hours of your time to help us to provide another memorable evening for the village? The Recreation Committee is looking for helpers to make Bonfire Night a fantastic night out. We need assistance with:

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- providing refreshments
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Welcome

Vintiquing

Vintiquing – searching for vintage and antique items for the home and wardrobe – is one of the UK's fastest growing hobbies. Whether it is a nostalgic look back to the way things used to be or a desire to recycle rather than buy new mass-produced goods, people are flocking in their thousands to vintage and antique fairs across the country.

In August, tempted by the promise of a rare sunny day, I set out to the Newark Antique and Collectors Fair. Advertised as Europe's biggest antique and collectors fair and listed in the book *1000 Places to See Before You Die* by Patricia Schultz, the two day event promised 'everything you can imagine for the home and garden'.

The Fair, held on the Newark and Nottinghamshire showground, did not disappoint. Whether you have £5 or £5,000 to spend, you'll find something to suit your budget. There are indoor halls selling everything from the finest diamond jewellery to lace and rare books whilst outside there are row upon row of open air pitches, packed with furniture begging to be restored, alongside old household, industrial and farm curios.

Traders come from across Europe, bringing with them old French street signs, Dutch tiles and Delftware, Belgian brocante and German clocks. Don't be put off by the prices displayed, haggling is the norm. Simply ask for their best price and make your offer a little lower.

If you don't have the time for a restoration project, beautifully polished furniture can be found in the halls and also in a row of tented shopping arcades, together with beautiful french linens and enamel ware, vintage dresses, handbags and shoes.

I'd suggest that you allow at least four hours to browse around all of the stalls and, whilst the admission charges are much cheaper on the second day, it is worth remembering that some traders will start to pack up as early as 2pm.

The next Newark Collectors Fair is held on 31st January and 1st February. For more details visit www.iacf.co.uk

Chris Edwards

Julian Treds the Boards

Villagers who went to see Worlaby's own young thespian, 13-year-old Julian Plunkett, at the Parkway Cinema, Cleethorpes were overwhelmed by his superb performance and were still thinking about it many days later. Julian played the title role of Blackbird in a gritty drama set within Newcastle's mining community a hundred years ago. More details and photos can be found on the village website – www.worlaby.org

Sue Webster





Saturday Morning Aerobics Class, Village Hall 9am, £4

Now that any summer we have had is definitely over and the days are getting very short, it is easy to settle down for a long winter of inactivity (other than, of course, the frantic activity of daily life!). But if you want to keep fit over the winter then an hour down at the village hall on a Saturday morning is a wonderfully exhilarating way to do it. We bounce our way through $\frac{3}{4}$ hour of aerobic exercises (often to Abba songs) and 15 minutes of stretches on floor mats. I have been going since it began just over a year ago and I am delighted at how much fitter I feel.

It starts at 9am so by 10 o'clock you are a fitter human being and ready to enjoy a fun weekend.

Sharon is a qualified fitness instructor and a super teacher.

Sue Webster

Pilates, Village Hall, Thursdays 10am, £4

Are you stressed out? Are you easily tired? Do you suffer from a lack of agility, strength and endurance? Then Pilates is for you! And you don't have to travel far to find a class – we are lucky enough to have a pilates class here in the village. The Pilates group is a friendly mixture of men and women who meet every Thursday morning at the village hall between 10 and 11am for an hour of careful, controlled exercise under the excellent tutelage of Sue a qualified instructor.

Pilates is an exercise regime that will develop long, lean muscle, improve your posture and strengthen your back and abdominal muscles. The exercises are easily adapted to all levels of fitness; they are done slowly using correct breathing techniques, concentration and control. Pilates really is a form of exercise which proves you don't always need to work yourself into a frenzy or submit to a gruelling gym workout to achieve a healthier body.

Class members have already noted improvements in their flexibility, co-ordination, posture and a lessening of any back pain that they may have had. If you need further motivation, then remember that Sandra Bullock, Madonna, Pippa Middleton and Jennifer Aniston are just a few of the celebs who have recently attributed their shape to their Pilates workouts.

And all you men out there, don't dismiss Pilates as a form of exercise with benefits just for women – after all it was developed by Joseph Pilates. According to a recent *Men's Health* article Pilates is for real men: England and international rugby union star Ugo Monye attributes his recovery from a crippling back injury to regular Pilates' session, while Andrew Flintoft, Tiger Woods and Rod Stewart are all devotees.

See you Thursday!

Pauline Watson

Please note: there will be no Pilates on November 1st.

A Little Black Beastie

The Essex lion ... was it just a silly season story or did those people really see a big cat? After several days of high anxiety, the BBC finally reassured us that it was safe to venture out in Essex without encountering this beast. Though ... I am not so sure.

On a visit to the museum in Inverness some years ago, there in a glass case surrounded by heather and bracken was Felicity, an American mountain lion (quite big!). Found wandering in the Highlands, and very thin, she ended her days, happily enough, in a local private zoo.

In August I happened to see a black furry creature slip down the back of our large conifer into the dense undergrowth. Too small to be a cat and too long to be a rat. I called Pete and we began to poke around. We could see the creature's progress through the leaves but couldn't flush it out. My son arrived and after examining at the foot of the tree pigeon eggs which had been sucked rather than cracked open, he declared the creature to be a mink.

We never did manage to flush it out because it probably took refuge under a stump and waited for us to give up. We realised why the wood pigeons had decided to move their ramshackle nest to the hazel. I have only ever seen mink on river banks but checking on the internet, we came across lots of stories about this wily and ferocious creature hanging around gardens especially where there are pet rabbits or poultry.

So has anyone else seen the little black beastie?

Meg Jones

Worlaby Readers

Worlaby Readers met on Tuesday 18th September to discuss the *The Remains of the Day*. With only two dissenting voices, this was a novel enjoyed by the whole group, and given a five star rating. Comments included 'beautiful and sad', 'best novel ever' and a 'worthy winner of the Booker Prize', 'wonderful use of the English language'. A definite hit with the group – and even more interesting to those of us who had seen the film, which we agreed was an accurate and skilful adaptation.

Our reading group is linked to the library who provide all our books, which we choose together from a longlist – with much debate and discussion! We are now reading *Mr. Norris Changes Trains* by Christopher Isherwood, one of the Berlin novels which were later adapted into the musical *Cabaret*.

We have nine members who all enjoy our get-togethers and heated debates (as well as the wonderful faith suppers and the odd glass of wine). If you would like to join us, do come along. You will be made most welcome.

Anne Hindle (618391)





Worlabby Crew – a Fantastic First Year

On Thursday 20th September, members of Worlabby Crew, their parents and representatives from Humberside Police and North Lincolnshire Council came together to celebrate the 1st anniversary of our youth club with a buffet supper and a presentation of the events and activities our young people have taken part in.

Bevan Jones took part in the junior category of the Downhill Challenge and won. Two teams were entered into the Countywide Overnight challenge, both excelled with one team winning the event outright. And it's not just the young people who are up for a challenge! Youth leader Indiana Sheridan Jones took part in a sponsored sky dive, raising a great deal of money for the club, thanks to the generosity of Worlabby villagers.

Right from the beginning we believed that it was important that our young people get involved with local projects and put something back into a community that supports them so wholeheartedly. And the Crew have responded with enthusiasm! This year, members have taken part in a leaf clearance around the children's swings – 45 bags of leaves on a wet weekend; helped to organise a very enjoyable and well-attended Bingo evening and run stalls at both the Dickensian Market and Downhill Challenge. In early July, Worlabby Crew proved themselves to be invaluable marshalls at the More Hidden Gardens event and visitors remarked on their courtesy – a very big thank you to Sue Webster and Worlabby Open Gardeners for choosing to give a quarter of the money raised to the youth club.

Through these and other activities (including Sheridan's intrepid skydive) we have raised enough to take the young people on a fantastic trip to Pleasure Island, buy a snooker table, music systems, wii fit, sports equipment, and get in experts to lead sessions on everything from nail art to bike maintenance!

Members of Worlabby Crew greatly appreciate all the support they have received from the village, the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch (who responded so positively when the young people first made their appeal). Members of Worlabby Crew have raised £200 for a sign for the village hall, and at their 1st anniversary celebration presented the promise of this gift (it has yet to be designed) to Councillor Waltham who accepted on behalf of the village.

Going forward, we're delighted that Worlabby Crew has decided to adopt a charity – Grimsby Children's Hospice. We have already sent a donation and have planned another Bingo evening, a charity car wash and carol singing to raise even more funds. Now isn't that fantastic – to see our kids getting involved in raising money for others less fortunate!

With thanks

Pauline Watson, Dawn Jones and Sheridan Jones

In March 2006, at the age of two, Lee and Claire Clark's daughter Charlotte was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Charlotte has had to learn and cope with taking numerous blood tests every day and is now permanently connected to her insulin pump. Then in February 2009, Claire's brother Shaun was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Following an operation, Shaun now continues to undergo regular check ups and treatment.



Inspired by Charlotte and Shaun's courage and bravery, Lee, Claire and Claire's sister Ellen chose to complete what they call the 180-mile Olympic Challenge.

None of them is a stranger to a challenge! Previously, Claire has completed the London Marathon and Lee and Ellen have completed a Coast to Coast bike ride of 217 miles in three days to raise money for Diabetes UK and Brain Tumour UK. On this occasion, in this special Olympic year, they thought it would be a good idea to do a joint challenge consisting of a relay from the Olympic village to home.

For the relay, Claire would be running five miles followed by Lee and Ellen cycling 25 miles. Initially, they thought of doing the relay non-stop. But having checked overall route by car, common sense eventually took over and they decided to attempt the challenge over two days.

Plotting their own route, they set off from the site of the Olympic village at Stratford, East London, travelling north through Waltham Abbey, Roydon, Stanstead Abbots, Standon, Royston, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Ramsey, Whittlesey, Spalding, Sleaford, Bardney, Market Rasen, Howsham and Wrawby to finish at their home on Low Road, Worlaby.

On Saturday, they completed the first 90 miles in less than 10 hours. The next day, they completed the remaining 90 miles in less than 9 hours.

For the run, Claire was joined by Shaun's 11 year old son Jack, who completed two or three miles of each leg, totalling 17 miles.

On the last leg of the relay from Wrawby, they were joined by younger members of the family and were greeted by a number of well wishers as they arrived home.

Lee, Claire and Ellen would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have sponsored them for the challenge, along with thanks to those who were there to greet them on Low Road when they completed the challenge on Sunday. It is very much appreciated.

Should anyone wish to contribute to either cause, you can still donate online or by text: www.justgiving.com/Olympic-Relay-Diabetes Text CLEC50 to 70070 and www.justgiving.com/Olympic-Relay-BrainTumourUK Text CLES50 to 70070.

Mel and Sandra Clark



What a great time we had. The weather was perfect, the setting was lovely and the entertainment was first class.

Over 250 people enjoyed a tremendous evening. Mums and dads relaxed and children played in the sunshine as Worlabby chilled out to an incredible bunch of talented musicians.

First up was the Worlabby Wockers aka Pam, Dave and Richard who had us singing along with hits from the Eagles right back to Doris Day – awesome. Then our own Lucy Marshall – what a talent this youngster has. She charmed and entertained with that amazing voice with choices from her own compositions right through to those bang-up-to-the-minute hits, just right for the switched-on, chilled-out crowd.

At the top of the bill were the Randy Monks. By the time they hit the stage we were in mellow mood – but this soon changed as they belted out the old favourites: Black Velvet Band, Wild Rover and many others. The crowd sang along, some even attempting complicated River Dance manoeuvres (risking serious injury in the process).

As the sun descended we all enjoyed a beautiful Lincolnshire sunset and continued to party in the dark.

A huge thank you to the entertainers, many of them local people; Richard, Lucy, Pam and Dave who gave up their time free of charge, to entertain us and to help the Rec Committee raise funds for our lovely Village Hall. Thanks also to the other members of the Randy Monks – a fabulous band who travelled from the York area just to entertain us and asked for nothing but a pizza.

Many thanks must go to local haulier Darren Clarke for the loan of a curtain-sided trailer which was transformed into an impressive stage.

Great stuff!

Pauline Watson

The Green Team

The Green Team includes both those who meet on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am under the flag pole and the gardeners who look after various plots around the village and keep the village looking neat and tidy with beautiful flowers and shrubs. We appreciate the plants that are given by members but we can ask for help from the Council who always look on us in a favourable light.

Just keeping the path clear in the Woodland Glade is a hard task, as is clearing the stream of leaves and many other regular jobs that come along so any help at all would be gratefully accepted, whether on a Wednesday or at any other time to suit you. Please give this request for help some thought – we would love to hear from you.

Anne Hindle (618391)

Autumn and Winter Events

'Sleuth' Friday 26th October, approx. 7pm

Enjoy a fabulous night of intrigue, murder and suspense as two rivals find themselves locked into an increasingly devious game of wits and deceptions. Tickets £8. Tel. 618900 to book.

Bonfire Night Saturday 3rd November, 6.30pm – Worlabby Rec Ground

Enjoy a fabulous night with the family at Worlabby Recreation Ground. Great fun, food and a spectacular firework display.

A Candlelit Evening of Music and Supper Saturday 10th November, 7.30pm

A singer of astonishing virtuosity, Jon Brindley's repertoire includes blues, rock, pop and country. Tickets £10 including steak pie supper. To reserve a place call 618900.

Worlabby Dickensian Market Sunday 9th December, 2-5pm – Village Hall

Bookings are now being taken for the Dickensian Market on the afternoon of Sunday 9th December in the Village Hall. A 2m stall costs £5 (table provided). To reserve your stall call Pauline (618900) or Christine (618916).

Village Voices

The new Singing group in Worlabby will be Carol singing in Worlabby in December. We will be putting posters up in the village nearer the time and we hope villagers young and old will join us.

New Years Eve Party @ Worlabby Village Hall

Come and join us for a great night out (and you can walk home!)

This year's theme is 'Anything Goes' with prizes for the best fancy dress and best-dressed table competition. Disco music and Karaoke from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. Bring your own food and drink (why not reserve a table for you and your family and friends.) Entry £2.50 (children welcome until 10.30, free).

Tel Pam on 618832 or Sheridan on 618627 to reserve a table – limited numbers so book early!

100 Club Winners for September

1st prize: Christine Robinson; 2nd prize: Linda Lovell.

Pam's People – the Presentation

Following the wonderfully successful 'Pam's People' disco in August, Pam and her fellow revellers present the Air Ambulance with their cheque for £720.



Weekly

Tuesday: A short service of Communion, 9.30am St Clement's Church

Tuesday: Exercise Class, 2pm Village Hall (£2)

Tuesday: Combat Aerobics, 7pm Village Hall (£4)

Thursday: Pilates, 10am Village Hall (£4)

Friday: Early Starters Toddler Group, 9.15am-11am Village Hall

Saturday: Aerobics, 9am Village Hall (£4)

Fortnightly

Thursday: Worlaby Crew, Village Hall

Monthly

Second Sunday: Morning Prayer, 9.30am St Clement's Church

Fourth Sunday: Holy Communion, 9.30am St Clement's Church

Second Monday: WI, 7.15pm Village Hall

Second Tuesday: Parish Council meeting, Village Hall

Third Thursday: Thursday Group, 7.30pm Village Hall

First Friday: Pub nights, Village Hall

November

3rd: Bonfire celebrations, gates open 6.30pm, Worlaby Recreation Ground

8th: Worlaby Academy Armistice Service

10th: 7.30pm Jon Brindley – a Candlelit Evening of Music & Supper, Village Hall

11th: 10.15am Remembrance Day Service followed at 11am by the laying of the wreaths and the two minute silence at the War Memorial.

18th: Special Christmas Lunch, Village Hall (bookings 618321).

25th: 9.30am Parish Communion with Revd. Owain Mitchell

25th: Thursday Group, makeup demonstration, with a cheese & wine supper

December

1st: Early Starters trip to Thomas Land

8th: Thursday Group trip to Lincoln Christmas market from the village.

9th: 9.30am Morning Prayer

2-5pm Dickensian Market, Village Hall

13th: Thursday Group Christmas meal, venue to be arranged

17th: 1.30pm Worlaby Academy Christmas play

18th: 9.30am Worlaby Academy Christmas play

19th: Worlaby Academy trip to *Cinderella*

23rd: 9.30am Parish Communion with Revd. Owain Mitchell

Christmas Eve 6pm Family Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

31st: New Year's Eve Party

St. Clement's Church

Our 'Travel and Trade' theme Open Weekend in September was enjoyed by all who visited. The PCC. of St. Clement's would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who took part, donating items for display, holiday photographs and souvenirs, and refreshments for the afternoon teas. Thanks also to those who came to view the exhibition, making the Church feel very much part of the community. The story of the Worlaby estate is still in the Church and an abridged version is reproduced here.



Liz Andrews

King's College buys Worlaby – a Thriving Estate

In 1801 the population of the village was 223. By 1881 it was 582, with 55% of villagers having been born outside the village.

In 1925 the Elsham and Worlaby Estate (7,723 acres) was purchased for King's College Cambridge University for £200,000. The purchase, described in the 1925 College Annual Report as 'the most important purchase of agricultural land in [the College's] history', was overseen by the newly appointed First Bursar – John Maynard Keynes, the renowned and controversial economist we continue to hear much of today.

Keynes' plan was to continue letting the land to the 22 tenant farmers to generate some £12,000 each year. Unfortunately, the Agricultural Depression of 1928 put paid to that. The College's decision to farm the Estate themselves was described in the Annual Report as 'the dangerous but interesting experiment of farming three thousand acres' – a huge amount of land for one body to farm.

Government subsidies and the purchase of land by the War Office to create Elsham airfield meant the Estate fared reasonably well. After the war, however, things went badly with the College selling off Elsham Hall and the land which became Elsham Golf Club.

The Sale of the Estate – 'A Dead Village'

It had looked as though Worlaby might be safe but in 1956 the Estate, now considerably smaller, was sold for £200,000 to County Estates (Yorkshire) Ltd. As well as owning all the land and buildings (apart from 6 or so private houses) King's College had been the main employer in the village. With the sale of the Estate in 1956, not only farm workers, but estate workers, bricklayers, joiners became jobless – and lost the 'tied cottages' in which they had lived.

In October of that year there were 22 houses empty. Quite a few of these were in the Carrs and at the Tops, and were never occupied again, eventually being demolished. During this period Worlaby was very much a dead village. The three shops suffered as did the church, chapel and the social life.

Most seriously affected was the village school. In 1954, before the upheaval, there were 69 pupils. Immediately following the sale in 1957, numbers had



fallen to 32, falling to an all time low of 21 during the Sixties. In 1967 there was talk of closing the school.

Resurrection as a Commuter Village

Eventually, County Estates began to sell land and houses, and very slowly things began to improve. By 1960 private building had started, including a modern pub. The new houses which sprang up were the first to be built since 1874 (apart from Ladysmith Cottage in 1900 and the council houses on Top Road in 1939 and 1945). Having been an estate village, Worlab'y's survival – and further development – has been as a commuter village, with many of the people who bought cottages and new houses working in the factories on the Humber Bank, at the steelworks in Scunthorpe or for the council.

Worlab'y in 2012

In 2002, the derelict land in the centre of the village – previously a farm – was developed into a small cluster of houses known as Hurds Farm.

Since then the village has gone from strength to strength, with new buildings for the school; a wonderful village hall (funded by a generous legacy, fundraising and grants); the completion of the Woodland Walk and Hollows project; and the inclusion of St Clement's Church on the Heritage Trail following the restoration of the medieval incised leger stone and the provision of kitchen and toilet facilities.

Despite the closure of the Wishing Well pub in 2002, Worlab'y villagers enjoy a full and varied social life based round the Village Hall, Church and school.

Pete Blaylock

Thursday Group

Twelve of our ladies travelled to West Halton to meet up with 19 ladies from Whitton who formed a group like ours two years ago. A warm welcome awaited us and we had a wonderful spread provided by the Whitton group, followed by superb desserts that our Thursday Group ladies had made.

Mr. Lawrence Roberts, a Consultant Gynaecologist and Obstetrician, entertained us with a wonderful and informative talk about the history of gynaecologists and how things have changed.

Lis Owen

Worlab'y WI

At our meeting on Monday 12th November we are having a talk on 'Carers Support', an organisation set up to provide help and information for those looking after their sick or old loved-ones. 'Members' Night' is on Monday 10th December, when we will be getting into the Christmas spirit with a 'Bit of a Do'.

Do join us if you can. Our Secretary, Maureen Rickwood, will be happy to supply further details (Tel 618142).

Liz Andrews

Now that the clocks have changed and it is darker earlier in the evenings, you have many more chances to look at the stars.



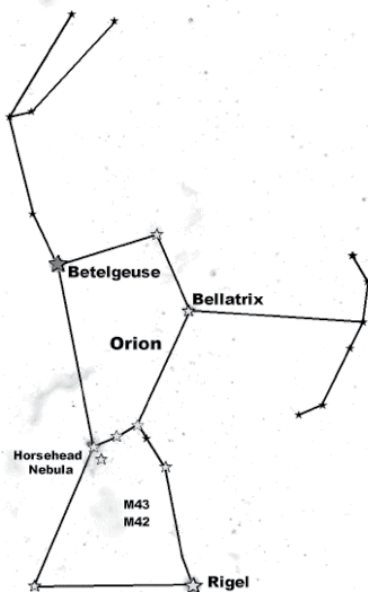
The most conspicuous constellation in our night sky from November through to March, and by far the most fascinating, is Orion. This is the giant huntsman in Greek mythology whom Zeus placed amongst the stars.

To find it look for the very bright, large star in the east which has been there for some months – it just rises earlier as the months progress. This is actually the largest of the planets – Jupiter. As Jupiter rises in the east once it is dark and climbs into the southern sky in November you will see Orion beneath it.

You can see from the illustration that Orion has a 'belt' of three stars in a line in the middle of the constellation and at roughly similar distances (two above and two below) are four bright stars which are considered to represent the outline of the Hunter's body. Descending down from the belt is a smaller fainter line of three stars representing his sword.

Extend the line of the belt (an asterism) up to the right and you reach Aldebaran, the red giant star and red eye of the constellation Taurus. Extend the belt down bottom left and you will see, beneath Orion, the brightest star in our skies, Sirius. This is the closest star (8.6 light years) we can see with the naked eye – after The Sun and it is often called the 'Dog Star' after its prominence in the constellation Canis Major. It is actually a binary star system and you will be comforted to know that twinkling Sirius will continue to be the brightest star in our night sky for the next 210,000 years.

The fascinating thing about Orion is that it contains so much to think about and look for. The middle of the three stars in the hanging down sword is actually a nebula (nebula Latin: cloud). – The Orion Nebula. Also, the Horsehead Nebula is 'close by', just underneath the left of the three stars in Orion's belt. A nebula is a stellar nursery of interstellar clouds of dust, hydrogen, helium and other ionised gases where new stars are being born. The Orion Nebula appears as a fuzzy collection of clouds but it does contain a loose open cluster of four stars. Apparently up to 700 stars in various stages of formation have been observed within it. If you get well away from lights and wait 20 minutes for your 'night vision' you will see the Orion Nebula with the naked eye.





The star in Orion that I find the most incredible is Betelgeuse – the top left of the main constellation, the second brightest in Orion. Betelgeuse (I pronounce it 'Beetle juice' after the film but it is probably wrong) is a red supergiant about 640 light years away. It is one of the largest and most luminous known stars and if it was placed at the centre of our solar system it is so vast that it would extend out as far as Jupiter's orbit, thus engulfing the Sun, Mercury, Venus, us and Mars! It is old for its size and is getting towards the end of its life as a star and will explode relatively soon compared to its age – certainly within the next million years!

It is thought that Betelgeuse is the best candidate in the visible universe for us to see a supernova in our lifetimes. At its current distance from Earth, such a supernova explosion would be the brightest recorded, outshining the Moon in the night sky and becoming easily visible in broad daylight. Naturally, this could have happened some centuries ago, it is just that the light has not reached us yet!

When we went to Taba in Egypt in April this year, we had a night in the Sinai Desert visiting a Bedouin camp and star gazing. It was not until then that I really understand what light pollution was and how it must frustrate amateur and professional astronomers alike. The incredible thing was that high up in the Sinai after we had acquired our 'night vision', there were so many stars that Orion could almost not be distinguished because of the incredible number of stars that surrounded it.

Next time we can use Orion to find the Pleiades open cluster (the Seven Sisters). Also the big Square of Pegasus before it disappears in the west and we can see another galaxy with the naked eye.

But finally, at the very beginning of November look for a very close conjunction between the waning Moon (going smaller after the full Moon on 29 October) and Jupiter in the east. They will be very close together on the 1st of the month – Jupiter might even dip behind the Moon and then separate over the nights that follow before coming together again in the same very close fashion on Christmas night.

Full Moon on 29th October, 28th November and 28th December.

Paul Edwards



Please continue saving empty drinks cans – put them into the red bin at the gate at 2, Top Road and help us raise much-needed funds for the 'Help for Heroes' charity.

Angela has just sent another £45 to the charity. She'll give us a fthe tota for the full year in the january magazine.

Worlabby Celebrates the School's 140th Anniversary

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who baked and donated cakes to help us celebrate our 140th birthday and our transfer from Primary School to Academy.

Our authentic Victorian school day went without a hitch with the help and support from Hillary Hampshire at the North Lincolnshire Museum. The day started well, with all the children arriving dressed up in their Victorian outfits. They looked absolutely brilliant (see the photo on the back cover).

Each class took a turn in the Victorian classroom, enjoying an authentic 19th-century experience: the lessons were very strict and regimented, with the use of slates and primers (tiny little reading books of about six pages containing hymns and how to conduct yourself and prayers). The children had to sit up straight with their hands on the tables at all times, made to wear a back paddle to keep good posture if they slouched. They also learnt how to write as a Victorian child would, they chanted their times tables – and if they were stupid, they would wear the dunce's hat! Perhaps surprisingly, the lesson which has really changed most over the years is PE: it was just a case of gentle stretching on the spot back then.

Luckily our pupils didn't have Victorian food or illnesses ...

Primary to Academy Evening

In the evening, our celebration shifted to look towards the school's future, as well as into its past, as we marked the move to Worlabby Academy. The whole event was a huge success, with a very special visitor Mrs Addelsee (nee Stow) who, back in 1920, attended Worlabby School with her two sisters, until she was 14. She had some fabulous stories to tell – and at 97 years old, she could remember it as though it was yesterday.

We must have had over 100 adults attend the event to reminisce and look over old school photos and log books and wander round the old and new sections of the school.

I would love to thank all the helpers on the evening too

Kirsty Squires





A Grand Day Out!

Early Starters' Toddler Group welcomed parents, past and present, to come along and join in with this year's summer outing – a trip to Sundown Valley near Gainsbrough.

As the children boarded the coach, there was much excited chatter and giggling as everyone was looking forward to the much anticipated family day out.

The weather was kind to us – a lovely bonus in what has been a very wet summer. Throughout the day, we caught up with parents and children and everyone always had a smile on their face. The queues were not too long, and the attractions were perfect for our little cherubs. We did have to laugh at watching the parents trying to remain dry on the water ride!

Well, after much fun and entertainment, it was sadly time for home. Everyone boarded the coach, with a tired look ... and that was just the adults. Within 5 minutes of the bus setting off for home, many of the children had fallen asleep. It really had been a brilliant day.

Anna, Alison and myself would like to thank everyone who supported our fun day out and helped us share in our celebration of such a fantastic group. We will be organising a trip to Thomas Land on Saturday 1st December. The costs are £22 per adult (inclusive of entry and transport); and £10 for children aged 4 and over. Under 4s go free. Please contact me if you wish to join us on: 01652 618486.

Looking to the Future – Can You Help?

May we also take this opportunity to inform you that sadly our group is under serious threat of closing. The time is coming for both Anna and myself to move on. Anna has committed 5 years of hard work to the group and I've been involved for 3 years. But now our children are growing up and will soon be heading off to school, we feel it is time for us to 'hand over the reins'. It would give us massive delight to be able to see the playgroup continue so we are urging volunteers to come forward.

Unfortunately, if we cannot find anyone to take over the running of Early Starters, then our last session will be our Christmas party. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to help out, then please come along and see us on any Friday morning at 9.15am at the village hall.

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Elsham Hall

Although we have lived in Worlaby for eight years and in the area all our lives, we recently visited Elsham Hall for the first time. We had heard several positive comments about it over the years but still were not expecting it to be as good as it is; we were thoroughly impressed and would recommend it for all ages.

There are beautiful walk ways through various parts of the park, around the carp lakes and through the butterfly gardens and wooded areas. Our children (aged 5 and 2) thoroughly enjoyed feeding the carp and the birds in the aviary, looking at the sheep, goats and donkeys, stroking the rabbits and guinea pigs, watching the peacocks, and of course playing in the adventure play area. There is an interesting 'mud and stud' cottage which dates back to approx 1680 and was moved piece by piece from Butterwick near Boston in 2007

after being donated by its previous owners. Then there are views of the hall itself and walled and sensory gardens. There is an education centre, animal farm and a guinea pig village, fabulous sculptures where you least expect to find them and living willow features. The courtyard has pleasant seating areas for the café and there are plenty of picnic areas around the grounds. There is a gallery for contemporary art in the original stables off the courtyard near an exhibition of old farm equipment.

A lot of work has clearly gone into re-landscaping the gardens; it was all in tip-top condition.

While Elsham Hall comes into its own in the summer when it is open everyday (making a season ticket a must), it is also worth looking out for the special events taking place during the winter and early spring. Last year these included a special snowdrop walk on behalf of Save the Children and lambing weekends.

Hilary O'Shaughnessy



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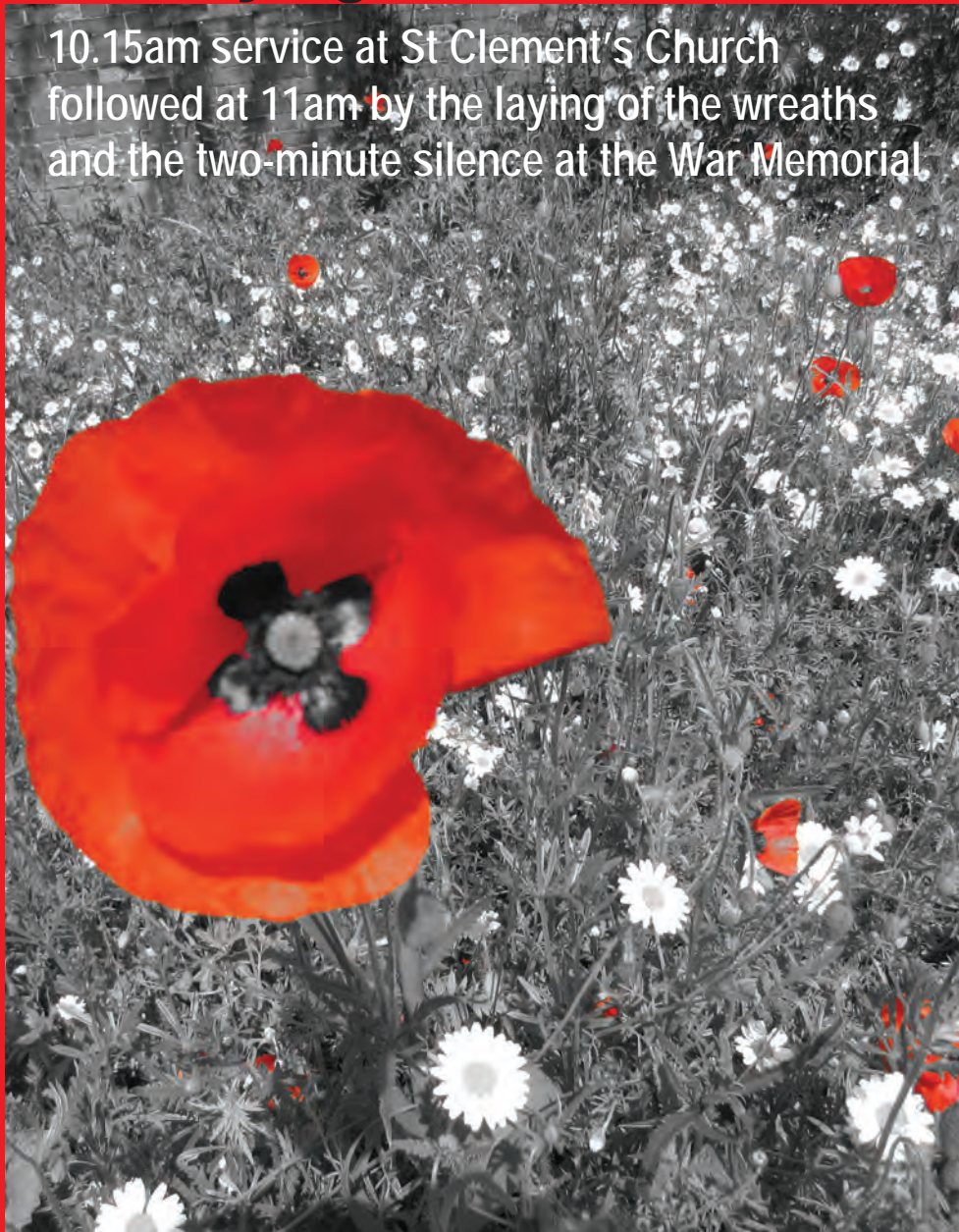
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Remembrance Day Service & Laying of the Wreaths

10.15am service at St Clement's Church followed at 11am by the laying of the wreaths and the two-minute silence at the War Memorial.



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