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*King Charles III*  
*Coronation Edition*

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## Editor's Note

So we have a Coronation to look forward to! There are a couple of events that are being organised in Eagle to mark the historic occasion, of which more in the following pages. Some memorabilia of past coronations has been found and reproduced, and there is a lovely account from an evacuee, of life in Eagle during the war.

This Coronation Issue of the Eagle Eye has been very kindly sponsored by The Witham Group, which has unfailingly supported the Village in many ways over the years—via the Playing Field Committee, FOES, and the Parish Council. We are once again indebted, Thank You.

The Parish Council is to be re-elected in May, so there will be leavers and starters. Please remember if you are going to vote, you have to take photo ID with you.

The Village Hall Committee has been reconvened with some new officers and eager new members, lets support them in their efforts to keep our indoor community space vibrant.

Some very generous readers have made donations to the Eagle Eye—thank you for those; things are looking better in terms of keeping the printed versions going. We are working behind the scenes to get new advertisers, which will also boost the coffers a little.

More offers of corporate sponsorship would help greatly please—advertising space can be made available for whatever exposure is required—front cover, back cover, every page! Please contact me through [editor@eagleeye.uk.com](mailto:editor@eagleeye.uk.com) if your company is willing to sponsor an edition.

If you would like to make any donation, regularly, sporadically, or as a one off, the bank details are as follows, or an envelope can be handed in to the Village Shop. Cheques made payable to Eagle Eye.

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Finally, the Eagle Eye team offers sincere congratulations to His Majesty King Charles III upon his Coronation. Long may he reign !

# Whats on

<b>APRIL</b>		
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Craft and Chat, Village Hall	1:15 – 3:15
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Club, Village Hall	5:30 – 7:30
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Craft and Chat, Village Hall	1:15 – 3:15
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yard Sale	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:45pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Lunch, Village Hall	12:00– 1:30
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cash Bingo, Village Hall	7:00 pm
<b>MAY</b>		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craft and Chat, Village Hall	1:15 – 3:15
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Youth Club, Village Hall	5:30 – 7:30
☪ Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	☪ Afternoon Tea in Eagle Church	3:00—5:00
☪ Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	☪ Village Hall Path Tidy	10:00
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parochial Church Council AGM	6:30
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Craft and Chat	1:15 – 3:15
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10 - 12
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:45pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Lunch, Village Hall	12:00 – 1:30
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cash Bingo, Village Hall	7:00 pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Stop, Eagle Church	10-12
<b>JUNE and BEYOND</b>		
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June	FOES School Summer Fayre	

# Group activity schedule in the Village Hall

Monday	Pilates	6:30 - 8:30pm	Claire Steel
Tuesday	Tai-Chi	10:00 - 11:00am	Sue Ross
Tuesday	Private Dance Lessons		Keven Proctor
Wednesday	Yoga	6:30 - 7:30pm	Fay Zertron-Laluk
Thursday	Mothers & Toddlers	9:30 - 11:00 am	Emma Froggatt
Thursday	Indoor Bowls	7:00 - 9:30pm	Sharon Priestley

Craft & Chat	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month	1:15 - 3:15 pm
Youth Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of the month	5:30 - 7:00pm
Parish Council Meetings	Last Weds of the month	7:45 - 9:45 (public -first half hour)
Fellowship Lunch	Last Friday of the month	12:00 - 1:30
Village Hall Cash Bingo	Last Friday of the month	Eyes Down at 7:30pm

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Answers to the previous crossword—with an apology!

One of the clues was incorrect.....

But you all had fun trying didn't you..... :-)

I am assured that the one provided this time is bullet proof.....



Find out more at

[electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)




No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

On **Thursday 4 May 2023**, local elections are taking place within North Kesteven.

To vote at a polling station, you will need photo ID with you. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences, bus passes and cards with a PASS Mark.

If you don't have what's needed, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate

Visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID), call **0800 328 0280**, or scan the QR code to find out more, including:

-  The full list of accepted forms of photo ID
-  How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (if you need one)
-  How to register to vote and how to apply for a postal vote



**There are elections in North Kesteven on 4 May 2023**

Visit: [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2023](https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2023)  
Call: **01529 414155**  
Email: [customer\\_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

 **North Kesteven**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## EAGLE VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Please call in and support your local shop, we are so lucky to have a shop in our great village!

We stock newspapers, groceries, fruit and vegetables, milk, bread, cakes, pastries, sandwiches, butcher's goods, ice creams, alcohol, greetings cards, gifts, sweets, chocolate and much more!

Post Office services include: Free cash withdrawals & deposits / pay cheques in / send letters and parcels / do amazon returns/ sell euros

We also sell National lottery tickets....and we have the loveliest staff if you just fancy a chat!

By supporting your local shop, you are supporting other local businesses too!

OPENING HOURS      \*\*\*\*CLOSED FOR LUNCH EVERY DAY 1-2PM\*\*\*\*

MONDAY	8:30AM – 5:30PM	(POST OFFICE 9AM – 5:30PM)
TUESDAY	8:30AM – 5:30PM	(POST OFFICE 9AM – 5:30PM)
WEDNESDAY	8:30AM – 1PM	(POST OFFICE 9AM – 1PM)
THURSDAY	8:30AM – 5:30PM	(POST OFFICE 9AM – 5:30PM)
FRIDAY	8:30AM – 5:30PM	(POST OFFICE 9AM – 5:30PM)
SATURDAY	8:00AM – 1PM	(POST OFFICE 9AM – 12:30PM)
SUNDAY	CLOSED	

### Prescription Rota

<b>APRIL</b>		
5th	Clare Kelly	07847 966803
12th	Lynda Williams	869225
19th	Rodney Fagg	869123
26th	Mari Dawson	868310
<b>MAY</b>		
3rd	Betty Spackman	869676
10th	Clare Kelly	07847 966803
17th	Lynda Williams	869225
24th	Rodney Fagg	869123
31st	Mari Dawson	868310
<b>JUNE</b>		
7th	Betty Spackman	869676
14th	Clare Kelly	07847 966803

## **From the Chairman of the Village Produce Association**

It is with regret that I have to inform you that the village produce association has now had to close. This is because we were unable to form a committee of more than 3 people.

If you have any cups or trophies that belong to the VPA could you let me have them as soon as possible. I am willing to collect if you want me to, ring 868467, or drop them off at 9 Thorpe Lane, Eagle.

I will keep everything that belongs to the VPA all together and if in the future someone would like to start it up again I can then hand it all over. There is also a bank account which will go with it as well.

The VPA had been running for more than 60 years it was a non-profit making group for the village just to have a bit of fun and enjoy your gardens and show off what you had grown.

Yours sincerely Chairman.

Margaret Andrews

## **Eagle Bowls Club (Outdoor)**

Eagle Bowls Club is looking for new players to join our friendly Club. The ground has recently been reseeded and the new season starts in April 2023. Matches take place each Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the summer months.

Come along and support your local bowls club.

For further information please contact:

Graham Morton  
33 High Street  
Eagle  
07947 754651





# FOES Newsletter



What a fantastic night we had! Thank you to everyone who came along to support our fundraising efforts – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We will be back next year!



Our AGM will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April at Eagle Community Primary School.

We will be electing a new Chair as our current Chair is standing down after a number of years in the role. We welcome anyone interested in helping FOES to attend.



Our Annual Summer Fayre plans are now in full swing.

Save the date (24th June) and join us for stalls, games & refreshments.

We are also looking for donations for raffle & tombola prizes – please contact us if you can help.



Friends of Eagle School



foeseagle@gmail.com

# CASH

BINGO

## EAGLE VILLAGE HALL

Everyone Welcome!

**Friday 28 April 23**  
**& Friday 26 May 23**

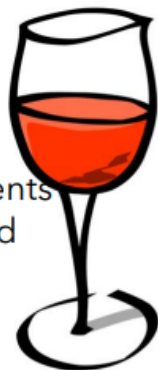
**Doors open 7.00pm**  
**Eyes down for 7.30pm**

Prizes for One Line  
& Full House

Tickets £10 per book  
Or £5 for Half a book

### Raffle

Bring your own refreshments  
Tea and Biscuits provided



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR LONG SERVICE AT EAGLE VILLAGE HALL

At the recent AGM of the Eagle Village Hall Management Committee, a new committee was elected.

It was time to say farewell to some longstanding committee members who have put in many years of voluntary service, not only in their designated roles on the committee, but also being ready to step in whenever anything needed to be done or organised!

Simon Spear stepped down as Chair, having managed with aplomb some potentially unruly committee meetings, steering us diplomatically to the point in hand without undue digression!

Dawn Spear has remained temporarily on the committee, having done a sterling job as Treasurer for many years, to ensure a smooth handover to the new Treasurer (which has been greatly appreciated!).

Pauline and Rodney Fagg, respectively Vice Chair and 200 Club organiser in their most recent roles, have contributed more than 20 years to the Village Hall in various roles. They deserve a special mention for their long and generous service. Long standing residents of the village will also know that this is not the only area of village life that they have given their time and energies to, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for everything that they have contributed to the village.

Thank you Simon, Dawn, Pauline and Rodney, on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Also, a big welcome to our new committee members - Sarah and Andrew Gilkes, Linzi King and Clare Kelly! Without support like this from village residents we would not be able to continue. 😊 (by Anne Rogers)

### **2023 committee members are:**

**Chair:** Judith Waters                      **Vice Chair:** Jayne Arnold  
**Secretary:** Andrea Ripley              **Bookings Secretary:** Jackie Jinks  
**Treasurer:** Anne Rogers              **200 Club organiser:** Judith Waters  
**Safeguarding Officer:** Jayne Arnold  
**Parish Council representative:** David Parkes

Co-opted onto the Committee are Chris Patty, Paul Papadopoulos (as Fire officer and Health & Safety assessor only), Sarah Gilkes, Andrew Gilkes, Linzi King and Clare Kelly.


## All Saints' Church, Eagle

### Services for April

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Group Palm Sunday Procession and Holy Communion	10.30a.m.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Week Holy Communion	7.00p.m.
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hour Before the Cross	2.00p.m.
Easter Day 9 <sup>th</sup>	Group Holy Communion at Thorpe	10.30a.m.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Prayer	6.30p.m.
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	11.00a.m.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Group Holy Communion at N. Scarle	10.30a.m.

### Services for May

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	10.00a.m.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	To be arranged.	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	11.00a.m.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Evening Prayer	6.30p.m.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Sharing Assembly	2.00p.m.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	11.00a.m.




**In Celebration of the King's Coronation**


**Afternoon Tea will be served in Eagle Church  
on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 3 - 5p.m.**

Sandwiches   Cakes   Sausage Rolls

Tickets: £5.00 Adults  
£3.00 Children



**Available from P.C.C.Members and the Post Office**



**A.G.M.** – Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30p.m. in Church.

**Coffee Stop** – on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12 noon.

For Pastoral Matters and Memorial Stones please contact the Churchwardens Ch and Sue Stiles 869296.

Jean Roberts

## EAGLE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

We look forward to seeing you again on Friday April 28th and Friday May 26th at 12 noon in Eagle Village Hall, price £4.00. It is important to book with Sue Stiles on 869296.

## SWINDERBY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

We are not making a full lunch but offer homemade soup and sandwiches with cake and a hot drink to follow. A donation of £3 will be very welcome. We use a range of sizes of tables to ensure that people feel COVID safe. Tables ranging from 2 to 6 people. Booking is very important. Please let Gill Lloyd know if you will be joining us on 01522 868684

We will be continuing on the second Wednesday of each month so the next lunches will be Wednesday 12th April and Wednesday 10th May at 12 noon in Swinderby Village Hall. Jean Roberts

## EAGLE CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP



On the first and third Tuesday of every month, you'll find an eager bunch of crafters, (although we are open to all), beavering around a table in the village hall. The crafts vary from knitting to Needle Felted Lemons and it changes from week to week, but the one thing that stays consistent is a friendly atmosphere and open ear.

Although we don't teach classes at the group, among our members we have a myriad of knowledge which we are very happy to share and problem shared is happily fixed.

The group was brought back after Covid as a place where like minded crafters could meet and chat about their work, find help if needed or just share each other's projects and swoon over gadgets and accessories regardless of age and experience.

We're always open to non-members, so pop along and join us, regardless of your craft. The importance is the community that crafting has in the village.

# LETTER FROM REV. ANDREW VAUGHAN

Hello

As I settle my mind to writing this piece we are having a dip in temperature after some nicer weather, a reminder that the journey from winter to spring and then to summer is never a smooth path, but that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Perhaps this is why it is so apt that we celebrate the hope of Easter at this time of year. In the story of the betrayal, crucifixion and then resurrection we see that the journey to hope and new life has darkness as well as light.

Our services for Holy Week and Easter will hopefully help us experience that journey. The week will start with our Palm Sunday Procession from Eagle Village Hall into church, the dramatic reading of the story of the crucifixion. This will start at 10.30am on April 2nd. We will then have short services throughout the week at 7pm. Then on Thursday we will have our Maundy Thursday communion and stripping of the altar, a reminder of the darkness and desolation of that night. On Good Friday we will have our 10am Family Service and Hot Cross Buns at North Scarle followed by the Hour Before the Cross at 2pm in Eagle.

The culmination will be our Easter Day Service. This will be at 10.30am in Thorpe. This year we will have the Blessing of the Easter light, the first communion of Easter and the Baptism of twins. Easter Day was the traditional day for Baptism in the early church, with the 40 days of Lent as a period of preparation.

Please do come and join us at any or all of these services, after the last 3 years we need to come together as a wider community to celebrate.

Finally, Easter opens us to be people of hope and change, how do we translate that into living in our world which at times feels so negative, hopeless and without purpose?

As ever, Andrew

## Eagle and Swinethorpe Parish Council

A full copy of all Parish Council minutes is available on our website.

[Homepage – Eagle and Swinethorpe Parish Council \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

The parish council can be contacted via email at –

[parish.clerk@eagle-swinethorpe-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@eagle-swinethorpe-pc.gov.uk) or via our Facebook page  
[Eagle Swinethorpe Parish Council | Facebook](#)

The dates of the next parish council meetings are –

26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### General Information.

A precept of £21,961 was agreed which equated to a 16.69% increase for the year 2023/2024 (monetary terms £10.82 annual increase band D property)

A commemorative tree has been donated to the Parish Council which has now been planted at the Playing Field.

Damon Blackband, the Sustrans Regional Network Development Manager for Lincolnshire, recently attended the Parish Council meeting where he gave a small presentation about his role in and around Lincolnshire.

His job is to make cycle routes more accessible and safer for the public to use. The route from Eagle – Harby on the last inspection had been graded as dangerous, due to traffic and road conditions. He is going to carry out a feasibility study to identify ways in which the route can be made safer and then implement the recommendations. The project would take approx. 12/18 months to implement, with funds & management coming from central government. The Parish Council welcomed the project and are keen to support it, welcoming any recommendations for improving the cycle network.

### Elections

All Parish Councillors & District Councillors are up for election on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023, if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor more information can be found on the Electoral Commission website, remembering that you will need photo I/D to vote in this election. A full list of accepted forms can be found via the link below. [Accepted forms of photo ID | Electoral Commission](#)

The parish Council asked Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to consider installing a school crossing patrol on Scarle Lane after a request from a parent of the school, please see the findings of the report below -

*Our colleagues in the Education Team have been out to assess the location.*

*In terms of the parking, there were 5 or 6 vehicles parking on Scarle Lane, but they were away from the school site due to the School Safety Zone area. So, none that were blocking visibility or causing any issues. Some parents used Hill Top Close and walked down and crossed the road.*

*The School Safety Zone and advisory 20mph speed limit seems to be doing its job and there is a crossing point identified within it that parents and children use. With no vehicles parking here, the visibility is good and traffic speed quite low. Approx 25 children crossed the road, all with parents. This figure is quite low when compared to many other sites and the fact that all were accompanied means that the criteria for a School Crossing Patrol is not met.*

*In terms of measures, the existing layout is good, and I know that you have a reactive speed sign on the approach. Also, the parents seem to respect the School Safety Zone and park sensibly and accompany their children across the road to the school site. So, all in all, the location wouldn't warrant anything further at the moment. Our education colleagues do go into the school and offer road safety advice and training to the staff and children from time to time.*

The reactive speed sign on Scarle Lane is currently out of order, and is being sent away to be repaired.

Rachel Popplewell, Parish Clerk



## Eagle Youth Club

Eagle Village Hall, 5:30pm – 7pm, aged 5 upwards, 50p entry.

February 7th	March 7th
April 4th	May 2nd
June 6th	July 4th
September 5th	October 3rd
November 7th	December 5th

Darts, Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball Hoop, Games, Art or just play or relax.

Tuck shop available, sweets and drinks.

Please Note NO Youth Club in AUGUST



**Eagle Baby & Toddler Group**

A weekly group for 0-5 year olds and their parents, grandparents or carers.

**Thursdays 9.30 - 11am**  
(term time only)

Play, crafts, singing, stories and lots more.  
Come and join us, we would love to see you.

 find us on Facebook  
Eagle Baby and Toddler Group

pageborders.org

The Vicar recently received this letter from David Foster

### **Village Life in Wartime Britain**

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 1940, my mother, brother Alan and I self-evacuated from Richmond-on-Thames to the village of Eagle, eight miles south west of Lincoln.

Richmond had got off comparatively lightly from the bombs up till then, but I was hobbling about on crutches after being knocked off my bike by a lorry, so my father thought it best if we went to live with my mother's Aunt Fanny at her home in Eagle, where we remained for the duration. My father stayed in London where he worked as a civil servant but came to visit us two or three times a year.

Alan and I cycled from Lincoln Station to Eagle, accompanied by a lady called Mrs Bean, while my mother took the bus.

Auntie Fanny lived in a large house called the Haunted House. Why it had this name we boys didn't know and didn't enquire at the time, but we found out much later, as I shall explain.

The house had fourteen rooms, including three in an attached annexe. One room was used exclusively for storing apples – there were 30 apple trees in the large garden, 25 of them Cox's Orange Pippins.

Mr Bean looked after the garden (we always thought his name was singularly appropriate!) There being no running water, his duties included clearing out the privy. This facility was located in a separate shack and was referred to as "Down the garden". Drinking water came from an attractive wooden pump outside the back door.

We had only been there a few weeks when a Hampden bomber from one of the local airfields crashed about a quarter of a mile away. There was a huge explosion from a landmine it was carrying – much louder than anything we'd heard in London. We all had to evacuate for the night to the village hall in nearby North Hykeham. Fortunately, the only damage to Aunt Fanny's house was a few broken windows. But nothing was mentioned to us boys about the six young men – in their late teens or early twenties who would have been blown to smithereens on that aircraft.

Eagle had a population of about 250 people, and after we'd been there a couple of years, we knew about 245 of them – there was little moving house during the war years.

Aunt Fanny's late husband, Uncle Walter, had been headmaster of the village school – there was only one other teacher. He must have been something of a scholar – as well as a four volume Bible Commentary, his large library included a set of about 8 large volumes of the Cambridge History of

English Literature, which I sold to Heffers of Cambridge in the early 1950s for £10 for the set – probably about £200 in today's money.

My brother and I went to school in Lincoln on the 8 o'clock bus. On the way home, a news vendor walked up and down the bus station selling the "Lincolnshire Echo" with the clarion call "Echo! Echo! – the more you read, the more you wonder till it makes you fairly gasp" – words I was able to use occasionally in my sermons in my days as a Reader at St. Peter's, Elworth.

There was an earlier bus which left the village at 7am taking mostly men not working on the farms to work in the factories in Lincoln, where they made all sorts of war materials. Some of the women from the village went to work on the later bus – my mother had a job at Millett's. I believe it was the very first of the Millett's shops – I remember my mother complaining that the proprietor, Mr Bernard Millett, was a mean old thing!

Eagle at the time sported two shops and a Post Office. There were three farms, each about 250 acres. It was mixed farming, the emphasis on arable, being Lincolnshire. The main crops were wheat, oats, barley and sugar beet, the last because of difficulties in importing sugar cane. We used to help out on one of the farms during the holidays. We didn't much like the potato picking – too much like hard work – but helping with the harvest was much more enjoyable, especially making corn stacks. I can remember the farmer allowing me, aged 16, to lead a horse carrying a load of corn from about one and a half miles away, completely unsupervised!

In Richmond we used to sing in St John's Church Choir which had 22 boys (I wonder if my initials carved in the Choir stall are still there?) and were members of the associated Scout Troop. The Scoutmaster, who was also a Church Server wrote to my mother urging her not to let us join a "backwater choir" as my brother had a very fine singing voice. What a snob, we thought! However, we did join the choir at Eagle Church, which then consisted of Alan and I and another boy called Maurice, a flat-footed man called Sam, who sang the melody line an octave lower, old Mr Tindall, who sang a cracked tenor, Mrs Mary Rose on the organ, and Sam's son Ken, the organ blower. We weren't King's College Cambridge, but we did our best!

The attractive oak screen between the nave and the chancel was given by Aunt Fanny in memory of her husband. The congregation was about 30 in number, with the vicar's wife and daughter in the front row, and a retired bank manager sitting in splendid isolation in the side aisle.

The Vicar was a very nice man who preached a very traditional type of sermon, although as boys we did think he rather droned on at times. (What a good job today's Vicars aren't like that!) But some things did stick. I remember to this day the Vicar preaching from 1 Corinthians 16 : 13 (AV) "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong", especially his re-iteration of the phrase "quit ye like men".

There were also two boys from Hull. One lived with Mr & Mrs Bean and the other at our friend Maurice's home next door to the Beans.

We played cricket on a field between the church and the school – the foot-path crossing the pitch wasn't too much of an impediment! We also greatly enjoyed climbing a large oak tree on the edge of the field.

We had a football team – we called ourselves Eagle Wanderers – and played against teams from neighbouring villages. A farmer kindly allowed us to use one of his fields – we chopped down one or two young birch trees from a nearby wood for goal posts.

A highlight of the social scene was the monthly whist drive (boring!) and dance – quick step, foxtrot, waltz and hokey-cokey. We often got local RAF bands, mostly saxophones. Failing that, it was me on the piano and another boy on the drums.

Then there was the annual garden fete at the Vicarage (including bowls on the lawn), and the Scouts and Guides annual show in the school.

So, what about the Haunted House? Well, remarkably, after losing touch with our friend Maurice after about 65 years, we met up again, and he told me that Uncle Walter had given it that name to discourage local youths from stealing his apples ('scrumping' as it was called). Well, what do you know!



**EASTER AT DODDINGTON**  
Daily, 2-16 April

Enjoy Easter on the estate with a free children's trail. Pick up a trail sheet from the Farm Shop and start exploring.



**HALL & GARDENS**  
2 April - 29 September

Open Wed, Fri, Sun & Bank Hol Mon

Discover over 400 years of unbroken family history and stunning gardens.

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## News from Eagle School

The Spring Term has been extremely busy (as is always the case in school) with lots of exciting events going on. We hope that you enjoy reading about life at Eagle ...

## Playground Changes



Last edition we mentioned that our outside re-developments were beginning as we want to make sure that we have lots of opportunities to take our learning outside whatever the weather. We have started by changing the outside space for our Little Eagles and they absolutely love their new shelter and play space.

We have also installed new bike racks to replace those removed when the old portacabin was knocked down then turned into an outdoor gym and seating area. As well as replacing an old shed with a much better storage solution for all of our outdoor toys. Now, the instructions said "easily put together in one hour with just four people"! Given how heavy the sections of the container were and how difficult it was to carry it onsite, we didn't really believe these instructions ... but, thanks to some willing parent volunteers it was put together relatively easily (though probably some aching muscles afterwards).

**Reading – a Habit for Life** Everyone at our school knows how much we value the importance of reading and we simply love books! The more you read, the more every other subject and skill is opened up. For example, when one young lady found her favourite series of books to read, the quality of her own writing developed as she started to understand authorial technique and began to apply this in her own work! Another young chap, when asked about his best Christmas present, waxed lyrical about a new book he had been gifted ... ahead of all the other things! Anyway, to keep adding to these examples of

reading success, Mr Watson re-organised our free-reading library (with the able assistance of some helpful librarians Vinnie, Rylan and Thomas) and added some donations to provide new ranges that might just be the 'right fit' for some to read.

**School Inspection** In January, His Majesty's Inspectorate visited us to decide if the school remains the same grade as previously graded. The staff worked relentlessly in-and-out of meetings all day and the children were AMAZING and their pride made us so proud!!! We are



pleased to report that they concluded there is "no change to the school's overall judgement of good". We are a school that is continually busy and looking to keep getting better at what we do - we work together on this as Team Eagle, so we were pleased that this was recognised as one of many positive features of the report:

*"Pupils consider it a privilege to belong to 'Team Eagle'. One pupil, whose comments were typical of many said, 'It is one big family. [It is] a community'."*

**Our School Community** We really are so lucky to be part of a fantastic school community and Friends of Eagle School (FOES) is an integral part of Team Eagle. This year they have planned so many wonderful events for us to enjoy over the Spring Term, including:

**Pennies for Pizza** – an easy fundraiser with just donations of pennies to compete to be the class raising the most money to win a Pizza Party! The response was so amazing that the WHOLE SCHOOL will be winners and enjoy a yummy party to celebrate.

**Bags 2 School** – FOES book a termly collection of old clothes and bits and bobs to help with de-cluttering and tidying. This is advertised and shared on Facebook and we will welcome any bags dropped off in the car park on the given day (next drop-off Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July) ... thank you to everyone and to those ex-school families who we saw at our March drop-off .

**Ladies Quiz Night** – a village event that brought together the whole community for an evening of fun and laughter. A teacher's team was in attendance and we all loved seeing everyone together as well as those whose children have moved on and hear about how they're getting on.

**Mother's Day Making Room** – the return of the making room craft activities for the children to prepare an extra-special, 'secret' little gift for this special day.

**School Disco** – a great way to end a school term with an exciting night out and chance to get dressed up and dance the night away! These are the things that make memories and give the children an event to look forward and feel all grown-up.

## Out and About Experiences



This term we added even more extra events in the school curriculum and got out and about to take our learning outside the classroom. Last term we enjoyed a bit a culture and visited the theatre. This term, Class 2 visited the National Space Centre to conclude their project on Space and the whole school visited Hill Holt Wood to cover elements of our science learning practically. Next term, we are going to go to the Lincolnshire Show to learn all about our County!

## Join our School?

Do you have a child over the age of two? Do you have a child ready to start school in September 2023? Have you moved to the area and have primary-aged children? Do you have friends looking for school or pre-school places? If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', why not get in touch and enquire about joining our school family – we look forward to welcoming you and showing you the school we are so proud of.



We are not just looking to welcome children to our school. We are still looking to welcome a Community Governor – someone from the village or local area that would be interested in taking on this rewarding role. You just need to be able to attend several meetings across the year and have an interest in making the community in which we live a successful one. We can't wait to hear from you – simply call school 01522 868354 to find out more .



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
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Each week our volunteer Leaders create activities, games and challenges for all the young people based on what the young people have asked for in their own youth led programme.

In our Spring programme our young people have been climbing in Lincoln, winter camping at Walesby, learning and trying out new experiences like archery, shooting and tomahawk throwing! They have also been learning about different cultures around the world, and we have had experts in to run activities with the young people on astronomy, making paper aeroplanes and egg parachutes!

So much done, achieved and learnt in our Spring programme and the young people are all working towards the top awards in Scouting!

We have an amazing Summer Programme lined up which will be published soon. Find us on Facebook – 1st Collingham Scouts where we publish our programmes and latest news.

Our volunteer Leaders, aged 18-80 are amazing and provide guidance, motivation and mentoring to the young people to enable them to achieve amazing results week in, week out. They dedicate themselves to making sure the children enjoy the weekly sessions and achieve the most they can, passing on skills for life that will help a young person become the best they can be.

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# A PRAYER

## FOR THE KING'S REIGN

O GOD, the Ruler over Earth and Sea,  
Grant us Thy guidance in the reign to be :

Grant, that our King may make this ancient land  
A realm of brothers, working mind and hand

To make the life of man a fairer thing :  
God, grant this living glory to the King.

Grant, to our Queen, the strength that lifts and shares  
The daily burden that a monarch bears :

Grant, to them both, Thy holy help to give  
The hopeless, hope, the workless, means to live :

The light to see, and skill to make us see,  
Where ways are bad, what better ways may be :

And grace, to give to working minds the zest  
To reach excelling things beyond their best :

Grant to them peace, and Thy diviner peace,  
The joy of making human wars to cease :

Make wise the councils of the men who sway  
The Britain here, the Britains far away :

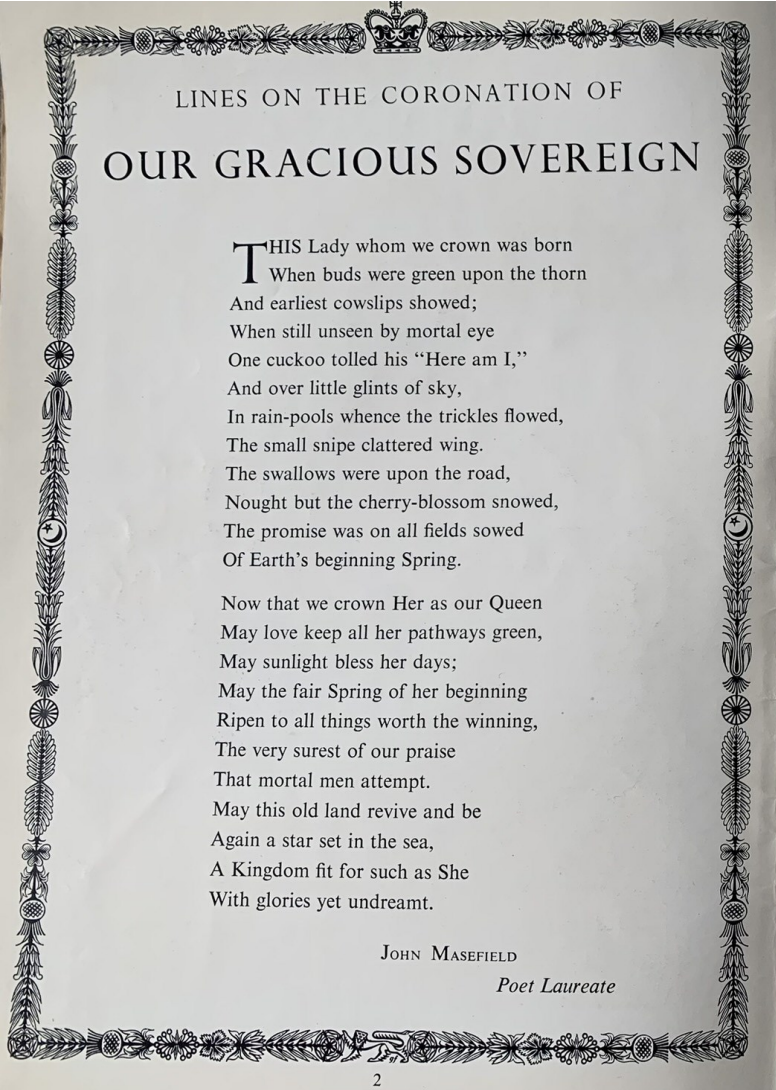
And grant us all, that every rightness willed  
In this beginning reign may be fulfilled.

JOHN MASEFIELD,  
*Poet Laureate.*

I had a notion that my mother had collected souvenir newspapers and magazines from the Queen's coronation in 1953, and was delighted to discover not only the Queen's Coronation souvenir booklet, but also her father, King George's coronation souvenir booklet from 1937. I have



reproduced the inside front pages of both—perhaps in the next Eagle Eye there might be the follow-on from a booklet of King Charles III's coronation.



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THIS Lady whom we crown was born  
When buds were green upon the thorn  
And earliest cowslips showed;  
When still unseen by mortal eye  
One cuckoo tolled his "Here am I,"  
And over little glints of sky,  
In rain-pools whence the trickles flowed,  
The small snipe clattered wing.  
The swallows were upon the road,  
Nought but the cherry-blossom snowed,  
The promise was on all fields sowed  
Of Earth's beginning Spring.

Now that we crown Her as our Queen  
May love keep all her pathways green,  
May sunlight bless her days;  
May the fair Spring of her beginning  
Ripen to all things worth the winning,  
The very surest of our praise  
That mortal men attempt.  
May this old land revive and be  
Again a star set in the sea,  
A Kingdom fit for such as She  
With glories yet undreamt.

JOHN MASEFIELD

*Poet Laureate*

Mrs Margaret Phillips very kindly shared some of her reminiscences of the Queen's Coronation in 1953, and how she remembers celebrating it in Eagle.

Mr Bert Cawsey was the proprietor of a vehicle and motor spares business on the corner of Church Lane ( some may remember the petrol pumps where the two new houses are now on the High Street). He had also





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recently decided to sell televisions, which were a new and rare thing in 1953.

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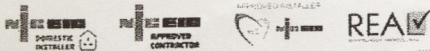
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1st April 2023

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Sunday to Thursday

£8.50 per hour

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Sunday to Thursday

£11.00 per hour

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### VILLAGE RESIDENTS

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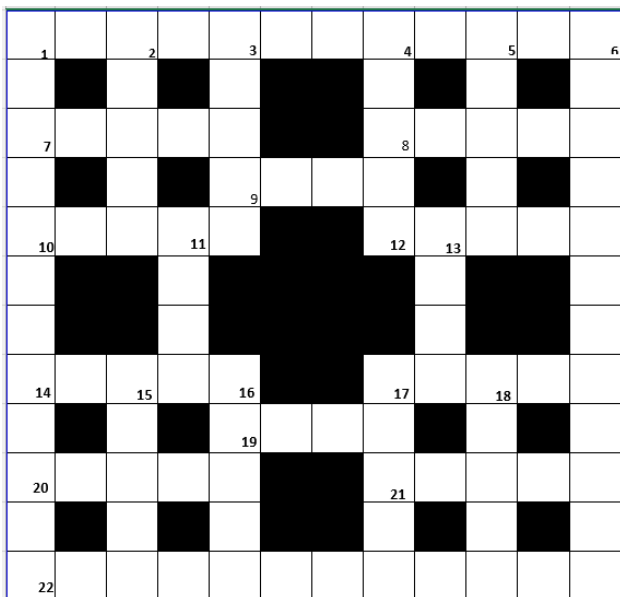
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**ACROSS**

1. One who is in difficulty, but very welcome back in Eagle? (3,9)
7. You can drop one, or light one, but you can't fly without one (5)
8. Abbreviated HGV? (5)
9. Live backwards, badly (4)
10. Sounds like the insect runs away (5)
12. How a 5 down might obtain his slate if he was dishonest (5)
14. Outside inside toilet (5)
17. Badly arranged watchmaker's stock goes with ticks?
19. Falls ----- disrepair (4)
20. A very young Stark to be a Lord Commander (5)
21. Mixing up a backbone produces a game bird(5)
22. Possum takes spires and puts them on something else (12)

**DOWN**

1. Best Dad's own TV music programme for 42 years? (3,2,3,4)
2. Blonde singer with strong hair ?? (5)
3. Carries it. Amazeballs! (5)
4. What footballers aim for, and often miss (5)
5. Amount of liquid for a tiler? (5)
6. The state of being without reck? (12)
11. Gaelic Scotland? (4)
13. Helen's city is in the mix for learner (4)
15. Complains or quibbles and gets mixed up in a fight (5)
16. More than nice (5)
17. Reason for going into 1 across for a 5 down of beer ?(2,3)
18. Snake lies down? (5)

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**‘Eagle & Swinethorpe Parish Council’** for notices from the Parish Council

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