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# A Message from the Rector

As I write this article, Spring Harvest is in full swing at Butlins and I have managed to make the worship time on one evening. It clashes with Holy Week when I am extremely busy preparing for Easter. The theme for Spring Harvest is "Oneness" in that we are all one in Jesus Christ and the denominational badge that we choose to wear is less significant than the fact that we are all Christians.

I think that the great high priestly prayer of John Chapter 17 has a lot to say to us here in the Skegness Benefice and particularly at this time. John 17:11:-

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

We have five church buildings each of which is distinctive, each church has its own preferred way of being a church, each church does something that builds up the rest of the Benefice, each church has its own unique characteristics but there is something that all the churches share. The Holy Spirit is what binds all Christians together regardless of denomination as we are all one in Christ. Christ's prayer is that we may be one as the Father and Christ are one. They are one in the Holy Spirit. The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit to be here on earth with us so that we can be one with them in the power of the Holy Spirit. So we are all one in Christ, indeed we as the church are the body of Christ here on earth called to carry out his mission of bringing the "Good News" of the kingdom of God to all people. So we are called to be one, Christ prays that we may be one and sends the Holy Spirit to fill our church with His presence. It is my prayer that we may be one, one church but with five buildings, one congregation that worships in five places. In this way we can be one in the Holy Spirit, one in Jesus Christ and through being in the Spirit and in Christ we are one with the Father.

This is part of what it means to be a Christian.

Revd. Richard G. Holden Rector

# **All In The Month of May**

#### It was:

400 years ago: on 23 May 1617 that Elias Ashmole was born. This English antiquarian and collector left most of his collection to Oxford University, thereby starting the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology.

175 years ago: on 13 May 1842 that Sir Arthur Sullivan, British composer of operettas, was born. Best known for his collaboration with W S Gilbert, which produced H.M.S. Pinafore, The Mikado, etc.

125 years ago: on 11 May 1892 that Dame Margaret Rutherford, award-winning British stage and film actress, was born. She was loved for her roles as an English eccentric.

100 years ago: on 21 May 1917 that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission was founded. It records and maintains the graves and places of commemoration of Commonwealth military service members who died in WW1 and WW2.

90 years ago: on 20-21 May that the American aviator Charles Lindbergh made his historic first non-stop solo transatlantic flight from New York to Paris, aboard the Spirit of St Louis.

80 years ago: on 12 May 1937 that the coronation of King George VI took place. This was also the BBC's first official outdoor television broadcast.

75 years ago: on 04 May 1942 that Germany bombed Exeter, destroying the city centre. Several weeks later, on 30-31 May, more than 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers carried out a 90 minute air raid on Cologne.

50 years ago: on 28 May 1967 that the British sailor and aviator, Sir Francis Chichester, became the first person to complete a true solo circumnavigation of the world from west to east, via the clipper route and great capes.

30 years ago: on 11 May 1987 that Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie ('the butcher of Lyon') went on trial in Lyon. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for crimes against humanity.

20 years ago: on 01May 1997 that the Labour Party won the British General Election in a landslide victory, ending 18 years of Conservative rule. Tony Blair, aged 43, became Britain's youngest Prime Minister since 1812.

15 years ago: on 30 May 2002 that a solemn ceremony was held to mark the end of the clean-up operation at Ground Zero in New York City, after the 9/11 attacks.

10 years ago: on 03 May 2007 that the Scottish Parliament General Election saw the Scottish National Party (SNP) win by a single seat, and form a minority government. Alex Salmond took office as First Minister on 16th May.



## The Sea Shall Not Have Them...

was the title of an old black and white film, set in wartime and focused on the rescue of downed airmen. I thought about it as I witnessed a very special event in Skegness.

A 12 noon on Saturday 01 April on Tower Esplanade, and in the shadow of the new Shannon class lifeboat, 13-17, 'April and Joel Grunnill', many hundreds of people, both local and visitors, gathered to witness the naming and dedication of this vessel.

As part of the event, and as a representative of the Church of England, I had been asked, some months before, to lead a service of dedication on this day. This simple service included, of course, the hymns 'Eternal Father' and 'How Great Thou Art.'

During the ceremony, attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Toby Dennis, local civic dignitaries and members of the RNLI, April Grunnill, in addition to naming the lifeboat, was also presented with the British Empire Medal, awarded in 2016.... It was a wonderful day for her. The new lifeboat, having been handed over to Skegness RNLI, named and dedicated, then took to the water. Refreshments followed, the whole event having been brilliantly organised. Even the weather was kind.

For the Christian Church, with its ethos and values, to have been part of this very special occasion was an important reminder of its connection to this nation and its many national organisations; on a personal level, to have received this invitation to lead the dedication service on behalf of the community which we serve was a privilege and something I shall remember forever.

For those who will be unfortunate enough to get into trouble in the sea off our coast this year and later years, our lifeboat crew and their new state of the art lifeboat will be determined that 'the sea shall not have them.'

# **New Horizons**

Many people who live in the Skegness area love the idea of retirement by the sea! Sadly for many that retirement becomes a lonely affair, when one of the couple dies. Because they have had such a good relationship with one another, they may not have built up a large group of friends who can support them through their bereavement. Family members may be working or live away from the area and the happy future they had envisaged becomes a bad dream.

As a result we set up a non-denominational secular bereavement group called New Horizons. We meet on the third Thursday of every month. We have been trained not as counsellors but as listeners, through Acorn who lead a Listening Ear course. This enables us to give the precious commodity of time to those who need it.

We have a special programme each month with varied demonstrations and hands on activities, speakers and a constant stream of new thigs with which to engage. There is the opportunity to talk together or on a one to one basis in private. It has become like a family gathering with tea and home-made cakes. One lady said last month she couldn't wait for the next month's meeting. In between meetings some of the group meet up for coffee in the town and it has become a highlight in the week whilst out shopping. Many good friendships have been made, holidays have been taken together along with many hours chatting on the phone!

We can never have too many friends and we hope that you will not only make friends who support you, but that you become our friend too.

Meetings are from 2.00 pm to 4 .00 pm at St Clement's Community Hall, Church Road North, Skegness, PE25 2QH.

For more information telephone Linda Allaway 01754 810507 or go to www. newhorizonsbereavement.co.uk



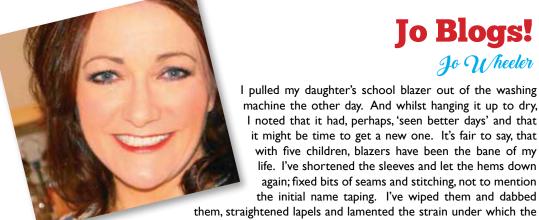


## **Skegness & District Dementia Support Group**

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# Jo Blogs!

I pulled my daughter's school blazer out of the washing machine the other day. And whilst hanging it up to dry, I noted that it had, perhaps, 'seen better days' and that it might be time to get a new one. It's fair to say, that with five children, blazers have been the bane of my life. I've shortened the sleeves and let the hems down again; fixed bits of seams and stitching, not to mention the initial name taping. I've wiped them and dabbed

pockets have been put. Emptying them before laundry is like dipping your hands into Mary Poppins' magical carpet bag -how can one item of clothing hold so much and yield so many long lost items? Back in the day parents expected a blazer to last a full school career. Hardly surprising since its purchase often necessitated a second mortgage and a charge on your grandparents' lives! I remember clearly, oh how clearly, my own trip to the school outfitters before beginning secondary school. There was something quite exciting about acquiring an entire wardrobe in one fell swoop, even if it was the same as everyone else's. And it was all going quite well until we got to the blazer. My mother insisted on purchasing something I could grow into. Not unreasonably. But the chosen garment was marginally longer than my skirt, which was Victorian length anyway. Happily the arms were so long, I could prevent them flapping by tucking them into the elastic I used to keep my knee length socks up. It was terrible! It was freaky! A couple of guy lines and pegs and I swear down I could have camped under that thing! Just how big did she think I was going to grow? There's something slightly daunting about beginning your secondary school career with the death knell of failure already ringing in your ears. I could see my parents in the coming years, attending some social event with my mother gracefully waving a glass of sherry whilst proclaiming, 'Oh we had such hopes for her! Academically things turned out OK, but she never quite achieved our ambition that she would reach a height of 7 ft 2'!

This obviously explains why children were sent up chimneys in the past! It was a win win situation! Chimney sweeps are not known for their blazer wearing in the first place and the workplace has to be the ultimate environment for upward rather than sideways growth!

As I approached my GCSE's, I realised the only way to escape Demis Roussos' jacket was to change schools. Older and wiser, and with little growing left to do, I thought I might be a little firmer when it came to blazer buying and executed my plan with aplomb!

I'd like to think I've brought those blazer bungling memories to bear when it's come to my own children's uniforms. So, as I looked at the rather sorry specimen crawling out of the washing drum, I resolved to replace forthwith. And then I remembered that there's no point. She'll be leaving school in a couple of months. That little girl, the one I had to kiss goodbye in EXACTLY the same spot every day at primary school; the girl whose school bus I had to follow in her first week of secondary school (just to make sure that it went to the right place); the young lady who, today, switches her music off when she approaches a roundabout in her car (to avoid distraction). Her school days are over and she, and I, are sad about that. But the fact that we're sad bears testament to how happy she's been through school here in Lincolnshire and that's all you can ask for really! Other than being 7 ft 2! And as I look at that damp blazer now, I know that it's not seen 'better days', it has actually seen the 'best days' and that whatever wonders the future may hold for her, those precious memories are safe.

# **Our Friends From Germany**

In June, Skegness will be welcoming a party of friends from our twin town Bad Gandersheim in Germany. This year we are planning to take them to Gibraltar Point, Newark, Woodhall Spa and Tattershall.

The new Mayor of Skegness, Danny Brookes, will give an official reception to the party when they arrive and there will be a formal dinner on the evening before they leave. For the remainder of the five days that they are here, our visitors will be free to enjoy being by the seaside, which is a rare treat for people who live over 200 kilometres from the coast!

Also this year, for the first time for many years, we are planning exchanges between students at Seathorne School in Skegness and a school in Bad Gandersheim. The German children are due to be in Skegness from 22nd to 26th May.

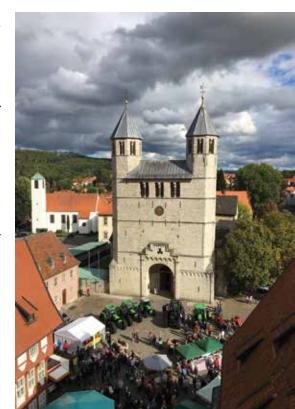
Skegness has been twinned with Bad Gandersheim since 1979. Bad Gandersheim is a beautiful small town in northern Germany near the Harz Mountains and not far from the towns of Hanover and Hamelin, famous for the Pied Piper.

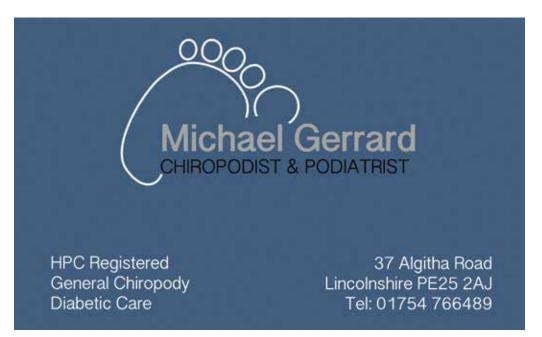
The origins of Gandersheim can be traced back to the ninth century, when it was an important administrative centre. The town centre with its traditional half-timbered houses and the 1000year old twin-tower church on the historical market place has managed to preserve its original identity. The town prides itself on the activities and events it can offer tourists - particularly its open air festivals and concerts in front of the Minster.

A party from Skegness travels to Bad Gandersheim every two years. Our next visit will be in 2018. We usually go in time for the local beer festival at the beginning of September. Most of us stay with German families, but some prefer to pay to stay in local hotels. Either way, the hospitality is wonderful. In addition to offering us food and drink they take us on outings to places ranging from towns like Hamelin, to a medieval castle or on a train ride up the highest mountain in the area.

The Skegness Twinning Association was set up in 1979 to promote friendship and understanding between the people of Skegness and Bad Gandersheim. If you would like to know more about us, or would like to take part in any of the events, or join us on our visit to Germany next year please visit our website: www.skegnesstwinning.org or phone our chairman, Brian Chapman, on 01754761617.

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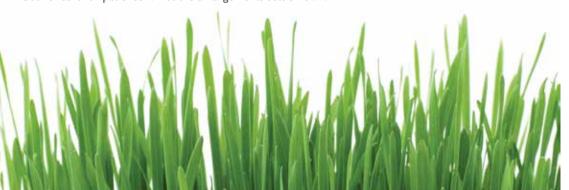


## **Amenity Grass Cutting**

Following Lincolnshire County Council's decision to stop Amenity Grass Cutting, Skegness Town Council (STC) has decided that it cannot stand by and see the 153840 m2 of grass verges be left to become a jungle of long grass and weeds. The Council was seriously concerned about the impact on both residents and tourists who support the local economy.

From 01 April, STC will be taking on responsibility for over 38 acres of grass verges. It will take 6-9 months to plan and secure the long-term future of amenity grass verge management due to the number, area and complexity of the grassed areas. The Council wants to achieve the standard demanded in the most cost effective way and will be undertaking an options appraisal to examine how this can best be delivered from 2018/19. In the meantime, an interim one year contract has been agreed to keep the grassed areas under control this year.

It is important for everyone to realise that the interim arrangement is a stop gap and will not achieve the standard of maintenance throughout the season that was delivered previously. The grass will be cut less frequently this year and so it will be longer than in the past. We are in the process of developing a system to record reports of problems and this will be available through social media and the website from April. The Council asks for patience whilst the arrangements settle down.





A simple smile can be one of the most powerful tools at our disposal... and we all have one. May is National Smile Month, which is organized by Oral Health Foundation to promote healthy teeth and happy smiles. So to help everyone understand the power of a smile, Clark Dental Studio Ltd has put together some facts about smiles:

- Charles Darwin was one of the first to really look at the power of a smile. He noted that smiling is truly universal, unlike other physical actions such as body language, or verbal communication, which differ from culture-to-culture, we all understand a smile and the feelings behind it.
- Smiles are hugely infectious. So even if we don't feel much happier straight away, by smiling, the people around us are more likely to smile, and that can then improve our mood as well.
- A smile can really have a big effect on our relationships. A smile is one of the first things that people notice about others and one of the most attractive features people can have.
- A smile can also benefit our professional life. It is seen as friendly and trustworthy; interviewers are likely to find candidates far more appealing if they go for a job interview with smile on their face.
- It really is easier to smile. It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown; this really is true 43 to frown and only 17 to smile!

National Smile Month is an excellent opportunity to let you know about the power of smile and discuss how vitally important oral health can be to our confidence, happiness and health.

To help keep your smile healthy follow our three key messages:

- Brush your teeth last thing at night and on at least one other occasion with a fluoride toothpaste
- · Cut down on how often you have sugary foods and drinks
- · Visit your dentist regularly



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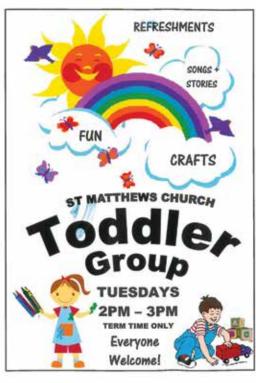
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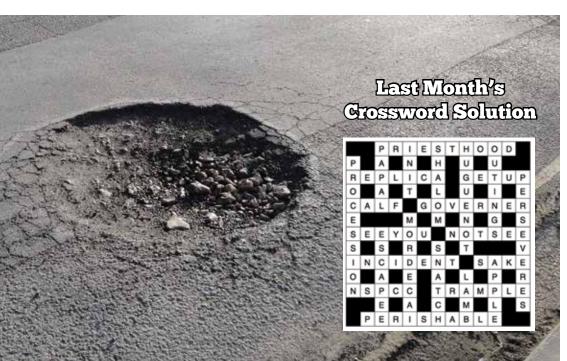
It is true to say that in the present financial climate, driving has become very much a holier experience but mainly due to the number of pot holes in every road around!

Trying to memorise the location of the deeper holes taxes the memory, especially at night or after heavy rain when they are not so obvious.

Vigilance is essential to avoid heavy bills for replacement tyres and broken suspension. Talking to a local garage owner who had just replaced my nearside suspension strut, he stated that this type of repair had increased fourfold in the last few years due to the increase in potholes. If a particular hole causes damage to your car make a claim to the Council responsible and take photos and measurements to prove the point.

Prevention is better than the cure so call the Lincolnshire County Council (01522 782070) and report the potholes which are an obvious cause for concern before they cause more injury or damage.

Terry Allaway



## **Church Diary Dates April 2017**

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2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group					
10.45 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion					
10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat					
10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat					
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4 pm – 6 pm St Matthew Skegness, Messy Church					
9.30 am – St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion					
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