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# **This Time Next Year**

How many of you have watched the series This Time Next Year, hosted by Davina McCall? The show features people across the UK sharing their hopes and dreams and trying to change something in their lives for 'this time next year.' As the series unfolds there is a gasp as we wait to hear whether it is good news or not.

2017 was a roller-coaster ride for our family. It began as a year of uncertainty and ended in a year of celebrations with special birthdays, new jobs, new homes and our daughter married the love of her life, Matt.

Life can be planned but in practise unexpected things can happen and plans may have to be changed or even abandoned. There are two Bible verses that have had a special place in my life

Mark 10:27 says Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

The other is from Psalm 62

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:

"Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and,

"You reward everyone according to what they have done."

These sentences provide hope that even when things are tough God has the power to provide peace but also God has the power to make the impossible possible.

What plans will you put in place for this time next year?

Reverend Michelle Houldershaw Associate Priest

# **The Railway Children**

All aboard for the Rotary Youth Project!

The Rotary Club of Skegness Youth Committee and the Poacher Line Community Rail Partnership are working together with the local schools in the Skegness area. The aim is to brighten up Skegness Railway Station and ensure our children stay safe on the railways.

Railway safety talks have been delivered to the children at some local schools who regularly work with Rotary on various projects. The schools which took part were Beacon Primary Academy, the Viking School, St Peter and St Paul C of E Primary School at Burgh le Marsh, Seathorne PrimarySchool, the Richmond School, Wainfleet St Mary C of E Primary School, Friskney All Saints C of E School, Great Steeping Primary School and Skegness Academy.

The children were made aware of the dangers they can encounter on the railway with special emphasis on the need for safety at certain types of level crossings. They were taught how to ensure they stayed safe.

The primary schools are also working with the Rotary Club and the Poacher line community team to help to brighten up Skegness Railway Station. They have produced pictures of Skegness



and surrounding areas which will be transformed into murals and sited in the former window arches on the station building. Some of these murals will be unveiled at the RAF 100 Family Fun Day which is being held at Skegness Railway Station on Bank Holiday, Monday 27 August.

This will be a fun day with many things to enjoy including a life sized model of a Red Arrow plane for children to sit in, a great photo opportunity to see something like this first hand! Our wonderful Skegness Silver Band is providing a medley of musical entertainment. So come along and join in the fun and see what the children have produced. Members of the Rotary Club of Skegness will be there so pop along and say hello.

In the autumn term our primary school children will be collecting teddy bears to send to children around the world. They will probably end up with someone whose family has suffered from a natural disaster and the children no longer have any toys.

We are also collecting any odd buttons you no longer need. They will be shipped to countries where they are used to make items that can be sold to raise money for food for hungry children. Look out for more information on this or bring teddy bears and buttons to Skegness Railway Station on Monday 27 August.

We hope to see you there!

# **The Tower Gardens Community Hub**

At an extraordinary meeting on 10 July, Skegness Town Councillors unanimously decided to move forward with the development of a new Community Hub in Tower Gardens on the site of the derelict Pavilion.

This decision was taken following assurances from East Lindsey District Council that it is willing to reach an agreement with Skegness Town Council, to transfer a number of assets including the whole of the Tower Gardens, some commercial properties, Scarbrough Avenue Car Park and all the public open spaces not on the Foreshore. Some of these assets are income



generating and this income will be used to pay for the upkeep of the other areas.

The ambition to move forward with such a project has been part of the Council's Business Plan for several years. It is hoped that construction can start early in 2019 and that the building will be ready about a year later.

# **August Wars**

August is a month when wars tend to start. For example, both the First and Second World Wars erupted in the month of August. Also, on 13 August 1961, East Germany's Communist regime built the Berlin Wall, separating the city's eastern and western sectors. Then on 20 August 1968, tanks invaded and crushed Czechoslovakia, ending the 'Prague Spring'. And on 19 August 1991, a clique of eight Communist hard-liners overthrew the reformist President Gorbachev in a coup to shore up the sagging Soviet State. (It collapsed three days later.) More recently, even the Russian/Georgian conflict of 2008 began in August.

So – August may be the holiday month, but it seems when leaders go on holiday, bad things happen.



I said goodbye to my piano today, only it wan't the painful 'adieu' I'd been anticipating, but a bemused 'au revoir' that I never expected! Even so, I kissed it goodbye and promptly burst into tears as the van bore it away.

No-one makes the decision to get rid of a piano lightly! They're huge pieces of furniture and often the source of much joy and many memories. Mine

was certainly the latter. Although I can't remember a life before it, I

remember the breathless excitement of its arrival. Owning a piano was, for me, the equivalent of becoming a princess to many other little girls. It was all I'd ever wanted, forever. But they're expensive items and, even at this distance, I remember feeling guilty over the £10 my parents had to shell out to get it for me. (It was a lot of money back then!)

Naturally it was second hand, if not third, fourth or fifth, maybe more – but that was just as well, as my three brothers and I probably didn't treat it with the respect it deserved. It was just the right height to attach the Matchbox loop the loop track with which we would play for hours; it was a sturdy boundary for my younger brothers' baby walkers and its top served as a natural repository of homework and coffee cups.

I can no more remember a time when I couldn't read music than one where I couldn't read books, but even the most dedicated musician gets fed up with practise once in a while. My mother would insist on those 'reluctant' days that I had to play for just I5 minutes, and she would set the timer on the big New World cooker in the kitchen. If, however, she got caught on the phone, I would creep behind the place where she was attached to the wall (explain that to your kids) and shave a few minutes off the alarm! But not so much that she'd notice. I can smile about that now because I never stopped playing and through my teenage years, my piano was my 'go to' place. If life was complicated, a bit of Bach or Mozart restored order; tumultuous – bring on the Beethoven; dreamy – Schubert or Mendelssohn. Later, the hits of the day were published as sheet music or in album compilations and I was able to play pieces like Billy Joel's 'Don't go Changing' or Elton John's 'Blue Eyes' which increased my popularity no end! I say that but, to be fair, my piano was a very accurate measure of who was in the house. If either of my parents were in, the serving hatch between the kitchen and the dining room would fly open as soon as I began to play; but if my brothers were at home – the doors would slam shut! In my A level years, I was often playing more than eight hours a day.

When I left home to work further afield, I developed a routine where I would walk in wordlessly, touch my piano and then (for whatever reason I cannot explain) check the dishwasher!

It became clear to anyone that knew me that 'home' was only ever where my piano resided, and that without it I was restless, unhappy and temporary.

Deciding to let it go was one of the hardest decisions I've ever made and I spent many months

considering and preparing for it. Where would it go? Who would, or even could love it as much as I had and do? To be fair, it was a bit of a 'Friday night' piano – a long way toward the back of the queue in the 'pretty piano' stakes. My mother always said it was 'quite one of the ugliest things she'd ever seen!' Harsh but potentially true.

I had hoped that it would go to another young pianist who would get the same kind of joy out of it as I did, or perhaps a Church group where it would sing out catchy pre school songs. But the longer my advertisement remained unanswered, the more I had to consider that my piano was facing the keyboard version of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang's fiery furnace. Almost unbearable.

And then the call came – the call that proved to me yet again that my life's course defaults to 'quirky'!

'Is the piano still available? I'll take it'. I started to wax lyrical; to explain that it was Canadian, made in Ontario in 1838, how it, unusually, has three pedals; that it's an upright grand and how raising the lid pushes the front open for a better sound. But became aware that I was sounding weird – the equivalent of a parent leaving their child with a babysitter for the first time.

'It's going to be a prop in our new escape room,' explains my baby's new mother. 'A what?' I ask, my head full of visions of small children trying get out of music practise.

'Our Escape rooms on the Pier' comes the explanation as if that makes it all clear. Nope – still baffled. What's an escape room when it's at home – other than a room from which children and animals are banished and I get limitless time to read books. That's my idea of an escape room.

Dear reader, for the uninitiated, Escape is a team game for 2-6 people. You get locked in a room from which you have to escape within 60 minutes having completed a series of challenges, each one allowing you to address the next and eventually escape! A bit like a real life Cluedo.

And there are four on the pier right here in Skegness. Each is themed - there's Prison Breakout, Wizardry and Escape the Seven Seas. There's another, yet to open but which will be ready before the October half term and ready for Christmas Parties.

In a life dominated by technology, what a brilliant idea! One where a group of people have to work together to solve problems, face challenges and, as a team, achieve escape!

Never mind that my much loved piano will have a starring role! In the pirate room, thank you for asking. I'm feeling bad now that I dusted it down before it left, its cobwebs would surely have helped at its audition.

Hey, not many people can claim to be a parent to an 'acting' piano. To be fair, not many people claim to be a 'parent' to a piano at all, but I'm going to have to beg to differ. My piano is now 180 years old and it was facing an uncertain future. Now it is an 'actor'; holding a starring role in one of the most modern attractions available! Proud? Of course I am! Not many parents can claim their offspring to be a successful thespiano! And better still, I can see it whenever want! I genuinely couldn't be happier.

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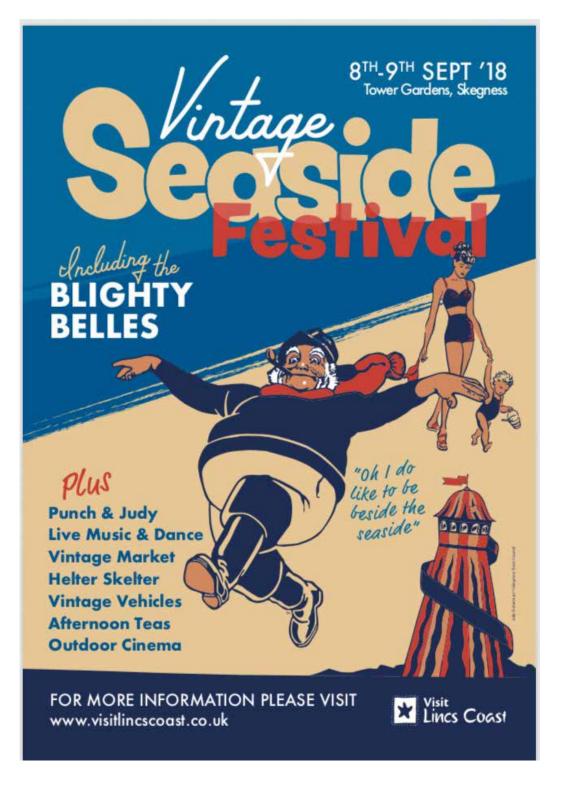
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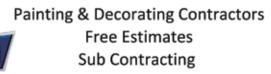
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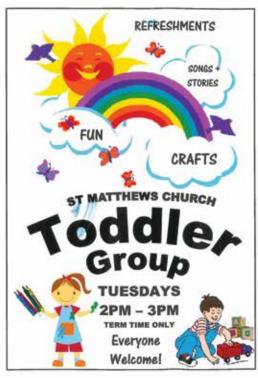
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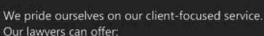
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The Way I See It

'How did we do?' (on a scale of one to ten, where 'ten' is excellent and 'one' is poor?') 'Would you recommend us to your friends?' You can hardly buy anything now, or make use of a service, without an email popping up asking such questions.

Some go further into detail about delivery, courtesy or satisfaction with the 'experience', as they call it. Frankly, buying a hand towel is not an 'experience' for me but an everyday transaction, but perhaps some people get a kick out of it. Obviously enough of them fill them in to make it worthwhile, but it begs the question why do they want to know how we 'feel'? It's surely not a need to be loved and admired; and I'm fairly sure it's not really about improving the service. Basically, they are gathering material for their PR team and their advertising agency. It will all be used online or in advertisements. '90% of our customers rate our service 'very good' or 'good'. 86% of people using our face cream found it 'helpful' or 'very helpful'. Of course, one wonders what the other 16 % said. 'It gave me a nasty rash'? 'My skin was dry for weeks?' Of course, we shall never know.

This continual request for 'feedback' is a relatively recent development, which has spread to doctors' practices, hospitals and charities. Soon, perhaps, your church will start doing it. How did we do? Did you like the hymns? Were you made welcome? Rate the sermon on a scale of one to ten, where 'ten' is spell-binding, and 'one' is incomprehensible. Actually, there could just be the germ of a good idea there!

# **Skegness Business Awards**

Sponsors and supporters of the 4th Skegness Business Awards met on 12 July at Kirks Quality Foods; last year's overall winner, to launch the 2018 Awards. The event which has guickly become recognised as the "Skegness Business Oscars" celebrates the best of Skegness businesses. Nominations are now open for the awards over ten categories including established favourites such as Customer Care sponsored by Stagecoach and Best Accommodation sponsored by Hodgkinson's Solicitors as well as some new categories: a Green Award sponsored by Sid Dennis & Sons and a Wellbeing Award sponsored by Roman Bank Bingo. These new categories will open up the awards to new firms so that more Skegness businesses will have the chance to take part. The 2018 awards will be open to receive entries throughout the summer and will move to a judging phase in October and a grand celebration event on Friday 30 November when the winners will be announced and the trophies awarded. The Skegness Business Awards website www.skegnessbusinessawards.co.uk is the place to find entry forms and up to date information about the awards and the procedure from entry to the final judging and the awards ceremony.

The main sponsor this year is Skegness Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information please contact: Secretary Skegness Business Awards, Judy Chapman chapmanjudy21@ yahoo.com tel: 07824657494 or the Chairman of Skegness Area Chamber of Commerce Tony Tye tel: 07876548163

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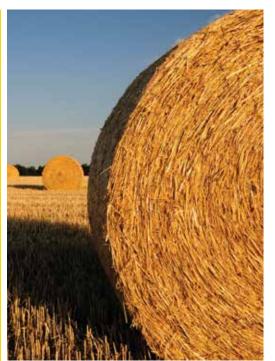
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### **Community Diary Dates August 2018**

Each month we show the Church Diary Dates. We would like to have a page of Community Diary Dates but we need you to tell us those dates. If you know of any event that is happening in the area please do let us know so that we can add it to the diary. The more people who know the more support you will get at your event!

II – 18 August Skegness Art Group is holding an Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings at
 St Mary Church Winthorpe. Open daily 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

I2 August 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Mothers Union is hosting an afternoon tea at

St Matthew Church Skegness (on the roundabout)

Tickets £3.50 available from the Parish Office or on the day

Everyone is welcome

29 September 10am - 12 noon
Trefoil group is hosting a coffee morning
The Day Centre Lincoln Road Skegness

## **Church Diary Dates August 2018**

Sunday 5	9.30am-10.30am St Matthew Skegness group breakfast
Sunday 5	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness Group service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 7	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 7	2.30pm-St Clement Community Hall Mothers Union
Wednesday 8	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 8	10.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Thursday 9	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Thursday 9	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Friday 10	10.00 am - 12 noon - St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 12	9.30 am – St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 12	9.30 am - St Clements Skegness service of Morning Worship
Sunday 12	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 12	11.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Morning Worship
Tuesday 14	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 15	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 15	10.00 am – St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Thursday 16	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion

Thursday 16	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Friday 17	10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 19	9.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 19	9.30 am - St Mary Winthorpe service of Morning Worship
Sunday 19	11.00 am St Matthew Skegness service of Morning Worship
Sunday 19	11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 21	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 22	10.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 22	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Thursday 23	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Thursday 23	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Thursday 23	2 pm – 4pm St Clements Community Hall, Skegness, New Horizons
Friday 24	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 26	9.30 am - St Nicholas Addlethorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 26	11 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 26	11 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 28	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 29	10.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 29	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Thursday 30	10.30 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Thursday 30	1.30pm-St Matthew Skegness Craft afternoon
Friday 31	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
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Sunday 2	9.30am-10.30am St Matthew Skegness group breakfast
Sunday 2	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness Group service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 4	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness Holy Communion,
Tuesday 4	10.30am-St Clement Skegness Mothers Union Corporate Communion, lunch
Tuesday 4	2.00pm St Matthew Skegness Toddler Group
Wednesday 5	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 5	10.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
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