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Three is the Magic Number for Duncan & Toplis

Local chartered accountants, Duncan & Toplis, have been named ICAEW East Midlands Accountancy Firm of the Year for the third year running. The awards celebrate the best achievements of local ICAEW (Institute Of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales) firms and the medium accountancy firm award is open to practices with between six and 25 partners or principals. The winner was the firm which, in the opinion of the judges, made the most significant contribution to the economic prosperity of the East Midlands in the past 12 months, including the success of the business, its contribution to the East Midlands economy and its contribution to the wellbeing of the region's residents (for example, through charitable or voluntary activities). To contact a member of the Duncan & Toplis team please call 01754 899899.



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Some Post Easter Thoughts

It's a quieter time now: the commemoration of Easter is over - the resurrection has been celebrated and, once again, we remembered the walk into Jerusalem, the last supper, the horror of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Day. Churches all over the country of many denominations welcomed, more people than usual who wished to join in this special time. In the Church of England we even had a baptism during the Easter Weekend.

And then there were the Easter-egg boxes to be recycled! (How was the chocolate?!) So what do we do now? Are you kidding?! The weather is warming up, Spring is well and truly here and so many are planning weddings and holidays, both here and abroad. For the thousands of visitors who will come here, the Christian Church will be around, even if the parking is difficult!

The Easter season will be with us for a few more weeks until Pentecost (Whitsun) when the Holy Spirit will come; and through the whole year we will keep the spiritualfire burning. Our Eucharist (Holy Communion) and our other services keep us going week by week. The Church does not close down until the next celebration, but is here for all people in their need every week of the year.

Reverend Christine Anderson



Who was Saint George?

St George was a Roman cavalry soldier (AD 275–281 to 23 April 303) of Greek Christian descent who refused to carry out the orders of the Roman Emperor Diocletian regarding Christian persecution. As he refused to change faith, he himself was tortured and put to death. The legend of St George states he rode to the city of Silene which is now in Libya and slew a dragon who had been terrorising

the city. Thus saving Cleolinda, the daughter of the king who had been offered as sacrifice to the dragon. He was canonised in AD 494 and became Patron Saint of England by the 14th Century. He is an exception among saints as he is known and revered by Muslims while being venerated by Christians throughout the world.

Why is St George patron saint of the Scouting Movement?

Lord Baden-Powell set up Scouting in 1907, and stated that St George would become the patron saint of this organisation as he was typical of what a Scout should be. He stated that 'Like St George, if a scout faced difficulty or danger he should face it boldly and confidently, using every power that he can to try and overcome it, and the probability is that he will succeed.' Which is why over 31 million members in 216 countries and territories celebrate St George's Day on April 23rd and use this date to remind themselves of their Promise and Scout Law.





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The River Of Life

I have a constant picture in my mind Of a little bubbly stream When I watched its waters teem Over beds of watercress And time mattered less Than it does now.

I've always loved a river Its endless movement forward **Relentlessly toward** Its final destination All it knows is that creation. The mighty sea.

I've sailed the Mississippi down to Baton Rouge I've watched the mighty Nile House its crocodiles in style And force its waters through the stones Make a waterfall that groans And roars and sprays the banks So for creation, I give thanks Oh mighty God.

Every Spring the blossom comes Followed by the leaves The ducklings run behind their Mum Toward the nearest water And in they go to Nature show They're doing what they 'oughter' The River's waters feed The Fens Create the Wildlife Trust Just by flowing forward as it must, God Bless Creation.

On its way it gathers others And takes them to its heart Brooks and tarns will ripple yarns And gossip on their way Some speak in whispering tones While others roar a grumbling moan The River onward flows.

At its mouth, the banks wide out Sometimes miles across. Shallower now, the River's at a loss To find its way, its ever-onward way. Oxbows and meanders are the order of the day And then it finds the sea. Life is like a River: it flows ever onward Taking us through dale and mountain high Like the ripples on the River we may sigh Thunderous cascades may hit us But they often serve to fit us To march on with head held high.

The tributaries – our family ties We take into our hearts We care and watch and then we part And come again together further down the line, While we are in decline They take the lead and grow in strength.

We meander forward in the oxbow as it were, On the beauty of our memories we rely Like the River we slow down and wonder why Should the tributaries heed us now at journey's end As we round another bend And pass on to Avalon



Crossword Time

Can you take on our crossword? Look out for the solution in our next issue.

ACROSS

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13) 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3) 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9) 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5) 13 Muslim holy month (7) 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7) 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5) 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9) 24'Go to the —, you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3) 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

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DOWN

1 My - for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' bestknown book) (6) 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)

5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

— him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)

7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)

12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)

15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)

16 l, uncle (anag.) (6)

17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)

18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Helen White

University of the Third Age

Are you of a 'certain age' and looking for something to do? Fed up with sitting at home on your own? Then the U3A (or to give it its full title University of the Third Age) may be the answer.

The U3A is a national charitable organization with the motto 'Live, Learn, Laugh' and with branches all round the world. The purpose of the U3A is defined as being to advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility) and who reside in Skegness and its surrounding locality. Each branch is run by its own committee, has its own constitution and decides which activities are offered.

The philosophy of the U3A is all about shared learning. This means that members share their talents in an informal environment. So far in Skegness we have groups who are led by members offering the following: languages, walking, playing games (chess, bridge, kurling, badminton, scrabble etc.), family history group, Tai Chi, Lunch Club, Book Lovers and Theatre Trips. As you can see we do offer some social activities and this is something that we are eager to expand. New groups are starting up all the time. Groups usually meet in member's homes and there is a minimal charge to cover the refreshments that are provided. The emphasis at these meetings is learning while laughing. The nature of the groups on offer is dependent on the members and the talents they have and which they are prepared to share with others.

A meeting, open to all members, is held on the third Wednesday of every month at The Storehouse on North Parade where we share information about forthcoming events and activities. This is followed by a talk by a guest speaker. We have had a variety of talks including Local Clergy of 13th Century, Impressions of Joyce Grenfell, Peregrines of Lincoln Cathedral and Never Work with Animals. Future talks include Life on the Lincolnshire Marshes, When I was Kid in the 50s and Skegness Remembered.

Membership costs $\pounds 15.00$ per year (the membership year runs from June to May) and there is a fee of $\pounds 2.00$ at the monthly meeting to cover the cost of refreshments. Non-members are welcome to attend up to a maximum of 3 meetings (or groups) at a cost of $\pounds 3.50$ per meeting.

If you think this may be for you why not come along to one of our monthly meeting to see what we are all about. Meetings start at 10.00 a.m. with doors open at 9.30 a.m. You will be made very welcome and there will be people at the door to meet you and show you around. So come along and see what we have to offer!!

Further information can be found on our website www.u3asites.org.uk/skegness







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Skegness Amateur Swimming Club Olympic Pool Visit

On Saturday 5th March 2016 Skegness Amateur Swimming Club travelled to London to give their swimmers an amazing experience.

After months of planning and hours of fundraising, the club finally managed to take all of their swimmers to the London Aquatics Centre: home of the 2012 Olympics. The club had hired lanes 6, 7 and 8 of the 50 metre Olympic Pool for a 2 hour training session. There were 38 club members in the water, plus 2 friends of the club, 6 coaches poolside and approximately 30 spectators: so a fantastic turn out from Skegness. A coach was organised to transport swimmers and their families to the venue so that almost every member was able to join in the experience, from the youngest and newest club members to the most experienced members of the Performance Squad, who currently train 8 hours per week at the Club's pool in Skegness.

The visit was organised to give the swimmers experience of swimming in a 50 metre pool and to further encourage their passion for the sport. Swimmers were

able to see for themselves how it would feel to compete in a long course pool and so should be more confident if that opportunity arises again.

It was an amazing opportunity for the swimmers to be able to train in such an iconic venue and everybody involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience. By Casey Wain Year 6

2016 will see Skegness Amateur Swimming Clubs biggest fund raising Challenge as a club. We are aiming to raise in the region of \pounds 12000, so that we can send all of our young swimmers on a week's residential swim camp at the University of Nottingham. This project would allow children from an area of social and economic deprivation to participate in something that many of their families would struggle to be able to afford or provide, thus allowing the children the best possible advantage when competing at a later stage. The swim camp will aim to improve the individual swimmers technique and endurance which the help of the number of training sessions the camp would provide.

If any children fancy taking up competitive swimming, then the club offers 4 one hour free taster sessions, or if anyone would like to sponsor the club or volunteer please call Kim Baker on 07887 505995 or Helen Banham 07939 328899 for further details.



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The National Coastwatch Institution

The National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) has been in operation for just over 25 years. Its aim is to maintain a visual and audio watch over the beaches and inshore waters of the United Kingdom and alert the appropriate services, emergency or otherwise, if there is need for help or action. The incidents monitored and in which assistance may be given are many and varied. They include lost children (thankfully very rare), keeping an eye on inflatable beds and boats (not so rare), arranging for the Seal Sanctuary to rescue distressed seals on the beach and many others.

The Skegness station of the NCI has been operational since 2005, originally at Ingoldmells Point but after the building was condemned, they had to look for another home. They found one at Winthorpe in what was the old Coastguard Watch Tower, providing a perfect view from Butlin's to Skegness pier. From this vantage point they were able to keep a lookout mainly using the naked eye, but also with the aid of binoculars and high-powered telescopes and also to listen to the main marine-band radio frequencies in case any calls for help went unanswered.

The station is assessed annually by representatives of Her Majesty's Coastguard (HMCG) and has attained official recognition of its competence to aid HMCG or other authorities in the event of an emergency situation. It has also, in conjunction with its sister station at Mablethorpe, been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services – and honour equivalent to the MBE.

After a number of years in the tower, circumstances changed and they again had to look for a new home. This time they did not have to move so far and were able to

maintain a watch over the same area thanks to the generosity of the trustees and staff of the Miners' Rest at Winthorpe. Just a few yards from the previous location they were able to resume their watch over the same area, albeit in much less spacious quarters.

NCI is a totally voluntary organization, funded solely by donations and is run and staffed by volunteers who give their time freely. Unfortunately the number of volunteers has fallen in recent

times and there is now an urgent need for new blood to maintain watches throughout the week.

Anyone from 18 years of age to 80+, who can spare half a day per week, will be made most welcome. Full training is given on a one-to-one basis at a rate determined by the trainee. When qualified, new watchkeepers will share a watch with at least one other person enabling them to gain confidence and experience. Each watch lasts for 3 hours in the winter and 4 hours during the rest of the year, covering either a morning or an afternoon.

If interested, you can contact them in person at the station in the grounds of the Miners' Rest at the seaward end of Winthorpe Avenue or call 07902076605.

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Community Diary Dates March 2016

We hope you are enjoying reading Shoreline each month. We are working to improve the magazine each month and we would appreciate any feedback from you.

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!

Community Diary Dates

- 21st April 6.30 pm Poplar Farm, Chapel Lane, Skegness BBQ event to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday.
- 24th April 11.30 am St George's Parade by the scouts. St Matthew Church, Skegness





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Church Diary Dates April 2016

Sunday 3rd	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd	11.00 am St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 5th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 6th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 6th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Thursday 7th	7.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Space to think, for those who about to get married.
Friday 8th	10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 9th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 9th	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm St Matthew, Messy Church, Come along and enjoy yourself
Sunday 10th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 10th	10.45 am St Nicholas Addlethorpe service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 12th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 12th `	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 13th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 13th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Wednesday 13th	2.00 pm St Matthew Church, Skegness, Omega meeting
Friday I5th	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 16th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 17st	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion & Palm Sunday
Sunday 17th	I 1.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 19th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 19th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 20th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 20th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Friday 22nd	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 23rd	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 24th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	11 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 26th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 26th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 27th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 27th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Friday 29th	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 30th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat

