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Thursday 27th March 2025
Thursday 24th April 2025
Thursday 15th May 2025

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

A packed venue in the Village rang in the New Year with an electrifying performance by 70s rock legend Kriz, joined by the dynamic female vocalist Karen Leshone. Guests danced the night away, bidding farewell to 2024 and welcoming 2025 in style. A lively game kept everyone active, while dazzling fireworks lit up the sky over Great Coates to mark the occasion.



Summer Fayre

Great Coates Village Council

Saturday 16th August 2025 1pm - 8 pm

Venue in the Village, Cooks Lane, Great Coates

Food & Bar Available All Day
including Food Dudes, Scuffles, Shaney's

Live music throughout the day including Joe Gash, Robyn Gayle and 'Freddie Mercury, Steel Band plus others

Star Wars guests, Paddywan training and guest appearance from The Mad Hatter and Alice

Mini Kixx Display

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Chocolate Board
Ping Pong
Bean Bag Aim
Play Your Cards Right

Face Painting
Balloon Modelling
Bouncy Castle
Emergency Services

Fancy Dress Competition
Tug of War Competition
(Enter your team by emailing clerk@greatcoates-pc.gov.uk)

Walk To Fitness
Walk For Fun

Walk No
7

Distance
7.7 miles

3.15 hours

Timber, Havens & Claypits

You may download the full walk leaflet giving directions and a map from the village council website: www.greatcoatespc.com/walks

With summer now upon us today we're returning to the Humber bank to enjoying a flat, quiet and thoroughly pleasant walk.

Boarding the 0910 train from Great Coates I arrived in Goxhill at 0934 to start the walk bright and early. A dullish day but pleasantly warm as I left Goxhill station and headed out towards the Humber Bank.

Heading north out of Goxhill you'll pass the cemetery on your right together with the boundaries of the old war time airfield, now well overgrown and hardly resembling a busy airfield.



Picking up the public footpath, on your left you'll continue along a pleasant path, turning right along the back of properties before taking the cutting, left at the end and walking into open fields.

The route is well marked as you meander around the edges of arable fields working your way to the Humber Bank. As you approach the bank you'll notice one of the formally numerous tileries, on your right, this one still in use.

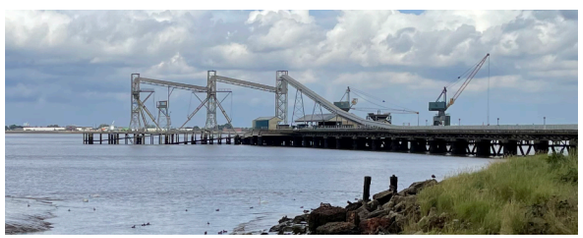
After around one and a half hours you'll arrive on the Humber Bank looking directly across to the City of Hull, turn left here and head towards New Holland.



As you approach the old jetty, still displaying sunken wrecks you'll detour to your left,, working your way around before heading into the busy and operational timber yard. Walk through with care towards security and out into New Holland.

Once the home of the Lincoln Castle which operated between New Holland and Hull for many years. The pier still exists, now servicing now servicing cargo vessels from all over the world.

Don't cross the railway line here but turn right and follow the path once again out towards the Humber.



You'll witness an abundance of bird life on this walk and on the day we walked, numerous swans were relaxing within New Holland haven.

Continuing to walk along the banks of the Humber depending on the day and time you walk you need to keep your eyes peeled for a variety of wildlife inhabitants.

The former clay pits are a haven of activity as is the Humber bank itself.

On a good day you can clearly see across to Hull and you then realise how big Hull Royal Infirmary is, dominating the skyline, and as you walk further towards Barrow Haven you'll spot the KC Stadium on the opposite side of the estuary.

Various benches along the route provide respite on this flat walk with most of the path made up of hardcore. As you approach Barrow Haven you'll pass on your right what appears to be an old 'look out', possibly from the war.



Shortly afterwards, on your left you'll just be able to make out the remains of the old tileries and on your right the remains of an old wall made from the tiles produced here.

Coming into Barrow Haven, be careful if there is a boat moored as it may be working so follow any safety instructions. Hard to imagine such a large vessel can get into the small Haven with numerous pleasure crafts moored.



Time for a refreshment stop as we approach Barrow Haven, crossing the railway line head straight out for five minutes and you'll arrive at the Barrow Haven Inn where some excellent meals can be found.

Continuing the walk, head over the haven alongside the railway line and you will pick up the footpath heading back out to the Humber.

This is the start of the Barton and Barrow Claypits Trail.

This whole walk into Barton is again flat, quiet and all in all extremely pleasant. Along the way you'll come across various posts with information about the walk and using a Smartphone, look for the QR code and you'll be presented with the information on your phone - a great idea.

All of the former clay pits are now used by clubs



and the second lake you come to is now home to a sailing club, which in its day produced clay supplying Portland Paint in Hull. The clay was transported across the Humber from a wharf which is still present today and if the tide is out you'll also see the wrecks of two old stone barges.

On a lucky day you may see Kingfishers, Shoveler, Gladwall and Pochard ducks and if your really lucky you may witness the Bittern, a rarely seen gold and black heron like bird.

Once the home of numerous, busy brick and tile manufacturers, one site still produces tiles today. William Blyth's Hoe Hill Tile Works have produced tiel sand since 1840 and today you can still see the several different types of kiln.

As you continue you'll have the option of turning off the track and walking through the Waters Edge Country Park or carrying on along the Humber walking around the Waters Edge Business Park on your left with Barton Haven on your right.

Continue to your left, down the track and across the car park picking up the walk way alongside the Old Rope Works.

If you chose to walk through Waters Edge, you will eventually arrive in this same area..

Walking along this pleasant path keep going straight and you will arrive at Barton railway station.



If you are too early for the train, why not nip into the White Swan for a refreshing beverage and the home of numerous good quality, real ales.

Just don't enjoy it too much and miss your train back to Great Coates. After a well earned pint I boarded the 1554 train arriving back in Great at 1632.

Walks from Great Coates

A series of walks for all ages with a range of distances

Combine with the train service and most walks have pubs en-route to enjoy a meal or a drink

Walks may be downloaded from our website www.greatcoatespc.com

Great Coates Village Council

Walk To Fitness
Walk For Fun

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Although three months have passed, and many are eager to move Christmas, it would be remiss of us not to extend our congratulations to CAST Musical Theatre. In collaboration with the Great Coates Village Council, they delivered a spectacular performance on December 14th, 2024, that left a lasting impression on all who attended.

The event featured two sold-out performances, showcasing the immense talent and dedication of the amateur performers. Audiences were treated to an engaging evening filled with vibrant song and dance routines, culminating in a unique and humorous twist on the traditional nativity story. The creative reinterpretation had the audience in fits of laughter, adding a refreshing and memorable touch to the festive celebration.

A heartfelt congratulations goes out to the entire cast for their hard work and enthusiasm, which was evident throughout the evening. Special recognition must also be given to the stage crew, whose meticulous attention to detail ensured flawless sound quality and a stunning lighting display that perfectly complemented the performances.

Once again, well done to everyone involved in bringing this delightful production to life. Your collective efforts provided the community with an unforgettable evening of entertainment and festive cheer.

















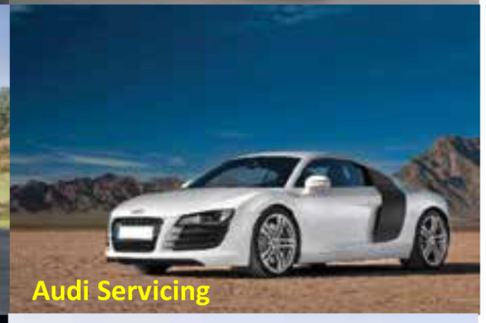
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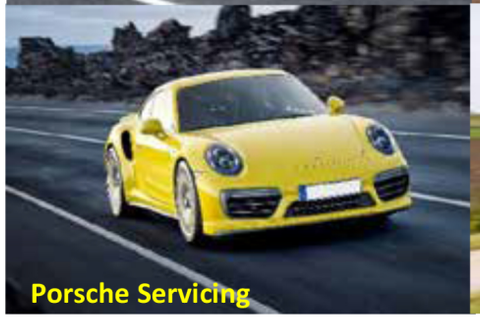
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Sat 5th July & Sun 6th July 2025

Guest Appearance


Worzel & Aunt Sally



Bar and food available at The Venue in the Village on both days

Children's Games & Bouncy Castle

Cash prizes for winners

Judged by residents and visitors

Winners will be announced and prizes presented on Sun 7th Jul at The Venue in the Village





Join Barton Cleethorpes CRP to celebrate Railway 200

Art Along the Line

BCCRP has ambitious plans to commemorate Railway 200, with the installation of artwork at stations along the Barton Line. After receiving funding from the Department of Transport via the Community Rail Network to start the work, we also ran an art workshops and a competition to ensure members of the public were involved too.

Family day out?

Why not take the train there and walk back! Click on the QR code to go to our website to find local walk routes between stations.

Local Anniversaries

As well as the modern railway reaching 200 this year, Barrow Haven station is 175 and New Clee is 150!



EBike Hire

Why not hire a folding eBike and take it along the Barton Line to explore our stunning countryside, villages and towns. Click on the QR code for terms and conditions.

Photography Competition

Following on from the art completion we are also holding a photography competition. We are looking for photos that address any of three categories:

1. Railway 200 - www.railway200.co.uk
2. Community Rail - www.communityrail.org.uk
3. The Barton Cleethorpes Line - www.bccrp.co.uk

Click on the QR code for terms and conditions

BARTON CLEETHORPES
COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP



The first passenger railway, Stockton & Darlington, opened on 27th September, 1825, connecting places, people, communities, ideas, and ultimately transforming the world.

Railway 200 is a year-long nationwide campaign to celebrate 200 years of the modern railway and inspire a new generation of young pioneering talent to choose a career in rail. It invites communities, rail and other groups to get involved. It began in January 2025 with a national whistle off and a wave off as a launch to a wide variety of activities and events that are taking place across the UK to celebrate rail's remarkable past, its role today, and its importance to a sustainable future. Barton Cleethorpes CRP are proud to be part of Railway 200 as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the modern railway. Come and join us to celebrate all things railway related in 2025.

We've got lots of exciting events and activities throughout the year and we'll be adding new activities and events in the coming months, so keep an eye on our website www.bccrp.co.uk and social media www.facebook.com/bccrp

THORNTON ABBEY

A Forgotten Treasure of Medieval England

Thornton Abbey, located in North Lincolnshire, England, stands as a testament to the grandeur and complexity of medieval monastic life. Founded in 1139 by William le Gros, Earl of York, this Augustinian abbey flourished for centuries



before succumbing to the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry VIII in the 16th century. Today, its imposing gatehouse and remnants of monastic buildings offer a glimpse into England's religious and architectural heritage.

The Foundation and Growth of Thornton Abbey

The establishment of Thornton Abbey was part of a broader movement in medieval England, where religious institutions played central roles in social, economic, and cultural life. William le Gros, a powerful nobleman, founded the abbey as an Augustinian house, dedicating it to the advancement of religious scholarship, worship, and charity. The Augustinians, known for their commitment to pastoral care and learning, made Thornton Abbey a significant centre of religious activity in the region.

Throughout the 12th and 13th centuries, the abbey expanded both physically and in influence. Benefactors, including successive English monarchs, provided generous donations, allowing the construction of grand church buildings, cloisters, and living quarters for the canons. The abbey became renowned for its library, which housed numerous manuscripts and religious texts essential for medieval scholarship. Additionally, it engaged in local economic activities, owning vast tracts of land used for farming, livestock, and milling.

The Impressive Thornton Abbey Gatehouse

One of the most striking features of Thornton Abbey today is its massive gatehouse, built in the late 14th century. This gatehouse, among the largest and



most elaborate in England, reflects the wealth and status of the abbey at its height. Constructed in a blend of Gothic and military architectural styles, it features a fortified entrance flanked by imposing towers. The intricate stonework and detailed carvings that adorn the structure illustrate the artistic achievements of the medieval masons who worked on it.



The gatehouse also served as a defensive structure, demonstrating the turbulent nature of medieval England. During periods of political instability, abbeys like Thornton had to safeguard their wealth and resources from rival factions and opportunistic raiders. Today, this well-preserved gatehouse remains one of the most significant surviving elements of the abbey, drawing visitors and historians alike.

Thornton Abbey and the Dissolution of the Monasteries

By the early 16th century, Thornton Abbey, like many religious institutions in England, faced an uncertain future. The reign of Henry VIII marked a turning point in English religious history, culminating in the dissolution of the monasteries between 1536 and 1541. Thornton Abbey, despite its wealth and prominence, was not spared. In 1539, it was formally dissolved, its assets seized by the Crown, and its monastic community disbanded.



Following the dissolution, much of the abbey's structures fell into ruin. The once-grand church and living quarters were stripped of valuable materials, leaving only remnants of their former splendour. The site passed into private hands, with parts of it being re purposed for agricultural and residential use over the following centuries. While some sections, like the gatehouse, remained relatively intact, the abbey as a whole never regained its former prominence.



Archaeological and Historical Significance

In modern times, Thornton Abbey has been the subject of archaeological research and historical study. Excavations at the site have uncovered artefacts that provide insights into the daily lives of the Augustinian canons and the broader monastic community. Findings include pottery, religious items, and remnants of medieval manuscripts that highlight the scholarly activities once undertaken within the abbey's walls.

Recent discoveries have also shed light on the social and health conditions of the medieval period. Notably, in 2016, archaeologists unearthed a mass grave believed to contain victims of the Black Death, which struck Europe in the mid-14th century. This discovery underscored the impact of pandemics on medieval society and added another layer to the historical narrative of Thornton Abbey.

Thornton Abbey Today: A Heritage Site

Today, Thornton Abbey is managed by English Heritage and stands as a cherished historical site. Visitors can explore the imposing gatehouse, the



remnants of monastic buildings, and the picturesque surroundings that once housed a thriving religious community. Informational displays and guided tours provide context to the abbey's history, making it a fascinating destination for history enthusiasts and casual tourists alike.

The preservation of Thornton Abbey serves as a reminder of England's medieval past and the profound changes brought about by the Reformation. While much of the abbey has faded into history, its legacy endures through historical records, archaeological findings, and the enduring presence of its majestic gatehouse.

Thornton Abbey stands as an emblem of medieval England's religious and architectural heritage. From its foundation in the 12th century to its dissolution in the 16th century, it played a pivotal role in the spiritual and economic life of its region. The surviving gatehouse, a masterpiece of medieval architecture, continues to inspire awe and curiosity. As a site of historical significance, Thornton Abbey offers a unique window into the past, allowing visitors to reflect on the grandeur and eventual decline of England's great monastic institutions.

Today, Thornton Abbey is sadly closed to visitors while English Heritage undertake work to preserve and ensure the site is safe. It will re-open as soon as possible.





The snowdrops are in full bloom and spring is just around the corner. Easter, this year, falls about as late as it possibly can with Ash Wednesday being on 5th of March with Easter Sunday falling on April 20th. Our Mediation Walk/Stations of the Cross will be in place from 6th to 22nd of April. As usual the booklets will be available for visitors to use.

We recently received the report from our quinquennial which took place last year. Fortunately there were no major issues the main concern being some work needed on the roof which has already been addressed.
An advert has recently gone out for someone to fill the vacancy so hopefully we will have a new priest before too long. We now have a Focal Minister at St Nicolas who's role is to look at how we can grow the church and will begin by looking at how we can better engage families who bring their children for baptism.
Now that we have a well established and effective heating system we are looking to launch our next project. Our current sound system consists of a single wired microphone at the lectern, an amplifier/mixer and two portable loudspeakers. We plan to install speakers and microphones and an induction loop for those with hearing difficulties plus a system that will play the recorded music increasingly requested at weddings and funerals rather than the small portable CD player currently used. This means an enhanced experience for all those attending services and special events. Clearly this is not going to be cheap; we have been quoted around £8000 for the purchase and installation of a suitable system. We are looking for grants and donations to supplement the monies already within our limited budget. It would be great if the system could be up and running in time for our next Christmas services which are always well attended.

Easter services and events:

Wed 5th March	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday.
Sun 13th April	10.30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist
Mon 14th April	7.30pm	Holy Week Meditation.
Tue 15th April	7.30pm	Holy Week Meditation
Wed 16th April	7.30pm	Holy Week Meditation.
Thu 17th April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Fri 18th April	7.00pm	Good Friday, Stations of the Cross.
Sun 19th April	10.30am	Easter Sunday Eucharist.



Want To Stop Speeders ?

Fed up of drivers speeding in your community ?



We are seeking volunteers to join a community Speed Watch scheme in Great Coates.

Could you spare an hour a month ? All training and equipment is provided.
Anybody can join aged 18 to 80

This is your opportunity to make a difference in Great Coates !

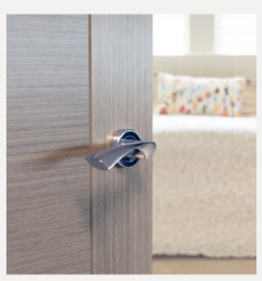
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- 100% cotton fabric (washed and dried)



- Beeswax pellets



- Paint brush (new)

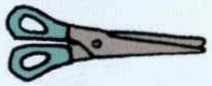


- Oven and baking tray

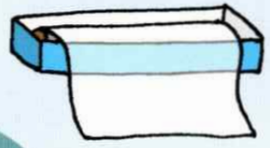




- Scissors or pinking shears



- Baking parchment

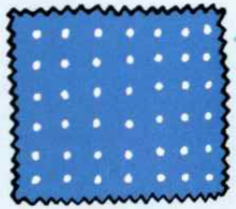


Don't forget to get an adult to help you

Reduce your use of plastic by making beeswax wraps for your food...

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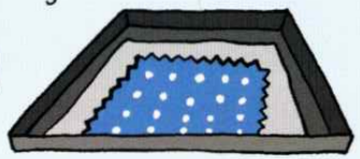
30cm x 30cm is a good size for wrapping your sandwiches!



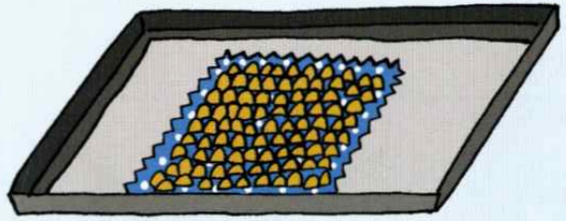
Pinking shears make a zig zag cut which helps prevent fraying

2. Preheat the oven to 85°c. Next, place your fabric on top of a sheet of baking parchment on a baking tray.

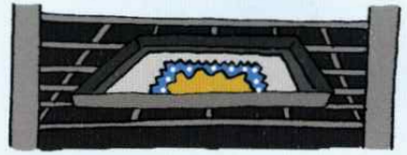




3. Spread beeswax pellets over the fabric... make sure they are equally distributed.



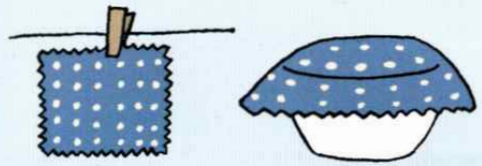
4. Pop the tray in the oven. Keep watching and take it out when the beeswax has melted, make sure it doesn't burn!



5. Use your paint brush to smooth the wax over the whole wrap. If the wax starts to harden as you do this, just pop it back in the oven.



6. Remove your wrap from the tray and hang up to dry – it shouldn't take long to set.



Avoid wrapping meat

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Wash the wraps in cold water with some diluted washing up liquid, and air dry. If the wax starts to go crispy, add some more wax and reheat in the oven, or recycle them and make a fresh batch.

Potholes

Potholes: Causes, Impact, and Repair Methods

Potholes are a common road hazard that



can cause damage to vehicles, increase accident risks, and lead to costly repairs for local authorities. They form due to a combination of weather conditions, water infiltration, and the constant pressure of traffic. Understanding how potholes develop and the methods used to repair them is essential for maintaining safe and efficient road networks.

How Potholes Form

Potholes primarily develop due to the freeze-thaw cycle, which occurs in colder climates, but they can also form in warmer regions due to general wear and tear. The process typically follows these steps:

1. Water Infiltration - Rainwater or melted snow seeps into cracks in the road surface.

2. Freezing and Expansion - When temperatures drop, the trapped water freezes and expands, widening the cracks and weakening the road's structure.

3. Thawing and Collapse - As temperatures rise, the ice melts, leaving behind voids under the pavement.

4. Traffic Pressure - The weight of passing vehicles further weakens the surface, eventually causing chunks of pavement to break away, creating a pothole.

In areas with heavy traffic, poor drainage, or ageing road infrastructure, potholes can form more frequently and grow rapidly if not addressed.

The Impact of Potholes

Potholes pose several problems for drivers, local governments, and infrastructure maintenance teams, including:

Vehicle Damage - Potholes can cause tyre punctures, wheel misalignment, suspension issues, and damage to a vehicle's undercarriage.

Safety Hazards - Drivers swerving to avoid potholes or hitting them unexpectedly can lead to accidents.

Road Infrastructure Costs - If left unrepaired, potholes can expand, requiring more extensive and expensive roadwork.



How Potholes Are Repaired

There are several methods for repairing potholes, ranging from temporary fixes to long-term resurfacing solutions.

1. Cold Patch Repair (Temporary Fix)



Cold asphalt mix is placed into the pothole and compacted using a tamper or vehicle tires.

This method is quick and inexpensive but usually serves as a temporary solution until a more durable repair can be done.

2. Hot Patch Repair (Permanent Fix)

The damaged area is cleaned and dried before being filled with hot asphalt mix.



A roller or compactor is used to ensure a smooth, even surface.

This method provides a longer-lasting repair compared to cold patching.

3. Spray Injection Patching

A special machine sprays a mix of emulsion and aggregate into the pothole without the need for manual compaction.



This technique is efficient and can be done in most weather conditions.

4. Infrared Thermal Patching



An infrared heater softens the existing asphalt, allowing it to be mixed with fresh material and compacted into a seamless repair.

This method is durable and environmentally friendly, as it recycles existing pavement.

5. Full Road Resurfacing

If potholes become widespread, a road may need complete resurfacing.

The damaged asphalt is removed, and a new layer of asphalt or concrete is applied.

This is the most expensive option but ensures long-term durability.

Preventing Potholes

While repairs are necessary, preventing potholes from forming in the first place is the most effective strategy. This includes:

Regular Road Inspections - Identifying and sealing cracks before they expand into potholes.

Improved Drainage Systems - Ensuring water does not accumulate and weaken the road surface.

High-Quality Materials - Using durable asphalt and proper road construction techniques to increase longevity.

Potholes are an unavoidable issue in road maintenance, but timely repairs and preventive measures can help minimise their impact. Whether through quick patching or complete resurfacing, maintaining roads properly ensures safer driving conditions and reduces long-term repair costs. Investing in better materials and road construction techniques will help reduce the frequency and severity of potholes in the future.

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Potholes

Preventing Damage To Your Vehicle



Potholes are a common road hazard that can cause significant damage to vehicles. To minimise the risk and protect your car, consider the following strategies:

1. Maintain Proper Tire Care

Regular Inspections: Frequently check your tyres for signs of damage, such as cuts, bulges, or uneven wear.

Proper Inflation: Ensure your tyres are inflated to the manufacturers recommended pressure. Properly inflated tyres are less susceptible to damage from potholes.

Adequate Tread Depth: Maintain sufficient tread depth to ensure better grip and cushioning when encountering potholes.

2. Practice Defensive Driving

Stay Alert: Keep an eye on the road ahead to spot and avoid potholes.

Maintain Safe Distances: Keep a safe distance between your car and the vehicle in front of you to allow more time to react to potholes.

Avoid Puddles: Puddles can conceal deep potholes; exercise caution when driving through them.

3. Adjust Driving Habits

Reduce Speed: Slowing down gives you more time to react and lessens the impact if you hit a pothole.

Proper Braking: If you can't avoid a pothole, slow down before reaching it. Releasing the brakes just before impact allows the suspension to absorb the shock more effectively.

Steering Control: Keep a firm grip on the steering wheel when driving over potholes to maintain control of your vehicle and avoid sudden jerks that could lead to accidents.

4. Vehicle Maintenance

Suspension Checks: Regularly inspect your vehicles suspension system, including struts and shock absorbers, to ensure they are in good condition.

Wheel Alignment: Misaligned wheels can make your vehicle more vulnerable to pothole damage; have them checked periodically.

5. Choose Appropriate Tires

Opt for Higher Profile Tyres: Tyres with taller sidewalls can better absorb impacts from potholes, reducing the risk of damage.

Consider All-Season or Off-Road Tyres: These tyres are often more robust and can withstand rough road conditions better than low-profile tyres.

6. Report Potholes

Inform Local Authorities: Reporting potholes to local transportation departments can expedite repairs, improving road safety for all drivers.

By implementing these practices, you can reduce the likelihood of pothole-related damage to your vehicle and contribute to safer driving conditions for everyone.

the WI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Hello once again from Great Coates WI! In my last article I spoke of our members knitting squares. Did you come to St Nicolas Christmas Tree festival? You would have seen the Christmas tree we created out of these squares, and we called it 'A patchwork of warmth, peace and joy', and we won!!! These squares have now been sewn together to make two large blankets and three pram blankets and forwarded to the charity 'Knit for Peace', where they will be distributed to where they are most needed.





In January, to celebrate 'Great Grimsby Day', we invited guests to a fish and chip supper and an excellent talk, delivered by Emma Lingard, about the story of Grim.

February saw us celebrating our 107th birthday! Once again, an excellent talk about 'Firsby Fudge' and a tasting session. This was followed by supper and, of course, birthday cake.



We regularly support local charities and when the call out came from the Women's Aid Centre for items to go onto pamper packs for the survivors of domestic violence, we stepped up. In time for International Women's Day in March, five large bags of suitable items were delivered. Such a generous group of ladies.

Our generosity never wavers. Each week a donation of food is delivered to the Oasis Hub South Food bank, and they are always grateful for our support.

Future speakers include 'Tales from the Riverbank' the Canoe Cleaner, James Elliot and the Cleethorpes Animal Rescue. Each will be talking about the valuable work they do for our local community.

As always, there will be a warm welcome offered at Great Coates WI. The Second Thursday of every month (except May this year), the Village Hall, Great Coates, 7.30pm.

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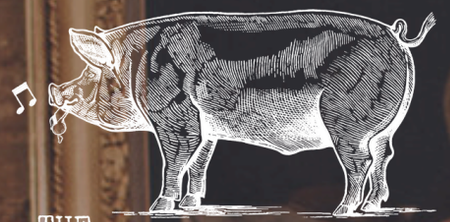
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Sharan Gohil the Franchise Owner and Registered Manager of Blossom Home Care Lincolnshire. Sharan lives in Healing with her husband and two beautiful girls. Having worked as a Neonatal nurse at Grimsby Hospital for over 19 years Sharan is passionate about delivering the same exacting standards to adult home care. Whether it's assistance with daily activities, medication management, or personal care, your well-being is Sharan, and her team's, top priority.

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Victory in Europe Day: Remembering VE Day and Its Lasting Legacy

Victory in Europe (VE) Day, celebrated on May 8th, marks the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender, bringing an end to World War II in Europe. This historic day in 1945 was met with scenes of jubilation, as millions across the United Kingdom and Allied nations rejoiced in the long-awaited victory



after nearly six years of conflict. Today, VE Day remains a time of remembrance and gratitude, honouring those who fought, served, and sacrificed for peace.

The Road to Victory

World War II began in 1939, plunging Europe and much of the world into a brutal conflict. For nearly six years, the Allied powers—led by the United Kingdom, the United States, the Soviet Union, and others—fought against Nazi Germany and the Axis powers.

By early 1945, the tide had turned. Germany's defeat became inevitable as Allied forces advanced across Western Europe, while the Soviet Army pushed from the east. On April 30, 1945, Adolf Hitler died by suicide in his Berlin bunker, and within days, the German government began surrender negotiations. On May 7, 1945, Germany's unconditional surrender was signed in Reims, France, and the following day, May 8, was declared Victory in Europe Day.

VE Day Celebrations in 1945

When the news broke, joyful celebrations erupted across Britain. In London, thousands gathered outside Buckingham Palace, cheering as King George VI and Prime Minister Winston Churchill appeared on the balcony alongside Princess Elizabeth (the future Queen Elizabeth II) and Princess Margaret. Churchill addressed the nation, declaring:

"This is your victory! In all our long history, we have never seen a greater day than this."

Across the country, people held street parties, danced, and shared rationed treats in a spirit of unity and relief. However, the celebrations were also



mixed with sorrow, as millions mourned the lives lost during the conflict.

Why VE Day Still Matters

VE Day is more than a celebration of victory—it is a time to reflect on the human cost of war and the values of freedom, peace, and unity. It honours the service members who fought on the front lines, the home front workers who kept the country running, and the communities who endured hardship.

Each year, the United Kingdom observes VE Day with ceremonies, parades, and wreath-laying events. The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, remains the focal point for national remembrance, where royalty, political leaders, and veterans gather to pay tribute.



VE Day in Modern Times

Milestone anniversaries—such as the 75th in 2020 and the 80th in 2025—are marked by special events and educational initiatives to ensure future generations understand the significance of WWII. Communities across the UK hold street parties, concerts, and moment of silence to honour those who served.

In schools, VE Day is part of the history curriculum, teaching young people about the sacrifices made and the lessons learned from a global conflict that reshaped the world.

A Legacy That Lives On

VE Day remains a powerful reminder of the resilience of those who lived through World War II and the importance of preserving peace. As time passes and the number of surviving WWII veterans decreases, VE Day continues to stand as a solemn promise to never forget the price of freedom and to honour those who secured it for future generations.





Great Coates will forever honour and remember three residents who bravely served during the Second World War, each contributing to the war effort and leaving behind a legacy of service and sacrifice.

Ernest Reeves served as a Lance Corporal in the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). He passed away on November 17th, 1947, at the age of 36. Ernest was the son of Ernest and Frances Lavinia Reeves and the husband of Marion Reeves, who also resided in Great Coates. According to one of his surviving sisters, who remained a resident of the village, Ernest worked as a police officer and was an army reservist before the war. At the outbreak of World War II, he was called up to serve. During his time in France, he suffered frostbite in his lung and subsequently contracted tuberculosis while receiving treatment in an English hospital. His illness persisted for six to seven years, ultimately leading him to conclude his career working for the Milk Marketing Board. His dedication to both his military and civilian duties reflects a profound commitment to his community and country. Ernest has a war grave in St Nicolas Church but his name does not appear on the village war memorial.

Kenneth Boocock held the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Tragically, he lost his life in a flying accident on September 4th, 1943, and was laid to rest in Vero Beach Cemetery in the United States. Kenneth was listed as serving on HMS Saker, a designation used for naval personnel stationed on land in the USA. He was the son of Eleanor and Bertram Joe Boocock, who resided on Woad Lane. His parents passed away in 1955 and 1958, respectively, and are buried in the churchyard at St. Nicolas Church. Their gravestone commemorates not only their own lives but also those of their two sons: their eldest, Bertram, who died three months before Kenneth (though not presumed to be a war casualty), and Kenneth himself. The Boocock family's legacy in Great Coates continued through Kenneth's surviving brother, Hector, who remained in the family home on Woad Lane until his death in 2011. His final resting place is also nearby, marking the enduring connection of the Boocock family to the village.

Collan Michael Anthony Bawden Brett was a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. On November 25th, 1941, he tragically died when the Wellington bomber he was piloting stalled and crashed during takeoff at RAF Waltham. He is buried in the churchyard at St. Nicolas Church, where his grave is marked by a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. His final resting place is situated next to that of his mother, who had passed away four years earlier. The burial was conducted by a Catholic priest, and his Irish forename suggests a possible Irish heritage. The Brett family resided on Woad Lane in a house called Fir Dene, which was located next door to the Boocock household, further intertwining the histories of these two families within the Great Coates community.

The stories of Ernest Reeves, Kenneth Boocock, and Collan Michael Anthony Bawden Brett serve as a poignant reminder of the courage and sacrifice of those who served during the Second World War. Their memory is preserved within the village, ensuring that their contributions and the profound impact of their service will never be forgotten.



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From 16th December 2024

Monday to Friday

Cleethorpes	0610	0856	1057	1256	1456	1656	1857	2107
New Clee	0613	0900	1101	1300	1500	1700	1901	2111
Grimsby Docks	0616	0902	1103	1302	1502	1702	1903	2113
Grimsby Town	0620	0907	1107	1307	1507	1707	1908	2118
Great Coates	0624	0911	1111	1311	1511	1711	1912	2122
Healing	0627	0914	1114	1314	1514	1714	1915	2125
Stallingborough	0630	0916	1117	1316	1516	1716	1917	2127
Habrough	0636	0922	1122	1322	1522	1722	1923	2133
Ulceby	0640	0926	1126	1326	1526	1726	1927	2136
Thornton Abbey	0645	0930	1130	1330	1530	1730	1931	2141
Goxhill	0648	0934	1134	1334	1534	1734	1935	2144
New Holland	0653	0939	1139	1339	1539	1739	1940	2150
Barrow Haven	0656	0942	1142	1342	1542	1743	1943	2154
Barton	0703	0949	1148	1349	1548	1749	1950	2200

Barton	0753	0954	1154	1354	1553	1754	2007	2205
Barrow Haven	0758	0959	1159	1359	1558	1759	2012	2210
New Holland	0802	1003	1203	1403	1602	1803	2016	2214
Goxhill	0806	1007	1207	1407	1605	1807	2021	2218
Thornton Abbey	0810	1011	1211	1411	1610	1811	2024	2222
Ulceby	0815	1015	1215	1415	1614	1816	2029	2226
Habrough	0821	1020	1220	1420	1619	1821	2033	2231
Stallingborough	0825	1026	1226	1425	1624	1827	2039	2237
Healing	0829	1028	1228	1428	1627	1829	2041	2239
Great Coates	0832	1031	1231	1431	1630	1832	2044	2242
Grimsby Town	0838	1038	1238	1438	1636	1839	2050	2249
Grimsby Docks	0841	1041	1241	1441	1639	1842	2053	2252
New Clee	0844	1044	1243	1443	1641	1844	2055	2254
Cleethorpes	0848	1048	1248	1448	1646	1849	2059	2259

Saturday

Cleethorpes	0640	0854	1054	1254	1454	1658	1857	2107
New Clee	0644	0858	1058	1258	1458	1702	1901	2111
Grimsby Docks	0647	0900	1100	1300	1500	1704	1903	2113
Grimsby Town	0650	0904	1104	1304	1504	1708	1907	2118
Great Coates	0654	0908	1108	1308	1508	1712	1911	2122
Healing	0657	0911	1111	1311	1511	1715	1914	2121
Stallingborough	0700	0914	1114	1314	1514	1718	1917	2125
Habrough	0706	0920	1120	1320	1520	1724	1923	2127
Ulceby	0710	0923	1123	1323	1526	1727	1926	2133
Thornton Abbey	0715	0928	1128	1328	1528	1732	1931	2137
Goxhill	0718	0931	1131	1331	1531	1735	1934	2141
New Holland	0723	0936	1136	1336	1536	1740	1939	2150
Barrow Haven	0726	0940	1140	1340	1540	1744	1943	2153
Barton	0732	0945	1145	1345	1545	1750	1948	2159

Barton	0746	0951	1151	1351	1551	1755	2005	2203
Barrow Haven	0751	0956	1156	1356	1556	1800	2010	2208
New Holland	0755	1000	1200	1400	1600	1804	2014	2212
Goxhill	0759	1004	1204	1404	1604	1808	2018	2216
Thornton Abbey	0803	1008	1208	1408	1608	1812	2022	2220
Ulceby	0807	1012	1212	1412	1612	1816	2027	2224
Habrough	0815	1017	1217	1417	1617	1821	2032	2229
Stallingborough	0821	1023	1223	1423	1623	1827	2037	2235
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Great Coates	0826	1028	1228	1428	1628	1832	2043	2240
Grimsby Town	0833	1038	1234	1434	1634	1838	2049	2247
Grimsby Docks	0836	1041	1237	1437	1637	1841	2052	2250
New Clee	0839	1044	1240	1440	1640	1844	2054	2252
Cleethorpes	0844	1049	1245	1445	1645	1849	2059	2257

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Heartbeeps 0930-1330

Private Hire 9.30 - 11.30

SLT Fitness 0930 - 1030

Core Dance Drama 9 am to 12 pm

Mini Kicks 4.50 to 6.20 pm

Puppy & Dog Training 6.30 to 8.30 pm

SLT Fitness 6.30 to 8.30 pm

Cast Theatre 7.00 to 9.00 pm

W.I. 2nd Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm

Quiz 1st Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm

Private hirings are not shown.
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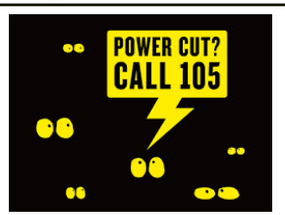
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Thursday 27th Mar
Thursday 10th Apr
Thursday 24th Apr
Thursday 8th May
Thursday 22nd May
Thursday 5th Jun
Thursday 19th Jun





Refuse Collections

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Thursday 20th Mar
Thursday 3rd Apr
Thursday 17th Apr
Thursday 1st May
Thursday 15th May
Thursday 29th May
Thursday 12th Jun
Thursday 26th Jun



Garden Waste Collections

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Monday 10th Mar
Monday 24th Mar
Monday 7th Apr
Monday 21st Apr
Monday 5th May
Monday 19th May
Monday 2nd Jun
Monday 16th Jun



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