THE MAGNA MESSENGER

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February

2011

THE BIG FREEZE!

LUDFORD VILLAGE HALL certainly had its fair share of misfortune during the recent freezing cold spell. As some of our residents may know, we suffered a number of burst pipes which has caused extensive damage to the roof, the kitchen and bar area and flooring.

This meant that we were forced to cancel a number of events over the Christmas period which was unfortunate. But after some very welcome remedial repairs by our local builder we were able to hold our New Year's Eve Family Party which was a great success! Over 80 villagers braved the freezing temperatures and joined in the fun. It was great to see so many local folk seeing in the New Year in traditional style.

We had already arranged for new roofing and ceiling works to take place shortly and it is hoped that the repairs to the damaged pipes and refurbishment of the bar and kitchen areas will be carried out now at the same time. This will obviously mean that the hall bookings will be limited whilst work is carried out.

When all these works are finished the Committee plan to seek grant funding to assist with the replacement of our chairs and tables and a complete redecoration of the hall.

So, hopefully, after a disastrous start to 2011, we will be working hard to provide a completely upgraded hall for the community.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with the big clean up and who have shown their support for the hall.



We are delighted to present

'Back to the Land Girls' performed by the Badapple Touring Theatre Group on Friday 25th March.

Some girls just aren't cut out for farming...'

It's 1942, and there are some new arrivals in the village. They're turning heads and breaking hearts as the fine girls of the Women's Land Army take to the hills.

Buff is a city girl dreaming of being 'just like Vera Lynn', while Biddy is a country girl who is 'now't but a hopeless romantic'. Join them on a journey of blisters, back-ache and banter as they learn all there is to know about working on the land. This brand new show is the latest comedy two-hander from Badapple's resident writer as she celebrates the highs and lows of the wonderful women who helped keep Britain fed during World War II, set

against a backdrop of glorious music of the age, as well as new tunes by songwriter Jez Lowe.

Although a fictional tale this play owes much to the reminiscences of a number of Land Army Girls who contributed their own personal stories to this exciting new comedy.

"This is a production brimming with creativity and talent. If you get the chance to go and see this do, as it is a joyful and uplifting experience" York Press "One of the region's brightest lights in touring theatre." NORTHERN ECHO

Tickets will be £6 each if pre booked and £7 at the door, half price for children under 16 years. Bookings are already being taken for this very popular play so do book early for what will undoubtedly be a delightful trip down memory lane for many of our senior villagers. Tickets from Caroline on 313335

PARISH MATTERS JAN 2011

Six parish councillors along with Cllr Simpson ELDC and Cllr Marfleet LLC attended the $11^{\rm th}$ January meeting in the village hall, the whist players made us most welcome and despite the difficulties the hall is facing because of the damage from burst pipes in the bad weather, we were able to hold a successful meeting.

CHRISTMAS TREE – A very grateful thank you must go to the councillors who made the magnificent effort to get the village Christmas Tree and manage to erect it on schedule so the lights could be turned on Monday 13th Dec to plan. Four of us braved the cold and sang carols in the snow.

ROYAL WEDDING: The council intends to present all children 16 and under in the village with a commemorative item to celebrate the April wedding of William and Catherine.

PARISH PLAN: Watch this space – a small group of parishioners are progressing this project.

LIBRARY VAN: The Mobile Library Van is continuing to visit the village once a month stopping on Magna Mile at the end of Chapel Lane. Dates and times as follows: Monday 31 Jan, 28 Feb, 28 Mar; arrive at 1015 depart at 1045am. We just met the usage criteria to keep the library for the next year. We either use it or loose it so join and borrow a book or DVD.

DOG WASTE: We now have three bins around the village all emptied frequently. However responsible dog walkers are telling us that there are some inconsiderate owners out there who are giving them a bad name. Please put a bag in your pocket and pick up after your pooch.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Notices are placed in the hall and parish notice board – but lately we have been asked to remind everyone to secure their garages, sheds and oil tanks because of an increase in thefts in the area.

WASTE COLLECTION: The Council have undertaken a reorganisation of their collection routing but our bins are still being collected on a Tuesday. The re-cycle collection is now very early so do remember to put out the correct bin the night before. The green collection should resume in April.

GLASS RE-CYCLING BINS: Are being well used, and are now being emptied weekly. Three small bins are sited in the car park of the village hall, each bin will take mixed glass, remember to remove any tops before depositing bottles in the bins and please take your plastic bags home with you again.

ROAD SAFETY: The Council shares your concerns that the road traffic seems heavier and faster, particularly in the early mornings and evenings.

The validity of having the interactive speed sign again was questioned as there was little change following the information gained from them. There have been an un-

precedented number of accidents in and around the village, in part due to the extreme weather. However it has been noticed that vehicles had little regard for the speed limit through the village, the clerk has been asked to write to Lincs Police requesting archers and for speed checks to be made in the village – speed lines renewed and for speed camera signs.

Finally our next meeting will be in the committee room of the village hall on Tuesday 8th March 2011. The Parish Council meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend and have the opportunity of speaking during the open session held before the commencement of business.

If you have any items you wish to be on the agenda please contact the clerk, Mrs Joyce Gay 01507 600383 as early as possible in advance of the meeting.

Chairman: Patricia Ridger 313391 Vice Chairman: Iain Davidson 313528

Alastair Guthrie: 313221 Christopher Lilley: 313998 Martin Cordwell: 313591 Graham Brader: 313684 Christine Hawthorn: 313433 Parish Clerk: Joyce Gay: 600383





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Ludford-Voue Twinning Association

For those of you who are not aware, all village residents and those of the surrounding area are members of the Association. This gives everyone the chance to join in with the activities of the Association as they want to.

We aim to have return visits about every 18 months, and our next visit to France is planned for half term early in June 2011. We welcome participants from the village and we have host families in Voue already tee'd up to look after us. Everybody is welcome to join the visit, particularly families with children, and with varying levels of ability in French speaking, or none at all, it doesn't matter a jot. We stay in the French families' homes, and always receive fantastic hospitality. We try and match the same families again on the return trip, and many of us have made private visits to our twin families whilst on holiday in France. We have also 'swapped' some of our older children to stay during school time for a couple of weeks to experience the different culture and way of life. This year our families are travelling independently to Voue but we have available plenty of advice and guidance on the route etc. So if you would like to experience 'real' French hospitality amongst some old friends of Ludford please contact Caroline on 313335



Digging In at Ludford Garden Group

The group did not meet up over the winter months, but we plan to reconvene in February. Please join us at Caroline's

house on Monday 7th February at 7-30pm at The Old Post Office, next to the Church, when we will discuss ideas for a programme for the year. There is a possibility that we may be able to 'piggy back' on Market Rasen Garden Group as they have really good outings during the summer which we can't afford, and interesting speakers too, all for £10 each per annum. We could also discuss the following option for the village:-

Are you interested in having an allotment?

There is the possibility that the school grounds would make fantastic allotments, it's the right side of the road for good ground and whilst we would need to speak to the Church about the option, if this were not forthcoming, there are also other pieces of ground that may be a possibility. This would be for all villagers, not just garden Group members. We would obviously need to have detailed discussions on how it would work and there would be an element of self-help/co-operative-

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ness about this plan, as a certain amount of funds would be required which could be raised through the sale of excess produce, or the production of produce specifically for sale, contributed to by all allotment holders. Details would need to be discussed and worked out but in the first instance please give me a call if you are interested in this idea and I will take it forward.

Caroline 01507 313335.

Ludford Car Boot Sales 2011

The popular Ludford Car Boot Sales will take place this year on **Saturdays** on the Playing Field behind the Village Hall on the following dates:

9th April 14th May 18th June 2nd July 13th August 10th September

Starting at 11.00am

Drinks and snacks will be on sale from the kitchen.



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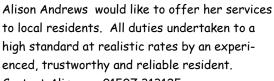
Village Hall Calendar

February 2011

March 2011

- 1 Games Night 7-00pm
- 2 WI at 7-30pm Talk on how to create a Soap Op-
- 5 Football club fundraising club event to be con-
- 7 Monday Club 2-30 to 5pm
- 8 Games Night 7-00pm
- 9 Youth Club
- 11 Country Music Night. 8pm Tickets from Marion on
- 14 Monday Club 2-30 to 5pm
- 15 Games Night 7-00pm
- 16 Village Hall committee meeting 7-15pm
- 21 Monday club 2-30 to 5pm
- 22 Games Night 7.00pm
- 23 Youth Club
- 28 Monday Club 2-30 to 5pm

Do you need help with Domestic cleaning, Ironing, Shopping services, Pet sitting, Time out for carers. Or any other domestic chores considered.



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If you would like to include an article in the Newsletter or have ideas for future publications please contact either Linda or Caroline on 01507 313663/313335 or email magnamessenger@hotmail.com

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