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The next issue will cover November Any advertisements or items for inclusion in this issue should be forwarded to the above by 5pm 14th October 2026. All articles will be entered at the discretion of The Wrangle Parish News.

Please send your articles to **kevin.sands123@btinternet.com**

After the longest drought on record the brown pastures and lawns have quickly sprung back to life, are lush, green and vigorously growing. The cattle that have seemingly been living on nothing and are now, thanks to recent rains, feasting happily. The hot, dry spell has suited some things by creating ideal conditions for the young birds. The wealth of insects has provided young grey partridge chicks with abundant food and I have seen or heard of three coveys of 12 or more, and all full grown. On the flip side the air is full of white fly badly affecting brassicas.

The community orchard has produced the most fruit ever, and on the hedges sloes, brambles and scads are prolific.

Most annoyingly we've had two occasions with motor bikes and quads tearing along the sea banks and adjacent fields. The first time, 22nd August, they chased our cattle along the outer bank, some of them straight through the fence, breaking 6 posts off and snapping the barbed wire. 7 of the cattle were mixed with neighbours while 13 stood well out on the saltmarsh for three hours and were very upset. We had to put 8 new posts in and replace the wire.

The second occurred on the 1st of September and involved three motorbikes and two quads which were seen upsetting our cattle on the intake.

The police attended each time but not before the rogues had escaped towards Leverton pumping station. In previous years a big old van has brought bikes to the sea bank via Bowsers access road. If any of you have seen this or anything else that might help identify do please let the police know.

George Danby.

St Mary & St Nicholas Church

Sunday 11th October	Morning Prayer - 11am
Sunday 18th October	Morning Prayer - 11am
Sunday 25th October	Holy Communion 11am

From the Church Registers



Baptism.

9th August Hugo Ivan Webb age 2yrs

Burial of Ashes

14th July 2026 Michael Aubrey Borrill age 85

Marriage

29th August Liam Mathew Wilson and Leanne Marie Bell

Burial of Ashes

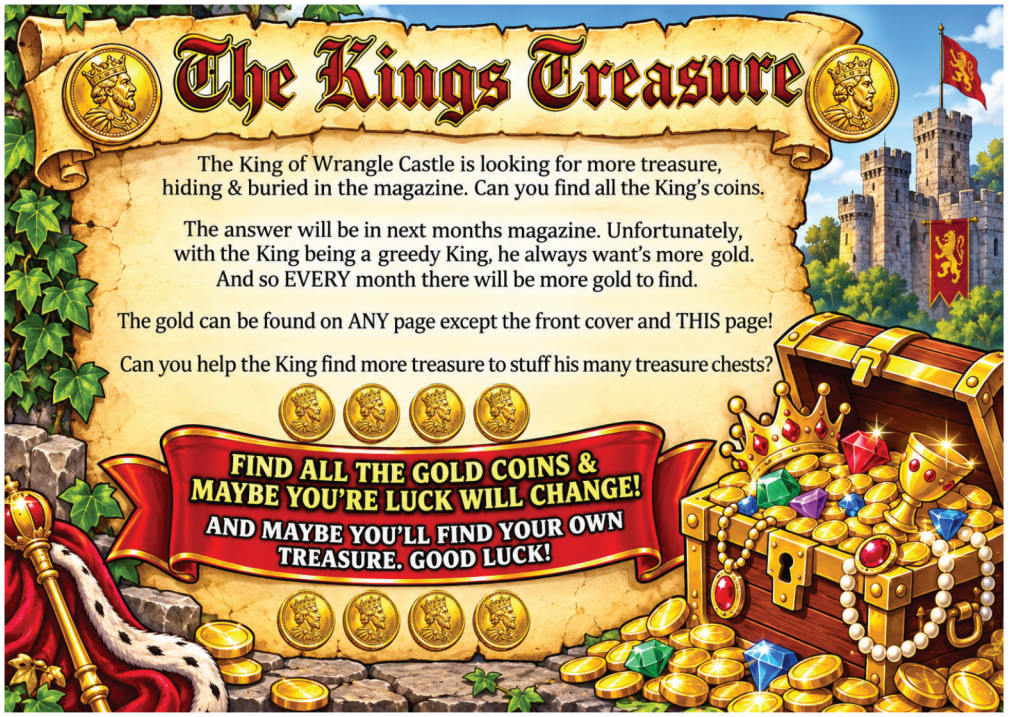
14th September Peter Holderness age 88 years and Barbara Janice Holderness age 85yrs



The amount raised at the August coffee morning was **£203.70**
The amount raised at the September coffee morning was **£246.95**
THANK YOU everyone for your support.

Priest in Charge of Friskney, Wrangle and Old Leake
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Meetings for 2026

Held at 7.00pm in The White Hart - Old Leake

- 22nd October (AGM)

Wrangle District Branch covers Wrangle, Old Leake and Leverton villages but everyone is welcome to attend, learn more about our work or join.

Members Only

If you would like to become a member please email:
wrangledistrict.secretary@rbl.community

WRANGLE PARISH HALL

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 17th October

Green Doctors will be attendance
to give advice on saving money on energy costs.

10.00am - 12.00 Noon

Enjoy a pleasant time talking with your friends.
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COFFEE MORNINGS

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Butterwick Coffee Morning
Held EVERY Third Saturday of the month in St. Andrew's Church from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.

Leverton Coffee Morning
Held the LAST Friday of the month in the Tin Hut from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.

Old Leake Coffee Morning
Held EVERY Second Saturday of the month in St. Mary's Church from 10.00 am - 11.30 am.

Wrangle Coffee Morning
Held EVERY First Saturday of the month in St. Mary & St. Nicholas' Church from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.

Friskney Coffee Morning
Held EVERY Fourth Saturday of the month in All Saint's Church from 10.00 am - 11.30 am.



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WHAT'S ON IN WRANGLE PARISH HALL

Mondays

Whats on:	Weekly	Monthly	Contact Information
Movement to Music	9:30am-10.30am	-	Michelle Saw: 07713 353243
Ladies Monday Club 3rd Monday of the Month	-	1.30pm	Colette Reeves: 07789 147588

Tuesdays

Tai Chi Qigong	10.00am-11.00am	-	Sue Willoughby: 07715 793636
Parish Council Meeting Public Forum at meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month	-	7.15pm 7.00pm	Rebecca Herberts: 07818 095035

Wednesdays

Movement to Music	9.30am - 10.30am	-	Michelle Saw: 07713 353243

Thursdays

Zumba	7.00pm - 8.00pm	-	Laura Saunders: 07789 363761

Fridays

Yoga	11.00am - 12 Noon	-	Sara Smith: 07737 664337

Saturdays

Coffee Morning *(3rd Saturday of the Month)*	-	10am - 12.00pm	Jackie Mcglen: 07976 959912

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Elayne: 07522 246089 - Email: hallevent1@outlook.com

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Wrangle Parish Hall	**Wednesday** 1.30 - 2.30	21st	18th	18th	15th	13th	10th	8th	5th	2nd & 30th	28th	25th	23rd
Old Leake Church Road	**Thursday** 11-30 - 12.00	15th	12th	12th	9th	7th	4th	2nd & 30th	27th	24th	22nd	19th	17th
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Tuesday 20th October – Leeds City Centre Shopping
Ad - £24.00 Senior - £24.00 Ch - £22.00

Wednesday 21st October – Milton Keynes Shopping
Ad - £22.00 Senior - £22.00 Ch - £20.00

Wednesday 21st October - Mamma Mia The Musical, Milton Keynes
Ad - £83.00 Senior - £83.00 Ch - £81.00

Tuesday 27th October - London Museum's (free entry) ½ term week
Ad - £28.00 Senior - £28.00 Ch - £26.00

Thursday 29th October - Matilda The Musical, Milton Keynes ½ term
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Saturday 31st October - Meadowhall Shopping
Ad - £21.50 Senior - £21.50 Ch - £19.50

Thursday 5th November - Nottingham Shopping
Ad - £22.00 Senior - £22.00 Ch - £20.00

Saturday 7th November - Simply Crafts & Simply Christmas – Birmingham
Ad - £43.00 (inc entry) Senior - £43.00 (inc entry) Ch - £41.00 (inc entry)

Tuesday 17th November - All Inclusive - £63.00 per person
Chatsworth House Decorated for Christmas entry 2.00pm & Christmas Market

Sunday 29th November - Holt & Holkham Hall Candlelight Tour @ 2.15pm
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Monday 30th November - Harry Potter Studio Tour – 12.00 noon tour
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Tuesday 1st December - Festive Cavery at Jug & Bottle then visit to Brigg Garden Centre
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Saturday 5th December - York St Nicholas Fair & Christmas Market
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Sunday 13th December - Beverley Festival of Christmas
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St Mary's Church
Supporting Our Community and Looking Ahead

A helping hand during the drought St Mary's Church, Old Leake, is pleased to have made a small donation to Curo Social Enterprise Farm Charity, helping to support the animals in their care during these difficult and unusually dry conditions.


Sophie Hilton (Treasurer) Revd. Andrew Higginson & Dr Andy Fox (Church Warden) & the animal food donations.

The drought has brought extra challenges for those looking after animals, and we are very glad to be able to offer our support. While our contribution may be modest, we hope it will make a difference and demonstrate the caring and supportive spirit that is so important within our local community.

If you would like to make an additional donation to support the work of Curo Social Enterprise Farm Charity, please contact Sophie Hilton via admin@curo-lincs.co.uk

You can see details of their activities by going to the website : https://www.curo-lincs.co.uk

Looking ahead: Alpha at St Mary's

We are also pleased to announce that St Mary's Church is planning to host an Alpha Course in March 2027.

Alpha is for anyone who is curious about faith and would like to explore some of life's bigger questions in a friendly, relaxed and welcoming setting. You don't need to be a regular churchgoer—or have any previous knowledge of Christianity—to come along. It is simply an opportunity to meet with others, enjoy conversation, ask questions and consider what faith might mean in everyday life.

The course explores a question that many of us may have wondered about at some point: "Is there more to life than this?"

If you have ever found yourself asking that question, why not come along and explore it with us? There is no pressure and no expectation—just an open invitation to discover, discuss and share.

For further information about the Alpha Course, please contact Dr Andrew Fox (Churchwarden) on 01205 872023 (Please leave message on the answer machine) We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces to St Mary's as we continue to grow together as part of our village community.



WRANGLE BIN COLLECTION TIMETABLE



Betty Bin says "don't forget to put your correct bin out for collection".

Wrangle's collection day is a Monday!

OCTOBER 2026

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Endeavour FM celebrates 10 years on air



Boston Borough's community radio station, 107 Endeavour FM, is celebrating 10 years since it first began broadcasting on FM on 22 August 2016.

The station's roots go back to Stump Radio in 2006 and Endeavour Online in 2009, before securing a permanent FM licence in 2016.

Today, Endeavour FM is run entirely by around 35 volunteers, producing its whole programme schedule and reaching up to 9,500 listeners each week. Alongside music and entertainment, it provides local information, travel and weather bulletins and its Community Guide.

Developing local talent has always been important. Former volunteers have gone on to study journalism and radio production and work for the BBC and commercial stations, while the station continues to provide opportunities for local schools and Boston College students. Its work has also received recognition at the Young Audio Awards and Community Radio Awards, alongside local awards for services to the community.

Endeavour FM is a strong supporter of local music, broadcasting more than 13,000 plays of local and regional artists since 2016. Its volunteers have also provided live Boston United commentary every season since 2009.

Away from the studio, the station regularly supports community events, charities, businesses and organisations through outside broadcasts and public appearances. A special 24-hour broadcast raised more than £1,000 for local charities, while research shows seven in ten listeners have acted on information heard on the station. One particularly memorable moment came when His Majesty King Charles III, then The Prince of Wales, visited the studios and met volunteers.

Station Director Dylan Taylor said: "When we launched on FM in 2016, our ambition was simple: to give Boston Borough a radio station it could truly call its own. Ten years later, I'm proud to say that's exactly what our volunteers have built together."

The station remains financially self-sufficient and has recently invested in new broadcast equipment and a second studio. A new website and app are also launching as part of the anniversary. After a decade on FM, its mission remains unchanged – a genuinely local radio station, run by local people for local people.Ten years after arriving on 107 FM, Endeavour FM's purpose remains unchanged – a genuinely local radio station, run by local people for local people.

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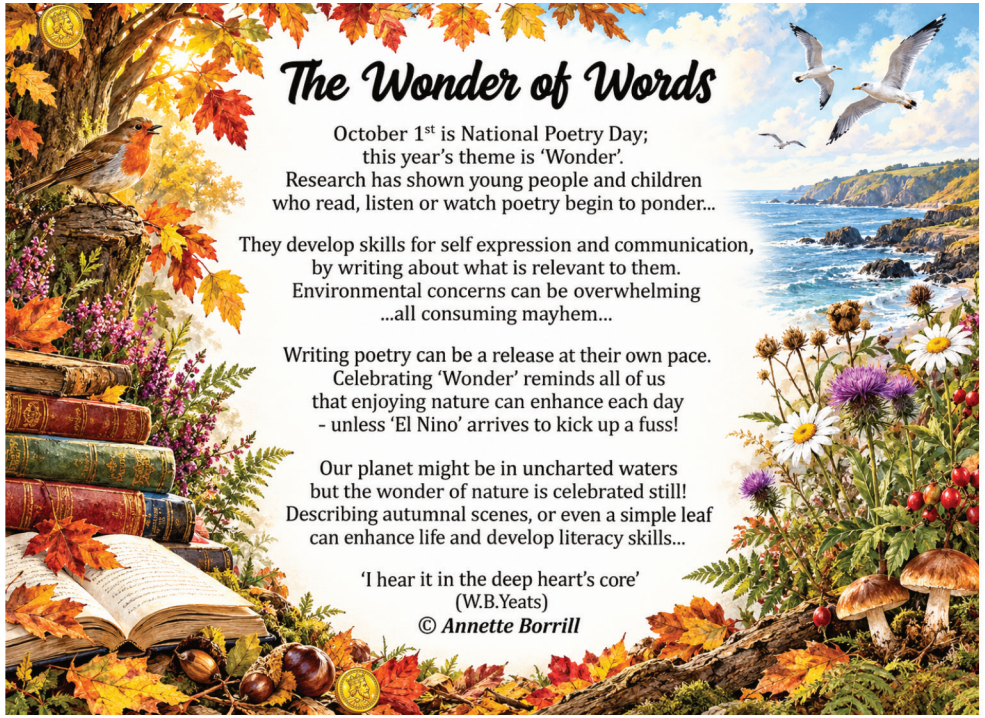
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In 2026 Wrangle Bowls Club entered three leagues: East Lincs League (3-wood), Boston League (Wednesday – 3-wood) and the Coningsby League (2-wood).

With all the members bowling at least two nights a week the Club managed to finish fourth in the Boston League Division one; finish third in the Coningsby League; and finish third in the East Lincs League - everyone enjoyed playing and will try again next season.

LEVERTON INDOOR BOWLING

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Picture: Janine Cordingly, North Kesteven resident who has already adapted to using a successful food waste service

Energy from waste – so ap-peeling!

Boston is now ready to join food waste revolution - turning everyday kitchen scraps into energy

- Think about what ends up in your kitchen after a normal day of cooking and eating. Not just the food you didn't finish, but also the bits no one eats in the first place: tea bags and coffee grounds after your morning brew, eggshells from breakfast, vegetable peelings and stalks from dinner prep, meat bones, or a banana skin dropped into the bin without a second thought.
- All of these everyday items are exactly what the new food waste caddies are designed for.
- From June you will see food waste caddies being delivered to all households across the borough, with collections planned to start in September. All residents will receive a collection calendar in the post prior to them starting.
- This new service is part of the Government's national Simpler Recycling reforms, introduced under the Environment Act 2021, and means every household will have a simple, consistent way to recycle both edible and inedible food waste.
- By using your food waste caddy, you are helping reduce the amount of waste sent to Lincolnshire's Energy from Waste facility. Instead, food waste is collected separately and taken to an anaerobic digestion plant, where it is turned into renewable energy and fertiliser for agriculture.
- So even if you feel you rarely throw food away, those small, everyday scraps soon add up. With a food waste caddy in your kitchen, recycling them becomes part of your normal routine – as easy as making a cup of tea or peeling the veg for dinner.

- To find out more, visit www.boston.gov.uk/foodwaste your local council's website, or follow Boston Borough Council on social media for updates.

What can I put in my kitchen caddy?

You can recycle all your food waste, including the following:

- All uneaten food & plate scrapings
- Raw or cooked meat & bones
- Raw or cooked fish & bones
- Dairy, butter, yoghurt & eggs
- Tea bags & coffee grounds
- Rice, pasta & beans
- Bread, cakes & pastries
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We're inviting all readers to send in their favourite pictures of Wrangle. Each month, we'll select standout images to feature in the magazine, celebrating both the talent of our local photographers and the beauty of our community. Whether you're a seasoned photographer or simply snapped something special on your phone, your image could be the one that captures the essence of our village.

To take part, just email your photo to us along with your name. Then keep an eye out in next month's issue—you might just see your picture in print!

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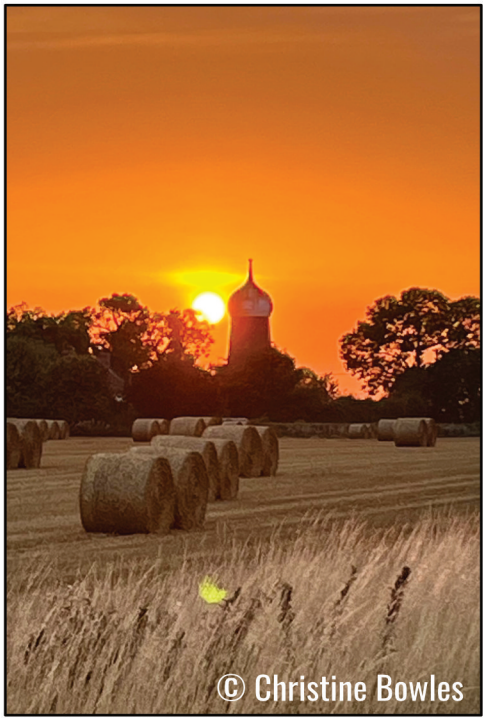
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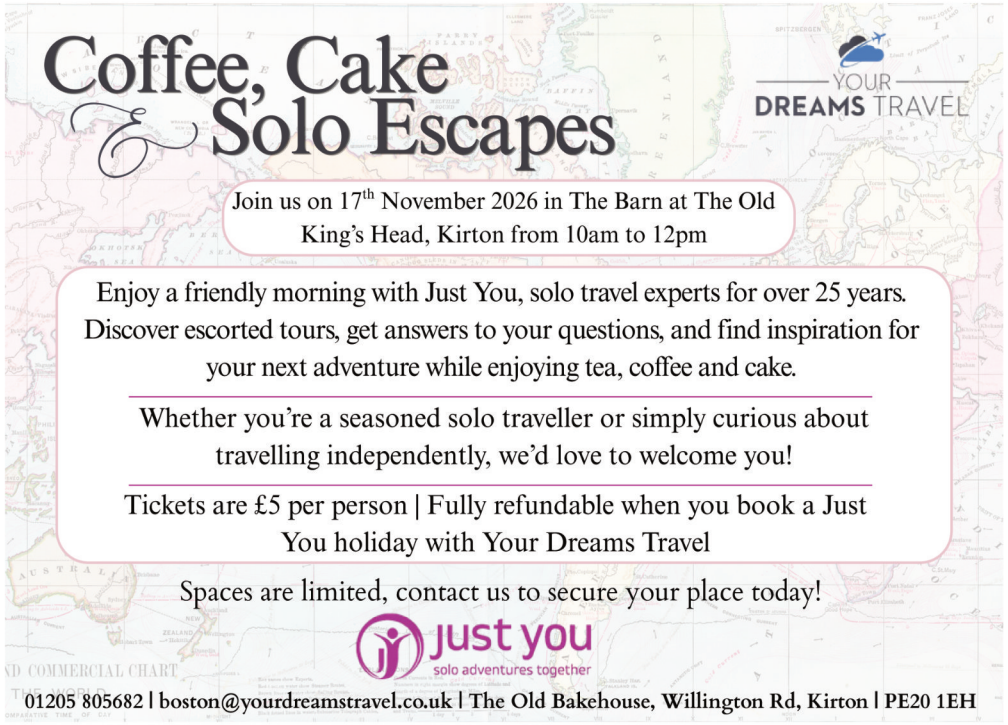

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LINCOLNSHIRE BUFF POULTRY,

" Amidst the immense number of different breeds of the gallinaceous tribe,how shall we determine the original stock? So many circumstances have operated, so many accidents have concurred : the attention, and even the whim of man have so much multiplied the varieties, that it ap- pears extremely difficult to trace them to their source." French author Buffon, 1788



If it is difficult to trace the ancestry of the Lincolnshire Curly Coat, it is even more so with Buff poultry. The Breed Society was not formed until 1995 and this was for the revived Lincolnshire Buff rather than for the type of poultry that first came to prominence in the 1850s. Most farmyards through the ages up to quite recent times have kept a few chickens both for meat and for their valuable eggs, but they were perhaps so common that nobody thought to mention them. Whatever the reason, very little was written about them until the nineteenth century.

It appears that all domestic chickens are descended from the Red Jungle Fowl of the Far East. Over the centuries many different breeds have emerged so that domestic poultry is one of the most varied species in the world. (Elizabeth Henson, Rare Breeds in History, 1982.)

Whilst chicken bones have been recovered from excavations of all historic periods, it is really not possible to say anything except that domestic fowl were present. They were certainly well established by the Roman period and seem to have been reared for food quite extensively at that time. The Dorking is a breed of chicken that is believed to have originated in Italy, possibly during the Roman period. It was thought to be a pure breed as it had five toes. At an unknown date it was introduced to Great Britain, where much of its development took place. Dorkings were displayed at the first British poultry show in 1845.

Historic written sources that have much to say on cattle, sheep and pigs are largely silent on poultry and certainly there is no specific information on breed types. This may be because chickens were mainly kept in small numbers, often alongside ducks and geese, and were the responsibility of the women of the household rather than the men and therefore were not considered part of the mainstream farming scene. A few probate inventories of the sixteenth century mention poultry, such as that of Thomas Tyckett of Leverton who died about 1565. He had, amongst other livestock, ten hens and a cock. One in every two inventories in the 1560s and 1590s referred to 'pullen', a term which included geese, hens and ducks which shows that they were widespread but doesn't tell us much more. (Joan Thirsk, English Peasant Farming, Routledge Kegan Paul, 1957.) Arthur Young in his General view of the Agriculture of the County of Lincoln, 1813, mentions only geese although poultry must have been present in considerable numbers.

Brian Sands

Continues NEXT MONTH

Coastal Cluster Services for October 2026

Note – There is an ONLINE SERVICE available via the Fishtoft St Guthlac Website on both YouTube and Facebook on various Sundays.

Sunday 4th October - Creationtide 6 - Trinity 18, Proper 22

9:30am - Old Leake Church - Holy Communion
9:30am - Friskney Church - Morning Worship
10:00am - Leverton Church - Harvest Thanksgiving in church
11:00am - Fishtoft Church - St Francis Eucharist

Wednesday 7th October

10:30am - Butterwick Church - Book of Common Prayer Communion

Sunday 11th October - Trinity 19, Proper 23

9:30am - Friskney Church - Holy Communion
10:00am - Freiston Church - Holy Communion
11:00am - Wrangle Church - Morning Worship
6:00pm - Leverton Church - Remembering the Departed
6:30pm - Fishtoft Church - Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th October

9:00am - Friskney Church - Holy Communion

Sunday 18th October - Trinity 20, Proper 24

9:30am - Old Leake Church - Morning Prayer
9:30am - Friskney Church - Harvest Festival
10:00am - Butterwick Church - Harvest Festival
11:00am - Wrangle Church - Morning Worship
11:00am - Fishtoft Church - Holy Communion
6:00pm - Freiston Church - Remembering the Departed

Wednesday 21st October

10:30am- Butterwick Church - Community Prayer

Sunday 25th October - Last Sunday after Trinity, Proper 25, Bible Sunday

10:00am - Freiston Church - Worship Together
11:00am - Wrangle Church - Holy Communion
6:00pm - Butterwick Church - Remembering the Departed
6:30pm - Fishtoft Church - Celtic Evening Prayer

Wednesday 28th October

9:00am - Friskney Church - Holy Communion

Wrangle Parish Council Updates

Have Your Say – Village Survey

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete the Wrangle Parish Council Village Survey.
The survey was launched at this year's Wrangle Show, and we are keen to hear from as many residents as possible. Your views will help the Parish Council understand what matters most to our community and will help shape our priorities for the coming years.
Whether your views relate to highways, recreation, community facilities, the environment or village life in general, every response is important.
If you haven't already completed the survey, please take a few minutes to do so by scanning the QR code. Paper copies are also available from the Parish Clerk for anyone who would prefer to complete a paper version.

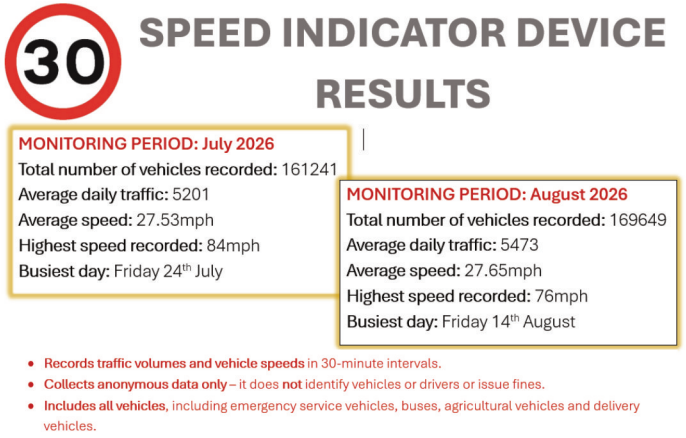
Speed Indicator Device Update

The Parish Council continues to monitor traffic speeds through the village using our Speed Indicator Device.

The information collected gives us a useful picture of traffic passing through Wrangle and helps us identify where speeding remains a concern.

The latest results, covering July and August 2026, are shown below. Although the average speeds recorded remain within the 30-mph limit, the figures continue to highlight instances of vehicles travelling considerably faster than the limit.

The data is anonymous and provides useful evidence when raising road safety concerns with the relevant authorities.



To improve the information we can gather, the Parish Council is purchasing a new battery for the existing device, along with additional mounting brackets. This will enable the sign to be positioned at different locations around the village, helping us build a broader picture of traffic speeds and identify areas where further attention may be needed.

General Maintenance

The General Maintenance Contractor continues to carry out regular maintenance around the village. This has included keeping the Youth Club car park and bridge clear of overgrowth, with the car park being monitored and maintained regularly to keep it clear and accessible.

The Contractor has also attended to the bench near the Wrangle shop, clearing away the grass to expose and tidy the slabs around its base.

The Recreation Field toilets continue to be inspected monthly by the Contractor to ensure they remain clean and well maintained, with vegetation around the building kept under control throughout the year.

Paint and varnish have now been ordered for a number of items requiring attention, including areas where paint has started to peel and varnished surfaces have faded due to sun damage. The Contractor is expected to begin this work during September, weather permitting, and it is likely to take a few weeks to complete.

Recreation Field Improvements

The Recreation Field Committee met in August to consider a number of maintenance and improvement matters.

Following the annual play area inspection, additional signage and some minor repairs to the play and fitness equipment have been identified. The General Maintenance Contractor has been asked to undertake the necessary small repairs, and quotations will be obtained for additional signage and other works where required.

The Committee has also been considering the possibility of a larger play area improvement project. A quotation has been received for additional play equipment aimed particularly at younger children, together with a small extension to the existing play area.

The Committee agreed that the views of children at Wrangle Primary School should be sought before the project progresses, so that their ideas and suggestions can help inform any future improvements. Grant funding would also be explored if the project proceeds.

Replacement picnic benches are also being considered as part of the wider project, with advice to be sought on suitable locations that would not interfere with the safety zones around existing play equipment.

Sponsor a Poppy
The Parish Council's Sponsor a Poppy Appeal is continuing, giving residents the opportunity to sponsor a poppy in memory of a loved one or to commemorate someone special.
If you would like to take part, please contact the Parish Clerk for further information. Please note that the appeal will close in mid-October to allow sufficient time for the orders to be placed, so anyone wishing to sponsor a poppy is encouraged to get in touch as soon as possible.

Borough Council Update
There have been a number of matters affecting Wrangle discussed with Borough and County Councillors during the past month.

Tooley Lane Housing Development
Callum continues to liaise with Planning Officer Ian Carrington regarding concerns surrounding the proposed housing development off Tooley Lane.

The current application concerns reserved matters relating to appearance, landscaping and scale.

Residents' concerns regarding flooding and drainage have been raised, and the planning officer remains in contact with the developer, who is making some changes in response to these concerns.

The application is also being considered in relation to overlooking concerns, although proposed changes to the planning system may affect whether a request for the application to be considered by committee can proceed.

Highways and Water
The Borough Councillors continue to work with Cllr Arundell on a number of local issues.

Following concerns raised by residents, a request has been made for the speed limit on Seadyke Road to be reviewed. At present, a change does not meet the relevant requirements.

The petition concerning Anglian Water has also been followed up with Cllr Arundell.
A full Borough Council report is appended to the Parish Council minutes and is available on the Parish Council website.

Parish Council Meetings

Last meeting held: Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7:00pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th October 2026
Location: Wrangle Parish Hall

7:00pm – Public Forum
Members of the public are welcome to attend and may ask questions or make short statements to the Council.

7:15pm – Parish Council Meeting begins
(or at the closure of the Public Forum, whichever is sooner).

All residents welcome – we encourage your participation!

John Reed of Wrangle



The magnificent early sixteenth century brass commemorating John Reed, his wife Margaret, and their eight sons and five daughters, is to be found on the floor of the chancel in the parish church of St. Mary and St. Nicholas, Wrangle, in the ancient Parts of Holland of Lincolnshire.

In Black Letter script, the English inscription set round the outside of the composition tells the reader that both John and his wife died in 1503 - during the reign of Henry VII (1485-1509) - he on the 24th of October and she several months earlier on the 24th of March. The inscription also states that John was a merchant of the wool staple at Calais. It concludes with several verses, also rendered in English, conveying a warning to the reader:-

Then for man when ye/[winde blows make the mill grin]de and ev(er)on thy owne soule have thow/[in minde that thou give]st thy hand(es) that shalt thou finde and yt thou levys thy Executors comys far be hynde do for your Selfe whill ye have space to pray ihu (Jesus) of m(er)cy & grace i(n) heven to have a place

The two small sections enclosed in square brackets are now lost.
In 1503, Calais was very much still in English hands, as it had been ever since 1347; the wool staple having been established here in 1363 to control the export of English wool (the mainstay of the English economy) to the cloth markets of Europe where English wool was very much prized. This was especially true of the heavy, long fleeces of the Longwool sheep reared in Lincolnshire and from flocks further south down in the Cotswolds.

In return for an annual subsidy paid to the Crown, initially to help finance Edward III's war with France in the fourteenth century, the merchants of the staple operated a monopoly as regards the sale of wool and benefitted handsomely from it.

Thus, John Reed was a member of a very exclusive group of men which, by the end of the fifteenth century, comprised some four hundred wool merchants who were extremely wealthy. So much so that another merchant of the staple, a contemporary of John Reed, John Barton from Holme by Newark in nearby Nottinghamshire who died in 1490 (the two men must have known each other) had painted on the glazing of his new house the prescient words:

I praise God and ever shall
It is the shepe hath paid for all

During the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries, both in Lincolnshire and the Cotswolds, many parish churches were either rebuilt or else much embellished by the munificence of local merchants. The wool which generated the wealth which made all this work possible was shipped to Calais in sarplers, made of coarse canvas containing two sacks and weighing about 728lbs. In Lincolnshire, these were taken either by boat along the River Witham, or else by cart, to Boston, and from there by ship out into the North Sea, and so over to the staple at Calais. The ships of the period could carry about two hundred tons of cargo and a merchant such as John Reed might split his wool shipment between a couple of vessels to minimise any losses which might ensue, whether from bad weather or attack by pirates. The wool fleets normally sailed from England in the autumn, many vessels, all armed, sailing together, to help ward off attacks not only from pirates but also by the French who were often one and the same. So, while the wool trade generated a great deal of wealth indeed, it could also, at times, be a very hazardous undertaking.

Like his father John, Richard Reed, his father's heir, who died in 1537, was also a merchant of the Calais staple which must, in part, explain how John and Margaret came to be commemorated by such a fine brass. Doubtless ordered by Richard, to serve as a fitting memorial to his late parents, this was engraved up in London and laid down in the parish church at Wrangle, probably in the year following the couple's decease. In addition to the marginal inscription, the brass includes effigies for both John and Margaret, their thirteen children, as well as four shields, and an inscription in Latin verses placed beneath the two main effigies.

John and Margaret are shown in civil dress, wearing long, fur-trimmed gowns, he with a large purse called a gypcière attached to his belt, and she with a long decorative girdle and pedimental headdress. The children are similarly attired, though without either purses or girdles.

Thirteen children?

A very noisy household then!

In fact, probably not; for at this time, without antibiotics and proper sanitation, a quarter of all children born would die before their first birthday and half before the age of ten. For adults, the average life expectancy did not exceed thirty; marriages often ended early with the death of one of the partners (many of them women in childbirth of puerperal fever) leading to frequent remarriages.

In a sense, echoing the English verses of the marginal inscription, the Latin verses of the foot inscription, some of which are taken from the works of

John Reed of Wrangle

Roman poets such as Horace and Ovid, in translation tell the reader that John Reed was an exceptionally good person. However, the inscription then asks the reader to help ensure that John's soul goes to Heaven by praying for him; he must have had some faults after all!

Given the polished content of the two inscriptions, the Reed family doubtless knew someone who was not only literate, but also skilled in composing epitaphs. A local priest maybe, perhaps serving one of the clergy serving the wealthy religious guilds associated with the stately parish church of St. Botolph in nearby Boston.

Of the four shields, two bear the arms of the Calais wool staple: Barry nebuly of six Argent and Azure, a chief Gules, thereon a lion passant guardant Or. The other two shields are engraved with John's merchant mark. This takes the form of his initials set either side of the long shaft of a curious four-pronged symbol - perhaps a stylised carding comb used for untangling wool - beneath which is a small seven-pointed star or heptagram. This mark would have been stamped or painted onto John's sarplers and wool sacks as well as on any other goods which he might have been exporting, importing, or selling. These were the precursors of hallmarks and trademarks, serving as a guarantee of quality and a visible confirmation, where necessary, that the relevant taxes had been paid.

Brass rubbing is akin to taking a pencil rubbing of a coin but done with black wax and architect's detail paper. The surface of the slab must be cleaned down with a soft brush to remove dust and grit, and the paper fixed down over it securely with strips of masking tape; Sellotape must never be used as it will leave a sticky residue on the stone. The outline of each piece is then carefully marked out through the paper and only those rubbed - which is what takes the time. Erring marks may be removed with a pencil rubber. The entire process does no harm whatsoever, provided the brass is set firmly in its slab and the rubber does not kneel on the component pieces while taking the rubbing. Depending on the size of the brass, rubbings may take from about twenty minutes to several hours to complete. To rub the Reed brass to museum standard, which included outlining a couple of missing pieces of the inscription, took me three and a quarter hours to complete.

In conclusion, the author, a member of the Monumental Brass Society, is most grateful to the church authorities in Wrangle for exceptional permission granted to him to take a rubbing of the Reed brass on 11th July 2026.

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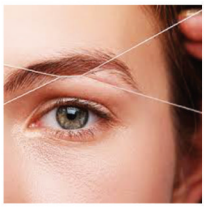
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