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Lincolnshire has it all



Lincolnshire is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered by you, your family and friends. It's a county of contrasts which will give huge pleasure and surprises then leave you with lasting memories of its world class heritage, awe-inspiring landscapes and fun-fuelled attractions.

From the majesty of Lincoln Cathedral, to the dazzling lights and dunes which fringe the coast; celebrations for a century of aviation in 'Bomber County' to the thrilling aerobatic displays of The Red Arrows; from internationally significant nature reserves to glorious public and private gardens...

Lincolnshire is waiting to give you a warm welcome.

Caroline Bingham
Chief Executive

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Discover WALKING TOURS

Join a guided walk



JOIN A TOUR

The tours begin at 11am, cost £4 per person and last between 1 ¼ and 1 ½ hours.

Dates are: October to June: Every Saturday and Sunday plus Good Friday and Bank Holiday Mondays. July, August and September every day.

Meet at the Tourist Information Centre, 9 Castle Hill, Lincoln LN1 3AA

If you would like to book a guide for a bus or special interest tour please contact Brian Taylor on 01522 521256 or email: brian@lincolnguidedtours.co.uk

TENNYSON

An expert's guide to the city

Arthur Hazeldine is one of the Green Badge Guides who lead walking tours of Lincoln. You can begin a tour with him or one of the other five qualified guides by meeting outside the Tourist Information Centre on Castle Hill.

For a person who loves Lincoln and its history, as well as being an outgoing and sociable sort, the chance to qualify as a Green Badge Guide was perfectly timed. The City Council's initiative, more than a decade ago, coincided with Arthur's retirement and since he gained his badge he has been kept busy informing and amusing thousands of visitors to Lincoln.

Each guide has their own variation of route and particular interests but as Arthur explained: "My tour is based around the uphill area and we begin by passing through the Exchequer Gate arch and making our way to the West Front of the Cathedral with its wonderful mix of Romanesque and Early English Gothic styles."

There are plenty of stories to share, including the significance and history of the lawn area in front of the Cathedral and the figures at the top of the front pinnacles, St

Hugh of Lincoln and the Swineherd of Stowe.

Passing through the doorway in the wall to the far right of the Cathedral, a sloping path leads to the preserved ruin of the Medieval Bishops' Palace, Edward King House and the Old Palace.

Back on the street level, the tour follows round the south side of the Cathedral to the Judgement Porch whose carved symbols illustrate to those who pass through, hell outside and heaven within.

Moving around the Chapter House, the statue of Poet Laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson and his Russian Wolfhound Karenina overlooks the north-east lawn. Tennyson was born in Somersby, Lincolnshire and Arthur is keen to share his knowledge of the village and encourage visitors to discover similar hidden gems in the countryside beyond the city.

The Lincoln Hotel and the Roman Archway on Eastgate give both an indication of where the city boundary and walls once stood but also the historical power of the diocese which owned most of the land which is now known as the Cathedral Quarter.

Arthur is especially knowledgeable about the significant people who have had a connection to Lincoln. He continued: "The elegant crescent of Minster Yard has been home to both Katherine Swynford (1350-1403) mistress and then wife of John of Gaunt and William Byrd (1540-1623) organist and choirmaster at the Cathedral who became one of the most famous Elizabethan

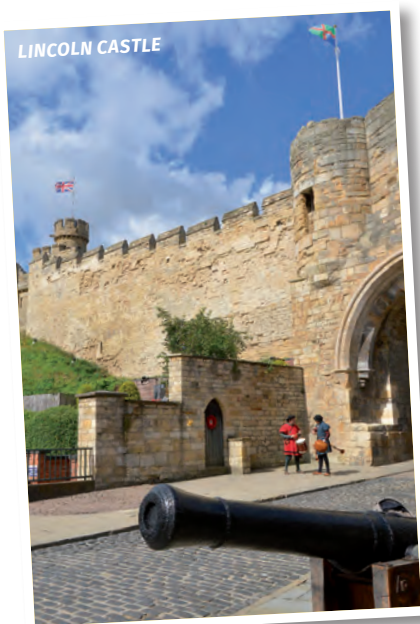
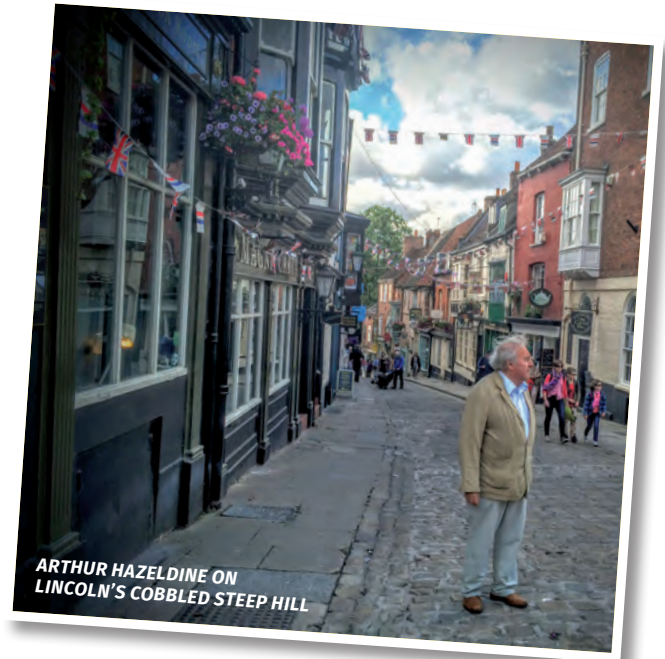
composers and musicians."

The tour now heads across Castle Hill towards Lincoln Castle. Arthur gives a taste of what visitors can expect in the newly renovated Castle including the purpose-built David PJ Ross Vault, the new home of Lincoln Cathedral's copy of the 1215 Magna Carta.

Finally, the last stop is on the city's famous Steep Hill. Don't worry, the choice will be yours if you want to venture all the way down and face the climb back up but Arthur gives a glimpse behind the history of one of England's most iconic streets which began as a processional route to the medieval Cathedral.

Using the services of a Green Badge Guide helps you to look beyond the charm of most of the uphill area's architecture and hear the stories of people and events which have left their presence on these ancient walls during the past 2,000 years.

It is a wonderful introduction to this beautiful city and Arthur then heads off to leave you free to grab a coffee or lunch break in one of the many teas shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants in the Quarter before exploring further in the afternoon.



Discover THE CASTLE CASCADE

Centenary commemoration wave

CASTLE AND CATHEDRAL JOINT TICKET

Equivalent to a 'Castle All Inclusive' ticket (Medieval Wall Walk, Victorian Prison, Magna Carta and guided tour) plus entry to the Cathedral, and a free return visit to both within six months.

Family (two adults and up to three children)	£40.00
Castle & Cathedral adult	£16.00
Castle & Cathedral concession	£13.00
Castle & Cathedral child	£10.00
Castle & Cathedral child under 5	Free

www.lincolncastle.com
01522 782040



Lincoln Castle to host Poppies: Wave

Lincoln Castle has been selected by 14-18 NOW as one of three venues to host the iconic poppies in 2016 as part of the UK's official centenary commemorations.



'Poppies: Wave' is one of two sculptures from the installation Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red, a display of 888,246 poppies honouring the deaths within the British and Colonial forces during the First World War, which was originally at HM Tower of London in 2014.

Wave and Weeping Window are now touring the UK: Wave has visited Yorkshire Sculpture Park; Weeping Window has been shown at Liverpool's St George's Hall; and Woodhorn Museum, Northumberland, hosted Weeping Window in Autumn 2015.

Between 28th May and 4th September Lincoln Castle will be home to Wave, a sweeping arch of bright red poppies suspended on towering stalks.

Cllr Nick Worth, Executive Member for Culture and Heritage, said: "We're thrilled the poppies are coming to Lincoln Castle. "[This] year will mark the 100th



anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Seven Lincolnshire battalions fought there, and having the poppies will be a fitting tribute.

"Of course, the castle is also home to one of only four surviving 1215 Magna Carta. The messages of freedom this document still represents will chime perfectly with the meaning of the poppies.

"I'm sure people will travel from far and wide to see this iconic work."

Wave and Weeping Window are from the installation Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red – poppies and original concept by artist Paul Cummins and installation designed by Tom Piper – by Paul Cummins Ceramics Limited in conjunction with Historic Royal Palaces.

The two sculptures, which together have over 10,000 poppies, have been saved for the nation by the Backstage Trust and the Clore Duffield Foundation, and gifted to 14-18 NOW and Imperial War Museums.



A photograph of Lincoln Castle, a large stone fortress with battlements and a flag flying from a tall pole. Bare trees are in the foreground, and the sky is clear blue.

Discover COUNTY COLLECTIONS

Top destinations for the family

Lincolnshire's rich heritage

Lincolnshire County Council's heritage attractions show a wide range of Lincolnshire's history. From the geology and archaeology on show at The Collection, right through to aviation heritage at the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre and contemporary art at the Usher Gallery.

LINCOLN CASTLE

A place where kings and convicts have walked, a symbol of power and punishment through the ages and home to an original 1215 Magna Carta. Now, visitors can walk the full circumference of the wall for the first time. An impressive third of a mile long, the Medieval Wall Walk is a journey through the history of Lincoln and a vantage point for spectacular views across this beautiful city and surrounding countryside. There is no finer view of Lincoln Cathedral than that from the Castle's east wall battlements,

which look onto the Cathedral's majestic West Front and soaring spire.

Following extensive refurbishment and re-interpretation, the Victorian Prison is now fully open to visitors. Cross the threshold into the soaring atrium and enter the prison regime. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the separate system. Dress up as a prisoner or member of staff, perhaps the Governor or the Matron? Explore the cells and imagine life behind bars: the solitude of the single cell, the chaos of the crowded cell, and the desperation of the dark cell.

GAINSBOROUGH OLD HALL

Gainsborough Old Hall is over 500 years old and is one of the best preserved timber framed manor houses in the UK. Regularly described as a "hidden gem in Lincolnshire" this exciting visitor attraction offers a variety of events and exhibitions and an award – winning schools' education programme.

Gainsborough Old Hall is a large, late-medieval manor house built by the noble Burgh family around 1460. The house boasts an impressive Great Hall, original medieval kitchen, East and West ranges containing a myriad of rooms and a ghost corridor and



an original brick built tower. Gainsborough Old Hall was not only the home of the Burgh family but also a demonstration of their wealth and importance. By 1596, however, the Burghs had fallen on hard times and the house was sold to the Hickman family. Although a number of "home improvements" have been made over the years it remains a "textbook of medieval architecture" (Simon Jenkins, England's Thousand Best Homes).

Famous visitors to the Old Hall include Richard III, Henry VIII, John Wesley and the Pilgrim Fathers.

Gainsborough Old Hall was given to the nation in 1970 by descendants of the Hickman family.

MUSEUM OF LINCOLNSHIRE LIFE

Enjoy free entry to the largest and most diverse community museum in Lincolnshire. Experience a cornucopia of yesteryear, the rich and varied social history collection reflects and celebrates the culture of

THE COLLECTION AND USHER GALLERY

The Collection brings together an award winning archaeology museum and the region's premier art gallery, the Usher Gallery, in the heart of historic Lincoln.



Lincolnshire and its people from 1750 to the present day. Exhibits illustrate commercial, domestic, agricultural, industrial and community life.

The museum is housed in a Victorian barracks built for the Royal North Lincoln Militia in 1857. It is a fine example of Victorian military architecture and is a Grade II listed building.

Since its beginnings the museum has built up a fascinating collection of over 250,000 objects, both on display and in store. Today visitors can enjoy the charming period room and shop settings displaying the wonderful social history collection, with a working Victorian kitchen and printing press during special event days. In addition the museum boasts a nationally important agricultural and industrial collection, including impressive steam engines, threshing machines and the iconic World War One tank developed and built by Foster's of Lincoln. The museum is also home to the Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Galleries.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLIGHT VISITOR CENTRE

A unique partnership between the Royal Air Force and Lincolnshire County Council provides the public with a gateway to the home of the RAF Battle Of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby. Here you

The archaeology gallery tells the story of Lincolnshire's fascinating heritage through artefact rich displays and reconstructions, hands-on activities, touch-screen games, and the chance to dress up in authentic historical costumes. People have inhabited the landscape of Lincolnshire for nearly half a million years. The people of the past left traces of their lives all around us, even beneath our feet. Every stone, every object, holds the stories of the lives of people from the past.

The Usher Gallery is Lincolnshire's premier art gallery, officially opened in 1927 following a bequest to the City by Lincoln jeweller James Ward Usher. The Gallery combines displays from its permanent collections of fine arts, decorative arts and horology, enhanced by loans of acclaimed works from national collections, with a vibrant programme of temporary exhibitions.

have the rare opportunity to see the Flight's historic aircraft at close quarters and to observe the RAF BBMF technicians working to maintain them in airworthy condition.

The RAF BBMF hangar is located within the boundaries of RAF Coningsby and viewing the Flight's historic aircraft at close quarters is available only by guided tour. You will be shown around the hangar by volunteer guides, many of whom have firsthand experience of the aircraft.

Within the hangar, you will see:

Lancaster PA474: Out of 7,377 Lancasters built, PA474 is one of only two Lancasters remaining in airworthy condition - the other being in Canada.

Douglas Dakota ZA947: Came into service in 1942 with the USAAC (United States Army Air Corps) transferring to the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air force) doing tours in Europe until 1971. Came to the RAF BBMF in 1993.

RAF BBMF's six Spitfires, two Hurricanes, and two Chipmunks: P7350 is the oldest airworthy Spitfire in the world. An Mk V, an Mk IX, and two Mk XIX Spitfires, all with their own unique histories, join her. The two Hurricanes are Mk IIc.





THE LITTLE RED GALLERY

Art from some of the biggest names of the last 100 years is available now upstairs at The Little Red Gallery! We have a selection of pieces from huge names including Chagall, Lowry, Emin, Hirst, Warhol, Lichtenstein, Moore, Picasso, Dali, Toulouse-Latrec and many more. The work ranges from signed posters, to limited editions and originals. We've really tried to make these incredible names accessible for everyone and with constantly changing walls as work sells and new pieces arrive we'll always try to have something for everyone. Pop in soon to see these works from the masters of art up close and take home your piece of history!

Salvador Dali



Tracey Emin



Pablo Picasso

Henry Moore



Lawrence Stephen Lowry



Andy Warhol

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BOSTON

Historic Market Town

Shopping and Dining

Historic and vibrant Market Place, a bright and airy open space, traditional open-air markets every Wednesday and Saturday, fortnightly craft markets from May, surrounding network of lanes and streets to discover, wealth of independent and national retailers, cafes and eateries, Pescod Square shopping centre and Boston shopping park

Heritage and Culture

St Botolph's Church 'The Stump', Boston Guildhall Museum, Maud Foster Windmill, Fydell House, Hussey Tower, Blackfriars Arts Centre

Nature and Recreation

The Wash, the UK's most important estuary for wildlife. Outstanding nature reserves RSPB Frampton and RSPB Freiston. Witham Way Country Park, Boston Woods Trust sites, Water Railway, Marina, Wash boat trips.

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For accommodation for Stamford and Rutland
see www.southwestlincs.com

Stamford Arts Centre is part of Cultural Services, Venues and Facilities, South Kesteven District Council

Discover COMMUNITIES

Towns rich in character



Make the most of the Market Towns

Lincolnshire's attractive market towns are rich in character and always within easy travelling distance.

Many are regularly named in top ten lists of the most desirable places to live in the UK because of their good amenities, attractive lifestyle and excellent schools.

Here are some ideas for things you might choose to do on a visit to some of these towns. The list is by no means exhaustive but we hope it will inspire you to stay a while and discover more about these thriving communities.

Boston

- Visit the awe inspiring **St Botolph's Church** and climb the Stump to view the surrounding landscape.
- Trace the steps of the Pilgrim Fathers at **Boston's Guildhall Museum**.



- Admire **Blackfriars Arts Centre** housed in Boston's oldest building or take in a show.
- Explore the **medieval lanes** which radiate out from the Market Place, home to many delightful independent shops and cafes.



- Tuck into a delicious **Mountain's Boston Sausage** served in many local cafes and restaurants or visit their shop to stock up for the barbecue.
- **Maud Foster Windmill**, close to the town centre is part of the history of sail power in Lincolnshire. You can purchase freshly milled flour and relax in their tea shop.
- Browse around **Boston Market**, the largest in the county, on a Wednesday or Saturday, for fresh, seasonal produce. Alternatively visit one of the excellent Farm Shops which dot the area.



- Take a boat trip out into **The Wash** to see why this estuary is so important for wildlife. For landlubbers RSPB Frampton and RSPB Freiston are just a short drive out of town.
- Cycle the banks of the **River Witham** on the Water Railway.
- Finally, Boston has a thriving **folk music club**. They meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at The Eagle pub on West Street.

Louth

● View the **Louth Panorama** at Louth Sessions House on East Street. A mid-19th century work of art which gives a 360-degree perspective from the top of St James' Church, capturing everyday life in the town and surrounding countryside.

● Visit the splendid **St James' Church**. The church celebrated the 500th anniversary of its elegant tall spire in 2015.

● **Louth Museum** on Broadbank is home to a backlit copy of the Louth Panorama as well as exhibitions featuring the story of Louth's disastrous flood of May 1920, the national collection of Victorian Thomas Wallis woodcarvings and 200,000 years of local archaeology. www.louthmuseum.org.uk

● **Rushmoor Country Park** – lots of family fun amongst collections of creatures great and small.

● **Hubbard's Hills**, an area of natural beauty to the west of the town which was bequeathed to the town in the early 20th century. An ideal location for a summer picnic, a tranquil walk and getting close to nature. www.hubbardsills.co.uk

● The streets of Louth are bustling

with plenty of **independent retailers**, many family run businesses including specialist butchers and bakers as well as the award winning Cheese Shop, quality country clothing, footwear and accessory specialists Luck of Louth and the town's own department store, Eve and Ranshaw.

● **Cadwell Park**

Circuit, located 5 miles south of Louth is known as the mini-Nürburgring and hosts a calendar of motorsport events throughout the year.

www.cadwellpark.co.uk

● Louth is known as the **Capital of the Lincolnshire Wolds** and makes an ideal base from which to explore this area of outstanding beauty.

● Stride out during the **Wolds Walking Festival** held in May and June each year.

● Head off on the **Round Louth Walk**.



Gainsborough

- **Gainsborough Old Hall**

is one of the best preserved timber framed medieval manor houses in the UK. www.gainsborougholdhall.com

- A 21st century shopping experience built within a 19th century former ironworks, **Marshall's Yard** is a prime destination for any visitor to the town. www.marshallsyard.co.uk

- General **Market Days** in Gainsborough are held on Tuesday and Saturday in the Market Place.



Horncastle

- You are now in the **antiques capital** of the county. Be sure to wander amongst the many galleries and centres which are bound to tempt avid collectors and bargain hunters.

- The influence of Sir Joseph Banks, the explorer and naturalist who sailed with Captain James Cook is still felt. **The Joseph Banks Centre** on Bridge Street houses a library, Tribute Garden and gift shop. www.joseph-banks.org.uk

- Horncastle **Market** is held in the Market Place each Thursday and Saturday.

- A plaque on the gable wall of Robert Bell & Co shows the high-water mark of the **1960 Horncastle floods**.

- Make a bid at one of the **Robert Bell & Co antiques and collectables auctions** at Stanhope Hall, held on the last Wednesday of each month.

www.robert-bell.org

- Visit West Street and the site of **Dr Edward Harrison's first dispensary**. This medical reformer practised in the

town for more than 30 years and in the mid-19th century advocated the regulation of physicians, surgeons and apothecaries.

- Visit **Somersby**, the beautiful village which was the birthplace of Poet Laureate, Alfred Lord Tennyson.

- **The Myers family** have been baking traditional Lincolnshire Plum Bread to a secret family recipe since the early 20th century. Visit their bakery, café and deli at The Bull Ring for delicious local and continental specialities and refreshments. www.myersbakery.co.uk

- Take a **Horncastle Town Walk**.

- Horncastle is home to **Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust** which manages six Nature Reserves across the county as well as wildlife research and events. www.lincstrust.org.uk





Sleaford

● **St Denys' Church** is a beautiful medieval place of worship in the heart of the town's Market Place.
www.sleafordparishchurch.co.uk



● **The National Centre for Craft and Design** is housed in The Hub, at Navigation Yard, close to the town centre. Details of the exhibitions and programme of events can be found on their website:
www.nationalcraftanddesign.org.uk

● **RAF College Cranwell** is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016. Discover more about the history of the college at

Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre. Further information at:

www.aviationheritagelincs.co.uk

● **Navigation House** built in 1839 is probably the only clerk's office, weigh station and company office built on a rural waterway in that era.

www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk

● **The Playhouse Sleaford Little Theatre** occupies a Grade II listed Georgian building on West Gate.

The theatre stages local community productions as well as touring artists.
www.sleafordplayhouse.co.uk

● **Cogglesford Mill**, an 18th century miller's cottage and riverside garden now houses a coffee shop and restaurant.
www.cogglesfordmillsleaford.co.uk



● The new **Sleaford Museum** of local history on Southgate houses a frequently changed series of exhibitions illustrating life in the town and immediate area.
www.sleafordmuseum.org.uk

● **Heckington's 8-sailed windmill** is a short drive from Sleaford and is currently undergoing an exciting renovation funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.
www.heckingtonwindmill.org.uk

● **Heckington Show** is known as England's biggest village show. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday 30th and 31st July 2016.
www.heckingtonshow.org.uk

● **Carres Grammar School** on Northgate was established in 1604 with an indenture from local landowner Robert Carre.



Spalding

- Begin your tour by investing in some goodies at local butchers **Adams and Harlow** on the Crescent. Buy a delicious hand raised pork pie or one of their other tempting fillings. www.adamsandharlow.co.uk
- **Springfields Festival Gardens and Outlet Shopping** combines the joy of retail therapy with the relaxation of gardens celebrating the market garden and bulb growing heritage of Spalding. www.springfieldsshoping.co.uk
- **Ayscoughfee Hall** was built in the 15th century as a home for a local wool merchant. This Grade I listed building now houses a museum and galleries in a beautiful garden setting.
- **Moulton Windmill** is the tallest in the UK standing at 100ft and dominating the village. Enjoy coffee in the Granary Tearoom and a varied programme of events. www.moultonwindmill.co.uk
- **Chain Bridge Forge** is a preserved 19th century blacksmiths living museum. You can find it on the High Street in Spalding.
- You can get close to and experience native owls and birds of prey at **Baytree Owl and Wildlife Centre**. www.baytreeowlcentre.co.uk
- Romany Vardos, photographs, carts and harnesses help to tell the story of Romany history and culture at **Gordon Boswell Romany Museum**. www.boswell-romany-museum.com
- Take a relaxing 30-minute cruise along the River Welland between the town centre and Springfields Gardens on the **Spalding Water Taxi**. www.spaldingwatertaxi.co.uk
- **Spalding Market** is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- **Spalding and South Holland Festival of Food and Drink** will be held on Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th July 2016. www.spaldingfoodfestival.co.uk



Market Rasen

- **Market Days** are Tuesday, Friday and Saturday with other community events staged throughout the year.
- Enjoy a Day at the Races at the famous **Market Rasen Racecourse**. A full list of dates and events is at: www.marketrasen.thejockeyclub.co.uk
- Head out to South Kelsey and **Hall Farm Park** for a fun day for the whole family. www.hallfarmpark.co.uk
- Wander through ancient Lincolnshire limewoods at **Chamber Farm Woods Nature Reserve** www.forestry.gov.uk/chambersfarmwood
- Thrills and adventure amongst beautiful woodland at **High Ropes**, Linwood Warren. www.highropesadventure.com
- A must for all chocoholics is a visit to the Chocolate Drop café at **Special Edition Chocolate**. www.specialeditionchocolate.co.uk



Grantham



- The birthplace and family home of Sir Isaac Newton, **Woolsthorpe Manor**, at Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth, has been preserved as a museum and visitor centre. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woolsthorpe-manor

- Plenty of family fun in store at **Belton House**, a National Trust owned mansion and its 35 acre gardens.

- www.nationaltrust.org.uk/belton-house

- Stately home splendour at **Belvoir Castle**, the seat of the Manners family, the Duke and Duchess of Rutland. www.belvoircastle.com

- St Wulfram's Church, Grantham is a large medieval church which can seat up to 700 people. www.stwulframs.org.uk

- The perfect spot for a light lunch or coffee break is **Belton Garden Centre**, on the opposite side of the road to Belton House. www.beltongardencentre.co.uk



- A perfect spot for afternoon tea or a meal in the restaurant is the historic **Angel & Royal Hotel** www.angelandroyal.co.uk

- Located to the south of Grantham, just off the A1, a visit to **Easton Walled Garden** has something for the whole family. www.eastonwalledgardens.co.uk

- Be sure to purchase some **Grantham Gingerbreads**, a local speciality biscuit.

- Trace the history of some of the town's most famous sons (Isaac Newton) and daughters (Margaret Thatcher and Edith Smith) of the town at **Grantham Museum**. www.granthammuseum.org.uk

- **Grimsthorpe Castle Park and Gardens** opens in the summer for tours of the John Vanbrugh designed house and surrounding parkland. www.grimsthorpe.co.uk

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Stamford

- The historic coaching inn **The George Hotel** is close to the centre of town and is an ideal venue for afternoon tea. www.georgehotelofstamford.com
- One of England's greatest Elizabethan houses, **Burghley House** and its surrounding parkland also host the Burghley Horse Trials, which will be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1st to 4th September 2016. www.burghley.com
- **Stamford Arts Centre** is the cultural heart of the town housing a cinema, gallery, theatre, ballroom and coffee shop. www.stamfordartscentre.com
- On a summer evening take a picnic to enjoy before settling down to one of **Tolethorpe Hall's** Rutland Open Air Theatre Shakespeare productions. www.stamfordshakespeare.co.uk
- Stamford's main street **market** is held each Friday with a smaller market on Saturday.
- **Stamford Georgian Festival** returned in 2015 to great acclaim. Check their website for 2016 information. www.stamfordgeorgianfestival.co.uk
- Walk the **Stamford Town Trail** to take in the Georgian architectural streetscape or visit the elegant churches whose spires feature so clearly on the skyline. www.stamfordchurches.co.uk
- Just a short drive from the town is **Rutland Water**, a reservoir and nature reserve which can be enjoyed by birdwatchers, walkers, anglers, cyclists, sailors and watersports enthusiasts in equal measure. www.rutlandwater.org.uk
- Enjoy an award-winning fruit beer at the restored Victorian steam brewery. Book in advance at : www.allsaintsbrewery.co.uk
- **Stamford Town Hall** was purpose-built in the 1720s and houses a collection of regalia and the Sir Malcolm Sargent Room. www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk

A HISTORY OF STAMFORD

Stamford has a unique blend of history, niche shopping, stunning architecture and won the supreme compliment from the Sunday Times newspaper as 'Britain's top place to live' in 2013. Behind such praise lies a hardworking and bustling town with a wealth of character. Proclaimed by Sir Walter Scott as "the finest stone town in England" and declared a conservation area in 1967 with over 600 listed buildings of mellow limestone in the town centre including five medieval churches, all real gems. The town arts centre is made up of an early example of a 'town assembly room' and one of the oldest provincial theatres in England, together with Browne's Hospital's and the 12th century ruins of St Leonard's Priory, there is much Georgian splendor to take in. Visit the **Stamford Tourist Information Centre & Gift Shop** which is based within the Stamford Arts Centre foyer, together with coffee shop, gallery and toilets. Manned by professional and helpful staff and open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5pm, pop in to take advantage of a wealth of local knowledge and information including details of places to visit, where to eat, what's on in the area and details for overnight accommodation. The centre is stocked with a full range of traditional souvenirs of Stamford together with guides and maps. You are welcomed in person: 27 St. Mary's Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2DL, by phone: 01780 755611, or online: www.southwestlincs.com



The Viking Way

Happy 40th birthday!



John Bennett, a well-known Lincoln based writer and photographer, describes his highlights of the Viking Way as we celebrate its fourth decade.



Although not as well known as other long distance routes such as The Pennine Way and Cleveland Way, the Viking Way long distance footpath will be familiar to many people. The distinctive yellow Viking helmet logo appears on signposts across the county. It is 147 miles (237km) long, and stretches from the Humber Bridge in North Lincolnshire to Oakham in Rutland. Although only the most dedicated walkers will have completed the whole route, many of us will have walked at least part of it, often without knowing it. I am usually out running or walking the dog on a section

south of Lincoln several times a week come rain or shine. The Viking Way was officially opened on Sunday 5th September 1976 at Tealby, so this year marks its 40th birthday.

What I suspect most people aren't aware of is that the Viking Way is also part of the E2 European long distance footpath, a 3,010 mile route intended to link the north-west coast of Ireland to the French Mediterranean. The Irish section has yet to open, but it is already possible to walk from Stranraer in Scotland, through England, Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Switzerland to the finish in Nice.



The main route goes down the Pennine Way and through the English Midlands; the Viking Way is part of an official alternative route through the East of England. But I digress.

The Viking Way was designed to link to numerous other long distance footpaths to make a much longer continuous route for walkers. The Yorkshire Wolds Way heads north from the Humber Bridge, while the Hereward Way and MacMillan Way continue from Oakham in the south. These in turn link to the Jurassic Way and Peddars Way. While not as much of a challenge as the Pennine Way, or as spectacular as the South-west Coast Path, the Viking Way has many attractions and passes through some beautiful countryside. There is the rolling chalk downland of the Lincolnshire Wolds, contrasting with the pancake flat fenland

of the Witham valley. There is also the limestone escarpment of Lincoln Edge with its panoramic views, and the idyllic limestone villages of South Lincolnshire and Rutland. Not to mention the delights of Lincoln itself and the smaller historic market towns along the way. This is a very fast trip along the route, you may want to take the time to look into parts of it in a lot more detail at your leisure.

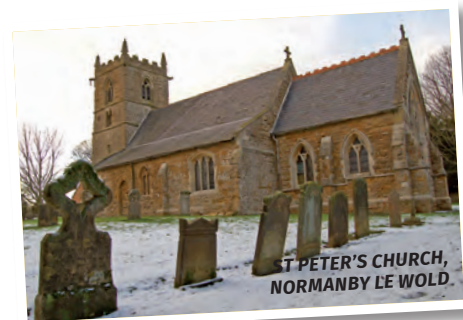
The name was chosen by the Ramblers' Association to reflect the influence of the Viking Danelaw over the area during the 9th century. Lincolnshire folk will be aware of the huge proportion of place names ending in "by" that reflect those Scandinavian roots. Most of the route is along field paths and river towpaths, but there are also sections along busy roads, so be prepared and take care.

Leaving the shadow of the Humber Bridge the Viking Way heads west along the estuary bank for a while, you might even choose to linger at Far Ings Nature Reserve within the first mile. Eventually the route heads south, beginning the climb up onto the northern Lincolnshire Wolds, and the panoramic views never seem to let up from this point onwards. Welcome to 'Big Sky Country'! The route winds through the northern Wolds to Caistor, where it crosses the A46, and enters the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB (area of outstanding natural beauty). It continues south through Normanby-le-Wold, with the highest point in Lincolnshire at Normanby Top just off the east and extensive views including Lincoln Cathedral away to the south-west. There are some very attractive villages and old churches all along the Viking Way, but few are more iconic than All Saints at Walesby, the so called "Ramblers' church". It stands in glorious isolation high above the village and even has a stained glass window depicting cyclists and hill walkers. This early section of the Viking Way is almost like walking along a ridge, with the western escarpment of the Wolds dropping steeply away below you. The route continues on through the beautiful village of Tealby with the magnificent Kings Head, said to be the

oldest thatched pub in the county, dating from 1367.

The Viking Way then crosses the A631 at Ludford, before dropping down into the valley of the River Bain for a while. This makes a change from the windswept Wolds with more pretty villages, before leaving the Bain near Goulceby, and a detour east through Scamblesby, Belchford and Fulletby, before rejoining the river in the bustling market town of Horncastle. The Viking Way says "goodbye" to the rolling chalk hills of the Wolds at this point and follows the Bain again for a little while longer, using the disused railway as a direct and flat route to Woodhall Spa, also known as The Spa Way.

From Woodhall the route turns back sharp north, winds through Fenland villages to Bardney, then continues north, before finally



CAPTURE LINCOLNSHIRE ON CAMERA

John Bennett of Light and Dreams Photography leads regular tours and walks around Lincoln and its vicinity to capture the majesty of the city and the beauty of the surrounding countryside on camera. You can find more information about his Lincoln walks on his Facebook page: Light and Dreams Photography. Email: jp.bennett@ntlworld.com Tel: 01522 568306.

John will also be leading an evening walk on Friday 15th July at 7.45pm which will cover a 4 to 5 mile route on part of The Viking Way and field paths south of Lincoln as part of the North Kesteven Walking Festival (Sat 9th to Sun 17th July). There will be a £5 per person charge. If you would like more information or to book contact: Donna. Sutton@1life.co.uk or The Natural World Centre, Whisby Nature Park, Moor Lane, Thorpe on the Hill, Lincoln, LN6 9BW. Tel: 01522 694353.



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swinging west to reach the River Witham at Fiskerton. This section from Woodhall to Fiskerton has numerous old abbey ruins, reflecting a turbulent history. Topholme, Bardney and Barlings are all worth checking out if you have the time. Lincoln Cathedral will have been growing larger on the western horizon throughout the walk, but it is now within touching distance as the route follows the River Witham all the way into the city. As soon as it crosses the city boundary the Viking Way heads up the hill to the Cathedral and old historic quarter.

You won't need me to describe the various delights of Lincoln, but suffice to say that most walkers along the Viking Way will take time out here. The only attraction that I will mention is the Victorian Arboretum off Monks Road. The Viking Way passes the

top entrance to the arboretum just after the County Hospital, and it is well worth a detour as millennium funding has restored it to its former glory. The route heads down the hill from the Cathedral, through the city centre and past the football ground to the South Common. The last mile is probably the least attractive part of the whole walk, but the South Common itself is a lovely spot. It is an ancient open space with an interesting history. The Viking Way heads up the eastern edge and along the top of the Common with huge views back across the city. This is the original Victorian 'promenade', designed to get the good people of Lincoln away from the industrial city for a while. Also of note here is the new International Bomber Command Memorial being built adjacent to the footpath. The spire and memorial walls are complete, with the visitor centre due to take shape during 2016.

From the south-west corner of the South Common the Viking Way crosses the busy A15, skirting Bracebridge Heath to gain more panoramic views to the west from the escarpment of Lincoln Edge. This limestone ridge may not be as high as the Wolds, barely 250 feet above the Trent Valley to the west, but on a clear day it feels like the edge of the world. This section south of Lincoln through the pretty villages of Waddington, Harmston, Coleby, Boothby Graffoe, Navenby and Wellingore is very easy walking

along field paths. For much of the route the footpath sticks right to the edge of the escarpment, heading due south parallel to the A607, then after Wellingore heads back east to pick up the old Roman Ermine Street as a track due south again past Temple Bruer to Byards Leap. Here it crosses the A17 and Ermine Street becomes a busy minor road towards Ancaster. Before Ancaster the Viking Way turns west to Carlton Scroop, crossing the River Witham again near Marston. At Long Bennington it crosses the A1, heading South towards the Leicestershire border and Vale of Belvoir. The route follows the border for a while, briefly crossing into Leicestershire at Sewstern.

Near the source of the River Witham the Viking Way eventually enters Rutland, and passing incredibly close to RAF Cottesmore continues south to Rutland Water. There are more very pretty villages along this stretch of rolling countryside, Thistleton has evidence of an extensive Romano-British settlement and Greetham has a large church dating from Norman times. Further on, Exton has some classic picture postcard old thatched cottages built from the distinctive local limestone. Finally at Rutland Water the Viking Way follows the north bank through two new watersports centres, eventually reaching its southern end in Oakham.

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EVENTS 2016

2nd May: Garden Open Day, 15th June: "Alford 50 Years Ago" Talk by Peter Criddle, 11th July: Garden Open Day, 13th July: "Lincolnshire Aviation WW1" Talk by Dave Harrigan, 24th July: "Gullivers Travels" Pantaloons Theatre Company, 20th August: "The Canterbury Tales" Pantaloons Theatre Company, 10th September: Vintage Tractor Day, 11th September: Steam Threshing Day, 30th September: Lincolnshire Day, 11th October: Apple Day, 2nd December: Christmas Tree Festival and Extravaganza.



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castle and why not take an audio guide to help transport you back to the fifteenth century (adult and children's versions available).

Explore the Keep as a family, with children's trail sheets available throughout the year. Search all the rooms (perfect for hide and seek), play some medieval games and race to the top. Remember to count all the steps! Why not try building yourself a castle? Play in the sandpit and make a sandcastle next to the real thing or become a master builder with the colourful softplay shapes. In the Guardhouse gift shop you'll find loads of ideas for presents and souvenirs from your visit and a second-hand bookshop



ALFORD MANOR HOUSE

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Alford Manor House, a 17th century Grade II Listed building, is the largest thatched manor house in the country. With the Hackett Barn Rural Museum, walled garden, tea room providing homemade fare and the WWI Centenary exhibition "Alford Remembers 1914-1918" the House offers an interesting and enjoyable experience for visitors.

The Hackett Barn Rural Museum has a collection of artefacts superbly illustrating life in and around a typical Lincolnshire market town over the last 100 or so years. There you can see a variety of farming tools and with machinery large and small, it

amply demonstrates the interdependence between agriculture and the numerous trades and businesses within the town of Alford over that period of time. Definitely not to be missed.

The Manor House's main exhibition "Alford Remembers 1914-1918" reflects the way the community of Alford was affected by events of the Great War. There is a collection of memorabilia and photographs of local men who went to war, together with a variety of fascinating domestic items included in the displays of the social and commercial side of life in Alford.

There are facilities for private functions and regular events are held during the year.

to take place in the grounds of the primary school.

During the months running up to the event there are workshops being held in the village making toads, crowns and other medieval objects. To see more visit the Swineshead Pageant Facebook page.

BOSTON GUILDHALL

Built in the 1390s this building is a testament to the wealth and influence of the Guild of St Mary at a time when Boston's power as a centre of trade was second only to London. This wonderfully preserved building, with a wealth of original features, has survived the centuries and is to be enjoyed as one of Boston's finest visitor attractions.

A wealth of stories, secrets and experiences are told and shared throughout the building including the history of the Guild of St Mary, international trade with the Hanseatic League, Henry VIII dissolve of the Guild, the foundation of the Corporation of Boston and the very famous trial and

imprisonment of the Pilgrim Fathers.

The Guildhall is home to the town's museum collection where displays and exhibitions bring life to the stories told, and offers free activities. The Guildhall is a stunning venue for civil ceremonies and private functions; the Banqueting Hall offers a beautiful backdrop and is able to accommodate up to 100 guests.

School parties and private tours are welcome. Look out for the Knights of Skirbeck who are visiting on 25th & 26th March, 29th & 30th July and 28th & 29th October with some medieval re-enactment fun!

The Guildhall is open Wednesday – Saturday, 10:30am – 3:30pm, last admission 3pm. Free entry! Please check that the venue is not closed for a private function if planning a special trip.

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to peruse. You can also partake in some light refreshments. Enjoy a hot or cold drink, a sandwich or a wrapped cake or conversely why not bring a picnic; you can eat anywhere in the grounds.

The castle is open 11am-5pm, seven days a week from mid-February to the end of October.

SWINESHEAD'S KING JOHN PAGEANT

On Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June Swineshead will be celebrating all things medieval to commemorate the last journey of King John 800 years ago. The legend goes that after King John lost his jewels in the Wash he found shelter at the Cistercian Abbey in Swineshead. However he fell ill during his stay supposedly having been poisoned by a monk with noxious liquid from the back of a toad. He then died at Newark Castle.

Over the two days there are many medieval attractions including falconry, archery, the Knights of Skirbeck, a Treasure Trail and a carnival parade. Alongside these there will be fairground rides, a hog roast and a bar. It is all going



BOSTON GUILDHALL

Discover GLORIOUS GARDENS

Public and private open days

'Come into the garden Maud'

A garden in Skegness is believed to have prompted Tennyson's invitation and poem. He often stayed at the hostelry which is now The Vine Hotel. Parts of the garden remain today.

Lincolnshire has a wealth of beautiful gardens and our relatively dry, fine weather makes the county a perfect location to explore all year round. There are exotic themed gardens in the grounds of historic houses, to private gardens whose owners open them in aid of charity as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Must see gardens include:

BELTON HOUSE AND GARDEN, GRANTHAM

The Italian Garden was designed by Jeffry Wyattville at the start of the 19th century while The Dutch Garden was created 60 years later. The National Trust maintains these and over 1,000 acres of woodland, walks, lakes and avenues. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/belton-house

BRIGHTWATER GARDENS, SAXBY

This 8-acre garden has been created in the last 15 years and features magical 'garden rooms' which gradually blend into the surrounding landscape through wildflower meadows and woodland. Facebook: [Brightwater Garden, Saxby](#)

GOLTHO GARDENS, MARKET RASEN

Lots of unusual and some rare plants chosen for form and foliage at this nursery. www.golthogardens.com

HALL FARM GARDENS AND NURSERY, HARPSWELL

You will be tempted to invest in plants for your own garden at this colourful garden nursery. www.hall-farm.co.uk

GUNBY HALL GARDENS, GUNBY

The walled gardens to the rear and side of this large country house include arched pergolas of fruit trees, herbaceous borders, roses and herb garden. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gunby-estate-hall-and-gardens

THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME (NGS) GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY 2016

There are more than 50 gardens across Lincolnshire which will open this spring, summer and autumn as part of the NGS. From the city dominated by Lincoln Cathedral, to the rolling chalk hills, the coast and unique Fens landscape there are public and private gardens to explore. There are gardens of all shapes and sizes which their owners are willing to share. Many are in attractive hamlets and villages so you will need to have access to a car as public transport may not be available or convenient. What you will see is rural England in full bloom, with wildflower verges as you pass through and plenty of local heritage and attractions to distract you too. You can find a full list of opening times in the NGS Handbook which costs £12.99 from bookshops or visit their website: www.ngs.org.uk



CAPABILITY BROWN FESTIVAL 2016

Throughout 2016 the work of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown will be celebrated, with events spotlighting his life, work and legacy to mark the 300th anniversary of his birth.

Brown's rich legacy of work in Lincolnshire ranges from Burghley House, the Elizabethan home of the Cecil family, to the well-known Belvoir Castle and Grimsthorpe Castle estates, to hidden gems such as Hainton Hall.

Brown's work was literally groundbreaking: he blended art and engineering, and moved mountains and villages, to create beautiful naturalistic landscapes which are still much admired today.

The festival programme will include exhibitions, publications, talks and performances, as well as a host of family friendly activities such as 'Capabili-Teas' – an 18th century take on traditional afternoon tea - being served to visitors at Brown's sites up and down the country. Try 'Cycling with Capability Brown': an early evening cycling tour at Grimsthorpe Castle, Bourne, on Tuesday 14th June.

Many of the sites will be putting on special events as part of the festival, including some sites that are not usually open to the public. Highlights include the opportunity to tour the grounds of Belvoir Castle, where a lost Brown design was recently rediscovered and implemented. Visit www.capabilitybrown.org for more information



EASTON WALLED GARDENS

WELBOURN OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 19th June, 12noon–6pm
Village Hall, Beck Street, LN5 0LZ

Admission: £3.50 by programme, accompanied children free.

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DODDINGTON HALL AND GARDEN, LINCOLN

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www.eastonwalledgardens.co.uk



BELTON HOUSE

DODDINGTON HALL BIENNIAL SCULPTURE EXHIBITION: 'BOLD, BRAVE AND STRONG'

Returning for the third time, Doddington Hall's biennial sculpture exhibition will take place between Saturday 30th July and Sunday 11th September (open daily) and represents the chance to enjoy one of the largest exhibitions of outdoor art in the country.

Work by 74 leading national and international sculptors will be featured; 33 are returning exhibitors (with new work) and 41 are new to the event. Between them, they will be loaning the 450 original and inspirational pieces which will be displayed in the Elizabethan property's grounds and gardens. Featured sculptors will include Rebecca Newham, Lucy Strachan, Peter Little and Nicolas Morton.

The pieces will be carefully sited to complement the Elizabethan gardens and grounds. There will be a wide range of work and styles spanning classic, modern and contemporary.

The exhibition will be open every day and is included in the cost of garden admission. A full colour exhibition catalogue and guide will be available; all pieces will be for sale. For more details: www.doddingtonhall.com or call 01522 694 308.



DODDINGTON HALL

Discover AVIATION HERITAGE

2016 is a centenary year

AUGUST EVENTS AT EAST KIRKBY

The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre at East Kirkby has an air show on Saturday 6th August followed by the 'Props & Pistons' event on Monday 29th August, which includes flypasts and a flying display. More information at www.lincsaviation.co.uk/events



Celebrate 100 years of RAF bases

Lincolnshire is criss-crossed by wartime airfields, reminders of the county's role during both World Wars and at its height had 49 airfields that housed fighters for targeting Zeppelins as well as training aircraft and airships.

AVIATION HERITAGE IN THE HEART OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Lincolnshire has several airfields that are still operational and serve the modern day RAF including Digby, Waddington and Cranwell in North Kesteven alone. On 1st April 1916, Royal Naval Air Service Station Cranwell, part of HMS Daedalus, opened as a training station to teach officers to fly aircraft such as BE2cs, Avro 504s and Sopwith Camels and later airships and kite balloons. Training continued until

1st April 1918 and the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corps were amalgamated to form the Royal Air Force we know today. RAF Cranwell became the first Military Air Academy in the world and opened on 5th February 1920 under the command of Air Commodore C.A.H. Longcroft. The prestigious College Hall building was completed in 1933 and stands as an iconic landmark for those who have served past and present. Cranwell's association with aviation is limitless and on 1st April 2016 the station marked 100 years of service, an incredible achievement.

During the next few months and years there are significant anniversaries relating to Lincolnshire's aviation heritage which will be marked with exhibitions, services, flypasts and talks. We have highlighted a few already planned for 2016 but keep looking on

www.heartoflincs.com or www.aviationlincs.com websites as updates are announced.

THORPE CAMP 1940S WEEKEND

Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre, near Coningsby will be holding its very own 1940s weekend over 9th–10th July. Details at: <http://thorpecamp.wix.com/visitorscentre>

NEW VULCAN TRAIL

A new special trail was announced in spring to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Vulcan entering service in the county. The first Vulcan was delivered to the RAF at Waddington on 20th July 1956. The new leaflet features Scampton, Waddington and Coningsby plus the Vulcan at Newark Air Museum and the Vulcan to the Skies visitor centre at Doncaster Robin Hood airport. You can find more details at: www.aviationlincs.com





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WARTIME WEEKEND

Metheringham Airfield Visitors Centre is holding its 'Wartime Weekend' on Sunday 1st May and Monday 2nd May – further details can be found at: www.metheringhamairfield.co.uk

CELEBRATIONS PLANNED FOR SCAMPTON AND WADDINGTON

RAF Scampton will commemorate its 100th birthday in September while RAF Waddington's centenary will be in November 2016. RAF Scampton, already home of the world famous Red Arrows Royal Air Force aerobatic team, has been announced as the future home of a new Lincolnshire Air Show, the first of which is expected to be held in September 2017. Watch the press for details of this year's RAF Scampton and RAF Waddington's planned celebrations.

FLYPAST TO COMMEMORATE THE SOMME

The poppy cascade at Lincoln Castle will be in place on the anniversary of The Battle of the Somme. A flypast is planned for Friday 1st July of a World War I aircraft, DH2a Gunbus, which will be over Lincoln Castle at 0735 as part of the major events that day. Later in the day there should also be a flypast by the BBMF Lancaster as it returns from national duties at other sites. No times were available as we went to print.

'HIGH FLIGHT' POET REMEMBERED

11th December sees the 75th anniversary of the death of John Gillespie Magee, the pilot poet who was killed that day in a collision between his Spitfire and a training aircraft flying from RAF Cranwell in the skies over Roxholme near Sleaford. Magee was a US citizen who took Canadian nationality to come over and fight against tyranny before America entered the war. He was flying with a Canadian Squadron out of RAF Digby when the accident happened. His immortal poem 'High Flight' is still considered the aviator's prayer and has been read by Presidents, on the moon and in space. You will be able to find more information later in the year about a special event to mark this anniversary at: www.aviationlincs.com



75 YEARS OF JET FLIGHT

15th May is the 75th Anniversary of Sir Frank Whittle's first jet flight in E28/39 which took off from Cranwell. To recognise this extraordinary event, visit Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre and Metheringham Airfield Visitor Centre on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May, 10am to 4.30pm and experience the thrills and spills of jet flight through simulators, taxi runs, cockpits and various engines. Visit both sites to be entered into a FREE prize draw and be in with a chance to win a taxi ride in a Jet Provost! For more information please visit www.cranwellaviation.co.uk.

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Discover THE COAST

Big beaches and wide skies



A coastline of contrasts

Caroline Bingham, editor of Lincolnshire Life magazine has been visiting the Lincolnshire Coast for more than 40 years. Here she describes her fascination with its changing seasons and moods.



Skegness and its East Coast neighbours Mablethorpe, Sutton on Sea and Ingoldmells have been synonymous with bucket and spade beach fun since the first visitors came to enjoy clean sands and fresh air in the late 19th century. Billy Butlin recognised a prime location when he founded his first holiday camp in Skegness in 1936. Today's bustling resorts are magnets for families year after year and when I visit in peak season I can see their pull. They each have a distinct personality, are contained, relatively inexpensive with plenty of attractions and amusements for all ages. If it is thrills you are after then look no further than the rollercoasters of Fantasy Island, Skegness or Pleasure Island at Cleethorpes.

Love the bright lights? The Embassy Centre, Skegness has a year round programme of theatre, touring shows and acts, many of which appear in the county exclusively at this venue.

Interested in wildlife? Then find orphaned seals being reared to return to the sea and other marine life at Natureland Seal Sanctuary.

Who couldn't resist a resort which still has traditional donkey rides along the beach (Skegness and Ingoldmells) or a Sand Train (Mablethorpe) to take you from one end of the magnificent shoreline to the other?

In some cases, generations of the same family have occupied the hotels, B&Bs, self-catering flats, chalets and caravans and continue to come to build enduring memories of their fun-filled long weekends and holidays.

Often our favourite days have been in spring or autumn when a brisk walk in the ozone with the dogs is just what is needed to catch your breath for a moment. You do not need to travel far from the resort centres to find yourself amongst hidden gems such as Anderby Creek, Sandilands and Huttoft where there are beautiful expanses of beaches, very often relatively empty except for sea birds.



These big beaches and wide skies have been the inspiration behind the Cloud Bar at Anderby Creek. This is a purpose-built, wooden, cloudspotting platform – not, as the name implies, the chance to grab a swift beer or glass of wine, although some days a hot chocolate would be appreciated.

There are menus describing the different cloud formations and mirrors to reflect them at angles. If you don't know your cumulonimbus from your nimbostratus you can always sit and just admire the view out to sea.

Go further inland and there are coastal grazing marshes around Huttoft, Burgh le Marsh and Saltfleetby, parts of which are nature reserves which support abundant wildlife. There is a rich local history and folklore to these marshes and on autumn days as light fades it is easy to understand where tales of the Will-o'-the-Wisp and smugglers originated.

For some the choice might be an afternoon tea but my visit to the coast would not be complete without ending the day with a meal of fish and chips. The county is lucky enough to have access to fabulously fresh fish from Grimsby and chips made from potatoes grown in our productive fields and no matter what season, once you have worked up that appetite, they always go down a treat.



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Top days out for 2016



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SPALDING WATER TAXI

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River Welland. Younger passengers can also enjoy a Young Pilot's experience!

For the grown-ups that fancy being a pilot themselves, self-drive boat hire is available – the boats carry up to 10 passengers so this is a great idea for parties, picnics or family days out. Take charge and plot your own course for a half day or a full day hire.

Or why not give narrowboating a try for a day, overnight or a short break on the fenland waterways? Whether you're looking to try narrowboating for the first time, for an adventure for all the family, or a great way to

relax, cruise the waterway and enjoy the sights! The luxury narrowboat All Welland Good carries 10 passengers for a day hire or sleeps 6 overnight. Full instructions will be given before departure and soon you too could be cruising along the 16 miles of navigable fenland corridors, lock free.

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Bransby Horses is one of the largest horse charities and offers not only a safe haven for many horses, ponies and donkeys in need (rescued from all over the country) but also a fantastic day out for visitors and locals alike. In fact, there is always something happening at Bransby Horses and with over 300 residents there are numerous four-legged friends to meet. Entry and parking is free at Bransby Horses.

The modern Visitor Centre is your starting point, where you can expect a friendly greeting and an explanation of everything you can enjoy. The Visitor Centre is open every day from 10am to 4pm so visit as much as you wish! Enjoy a stroll in the courtyard or pull on your walking boots to venture further afield to see many happy residents grazing in their natural herds – some will even come and see you at the fence for a pat! Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

After your visit, there's the chance to enjoy the delicious menu in Bransby Horses' Feedroom Café or browse the gift shop. Bransby Horses relies entirely on public donations and could not



carry out its work without the love and generosity of its supporters. Even your coffee in its cafe will help the next horse in need!

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For the thrill seekers out there there's no less than eight white knuckle rides including the Boomerang rollercoaster, the free falling Hyperblaster and the top spinning HydroMax. New last summer was Voltar, a stomach churning, 360-degree rotating thrill ride that has been a real favourite with visitors.

For younger children there's oodles of fantastic family rides such as the Whirly Twirl waltzers, the Mini Mine Train junior coaster, the traditional carousel and dodgems, and many more. There's great indoor fun for the kiddies too in Tinkaboo Town, where you can find the mini pirate ship and kiddies roundabouts. And of course don't forget Furry Friends Farm where you can find all the traditional farmyard friends as well as some more exotic residents such as alpacas and emus. For all the family, and for those who prefer to have their two feet firmly on the ground, there are three superb family shows to enjoy during the peak season. The sea lion and bird shows have always been true favourites at Pleasure Island and the Masai Warrior Show never fails to impress its audience with its spectacular somersaults and acrobatics. A must see for all the family!

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ploughmans, Lincolnshire platters, meal-sized sandwiches and homemade quiches and cakes, as well as popular kids' lunchboxes – so no one will go away hungry!

Claythorpe's only 15 minutes' drive from the beach at Sutton on Sea, Mablethorpe or the peace and quiet of Anderby Creek, so it's a great place to make a day of it with a few hours at the beach. It's also less than 20 minutes from the lovely market town of Louth, and 10 minutes from Alford with its historic Manor House. What's more, your admission to Claythorpe includes an annual pass that lets you return as often as you like for the next 12 months. That makes it a great spot to pop back to after school for coffee and cake, or at the weekend for lunch and a play in the woods. For more, see www.claythorpewatermill.com or join us on Facebook.

PLEASURE ISLAND

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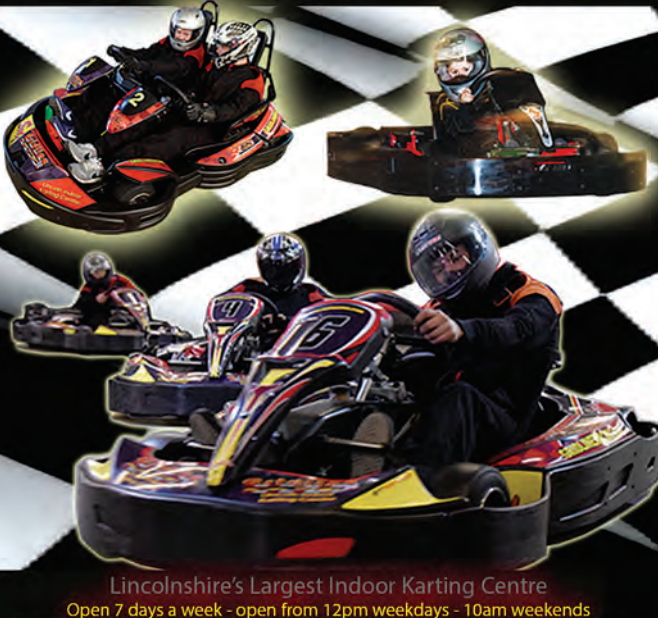
Our lovely art and craft gallery sells work from many local artists, and some from further afield, including paintings, ceramics, glass, calligraphy, textiles, metal sculptures, jewellery and more. The upper gallery has changing exhibitions during the year – details on our website. Come and see us – you are very welcome to browse.

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For special rates for groups
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DODDINGTON HALL

Begun in 1595 by Robert Smythson, one of England's foremost Elizabethan Architects, Doddington Hall was completed in 1600 and has never been sold or cleared out since. An example of a fine late Elizabethan Mansion, it is still a lived-in and much loved family home, alive with history and interest.

The Estate at Doddington continues to grow to this day and since 2006 there has been much development including the restoration of the walled Kitchen Garden, the opening of an award-winning Farm Shop, Café, & Restaurant, stylish Country Clothing and Interiors stores and a Giant Bike Store. The gardens are full of colour

and interest year-round whether it is the pageant of naturalised bulbs in the spring, spectacular irises in early June or the cornucopia of produce in the kitchen garden in late summer. At Christmas Doddington is a magical place, the hall is decorated and thousands of families visit to buy freshly-cut, home-grown tree and to browse the huge selection of beautiful decorations in the Bauble Barn.

Just some of the events Doddington have coming up this year are their hoppingly good Easter Eggsploration, giving you the chance to meet the Easter Bunny (27th–28th March), exciting new Cherry Blossom Festival (17th–24th April daily, exc Sat 23rd), stunning Iris Week

(29th May – 5th June, daily), The Globe will be joining them for four performances of Two Gentlemen of Verona between 3rd–5th June, Biennial Sculpture Exhibition with over 400 pieces on display (30th July – 11th September as well as Christmas at Doddington!

There is always something new to see and do on the Estate whether that is inside the Hall, in the five acres of gardens, on one of the estate walks or in the Farm Shop, Café or Restaurant.

Full details on events, admission and opening times can be found on Doddington's website www.doddingtonhall.com, or you can call them directly on 01522 812510.

on the seafront of the popular tourist resort of Skegness and is the East Coast's premier entertainment venue.

Operating all year round with a dedicated team of over 20 people, both full-time and part-time, who have a strong passion for the work they do, along with a team of very willing volunteers, the Embassy Theatre aims to bring you top class entertainment to enjoy. The friendly team comprises those 'behind the scenes' within the administration team, the Backstage crew and the Front of House & Hospitality team, who all strive to deliver a fabulous experience and wonderful memories – having been recently recognised once again as a 'World Host' destination for excellent Customer Service.

The Embassy Theatre has been welcoming the stars to Skegness since opening in 1982, some of those stars from the early years still have a strong association with the Theatre, most notably the King of Comedy Ken Dodd - indeed it was Ken who reopened the theatre after its massive refurbishment project at the turn of the millennium.

There are a whole host of stars shining in 2016 with a wide variety of shows and events to suit all ages including G4, Dean Martin Jr on his first ever UK tour, great drama from the West End tour of Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, The Proclaimers, Elio Pace and his Band, hilarious comedy from the likes of Bobby Davro, Chubby Brown, Jimmy Carr, Jim Davidson and Joe Pasquale. Jenny Éclair stars

in the Return of The Grumpy Old Women. More fabulous music from The Searchers, Frankly Sinatra, Summer Dreaming, Magic of Motown, the West End Musical Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story and fantastic acrobatic entertainment courtesy of the Chinese State Circus. Kids' favourite Peppa Pig visits in the summer – all this and much more. Of course the line-up would not be complete without a visit from the King of Comedy himself, Ken Dodd!

To complement all of these events throughout the year, the Theatre's Gallery space will be open daily, where a regular programme of exhibitions will take place from local professional artists, come along and have a browse.

EMBASSY THEATRE



Later in the year The Embassy Theatre will welcome Jane McDonald, Lee Mead, 10cc, Tony Christie, The Dreamboys, The Sensational 60s Experience and comedian Al Murray who will bring his own style of laughter to Skegness – strictly for the adults!

The year draws to a close in the traditional style with a fun-filled family Pantomime – 2016 is certainly no exception with the magical tale of Peter Pan flying into Skegness from 16th–27th December.

There is far too much to tell you about here, so please check out the website at www.embassytheatre.co.uk where you can find details of all shows along with the latest special offers, and can also download a copy of the latest What's On Guide, or contact our friendly Box Office team on 01507 613100 who will only be too happy to help.

HECKINGTON WINDMILL - GATHERING SPEED THROUGHOUT 2016

After a year in which most of the progress of Heckington Windmill's regeneration project has been below the surface, 2016 promises action and activity of a much more visible kind. With the Brewery and Bake House roof repairs already completed, you won't miss the interior work starting in the Bake House this March. It will bring back not just a bakery but also the Windmill's very own bake-off kitchen and demonstration area where it will become home to artisan baking, courses and visitor demos. All, of course, using the Windmill's own flour, ground a few metres away in the mill itself. Work should be complete by May in time for summer season visitors.

Ready for Easter, the cafe is relaunched with a fresh emphasis on home-made traditional fare linked to the rhythm of the seasons through locally grown produce and of course the work of the windmill. Look out for Soda Bread with Oats, Plum Bread and Vegetable



Soup and share the experience with the world through the Mill's Wi-Fi connectivity.

July will see the appointment of the main contractor with a view to beginning work on the Granary and Cartshed. This will be a combined conservation and transformation of these buildings, creating museum and exhibition space and opening up the ground floor of the mill tower to further enhance the working-windmill experience. This part of the project is targeted for completion by Easter 2017 to mark the 125th anniversary of the unique 8-sail installation in Heckington.

PURE LAND MEDITATION CENTRE AND JAPANESE GARDEN

Recently featured on Alan Titchmarsh's Britain's Best Garden, Pure Land is a little oasis of calm and can be found in the small village of North Clifton, Nottinghamshire very close to the border of Lincolnshire.

Pure Land was created by the owner Maitreya, who is originally from Japan, and features a Japanese repertoire of traditional garden elements such as water, carp, bridges, moss, bamboo, evergreens, maples, cherry, stone lanterns, all blended with a dash of English plants. A case of East and West in radiant harmony!

HARDING HOUSE GALLERY

As you make your way up Steep Hill, Lincoln, call in at Harding House Gallery for a breather, and browse amongst the lovely handmade artworks, many made by local artists. The gallery is located in a lovely old 16th century Grade II listed building, in the cultural quarter of the city. It's run by the Harding House Gallery Artists Co-operative – eleven artists who sell their own work there, and the work of around 50 other artists from the local area and further afield. The lower gallery is packed with paintings, prints, photographs, calligraphy, textiles, metalwork, wood, book sculptures, glass, wire sculptures, and more. There's something for everyone, in a wide range of prices. If you are looking for a unique gift, or an unusual souvenir of your visit to Lincoln, this is the place to visit.

In the upper gallery there are changing exhibitions throughout the year, with a Christmas exhibition from the end of November to 31st December. More details are on the website www.hardinghousegallery.co.uk

If you are an artist and would be interested in submitting work to be considered for sale in the gallery, or having an exhibition in the upper gallery, more information can be found on the website.

The gallery is open seven days a week and is staffed by the members of the co-operative, so there is always an artist on duty to help with queries. You are very welcome to browse, and the members look forward to seeing you.





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In 2013 the crystal garden was built by Maitreya after four hard years of work and is his expression of the beauty of nature and harmony of creation; mountains, a river, fields, and an ocean are created by countless crystals, gems and precious stones.

Maitreya's main aim in creating the garden was to provide a peaceful, beautiful area which guests and visitors to the centre could enjoy and he wishes to provide everyone who visits with an experience of relaxation, peace and higher self-awareness by means of the simple and pure approach that Maitreya has been teaching for 50 years.

Activities at the centre include: Two hours of relaxation and meditation guidance and practice. £65 per person, or £100 for a couple or two friends. 'Perfect Relaxation and Meditation' CD is included.

Individual Consultation - One hour of personal consultation with Maitreya, £40. £60 for a couple or two people. (No practice is involved.)

Group Relaxation and Meditation Day with Friends. Five or more people, up to 15 (if there are fewer than five, the fee will be equivalent to that for five).

Full day: 10.30am–4.30pm. £35 per person with lunch and afternoon tea.

Half day: morning, afternoon, or evening; £25 per person, including garden viewing, tea and scones. Please contact Maitreya to arrange.

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Japanese Tea Ceremony - Experience the quintessence of Japanese culture. £100 for the session, 1–4 people, by arrangement.

Concerts - Maitreya holds concerts every summer at his Japanese garden, entitled Nature's Heart Concert on the last Sunday in July at 3pm. It consists of his beautiful, soul-evoking songs, enlightening talk, haiku poetry and meditation. It is a day of spiritual awakening - highly recommended.

Japanese Garden Opening times - Open from the last weekend in March until the last weekend in October.

Refreshments and rice salad are served in the cafe. Tuesday–Friday: 10.30am–5.30pm. Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays: 10am–5.30pm. Monday: closed.

Entrance fees (includes entry to the Crystal Garden) £7 adults, £6 OAPs, students, unemployed & disabled, £4 children (over 5 years). Season tickets are available - £35 adults, £30 OAPs.

Lantern lit evening garden - 7pm to 10pm. Provides a magical atmosphere of peace which is hardly possible to experience even in Japan nowadays. Every weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) in August and September for the normal entrance fee.

Group visits to the garden - Welcome day

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For more details about Pure Land Japanese Garden, Nature's Heart Concerts, relaxation and meditation visit www.buddhamaitreya.co.uk

Discover OUTDOORS

Waterways and cycle routes

By boat or by bike

The county has more than 50 miles of coastline and many more of navigable inland waterways. From the Roman built Fossdyke Navigation, linking the River Trent to Lincoln's now cosmopolitan Brayford Waterfront, to the 36 miles of the River Witham between the city and Boston, you will find remote and peaceful countryside as well as interesting attractions. Drop anchor at Fiskerton Fen Nature Reserve or detour along the Witham Navigable Drains at Anton's Gowt.

Whether they are lapped by saltwater or freshwater, these open spaces attract

abundant wildlife in all seasons. Be sure to bring your camera to Lincolnshire's internationally significant nature reserves many of which can be found within or near to these locations.

Close to Boston the habitats of The Wash attract thousands of migratory birds into RSPB Freiston Shore and RSPB Frampton Marsh as well as being the year round home of many native species of flora and fauna. Visit www.rspb.org.uk for more information.

The seal colony at Donna Nook attracts crowds every year when the pups are being born and are land based for their first few weeks. Gibraltar Point is one of the most remote and unspoilt stretches of coastline in the UK. Inland reserves such as Snipe Dales Country Park and Nature Reserve between Horncastle and Spilsby and Willow Tree Fen Nature Reserve near Spalding preserve

pockets of landscape which were once predominant in the county. Snipe Dales is a semi-natural wet valley system while Willow Tree Fen is a traditional fenland of shallow meres, pastures and reed beds.

You can find out more about these reserves and the others managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust at: www.lincstrust.org.uk

A PLEASURE CRUISE

You can take to the water and enjoy Lincolnshire from a different perspective by joining one of the pleasure cruises which leave Lincoln's Brayford Waterfront or jump on Spalding's Water Taxi for a 30-minute trip along the River Welland.

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LINCOLN GRAND PRIX

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Sunday 15th May - The elite rider Lincoln Grand Prix and British Cycling Junior Road Race Championships. Find more details at: visitlincoln.com



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Whether just for a couple of hours or for the duration why not try a hire option?

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CYCLING AROUND THE COUNTY

Get close to the city or the countryside on the saddle of your bike. There are multi-user routes such as the Lindsey Trail in the Wolds, the Spa Trail between Horncastle and Woodhall Spa or the Water Rail Way connecting Boston and Lincoln which can accommodate riders, walkers and cyclists. These are routes which are suitable for the whole family, sections of which pass through designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Find more Lincolnshire cycle routes at: www.sustrans.org For those looking for more of a challenge, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has created The Living Landscape Cycle Route, a self-guided cycling route carefully designed to pass through up to four of the Wildlife Trust's Living Landscape project areas in Lincolnshire. The routes can be done by car as well. There are three route variations, a

short route at 47km (29miles), a medium route at 82km (51miles) and a long route at 119km (73miles) which range through limestone uplands, limewoods, high Wolds and the heathlands of the Bain valley. Each route has been designed to start and finish in Woodhall Spa. You can find details at: www.lincstrust.org.uk/cycling

STRAVA INSIGHTS

For those who like to record their two-wheeled journeys on an app, Strava is providing some fascinating information. Not surprisingly the relatively flat landscape is very attractive to cycling enthusiasts and Strava's Heatmaps show the routes used, their frequency of use and the average speed. Lincolnshire accrued the fastest average cycle ride speed in the UK for 2015 at 15.16 miles per hour with Strava users.



Discover DELICACIES

Tempting county produce



Tasty treats from local food heroes

LINCOLNSHIRE HASLET

Lincolnshire Haslet, pronounced hayzleht, is made by hand, slapping balls of Lincolnshire pork sausage-meat mixed with stale white bread, sage, salt and pepper, moulded



into ovals and baked in the oven until caramelised. It is made to be eaten cold with pickles, salad or as a sandwich.

LINCOLNSHIRE PLUM LOAF

The Lincolnshire Plum Loaf is celebrating 115 years in 2016, with the first loaf made by Charles Myers in Alford in 1901. This moist fruit loaf is equally as delicious served cold or tasted with butter or cheese. The Myers family, who now own a bakery and tearoom in Horncastle, are still making the famous Plum Loaf, although many Lincolnshire

bakeries are making their own twist on the original recipes.

THE AUTHENTIC LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE

If there is one product known across the UK, synonymous with our great county, it is the Lincolnshire Sausage. The keeping of pigs and the tasty variety of pork products made from them, is a county heritage which stretches back centuries. There are many traditions and folklore which endures about keeping these animals and using every part



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LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE FESTIVAL 2016

Now in its fourteenth year, the Lincoln Sausage Festival not only celebrates this essential of the classic Full English Breakfast but is also a popular date in the diary for many locals and visitors to Lincoln.

Held against the backdrop of the city's majestic uphill area and Cathedral, the festival is held in the grounds of Lincoln Castle and on Castle Hill. Thousands of visitors come along to enjoy cooking demonstrations, the many food stalls, children's entertainment and live music. Well over 25,000 sausages are either bought or consumed at the festival, with visitors finding it hard to resist the delicious aromas and variety of flavours of bangers on offer. The Lincoln Sausage Festival 2016 is being held on Saturday 22nd October from 10am to 5pm. Entry fee £1.



SIZZLING LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGES

GRANTHAM GINGERBREAD BISCUITS

The original Grantham Gingerbread Biscuit dates back to 1740 when William Egglestone accidentally mixed the wrong ingredients together creating the Grantham Gingerbread Biscuit. For over 250 years the recipe was passed down to bakers in the town; however, by the turn of the century with fewer bakeries in the town, Grantham Gingerbread was no longer available. In 2011 Alistair Hawkin realised a whole generation had grown up without trying the biscuits and within months was producing and selling the biscuits.



'except the squeak' to feed the family.

The authentic Lincolnshire Sausage is a meaty, spicy delicacy, using ground rather than minced pork to achieve a coarser texture which is then flavoured with sage and condiments. Each butcher, even today, still has their own interpretation and secret recipe for their sausage.

FARMERS' MARKETS

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Boston - 3rd Wednesday, Wide Bargate
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Gainsborough - 2nd Saturday, Marshalls Yard
Grantham - 2nd Saturday, Guildhall Centre
Grimsby - 3rd Friday, St James Square
Horncastle - 2nd Thursday, Market Place
Lincoln - 1st Friday, City Square; 2nd Wednesday, High Street; 3rd Saturday, Castle Square; 4th Friday, North Hykeham
Louth - 4th Wednesday, Cannon Street; 2nd Friday, Cannon Street
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Sleaford - 1st Saturday, Market Place
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Hambleton Bakery continues to spread the word of traditional artisan bread and cake making. On your visit to Lincolnshire why not pop into the shop in the historic town of Stamford, widely regarded as one of the finest stone towns in England and try for yourself!



THE PINK PIG

Changes are afoot at The Pink Pig Farm Scunthorpe this year. Preparations are underway for a new animal park with improved fencing that enhances the visitor experience and educational signage telling you all about the animals, their likes and dislikes. The new animal trail includes an undercover animal holding area where you can cuddle a guinea pig or say hello to a rabbit and learn all about them.

Opening in summer 2016 is a brand new 'low ropes' 4m high course aimed specifically at 8-12 year olds. The course comprises 16 elements and two zip wires. The old favourites are still keeping children (and adults) entertained at this real working farm including: sand and water play – get wet and mucky whilst you dig a moat and build a sandcastle; zip wires to slide down; grass sledging (beat your Dad down!); rubber duck racing; have a go at frisbee golf (it's harder than it looks); climb on the big digger and crawl through the tunnels, then all have a go on the giant swing and build a den in the woods. Tractor trailer rides run every day and craft and other activities take place at certain throughout the year. When you have finished playing, enjoy a relaxing breakfast, lunch or tea in the prizewinning restaurant or Oink cafe (NFAN best food and catering 2016) and then buy some sausages from the butchery to take home for tea! More details are on the website www.pinkpigfarm.co.uk or email sally@pinkpigfarm.co.uk.



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JIM'S YARD - CRAFTING A LIFESTYLE IN THE WOLDS

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MARSHALL'S YARD - SHOP, EAT & RELAX

Approaching its 10th anniversary, the award-winning Lincolnshire shopping centre, Marshall's Yard, has really established itself over the last decade in the rural market town of Gainsborough – attracting visitors from across the region. The Yard is now home to Browns – a high quality department store selling big name fashion, cosmetics and fragrance brands – and the centre attracts visitors from as far afield as York, Beverley, Newark and Doncaster. The centre employs approximately 600 members of staff and really does have something for everyone. Well-known national high street stores such as M&S, Next, Laura Ashley and Body Shop site alongside a great range of high end boutique independent stores. Marshall's Yard is steeped in local history with stunning architecture set around a fountain area and car park. The centre was sympathetically restored in 2007 making the very best use of the beautiful listed buildings and ensuring the newer buildings were sympathetically designed. A gym, several coffee shops and eateries and a landscaped piazza area with an outdoor TV screen means there are plenty of areas to relax and enjoy the experience.



Jim's Yard

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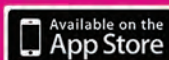
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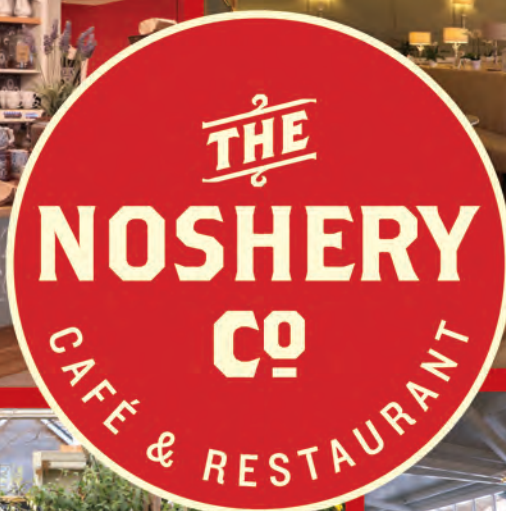
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SUNDAY 10TH APRIL

Countryside Lincs
www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk

FRIDAY 15TH – SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

Belton International Horse Trials
www.belton-horse.co.uk

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

Lincoln 10k Road Race
www.runforall.com

FRIDAY 6TH MAY – SATURDAY 14TH MAY

Lincoln Jazz Week
www.visitlincoln.com

SATURDAY 14TH & SUNDAY 15TH MAY

Lincoln Grand Prix
www.lincolngrandprix.co.uk

SUNDAY 22ND MAY

Woodhall Spa Country Show
www.woodhallspashow.co.uk

SATURDAY 28TH MAY – SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Poppies: Wave at Lincoln Castle
www.lincolncastle.com

SATURDAY 18TH & SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

RAF Cranwell in the Air
www.visitlincoln.com

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

Brocklesby Country Fair
www.brocklesby.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 22ND & THURSDAY 23RD JUNE

Lincolnshire Show
www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE – SUNDAY 3RD JULY

SO Festival 2016
www.sofestival.org

SATURDAY 9TH JULY

Bailgate Busking Festival
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SATURDAY 9TH – SUNDAY 17TH JULY

North Kesteven Walking Festival
www.1life.co.uk

SUNDAY 10TH JULY

Spilsby Show
www.spilsbyshow.co.uk

SATURDAY 16TH & SUNDAY 17TH JULY

Woodhall Spa 40's festival
www.woodhall-spa-40s-festival.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 27TH – SUNDAY 31ST JULY

Burghley Film Festival
www.burghley.co.uk

SATURDAY 30TH & SUNDAY 31ST JULY

Heckington Show
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SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

Revesby Country Fair
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SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

Loving Lincolnshire Food & Drink
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SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST

Fete on the Strait
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SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST

1940s Day
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FRIDAY 26TH – MONDAY 29TH AUGUST

Steampunk Festival
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SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST

Cranwell Summer Fun Day
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THURSDAY 1ST – SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials
www.burghley-horse.co.uk

SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Lincoln Morris Festival
www.visitlincoln.com

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

South Kesteven Walking Festival
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SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

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






























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★★★



Situated six miles from Lincoln city centre on a bus route (near bus stop), this is a well equipped cottage bungalow consisting of large, open plan kitchen/dining/living room and separate bathroom and double bedroom.

Outside is an attractive patio garden, within a two and a half acre private garden in a rural village location, with private parking. Shops within 2 and a half to three miles. Golf and fishing within one mile. Cycle routes and many footpaths in village and surrounding area. Peaceful location, bird heaven. Two nights minimum stay. Sleeps 2-4 people (sofa bed). Telephone booking preferred.



📍 Skelghyll Cottage, Moor Lane, Potterhanworth,
Lincoln LN4 2DZ
☎ 01522 790043
✉ joan.hawes@hotmail.co.uk

Prices:
£220-£250 per week

St Clements Old Rectory

Self Catering

★★★



Ideally located, well equipped, our cosy apartments within a former Victorian Rectory have loads of character and charm. Cathedral views, quiet gardens with mature trees, you are just a short walk from historic 'Uphill Lincoln'. Everything is provided for a relaxed comfortable stay. Ample off-street car parking.



📍 Langworthgate, Lincoln LN2 4AD
☎ 01522 538087
✉ stclementsor@outlook.com
🌐 www.stayatstclements.co.uk

Prices:
From £230 per week



COUNTRYSIDE SOUTH ACCOMMODATION

Branston Hall

Hotel
★★★★



Enveloped in the swathes of 88 acres of private parkland, the Branston Hall Hotel presents a historical facade in the heart of the Lincolnshire countryside. This 19th century country house serves as a starting point for exploring the nearby surrounds dotted with National Trust signs and many walking trails, but is located just three miles from Lincoln town centre. The abode welcomes guests to individually decorated rooms featuring sleek TVs, Internet access and hot drink-making facilities. Visitors may take advantage of the leisure facilities available on site including an indoor swimming pool, hot tub and sauna, as well as a spa centre. The AA Rosette-awarded Lakeside Restaurant dishes up extensive table d'hôte and a la carte menus, complemented by a list of fine wines. Branston Hall Hotel has an average score of 4 out of 5 on TripAdvisor and holds a Certificate of Excellence.



📍 Branston, Lincoln LN4 1PD
☎ 01522 793305
✉ info@branstonhall.com
🌐 www.branstonhall.com

Prices:
From £89 per night

The Dower House Hotel

Hotel
★★★★



The Dower House, built in 1905, is an elegant and intimate country house hotel, full of charm and character known locally as Woodhall Spa's "Hidden Gem." The hotel is located in a picturesque woodland setting, overlooking the famous Bracken Golf Course. The Main hotel has six luxury bedrooms, the Lodge built in the grounds has a further fifteen rooms. What could be more inviting after a day exploring Woodhall Spa, Lincoln or playing golf than relaxing in a large luxuriously decorated room, with complimentary Tea/Coffee and homemade shortbread.

Understated luxury, impeccable service and fine food, makes the Dower House Hotel a haven of indulgence and relaxation. Harrys Bar with its large open fire is always welcoming for a drink or bar snack, from the extensive menu available. Alternatively you can dine in one of our more formal restaurants and enjoy a selection of fine wines available, to have with your meal.



📍 Manor Estate, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire LN10 6PY
☎ 01526 352588
✉ info@dowerhousehotel.co.uk
🌐 www.dowerhousehotel.co.uk

Prices:
Starting from £100
bed and breakfast.

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Self Catering
★★★



Our warm, comfortable bungalow is within easy reach of Lincoln, the Wolds, Lincolnshire's aviation heritage and The Fens. Come and enjoy a quiet location overlooking an old windmill. You can park your car off-road. The bungalow is fully equipped and we provide all the bedding and towels. There is full gas fired central heating. A short walk down the road and you are amongst the shops, post office, pharmacy, pubs and churches. A little further on and you will be at the railway station. The village is also on local bus routes.

We are a good base for visiting towns like Woodhall Spa, Sleaford and Newark. Locally there are nature reserves, identified walks and cycle routes. All the guides are in the bungalow.

We have been awarded the Visit England Gold Award following our last inspection.



📍 84 Prince's Street, Metheringham LN4 3DE
☎ 01526 322558
✉ nj.jones60@tiscali.co.uk

Prices:
£200-£300 per week



Oakhill Leisure

Caravan & Camping
★★★



Ideal Camping grounds set in beautiful countryside. 70 acres of open fields, woodland walks and fishing-lake. Glamping Arc available, arrive with your bedding and move straight into the comfortable best spot on the campsite overlooking the lake. Storage facility for caravans & motorhomes.



📍 Swinderby Road, Norton Disney, Lincoln LN6 9QG
☎ 01522 868771
☎ 07582 042445
✉ info@oakhill-leisure.co.uk
🌐 www.oakhill-leisure.co.uk

Prices:
Suitable for: Caravans,
Motorhomes & Tents
from £10.00 per night.

Fir Tree Cottage B&B

B&B



A classic country cottage bed and breakfast offering comfortable en-suite accommodation. Ideally located between Lincoln and Newark, with excellent road and rail links, this highly rated B&B makes an excellent base for visiting Lincoln and the surrounding areas.



📍 Newark Road, Collingham, Newark-on-Trent NG23 7RD
☎ 01636 892624 ☎ 07805 533241
✉ stay@firtreecottagebandb.com
🌐 www.firtreecottagebandb.com

Prices:
Rooms £85-£90
(based on two sharing)
(£45-£50 single occupancy)

Petwood Hotel

Hotel
★★★★



The Petwood is a Grade II Listed independent hotel set in 30 acres of grounds in Woodhall Spa, central Lincolnshire. An Edwardian former country residence and the wartime officers' mess of 617 'Dam Busters' Squadron, the Petwood offers delicious, locally sourced food and warm, friendly service, making it the ideal base for exploring Lincolnshire and its aviation heritage sites. Visit the historic city of Lincoln, discover the Lincolnshire Wolds with charming market towns and scenic country walks, or indulge with relaxing beauty treatments onsite and excellent golf nearby at Woodhall Spa Golf Club. '3 for 2' special offer available Sundays to Thursdays.



📍 Stixwold Road, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire LN10 6QG
☎ 01526 352411
✉ reception@petwood.co.uk
🌐 www.petwood.co.uk

Fulbeck Gardens

Self Catering
★★★★



Self Catering period cottage adjacent owners' vineyard in one of Lincolnshire's prettiest cliff villages. Sleeps 2-7 in 3 bedrooms (one with ensuite sink and wc). Lounge with leather sofas, separate dining room, dining kitchen with modern appliances, utility room with washing machine and downstairs wc, family bathroom. Very clean. Hot tub in part covered private courtyard. Secure cycle store. Enclosed garden with variety of modern garden furniture. BBQ. Ample parking for several cars. Complimentary hamper of local produce on arrival. Only 5 minutes level walk to award winning pub/restaurant and Fulbeck Craft Centre and Fulbeck Tea-rooms. Cottage ideally situated for all Lincolnshire's attractions (on a direct bus route into Lincoln). Visit www.fulbeckgardenscottage.com for prices and availability. Tel: 01400 273989. We have been awarded the Visit England Gold Award in both 2014 and 2015.



📍 North Heath Lane, Fulbeck, Lincolnshire NG32 3HH
☎ 01400 273989
✉ ownsworthsmail@gmail.com
🌐 www.fulbeckgardenscottage.com

Prices:
Weekly £495 to £860,
all year round

Rural Roosts

Self Catering
★★★★



8 beautiful pine lodges and a spacious cottage surround a tranquil fishing lake in a peaceful setting on our farm. Great for walking, cycling, fishing, wildlife and relaxing. Some properties with hot-tubs. Dog friendly. 8 miles east of Lincoln, fantastic location for exploring the wonderful countryside and attractions Lincolnshire has to offer. Visit England 4 ★ Gold Award.



📍 Manor Farm, Stainfield, Market Rasen,
Lincolnshire LN8 5JJ
☎ 01526 398492 ☎ 07712 771102
✉ katie@ruralroosts.co.uk
🌐 www.ruralroosts.co.uk

Prices:
Short breaks from £250



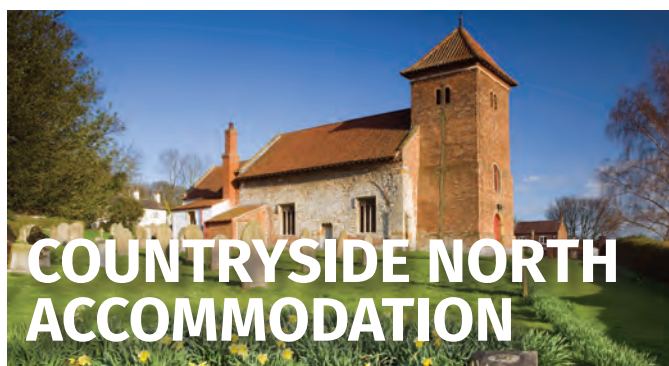
Lodge Road, Tattershall,
Lincolnshire LN4 4JS
Telephone: 01526 343111
enquiries@willowholt.co.uk
www.willowholt.co.uk



- Tranquil setting
- Friendly staff
- Stunning interiors
- Peaceful surroundings
- Kid's playground
- Pet friendly
- Free fishing
- Family friendly
- Local amenities
- Tattershall Castle
- Local go-karting
- Relaxing atmosphere



Willow Holt Caravan and Camping Park welcomes caravans, tents and motorhomes, big or small. If you're looking for a quiet relaxing holiday in Lincolnshire, our friendly staff are on hand to greet you with a warm smile.



COUNTRYSIDE NORTH ACCOMMODATION

Barn & Piglet Cottages

Self Catering
★★★★★



Barn Cottage Five Star Gold Accommodation in Lincolnshire. Barn for six persons and Piglet Cottages for four persons offers a stay to be remembered. Winter or summer. Both are situated on the Lincolnshire Nottinghamshire border (A57), within easy access of the historic city of Lincoln. Can be booked through TripAdvisor or HolidayLettings. See for prices.



🏠 Old Hall Farm, Newton-on-Trent, Lincoln LN1 2JP
☎ 01777 228777
✉ simon@bendabit.com
🌐 lincolshirecottagerental.co.uk

Black Swan Guest House

Guest Accommodation
★★★★ AA



We assure you of a warm welcome at our 18th Century Grade 2 Listed former Coaching Inn. Rurally located between Lincoln and Gainsborough. All rooms ensuite with TV and free WiFi. Pets welcome, by prior arrangement. Private courtyard parking. Ground floor rooms available.



🏠 21 High Street, Marton, Gainsborough DN21 5AH
☎ 01427 718878
✉ info@blackswanguesthouse.co.uk
🌐 www.blackswanguesthouse.co.uk

Prices:
Single £50-£56,
Double/Twin £72-£80

Hope & Anchor

Guest Accommodation



Fresh and clean double rooms with en-suite showers. Breakfast overlooking the Humber. Feel the warmth of North Lincolnshire Hospitality at its best. Dogs are welcome at our discretion. We are the perfect venue for cyclists, walkers and workers with our open fires and fabulous welcome.



🏠 Sluice Road, South Ferriby,
Barton-Upon-Humber DN18 6JQ
☎ 01652 635334
✉ info@thehopeandanchorpup.co.uk
🌐 www.thehopeandanchorpup.co.uk

Prices:
£100-£125





Lincolnshire Lanes

Self Catering ★★ ★

Lincolnshire Lanes 3 star self-catering holiday log cabins are hidden among a grove of fir trees, and offer the perfect retreat for a relaxing getaway. This haven is situated in the serene Lincolnshire countryside, between the historic, Roman city of Lincoln and Market Rasen, a traditional market town. Approximately 10 miles from the city centre, Lincolnshire Lanes is the ideal base to explore Lincoln's sites of interest, and discover the Lincolnshire Wolds, area of outstanding natural beauty. If you are looking for a peaceful break, our Scandinavian Log Cabins boast woodland walks, and are located within 8 miles of the Hull to Harwich Cycle Route. Open all year round, Rosemary and Robert invite you to enjoy a tranquil break on their rural, family farm.

Manor Farm, East Firsby, LN8 2DB
 01673 878258
 info@lincolnshire-lanes.com
 www.lincolnshire-lanes.com

Prices:
 Minimum £140
 Maximum £462

Lincolnshire Lanes Campsite

Caravan & Camping ★★ ★

This charming little campsite offers quirky camping options along with 3 star self-catering holiday log cabins. Hidden among a grove of fir trees this idyllic haven is located in the serene countryside of Lincolnshire, between the historic, Roman city of Lincoln and Market Rasen, a traditional market town. The 2016 summer season welcomes two new Bell Tents to the site, to accompany The Romany Caravan, The Ark and The Log Cabins as available glamping options. Situated approximately 10 miles from Lincoln city centre, and within 8 miles of the Hull to Harwich cycle route, Lincolnshire Lanes is the ideal hub for plenty of activities. Open all year round, Rosemary and Robert invite you to enjoy a tranquil break on their rural, family farm.

Manor Farm, East Firsby LN8 2DB
 01673 878258
 info@lincolnshire-lanes.com
 www.lincolnshire-lanes.com

Prices:
 From £8 per pitch

Winterringham Fields

Hotel ★★★★★/★★★★★

Luxury accommodation coupled with first class food and service. A destination location surrounded by fabulous uninterrupted Lincolnshire countryside. Perfect for a getaway treat, home comfort with luxury service.

1 Silver Street, Winterringham DN15 9ND
 01724 733096
 reception@winterringhamfields.co.uk
 www.winterringhamfields.co.uk

Prices:
 £175-£220 Double
 includes breakfast
 and VAT

COAST ACCOMMODATION

Bluestalk Holiday Bungalow

Self Catering ★★ ★★

Nestling in 3.5 acre picturesque gardens this 2 bedroom bungalow has everything for a perfect holiday. Tariff includes fresh towels, bed-linen, toiletries, welcome pack and central heating. The bungalow is open all year round, it is ideal for couples, senior citizens and families of 3 or 4 people. A warm welcome awaits you any time of the year.

Bratoft Manor, Summer gates Lane, Bratoft, Skegness,
 Lincolnshire PE24 5BZ
 01754 811428
 info@bluestalkholidays.co.uk
 www.bluestalkholidays.co.uk

Prices:
 From £245 to £495 per
 week. Nightly rates from
 £75. 2 nights minimum.

Cherry Tree Touring

Caravan & Camping

★★★★★



Adult only park for caravans, motorhomes and trailer tents. Spotlessly clean facilities offer privacy washrooms, free showers, indoor dishwashing and laundry. Self-contained suite for the disabled. All hardstanding touring pitches with EHU and area for awning. Serviced pitches have drinking water/waste water drainage. Facilities: WiFi, motorhome service point.

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📍 Huttoft Road, Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire LN12 2RU

☎ 01507 441626

✉ info@cherrytreesite.co.uk

🌐 www.cherrytreesite.co.uk

Prices:

£19.50-£26 per night

Dunes Cottage

Self Catering

★★★



This charming 19th century cottage with large garden is on the edge of a national nature reserve, close to a vast sandy beach. Within easy reach of the seaside resort of Mablethorpe, the market towns of Louth and Alford and the Lincolnshire Wolds. Dogs welcome.

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📍 c/o Roman Bank Farm, Brickyard Lane, Theddlethorpe, Lincolnshire LN12 1NR

☎ 01507 338249 📠 07793280704

✉ enquiries@dunesholidaycottage.co.uk

🌐 www.dunesholidaycottage.co.uk

Prices:

£310-£470 per week. Short breaks by arrangement.

Meals Farm Holiday Cottages

Self Catering

★★★★



Set on the edge of a bustling Lincolnshire village and just a two-minute drive from the coast, Meals Farm Holiday Cottages, B&B and CL Site offers a perfect haven to escape to the country and tranquillity. We have four cottages and three B&B rooms for you to choose from, including Nursery Cottage, a two-bedroom single-storey unit. The Granary, Mill House and Stables have been lovingly converted from 18th and 19th century farm buildings into modern homes, retaining their original charm and heritage, while providing the space and facilities you need in the 21st century. All accommodation is accessed off the same courtyard and the two-bedroom cottages have a private patio.

We are located in the heart of the Lincolnshire Marshes and close to the unspoilt beauty of the Lincolnshire Wolds. We have fantastic local amenities and attractions, from countryside and beaches, to vibrant, award-winning market and seaside towns.

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📍 Marsh Lane, North Somercotes, Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 7NT

☎ 01507 358256 📠 07724 764347

✉ linda@mealsfarm.co.uk

🌐 www.mealsfarm.co.uk

Prices:

From £205 for a 3 night stay. Contact for more details.

Garden Lodge

Self Catering

★★★



Enjoy a tranquil holiday on the East Lincolnshire coast. Just a few minutes walk from a stunning expanse of sandy beach and the Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe National Nature Reserve, Garden Lodge is a perfect base for those seeking either a relaxing or an active getaway.

New in 2016, the cottage offers comfortable, modern accommodation for up to 8 people, with two ground floor bedrooms sharing a family bathroom and two ensuite bedrooms on the first floor. Patio doors open on to the veranda and a private enclosed garden. There is a parking area. Dogs are welcome.

Theddlethorpe is conveniently situated for the coastal resort of Mablethorpe; the beautiful Lincolnshire Wolds; the Historic City of Lincoln and the market towns of Louth and Alford.

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📍 Roman Bank Farm, Brickyard Lane, Theddlethorpe, Mablethorpe LN12 1NR

☎ 01507 338249

📠 07793 280704

✉ charlie.lister@btinternet.com

Prices:

£310-£520 per week. Short breaks by arrangement.

Southview Park Hotel

Hotel

★★★★



At Southview Park Hotel, the emphasis is on style, comfort and above all relaxation. Whether it be a romantic weekend for two or the annual family holiday, we can offer superior quality accommodation, food and facilities for even the most discerning clientele.

We have a range of rooms from standard doubles to Penthouse Suites. All hotel guests are able to use Southview Leisure Park's facilities including our 22ft Swimming pool with log flume, sauna, steamroom and gym (conditions apply). There are also fishing lakes and a golf course on our attractively landscaped park which is also on the main bus route into Skegness.

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📍 Southview Leisure Park, Burgh Road, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE25 2LA

☎ 01754 896060

✉ reception.southviewparkhotel@park-resorts.com

🌐 www.park-resorts.com/southviewparkhotel

Prices:

£60 room only for standard double
£159 room only for Penthouse Suite

Jockhedge Holiday Cottages

Self Catering

★★★★★



Prepare to be pampered at our luxurious cottages. Renovated barn conversion set in 25 acres of peaceful pasture land with fishing lake, established gardens and orchard. Village centre 10 mins walk. We now have an indoor hot tub spa area.

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📍 Jockhedge, Wainfleet Road, Burgh le Marsh, Skegness PE24 5AH

☎ 01754 810963 📠 07736 974056

✉ karencumberlidge@hotmail.com

🌐 www.jockhedge.co.uk





FENS ACCOMMODATION

Elms Farm Cottages

Self Catering
★★★★★



Nine award winning cottages set around a pretty courtyard garden. Fully equipped and furnished to a high standard with level access and facilities for wheelchair users. Set in over 18 acres of grass paddocks, offering you the perfect place to relax and unwind in the beautiful Lincolnshire countryside. Short breaks available.



🏠 Boston, Lincolnshire PE20 3QP
☎ 01205 290840
📠 07887 652021
✉ carol@elmsfarmcottages.co.uk
🌐 elmsfarmcottages.co.uk

Prices:
£395-£780

Carrington Court Holiday Cottages

Self Catering
★★★★



Barn conversion, two self-contained luxury properties with a home from home atmosphere set in tranquil rural setting. Original beams and features, equipped to high standard with en-suite master bedrooms and luxury bathrooms. Peaceful setting, panoramic views with nature pond and sun house with jetty decking picnic area and extensive gardens. Open all year. Brochure available. Virtual tour available on website.

Ideally situated only four miles north of the market town of Boston, which is steeped in history, and famous for its twice weekly market, magnificent Stump! (St Botolph's Church) and its strong links with the USA through its Pilgrim Father founders. A seaside trip to Skegness is a must at only twenty miles away and Woodhall Spa with its famous golf course is approximately fifteen miles away.



🏠 Frithville, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 7HL
☎ 01205 750441 📠 07931 591980
✉ ste.sta.lun@tinyworld.co.uk
🌐 www.carringtoncourt.co.uk

The Forge & Smithy Holiday Cottages

Self Catering
★★★★



Fully & tastefully refurbished cottages. Ideally located. Highly recommended with excellent visitor comments. Rural location with access to Lincolnshire's attractions. Private gardens with secure parking. The Forge sleeps five the Smithy sleeps two. These highly sought after cottages offer you an excellent vacation.



🏠 Chapel Road, Tumby Woodside, Nr Coningsby, Lincolnshire PE22 7SP
☎ 01526 342943 📠 07774 782805
✉ enquiries@the4ge.co.uk
🌐 www.the4ge.co.uk

Prices:
£200-£650 depending
on unit and duration,
minimum stay 3 nights

Supreme Inns

Hotel
★★★★★ AA



24hr Supreme Inns Hotel has 55 well-equipped en-suite bedrooms. "Award Winning" Haven restaurant uses local produce and is open every day. Conferencing facilities, FREE WIFI and parking on-site.

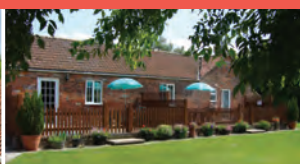


🏠 Supreme Inns, Bicker Bar, Bicker, Boston, Lincolnshire PE20 3AN
☎ 01205 822804
✉ enquiries@supremeinns.co.uk
🌐 www.supremeinns.co.uk

Prices:
£53

Crewyard Holiday Cottages

Self Catering
★★★★



Offering a comfortable home from home and open all year round these three beautifully presented holiday cottages, sleep two, three and four guests.

The cottages are fully equipped, have their own outdoor space with patio furniture and overlook a mature garden and lake. There's a games room on site with a full size snooker table, a selection of books and comfortable seating area. Laundry facilities are available in a separate room.

They are ideally situated for visiting the local RSPB nature reserves and the Lincolnshire Wolds. Trips along the river are available from the nearby market town of Boston. This is a good base for those interested in past and present aviation, for Lincoln Cathedral, Lincolnshire wildlife park or the seaside town of Skegness.



🏠 'Everards, Highgate, Leverton, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 0AW
☎ 01205 871389 📠 07896 369043
✉ gina@gina31.wanadoo.co.uk
🌐 www.crewyardholidaycottages.co.uk

Prices: Weekly Rates:
Moorhen Cottage
£274-£517, Mallard Cottage
£292-£581, Curlew Cottage
£341-£636





VALES ACCOMMODATION

The George of Stamford

Hotel
★★★★★

The George of Stamford is one of England's greatest coaching inns with log fires, oak panelled restaurants, a walled monastery garden, cobbled courtyard and individually designed bedrooms. The hotel retains the charm and atmosphere of its long history yet offers today's guest every modern comfort.

St Martins, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 2LB
 01780 750750
reservations@georgehotelofstamford.com
www.georgehotelofstamford.com

Prices:
From £120

HAMBLETON HALL

Hambleton Hall, Hambleton, Oakham, Rutland LE15 8TH
T: 01572 756 991
E: hotel@hambletonhall.com
W: www.hambletonhall.com

Hambleton Hall is the ultimate in small country house hotels with elegant surroundings and spectacular lakeside views over the glorious gardens. The interior is stylish and comfortable with 17 individually decorated bedrooms and the Michelin starred restaurant is rated amongst England's very best, with an award winning wine list full of delicious bottles.

Woodland Waters

Guest Accommodation

Brand new to Woodland Waters are our "Woodland Rooms". They are based on a small hotel comprising of ten double/triple rooms available on a room only basis. Breakfast is available from our onsite restaurant and is served between 8am-10am daily. Rooms are available to book now, online or by phone (full payment is required on booking).

Willoughby Road, Ancaster, Grantham NG32 3RT
 01400 230888
info@woodlandwaters.co.uk
www.woodlandwaters.co.uk

Prices:
From £65 per night



WOLDS ACCOMMODATION

The Elm Tree

B&B

Relax in tranquil surroundings and enjoy a luxury stay in one of our five characterful rooms or suites. Indulge in quality surroundings and start your day with a delicious breakfast. Situated on the edge of the beautiful Wolds and on the doorstep to the stunning east coast.

90 Main Road, Hundleby, Spilsby PE23 5LZ
 01790 753534
enquiries@elmtree.co.uk
www.elmtree.co.uk

Prices: Rooms from £90 to £150 per night.

The Grange

B&B
★★★★

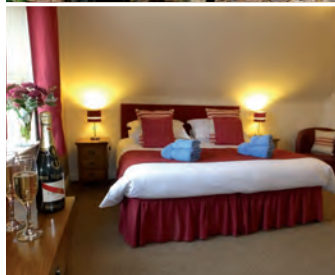
Relax and unwind at this award winning B&B in peaceful countryside between Lincoln and Louth. Enjoy local produce with an aga cooked breakfast or opt for a Self Catering Cottage. Log fires, farm trail, trout fishing and tennis court. En suite rooms, spa baths and superb beds ensure undisturbed sleep. Ideal for walking, cycling, riding, golf or exploring.

Torrington Lane, East Barkwith, Market Rasen LN8 5RY
 01673 858670
sarahstamp@myfwi.co.uk
www.thegrange-lincolnshire.co.uk

Prices:
Single from £52
Twin/Double £74-78

Greetham Retreat Holiday Cottages

Self Catering
★★★★



Greetham Retreat offers quality, award winning, luxury self catering accommodation near Horncastle in the Lincolnshire Wolds – perfect for walkers, cyclists and nature lovers. Designed to be modern, uncluttered and stylish our five holiday cottages are within easy reach of the historic city of Lincoln and several market towns such as Horncastle, Spilsby, Louth, Market Rasen and Boston. It's only a short drive to the seaside with miles of sandy beaches at Skegness and the more tranquil Anderby Creek. We're keen to help make the most of your holiday and always provide a warm personal welcome, offering tips about where to visit, eateries, coffee shops and attractions – some are pet friendly also.

Our five cottages are tastefully decorated with quality furnishings, beautiful real oak floors, leather sofas, flat screen televisions, DVD players and fully equipped modern kitchens with integrated appliances making them truly a home from home.

They're comfortable all year round, having full central heating and double glazing. All have en-suite facilities and some have special features such as a wet room or whirlpool baths. We've two spacious cottages suitable for families that accommodate 6 or 4 guests respectively, as well as two one bedroom ground floor cottages with vaulted ceilings and a more intimate loft apartment, just perfect for couples looking for a romantic getaway and solo travellers alike.

They're surrounded by four acres of beautiful private natural grounds with wildlife ponds, woodland and wildflower meadows offering panoramic views across the stunning countryside. Pets are welcomed in four of our cottages.

Complimentary Wi-Fi is provided and to help enhance your relaxation we can offer a selection of holistic therapy treatments such as Indian head massage, body massage or holistic facials.

There's something for everyone here and a stay at our idyllic retreat is perfect if you want to escape from it all, for a short break or longer holiday all year round.

Awarded the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence in 2015, members of Walkers, Cyclists, Families and Pets Welcome Schemes and has earned VisitEngland's 'Gold Award' in recognition of exceptional quality and outperforming our star rating.



🏠 Greetham Retreat Holiday Cottages,
Greetham Lodge, Tetford Road, Greetham,
Horncastle, Lincolnshire LN9 6PT
☎ 01507 588640
☎ 07747 602458
✉ holidays@greethamretreat.co.uk
🌐 www.greethamretreat.co.uk

Prices:
Laura's Loft, Rose's Rest & Wendy's Wing: all 1 bedroom from £240 to £460 per week; Maggie's Mews: 2 bedrooms from £365 to £635 per week; Katie's Corner: 3 bedrooms from £430 to £725 per week; Short Breaks: from £170 to £515 for 3 or 4 nights

Greenfield Farm

B&B



A superb peaceful location, easy to find (A158 one mile), Greenfield Farm is an excellent central base for exploring the county, close to Lincoln, Horncastle, the Wolds, antiques, aviation and Cadwell Park. Bright spacious en suite bedrooms with terrific views. Free WiFi. Hearty breakfasts cooked to order. Extensive grounds, wildlife pond, farm trail. Plenty of parking. Award winning pub one mile.

🏠 Mill Lane/Cow Lane, Minting, Horncastle,
Lincolnshire LN9 5PJ. Contact: Mrs Judy Banks Price
☎ 01507 578457 ☎ 07768 368829
✉ info@greenfieldfarm.net
🌐 www.greenfieldfarm.net

Prices:
Double/Twin B&B £70-£78.
Single occupancy B&B £50

Kingfisher Lodge

Self Catering
★★★★



A private wildlife haven in Tennyson country. This beautifully designed lakeside lodge has spectacular views over the Wolds and Alder Valley Lake. Private fishing, good walking, cycling, riding or simply complete relaxation. Open all year, online bookings taken, no smoking.



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Kingthorpe Manor Farm

B&B
★★★★



Historical, listed farmhouse in a peaceful setting. Spacious en-suite rooms, sitting room with log fire and TV, conservatory and garden. Award-winning breakfasts with organic, home-grown, local produce. Self-catering Shepherd's and Eco Huts are also available in the grounds.



🏠 Kingthorpe Manor Farm, Kingthorpe, Nr Wragby LN8 5JF
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☎ 07775 927916
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🌐 www.kingthorpemanorfarm.com

Prices:
Rooms from £50.
Self-catering and Eco Huts
£35 per night.

Louth Barn

Self Catering
★★★★



Converted Victorian barn. Relaxing, comfortable and well equipped. Super kingsize bed, internet, shared mature garden, summerhouse, own patio, covered parking, DVDs, Lego and Brio available. Also outdoor table football, pool table and table tennis.



🏠 Grosvenor House, 74 Keddington Road,
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✉ enquiries@louthbarn.com
🌐 www.louthbarn.com

Prices:
From £331 per week

Nutty Cottage Guest House

B&B
★★★★



A warm welcome awaits at Nutty Cottage, set in 14 acres of countryside on the edge of the Wolds. Just 5 mins drive from the centre of the Louth. Buses hourly either to Louth or Mablethorpe, Lincoln, Skegness, Cadwell Park, the coast and the Wolds are in easy reach. Relax in our garden, enjoy a full breakfast, special diets catered for by prior arrangement.



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Prices: Single £45,
Twin/Double £65.
Discounts for 3 nights or
more on double or twin
occupancy.

Park Farm Holidays

Self Catering

★★★



The two cottages are on the private road leading to Park Farm, next to three acres of woodland where the four log cabins are situated. The cottages have two single bedrooms, one double and a bathroom upstairs. The small cabins have one double bedroom, a twin and a bathroom. A sizeable lounge has a kitchenette. The large cabin sleeps six.



📍 Park Farm, Withern, Alford, Lincolnshire LN13 0DF
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🌐 www.parkfarmholidayswithern.com

Prices:
Weekly prices from £250 to £595. Short breaks available, see website.

Poachers Hideaway

Self Catering

★★★★ / ★★★★★



Six beautifully restored farm buildings in a secluded valley in the Lincolnshire Wolds. 170 acres farmland with bluebell woods, bridleways and walks, pets welcome. Functions, group accommodation/catering available. 5 van site with EHU.



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Ramsden Hall

Self Catering

★★★★



Set in the pretty hamlet of Hareby overlooking scenic Wolds countryside. Lovingly restored while retaining character and charm and offering a full complement of modern amenities. Tranquil setting, with nature reserves, horse riding, walks and quiet country lanes close by. No smoking, open all year, online bookings.



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Redhurst B&B and Self Catering

B&B

★★★★



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🌐 www.redhurstbandb.co.uk

Prices: B&B - £32-£76 per room per night
Self catering - £277-£561

The Travellers B & B

Guest Accommodation

★★★★



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🌐 www.travellerslouth.co.uk

Prices:
From £37

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Self Catering

★★★★



Converted 19th century farm buildings. Cottages for two, four or six people, sleeping up to eighteen in total. No fixed arrival day and short stays all year. Quiet countryside location, close to Louth, the Wolds and the East Coast.



📍 Stewton, Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 8SD
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Prices:
From £10 per person, per night

Wolds View Touring Park

Caravan & Camping

★★★★★



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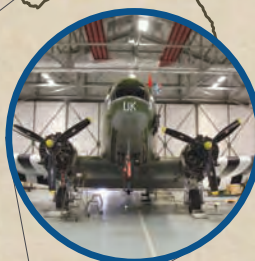
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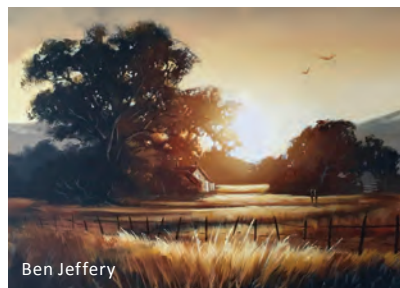
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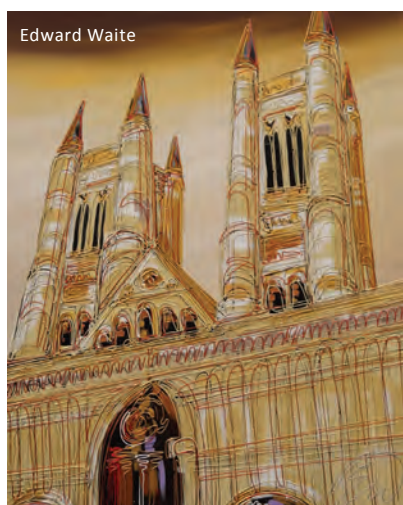
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