

# Leconfield

## Arram and Scorsborough Parish Council

# Community Newsletter

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from Beverley News

## A Happy New Year to all

As we start the year ahead, it's worth reflecting on our many achievements in 2024, of which the rebuilding of the Village Hall has been a major project.

During the year we have raised nearly £250,000 in grants which has enabled installation of a new catering standard kitchen, improvements to acoustics in the main hall, new sports changing rooms and replacement toilets. Moreover the whole building now complies with modern fire regulations and is completely accessible by the disabled.

On the playing fields we have updated the old tennis court to form a new football practice area and basketball court.

A big thank you is due for the support and guidance from Brian Fell of Leven, who were the main contractors for the works.

With over 700 attending our free to enter main event, Bouncyfest, was enjoyed by families and neighbouring Youth Clubs alike. We also support monthly Stay and Play sessions and the new Tuesday Youth Club run by Beverley Rural Youth. A new Monday Club is now planned for our senior residents, along with existing clubs which all welcome new members in 2025. (see more inside).

Following the 2023 flooding, we worked with government agencies and local landowners to install improvements to land drainage prior to this winter.

We are also working with the residents' Speedwatch team and ERYC, on initiatives to combat speeding. Our next project will be to raise funds to improve the play park and add a bike pump park.

Finally, the council send a big thank you to all the volunteers who work to make our parish a better place.

*Dave Garbutt*

Chair LecPC



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Come and see  
the  
**NEW  
VILLAGE  
HALL**

Community  
Family Open  
Day

Food &  
Family Fun  
Activities for  
all  
**SUNDAY 6TH  
APRIL**

**IT'S BACK!**

**LECONFEST  
2025**  
Saturday  
June 28th  
12noon-11pm

**6 FANTASTIC  
BANDS**  
Bouncy Castle  
Craft stalls  
Fabulous food  
Champagne &  
Rec Club bars

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**



**LECONFIELD  
RECREATION CLUB  
\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*  
MONDAY CLUB FOR  
OVER 55'S  
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY  
1:30-3:30PM**

Tell us what you what activities  
you would like.  
Bingo? Chess? Crafts? Singing?  
What else?

**FREE REFRESHMENTS AND CAKE**

Come along and meet  
your neighbours to offer  
some suggestions,  
It would be great to see  
some new faces!

**Leconfield Youth  
Club**

**Sessions extended**

**New time:  
4:30-6:30pm**

**from**

**7th January-4th  
March**

**free food & drinks**

Crafts, music, cooking ,games  
,forest crafts, Dodgeball,  
Football, Pool, and Basketball.



**New  
Gaming  
Console**

**Key LecPC Achievements 2024**



**New Village Hall Main entrance**



**New Grill  
installed  
at  
culvert  
head on  
Harthill  
Ave.**



**Family Fun at Bouncyfest 2024**

**St. Catherine's Church**

**Coffee Morning every Wednesday  
10:30-11:30am**

**Services**

**Celtic Prayers:4th Thurs of Month 7:00pm  
Celebration of St Bridget:Saturday 1st  
February 11:00am Refreshments available**

**Mothering Sunday  
Service:30th March  
10:00am**



**For further info google  
St. Catherine's Church, Leconfield  
email:stcatherineslec@gmail.com**





New practice football goal



Street  
Lights  
back on  
in Grange  
Road



Volunteer Speedwatch Team with  
Leo Hammond : Deputy Police &  
Crime commissioner

**THE BOWLS CLUB**  
**INDOOR SHORT MAT**  
**BOWLING**  
**OCTOBER-MARCH**  
**MONDAY 6:30-8:30PM**  
**THURSDAY 2:00-**  
**4:00PM**  
**OUTDOOR BOWLING**  
**APRIL-SEPTEMBER**  
**MONDAY & FRIDAY**  
**2:00-4:00PM**  
**NO EXPERIENCE**  
**REQUIRED- WHY NOT**  
**COME AND JOIN US?**

## FRIENDS OF ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

**RED CROSS FREE BASIC LIFE  
SUPPORT/DEFIB TRAINING ON  
SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY  
1:30-3PM**

**\*\*BOOKING ESSENTIAL\*\***  
For further information contact  
Anna Thompson m:07510671573

## QPJ walk and Sensory garden

In 2023 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II set up the Queens' Green Canopy, asking everyone to plant a tree. Leconfield was the very first parish in the county to submit plans for a proposed woodland walk on the playing field. With the assistance of 'The Conservation Volunteers' (TCV), 800 trees and saplings were planted together with creating a walkway through the plantation.

A voluntary group of residents added to the walk by planting over 70 woodland shrubs, an orchard and lots of spring bulbs.



A team of volunteers also created a sensory garden from the derelict cricket bowling net area, adding flower, herb, grass and border beds plus seats and a Spitfire memorial to the Polish Air Squadrons of WW2 that flew out of RAF Leconfield.

The walk and gardens belong to you the residents; feel free to come and enjoy and you are welcome to weed or plant additions from your garden or even a small patch of bluebells (an ideal pastime for children).

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## Activities at the Village Hall:

### Bowls Club

**Short Mat Indoor** Oct-March (Mon: 18:30-20:30hrs & Thurs: 14:00-16:00hrs).

**Outdoor** April-Sept (Mon & Fri: 14:00-16:00hrs plus Wed matches.

Contact Graham Foote

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**W.I.** first Wed evening of month

Secretary Sandra Crabtree

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### Keep Fit

Tues: 9:00-10:00hrs Contact Mariette

Glover M: 07846 458842

### Leconfield Youth Club

Tues: 17:00-18:30hrs **Just turn up** .....or  
contact Lisa Harris ( senior youth worker)  
on M: 07747 517911

### Post Office

Thurs: 14:00-16:00hrs

### Table Tennis

Wed: 19:00-21:00hrs plus matches

Contact: Paul Needley M: 07885 784659

### Recreation Club

Chair Roger Haywood M: 07723 998916

### Opening hours

Tues: 20:30-22:30hrs,

Wed: 19:30-23:00hrs

Fri: 20:00-23:00hrs

Sun: 20:30-22:30hrs

### Whist Club (in Rec Club)

Tues: 13:30-16:00hrs

Contact Alan Heron T: 01964 550891

### White Rose Singers (in Rec Club)

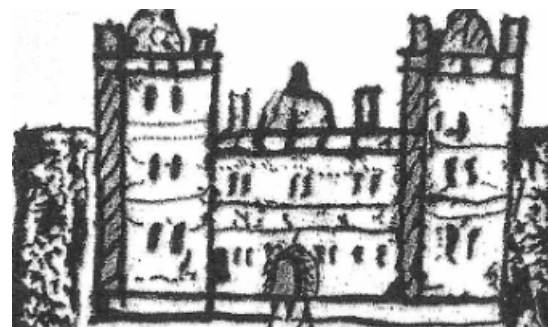
Tues: 19:00-20:30hrs

Contact Tony Hill

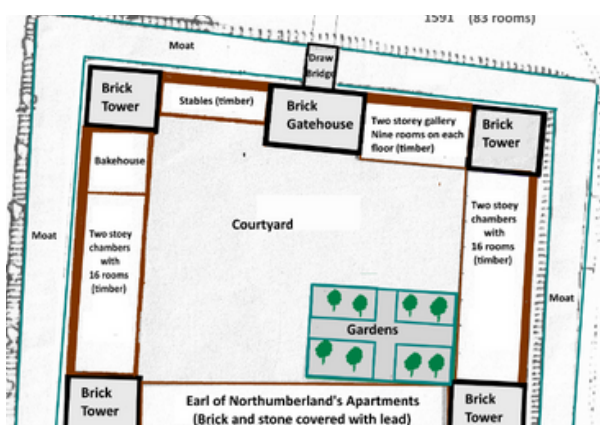
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## Leconfield Castle

Leconfield was a very prominent fortified castle in the north of England from the days of it being awarded to the Percy family in 1308 to finally being abandoned in 1608. This short article is a description of what once stood on the parish castle site, of which only the moat still remains.



A public foot path from Main Street leads down to the site then onto Cherry Burton and will take you around 2 sides of the moat, please keep to the path as it passes through private land, as does the causeway which as can be seen in the diagram is not actually the draw bridge location.



The towers and gatehouse were partially demolished in 1574 and finally in 1608 by the Percy Family who then abandoned Leconfield. They were added to Wressle Castle near Howden.

The timber outer walls had decayed, whilst the timber inner walling from the Earls apartments was taken to Burton Agnes Hall where they can be seen in its' dining room.

A stone figure head remains of the structure and is situated in a rear wall of Castle Farmhouse. In 2017 whilst converting the farm's cowshed into Byre Cottage the footings of the forest wardens lodge was uncovered (circular tower with building off) and several large stones were taken by ERYC archaeology department before photographing and covering with the cottage's new lawn.

Further series will look deeper into its' history and that of the very colourful Percy family, Lords of the Manor, the families before and after them, and Henry VIII's stay and gift of the Deer Park.

**Next time: Leconfield Castle (Wars, Plots, Executions and Guy Fawkes)**

Thanks to Tom Houltyb

**TO BOOK THE  
VILLAGE HALL OR  
RECREATION CLUB  
CONTACT IVY  
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**Next issue April 2025 .**

**Please submit items for publication to the editor**

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**In particular we would like articles from Arram and Scarborough!**