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2025 opened with true January weather, cold, windy and some sharp frosts. There was some flooding in Chapel Lane but nothing on the scale of the previous year. The Environment Agency had an open day at Tattershall Village Hall in early February, when asked about our flood problem their reply was they were only interested in the river banks of the Bain and Whitton. Internal flooding in Thorpe was not their brief, as was the regular problem on Wharf Lane. They were invited to come and talk at our Annual Parish Meeting, but were not forthcoming.

The Blue Bell held a Bingo in March in aid of Marie Curie, it was well supported with two separate sessions, afternoon with tea and cake, and again in the evening, The event raised £320.

We have not entered the village with EMIB this year. The plan was to discuss this at the Annual Parish Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, but unfortunately entries had to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> March, and management of the flower beds was uncertain at that time.

Our Annual Parish Meeting was attended by our ward County Councillor Tom Ashton who gave a short update on forthcoming changes to local government, he was also on hand to listen to any local issues. The flower beds were the first item discussed, and this year it was decided to have a planting day on May 11<sup>th</sup>, management of the beds thereafter was somewhat unclear. The North road Bus Shelter is in need of refurbishment, and it will hopefully be done next budget year. The Cast of the Village Sign which has been kept by Stan Avison for 25 years has been found a new home with the Rowland family. The timing of the Remembrance service has been an issue for many years, due to lack of clergy, we have now resolved to hold our own service at the correct time.

The Parish Council were asked to assume responsibility for the defibrillator as it now needs some money spent on it and our village funds are low.

The Maple Trees on North Road have been trimmed back, with those branches overhanging the highway being removed by the County Council. The highway itself was also resurfaced, certainly a great improvement.

80<sup>th</sup> anniversary VE day celebrations on May 8<sup>th</sup> commenced with a short service at the Memorial with the British Legion. Tea and cakes were provided at the Blue Bell during the afternoon. It was a lovely day and it was most appreciated by everyone. The village Beacon was lit at the appointed time of 9.30pm with a good gathering in attendance. The Pub served 1940s cuisine all the week. August 15<sup>th</sup>, VJ Day, was also remembered with a similar short service at the War Memorial.

The annual village fair was a great success again. The weather was absolutely perfect, warm and sunny. The format followed the previous years proven format, with plenty of entertainment for both young and old. The annual Dog Show allows everyone to show off their prized pet, and is certainly one of the highlights of the event. The Fair was held to support 'Lives' and £940 was raised on the day, £200 coming from the proceeds of the dog show.

A German Wine tasting Evening was held in the Blue Bell covered area in aid of village funds. It proved to be a very enjoyable and lively event, with 12 different wines to sample to make the party go with a swing. The entertainment continued till midnight.

The 1940s weekend at the Camp was its usual success, with many of the visitors dressing up for the occasion. The weather deteriorated a little on the Sunday but it did not deter the crowds. Parking is much easier now we can use the Blue Bell field. This year the hot summer weather has gone on for so long

that some of us at least actually wished for rain, which did arrive at the start of September.

Government funded installation of fibre optic cables was started in early September in Chapel Lane, this in theory should provide us with a faster more reliable broadband network. The remainder of the village following soon after.

Sadly our former District Councillor Stan Avison passed away in September, he was a great supporter of our village and was responsible for obtaining funding for many recent improvements.

Our sense of complacency was brought to the fore recently with a rash of garden shed burglaries, with several residents losing electrical items and garden machinery. We have not had a problem for so many years that it came as quite a shock to everyone.

The annual Meet the Neighbours again took place at the end of September, we usually have it close to Lincolnshire Day. We had an enjoyable evening with fifty residents attending. This year the Blue Bell Trophy for best kept garden was won by Ron and Kate Singleton, with their lovely display of hanging baskets

We can always rely on a good attendance at the Remembrance Day ceremony. This year there were around 30 residents present, we again used our own form of service. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by John Smith. It is quite remarkable that after so many years there are relatives still living in the area of two of the men listed on the Memorial.

This year we have re-sited the Christmas tree to the area adjacent to the North Road bus shelter. The spot was originally occupied by a dead Hawthorn tree which has been removed. When the Christmas tree is taken away after the festive period we will replant with an oak sapling.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year. Our thanks go to NB Law High St Tattershall who have kindly printed this report.