

Lound Oil Syndicate



I will put in an oil order during the second week of January 2023.

Important: Please let me have your oil requirement by **Sunday 8th January**.

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Winter at Daneshill Lakes

What better place to take a local picturesque walk around the lakes at Daneshill where the winter water birds have flown in from northern Europe and beyond. The path around the main lake has a good hard surface and it is about one mile long with some walkers and runners using this as measure to how far they want to exercise.

The winter birds usually congregate towards the western end of the lake (railway end) making it a good area to improve your bird identification skills.

These may be goosander, teal, pochard, grebes, gadwall, along with the more common coots, mallards, black headed gulls etc. There is also a picture quiz as you go round the main lake. Answers on the large green container near the jetty.

At the moment the winter work on the site consists of improving the views from the seats, repairing the seats and coppicing to control the willow growth, which also improves the wildlife habitat. Towards the end of the winter we take a boat out to the island and cut back the scrub for the nesting birds. As the island is free from humans and their pets and also some other predators, the birds feel safer to nest there.

The site is now around forty years old from when it was last quarried for sand and stone and it just shows what can be done with an old extraction site. We have a safe place for wildlife and for people to enjoy the tranquility and the social side that comes from bumping into like minded people.

Brian Horne



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Happy New Year To All Readers

A Whopping £1000 Raised—P2

Your Village Hall Needs You...

The Village Hall Committee urgently needs new members who are prepared to help in arranging village events and support the work of the village hall.



Apart from organising events, which bring village people together and help to promote our strong feeling of community, we need to continue to raise money to maintain both the Village Hall and the Reading Room (currently used as storage for village hall equipment).

The Village Hall is home to many activities including table tennis, Tai Chi and keep fit as well as home to the Post Office, and needs to be kept in a good state of repair.

Unfortunately, the upkeep of these historic buildings is very costly. The Lound Fun Organising Group meeting in September came up with a number of ideas for possible future events. Taking part in the organisation of events is fun, brings you into contact with a variety of people and gives an immense feeling of satisfaction when things work out well, as they did at the Craft Fair and Bonfire Night recently!

If this has tempted you to think about volunteering, please come along to the short AGM at the Village Hall on **Monday 6th February 7.45pm**.

Crier—New Format

To help reduce the amount of expensive printer toner, the Crier has a new look. Heading has been changed to outline and the title boxes lighter grey....



Also, the village website has a new (younger) Crier logo....

Lound Lingerers

Now that the festivities are over it is time to start exercising those figures and flexing those muscles!

Why not join the Lingerers for a New Year outing on **Friday 13th January**. The lingerers is a gentle walk around our local area. It is also a time to meet friends and have a natter on route. The planned route, of about an hour and a half, is a walk near Gringley on the Hill.

We meet at Willow Cottage at 10.45am. Please let Gee know if you would like to walk on Tel: 01777 818792 by Tuesday 10th so that we can book a meal at a pub and plan transport.

Christmas Fair Results

The Village Carol Singing this year went really well with a large turnout of singers and featuring, for the very first time, our own descant choir!!



Here they are blasting it out as we enjoyed our seasonal refreshments at Michael and Margret Naylor's house!

It was great to have children along, both singing and collecting.

We raised the enormous sum of **£521** for the Air Ambulance.

Together with the takings for the Food Bank from the Christmas Craft Fair, this village has



raised **£1000** for charity in the last couple of weeks.

Well done and thank you everybody for your support

Four Score Draw

December £20 Lucky Winners:

21 Adrian Schuller
47 Sophie Pilsworth
27 Jill Dobson
116 Jane Lewis

The big Premium Prize was rolled over to next month when it will be a **£250!!!**

Bluebell Inn

Team Bluebell would like to thank you for your support, and wish you warm and prosperous New Year.

Please join us for 'The Big Fat Quiz' on Tuesday January 3rd at 8.00pm.

The quiz continues every Tuesday at 8pm. Visit our Website and Facebook pages for information and updates.

Phoenix Group



The Phoenix Group had a delicious meal at the Bluebell Inn to get into the Christmas spirit.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday January 17th** at 7.30pm and will be a projected show of pictures from the archives of Lound through the ages. Everyone is welcome – come and see who you can spot!

Parish Council

> **Cars:** Reminder to everyone living on Town Street. We have had some issues with service buses and large delivery vehicles not being able to drive down Town Street due to parked cars. Please be aware when parking. **Thank You**

> **Planters:** So far, only 3 of the 6 flower planters have been positioned around the village. This is due to the Parish Council waiting for Highways location authorisation.

> **Pothole:** The large pothole, 100 meters on the left down Chainbridge Lane, has been reported twice and is subsequently awaiting action by NCC, who claim no hazardous defects have been identified!

> **Covid:** As a memorial to the Covid Epidemic, a cherry tree is to be planted on Daneshill Road by the Highways Forestry Team.