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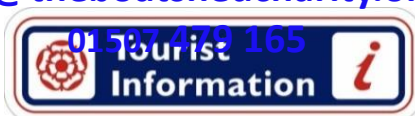
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REPORT FROM THE DONNA NOOK WARDEN JANUARY 25TH 2025

Summary pupdate of the 2024 season:

The first grey seal pup of the season at the Donna Nook colony was born on October 29th, the last pup on December 22nd. The total number of pups born was **1,649**.

This is **558** or 25% less than last year's **2,207**.

The reasons for this decline are unclear & appear to part of a wider decline in the numbers of pups born on the east coast in 2024 as a decline in the number of pups born in 2024 has also been reported from other east coast colonies. This is the first significant drop in the UK east coast colonies since monitoring began 40 years ago. For the last five years pup numbers at Donna Nook have remained stable at around **2,200**. Mortality rate for pups has also remained consistent between 6.3 and 8.6%.

It's not known whether the 2024 decline was due to deaths of adult female seals or if they' still alive but did not give birth. At Donna Nook, there hasn't been a significant change in the number of dead seals washed up on the beach.



PHOTO: *Carl Brown January 11th 2025*

Thank you to the team of 68 volunteer seal wardens who recorded 2,943 hours of volunteer time throughout the season, the equivalent of 342 working days.

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RECRUITMENT DAY
Monday 24th February 10am to 8pm
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If you feel you might like to help at the base on the Seaview Car Park, then do come & meet some of the team & find out what it involves. This is a really valued work, assisting such agencies as the Police & the RNLI to keep people safe in, on, & by the sea. No previous experience is necessary as full training is given. *And if you can't come along, but would like info, or donate towards this work, do ring Paul Panter on 07968 690 755 or email him on paul.panter@nci.org.uk*



ABOVE: Recent recruit Gilly being congratulated on completing her training



ABOVE & RIGHT: Visitors at the front door & at the back!



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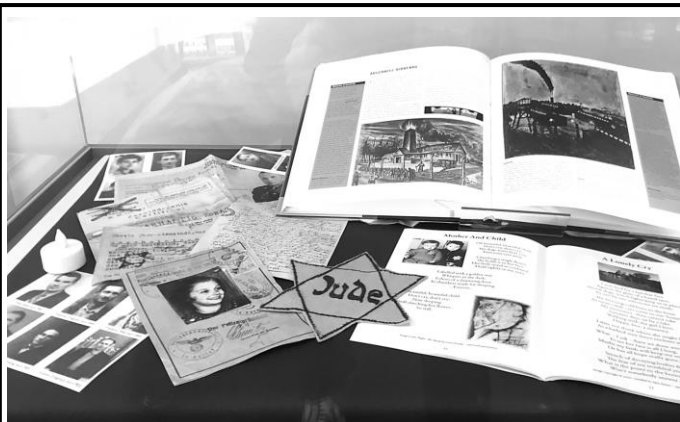
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A glimpse of the display mounted at Mablethorpe Library for this last January's **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**



The **CAN'T SING CHOIR** [PHOTO ABOVE] is now meeting at the Coastal Centre of a Wednesday afternoon. It's a group is for anyone who loves to sing... in a Choir, in the shower, in the kitchen, at Karaoke ...?!. It's for connecting with like minded people for fun & friendship (& music?).

Check it out via the Coastal Centre or contact Jo Ridley via Facebook.

OVERHEARD...

My new car has a button for everything. There is even one that says, "rear wiper". I'm still afraid to press that one

I saw in a shop the other day an empty perfume bottle marked, "out of odor".

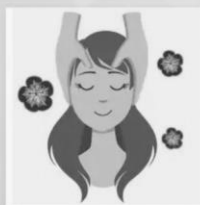
My friend has a bizarre fear of spiders in raincoats. She's suffering from Anorakaphobia.

I went to a psychic and accidentally broke her crystal ball. It cost me a fortune.

Ladies Pamper Evening for Charity

7 to 9 pm on 7th March 2025
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Dave Enefer has just come across this WW1 postcard showing how people used to swim here before we gained our new state-of-the-art pool.



Ian Jackson tells us it was near the outfall & was made into a boating pool & then became the current Karting area opposite the BECK. In Edwardian times a then famous swimmer **Professor Hobson Bockock** used to give swimming lessons there, & later a gentleman called **Bernard Athur Pykett** who had lost his leg during in the 1st World War attracted spectators watching him perform diving demonstrations into the basin.

WHAT'S ON

The weekly **WHAT'S ON** is normally available at the Coastal Centre each Friday lunchtime.

In it there's info on the week's events plus the **TIDE TIMES** & upcoming events.

Copies of WHAT'S ON & TIDINGS are emailed out free of charge & can be requested from **adriansosfirst@gmail.com**

THE NEW BASE FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY

ELDC has granted to Mablethorpe Area Partnership a 15 year lease of the hut on **Sherwood Fields** that was until recently used by the ATC.

A group of young people are currently helping to redecorate it, & there will soon be weekly activity there arranged under the auspices of LCC **FUTURE4ME**.

The Hut will be available for all youth groups to use & it will also be available for adult & OAP groups.

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£50 each by Matt Bennett, & Reece Scofield;

£70 by Gemma Hale;

£100 each by Carol Frisby & Ray Ward, Gemma Grimbleby, & Helen Jackson;

£256 by Chris Arnold;

£275 by David Walker; **£290** by Emily Yull

& **£765-76** by Steve Atherton

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