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News for the villages of Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, Stainby, Gunby, North Witham and Lobthorpe

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Colsterworth Remembers

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
COLSTERWORTH

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER
7PM - 9PM

FEATURING THE AMAZING DUO

**CAROLINA DI GREGORIO &
GREG ARROWSMITH**

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF WONDERFUL MUSIC.
SET AMONGST OUR FABULOUS CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAYS.
THERE WILL BE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND A RAFFLE.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE RUNNING COST OF THE CHURCH.

£10 PER TICKET.
PLEASE CONTACT JACKIE TAYLER 07535691136
OR PETER WHEATLY CHURCH WARDEN TO PURCHASE.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GRAND SWITCH ON

PLEASE JOIN US AT
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
6:30pm FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 2024

Official switch on by PCC Members
Peter and Carol Wheatley

WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM
COLSTERWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Colsterworth and District Parish Council

The Tollemache Arms Buckminster

01476 860477

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Christmas Menu

3 Courses 29.95. 2 Courses 24.95

Friday Fish 11.95 6-8pm

Tex Mex Night Wed 20th Nov 14.95

19th century country inn with 4 en-suite rooms, spacious beer garden and open fire. Available to hire for functions.

Parish Council Report

Parish Clerk - 01476 861888
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Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 5th November 2024

Full minutes and reports are available on the Colsterworth and District Website

(Search "Colsterworth and District Parish Council" and find the agendas and minutes under "Council Business": **Council business – Colsterworth and District Parish Council** (lincolnshire.gov.uk))

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no members of the public present.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Cllr C Hainsworth (Chair) had no remarks apart from acknowledging Cllr Jon Clark's resignation from the Parish Council and all the hard work they had done for the community at North Witham and the wider Parish Council.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report

LCC Cllr C Vernon sent their apologies and sent their report to the Clerk who read out the highlights: -

1. A1 Meeting secured with Alicia Kearns MP – Cllr C Vernon had secured a public meeting with Alicia Kearns MP at South Witham Village Hall on Friday 15th November 2024 between 6pm – 7.30pm to discuss the safety concerns about the A1.

2. Winter Fuel Allowance: - Family members and friends can apply on an individual's behalf by going to this link: www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim or by phone on 0800 731 0160.

3. FixMyStreet (FMS): - Continue to report concerns regarding potholes or damage to the roads via this website or by using the App. <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

4. Part-Night Street Lighting Adjustments:- With the clocks going back this will temporarily affect the timings of the country's part-night streetlights as they adapt to Greenwich Mean Time.

5. Free Smart Wristbands for people living with Dementia – Lincolnshire Police have an initiative whereby any person living with Dementia in Lincolnshire is eligible to request an NFC (Near Field Communication) Dementia Safeguarding Wristband Band which stores the name and contact details of the wearer's next of kin and can be read by any smartphone.

SKDC Cllr B Green Reported.

1. St Mary's Church Roof North Witham: - They advised that the Diocese had given permission for temporary repairs to be carried out on the roof and urged the Parish Council to take forward a UKSPF Grant application to fund these repairs. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting 3rd December 2024 and Cllr B Green would source the required three quotations and permissions required.

2. Devolution White Paper: - The recent Autumn Budget referenced the upcoming English Devolution White Paper which may set out changes to the current tiers of Local Government. SKDC Cllr D Bellamy Reported: -

1. They urged the Parish Cllrs to register and attend the Public Meeting above about the safety concerns of the A1.

2. The potential Anaerobic Digester Planning Application number S24/0568 at Gunby is expected to go to Committee in December. They urged a Parish Cllr to attend and speak to represent the Parish Council. A short discussion took place and Cllr D Bellamy will seek clarification from the SKDC Planning Department on some elements of the submitted application.

Updates for Council administration

The Clerk gave a verbal update on how the recent changes to Employers National Insurance Contributions from the Autumn Budget will affect the Parish Council draft Budget for 2025/2026. It was agreed to review the draft Budget again in the December 2024 meeting subject to receipt of the Precept calculator from SKDC.

Planning Committee Report – No Report this month
Invitation received from Colsterworth Community Action Group (CCAG) for a member of the Parish Council to attend the start of

their next meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood plan and the 20% uplift to fulfil the new Governments amended housing requirements on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm.

• *Post meeting note Cllr Colin Russell and Margaret Winn who is a member of the Neighbourhood Plan working group and has been a main contributor to the plan volunteered to attend.

Finance - Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report.

War Memorial Project update (S Grant – Clerk) Update to Cllrs circulated.

The War Memorial Restoration was completed on 12th September 2024.

• As agreed at the October meeting agenda item 2024.91.2 & 3 to use the SK 2200 Grant received of up to £1,700 to purchase a Lectern Frame interpretation panel. War Memorial Official Opening Event 1st November 2024 Cllr C Hainsworth (Chair) and Cllr E O'Neill (Vice Chair) acknowledged a special thank you to Captain David Heath French, Chair of Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance for leading the official opening of the War Memorial. With thanks also going to Jackie Taylor, Caroline Hainsworth members of CFoR and Peter Wheatly on behalf of the St Johns Church PCC for arranging refreshments.

Nature Trail

Large Tree Bridge End entrance to the Nature Trail - The Parish Council have accepted the quotation from KWR of £500 excl vat to take the machinery down to the site of the tree, dismantle and remove all remains of the tree.

Clerks Report & day to day business.

1. Parish Council approved as Licensee by LCC Highways for Lectern to be sited on the War Memorial gardens. Agenda item September 2024.91.2

2. Community Orchard Grant application approved by SKDC. Awaiting funds to be transferred to the PC Bank Account.

3. Community Car Park on Colster Way. The Parish Council's solicitor will update the Parish Council soon.

4. A large tree at the Bridge End entrance of the Nature Trail has dropped a large limb and the area cordoned off awaiting guidance from a tree surgeon.

5. Cllr Lorna McShane attended the Rutland and Stamford Flood Forum meeting on behalf of the Parish Council on 4th October 2024. An update from the meeting is being prepared for the December Parish Council meeting when this will be an agenda item.

Correspondence received.

Council received details of correspondence received relating to speeding vehicles, lack of police presence, fly tipping and potholes.

Planning Applications – SKDC

S24/1635 - Section 211 notice for the following tree work, T2 - ash - 2 Woodlands Drive, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NH, S24/1672 - Section 73 to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) in relation to planning permission reference S22/1805. Beech House, 7A Woodlands Drive, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NH.

S24/1505 - Conversion of an existing outbuilding to form one separate dwelling. Witham Cottage, 46 High Street, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NF.

S24/1695 - Extension of ground floor living room, addition of a fifth bedroom, porch Replacement. See application for full details. Brook Place, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5PD

S24/1858 - Provision of Replacement Roof Including Velux Rooflight to the Single Storey Part of the Dwelling and Removal of the Internal Division Wall. Between the Kitchen and Dining Rooms. Porters Lodge Farmhouse, Morkery Lane, Castle Bytham, Lincolnshire, NG33 4SR, App Type: Listed Building.

S24/1824 - Proposed 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension, including internal alterations and replacement of porch roof. 8 Pasture Close, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NA.

S24/1863 - Provision of replacement roof including velux rooflight to the single storey part of the dwelling and removal of the internal division wall between the kitchen and dining rooms. Location: Porters Lodge Farmhouse, Morkery Lane, Castle Bytham, Lincolnshire, NG33 4SR

SKDC Planning Permission

S24/1498 - Section 73 application for removal/variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission S24/1000 (Proposed single storey rear extension, partial garage conversion and porch) 37 Woolsthorpe Road Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NT

S24/1635 - Section 211 notice for the following tree work, T2 - ash – Large wound approximately 4.5m above ground level, clear stems to approximately 8m, sparse crown - reduce by approximately 2m in height and proportionately in spread Location: 2 Woodlands Drive Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NH

S24/1713 - Section 211 Notice for removal of ash tree (T1), yew tree (T2), box tree (T3), reduction of coppice hazel tree (T4) to approx 2ft in height and removal and stump grinding of smoke bushes and cotoneaster trees (T5, T6, T7) .47 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NP

Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 3rd December 2024. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth

A PARISH COUNCIL BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE VOLUNTARY GROUPS, CLUBS, SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKE A "VILLAGE A VILLAGE". A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: A big thank you to Helen Scorrer, Pamela Harrison and their team of volunteers who provide the popular twice monthly Wednesday 'Open Door Lunch', 12 noon – 1.30pm and the also popular twice monthly Wednesday 'Games/Craft & Chat' afternoons 2pm – 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome and more volunteers to help would also be welcome.

HELEN'S HELPING HANDS: Continues to support lonely and vulnerable people within our community, thank you to Steve Bill and all HHH's volunteers.

THE WHITE LION: Bob and Phil took over the White Lion in 2022 and continue to make it the hub of village life. We thank them for the generosity of their time and access to space for various fundraising and community gatherings, we wish them and their staff a successful future.

St. JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH: Thank you to Church Warden Peter Wheatley and the PCC members who ensure that the Holy Communion and Morning Prayer continues. Please contact the PCC if you wish to arrange a remembrance service.

Thank you also to those volunteers who carry out various jobs in the Church such as cutting the grass in the Church Yard, Clock winding, opening and closing the Church and keeping the colourful flower displays in the troughs on the railings watered and tendered.

IN TOUCH: As another year is almost at a close it is time to thank all those involved in the preparation and distribution of the monthly village magazine – 1,000 magazines each month. Thank you to Margaret Winn and husband Colin Russell who co-ordinate and sort the 1,000 In Touch copies delivering them to 20+ loyal volunteer helpers that distribute the village magazine through all kinds of weather. A special thank you to the editor Stuart Whitcombe for compiling the layout of the magazine, Life In Pictures for ensuring timely printing and delivery of the Magazines to Margaret & Colin for distribution to the volunteers and of course

to our contributors and many advertisers for their continued support.

VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING & MAINTENANCE: A huge thank you to Dave Warden and his son who have worked hard to get to know the various areas of Colsterworth and District and gone over and above to keep the village areas neat and tidy. 2024 saw ideal grass growing conditions with above average growth.

LITTER PICKING: Thank you to our community cleaners Kevin and Mark who help keep our streets free from litter. They also go that extra mile literally to clear litter from village verges discarded by selfish motorists. Please clean up after your dog and if the dog waste bins are full, please take your dog's waste home and deposit in your own bin. Thank you also to Graham Keiley who voluntarily continues to litter pick outside the areas that are not covered by Kevin and Mark.

COLSTERWORTH NATURE TRAIL: Our continued thanks go to Maurice and Jackie Taylor and the team of volunteers who spend many long hours improving access to the Nature Trail. Keep the good work up. Thank you to Jackie and Pat for hosting the Summer gathering.

'BAUBLE BOMBING' COLSTERWORTH NATURE TRAIL: Thank you to Hilary Winstanley, for organising the annual 'Bauble Bombing' of the Nature Trail with hundreds of Christmas baubles for the festive season. This has become a huge tradition and people are invited to attend and continue to add to the trail during the festive season.

COLSTERWORTH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE (CFoR):

- Thank you to the Founders of CFoR, David and Debi Heath French and all the members and supporters of CFoR who arranged this year's Festival. Special thanks to the volunteer road marshals, Graham Keiley, Kev Wright, Jan and Gavin Heath and Paul Cox for transporting the numerous road closure frames and signs to the specific locations.

- CFoR War Memorial Restoration Fund Raising: Special thanks go to Jackie Taylor, Caroline Hainsworth and their volunteers for their continued creative, crafting and baking fund raising activities opportunities. It is great to see the War Memorial in its newly restored condition.

- War memorial Gardens - Thank you to Jackie Taylor who tends the gardens several times a year and. Also to Mo and Jackie Taylor and Peter Smith for Thank you also to Ian Haggerty who washes the Tommy bench, planters, Lone Tommy and War Animals figures.

- Remembrance Poppies – Thank you to Jackie Taylor and her team of volunteers for decorating St John the Baptist Church with Remembrance Poppies and to the Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth volunteers who kindly put up the Lamp Post Poppies.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Thank you to Chris Smith for pat testing the lights, again without charge to the Parish Council and to our team of regular volunteers to ensure that the Yew trees in St John the Baptist Church cemetery were adorned with coloured lights. A big thank you to them all.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE VERNON, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS DAVE BELLAMY AND BEN GREEN: Thank you for all their work representing the Parish Council at County and District level.

COLSTERWORTH AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCILLORS – Thank you to all of the Parish Councillors who give their time generously and freely for the benefit of the community.

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH FRIENDLY HELPFUL PEOPLE WHO QUIETLY HELP OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS A THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED.

Sue Grant Clerk to Colsterworth and District Parish Council. Tel 01476 861888 Email: clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

Colsterworth WI Meeting 15th October 2024

Endings and beginnings was in some way the accidental theme running through the October meeting of Colsterworth WI. A nod to the past, a look at the present and a glimpse of the future. On the 15th of the month the ladies met as usual at Colsterworth Village Hall, our lovely new venue, and very smart it looked too. The extra space means the tea things are now laid out on two tables and are much easier to access. The competition tables look so inviting, sited now next to the welcome table where Liz sits ready to greet people and hand out the raffle tickets; the noticeboard, resplendent with information about forthcoming trips, courses and events is much easier to read.

At 2.05, our President, Vanessa, rang the bell to open the meeting with 22 members present. After her welcome, birthday greetings and cards were handed to Rona Allgood, Heather Kilburn- Platts and Sandra Quinsee. Without further ado Vanessa then introduced the speaker, Mr Horace Liberty, whose subject was 'Lincoln: Then and Now'. This was a return visit for Horace. He entertained us last year with tales of the famous London store that bears his name – Liberty of London. So, it was with a sense of anticipation that we settled down to listen to this year's talk.

It started, Horace explained, with a collection of vintage photographs which were loaned to him. Out of many fine views and landscapes came the story of the evolution and development of this beautiful cathedral city. It was immediately apparent to all just how important the river Witham has been to the development of Lincoln. As the poet John Betjeman said on a visit to the place, 'Lincoln is a cathedral city on a hill and a city of heavy industry down in the

valley'. Horace explained that the 'up the hillers' regarded themselves as superior to the 'down the hillers'! This was illustrated in his first image taken at the turn of the 20th century from the bank of the river looking up the hill to a fine view of the cathedral. In the near distance was the smoke and chimney stacks of numerous factories with row upon row of tiny, terraced houses. Standing aloft against a clear sky was the cathedral surrounded by handsome stone houses. The same view was captured by Horace in recent years; the smoke had gone, the factories had gone, the barge traffic on the river had gone and the area was now a park. Another striking view showed the Snake and Lion pub in Bailgate in the 1890s. The Tudor abutments could still be clearly seen, the road was empty bar a few pedestrians. In Horace's more recent photograph nothing could be seen of the pub because of the heavy traffic snarled up on Bailgate. There were some beautiful images of the Arboretum gardens, designed by Edward Milner, an apprentice of Joseph Paxton of Chatsworth and opened in 1872. The modern photograph was bereft of the magnificent glasshouse, it was destroyed by bombing in the war. Every early image was followed by a modern photo of the same view. The differences were stark and illustrated how the city had changed from being a hive of heavy industry serviced by the river Witham to a more technological, educational and recreational centre. The river is now mostly used for leisure purposes and the handsome timber framed houses are variously a coffee house, a visitor information centre or retail outlets or pubs. Horace traced the changes with skill and humour, members were engrossed as he wove his story with words and images. As the applause died down, Vanessa thanked Horace for his fascinating and illuminating talk. The tea hostesses sprang into action, teacups filled and coffee cups serviced. Jenny Ruffle, Peggy Taylor and Rosemarie Everitt had provided the delicious spread with Shirley Cox and Rosemary Haw acting as runners.

As the tea interval drew to a close, members noticed Rachel walk up to the President's table take the bell and ring it. Vanessa looked up, amazed, from the papers she was sorting as members watched with conspiracy writ large upon their faces. Rachel then explained that as Vanessa was moving away from the area, today was the last day of her presidency of Colsterworth WI. In a lovely speech Rachel remarked on Vanessa's hard work, dedication and leadership. Sandra presented a splendid orchid plant and some scrumptious looking chocolates along with a card which during the afternoon had, with much subterfuge and sleight of hand, been doing the rounds for each member to sign. Vanessa, who had been hoping to make a short announcement at the end of the meeting, gathered herself and thanked everybody for the parting gifts. Then, in true Vanessa style – turned to the remaining business of the day. Members were reminded about the fund-raising coffee morning and the anniversary lunch both to be held at the White Lion in the coming weeks. The Ladies' Lunch at Belton Woods on December 4th was greeted with some attention, there are always interesting speakers and the meal is pretty good too! Advance notice of the next South Federation annual meeting was given. To be held at Springfield Exhibition Centre on 26th March 2025, nearly 6 months away. Never say the WI is not organised and efficient!

We look forward to our next meeting on December 17th our Christmas Social with entertainment from Acapella Group AWYD.

Vanessa then gave an especially warm thank you to all the members, wishing them and Colsterworth WI well for the future and closed the meeting for the last time at 3.50 pm.

Colsterworth Women's Institute

Diary Dates

December 17th 2pm Colsterworth Village Hall
January 21st 2pm Colsterworth Village Hall

A Big Halloween Thank You

Hi folks! We know it's nearly Christmas, but... we absolutely love Halloween, and every year since being in Colsterworth we have decorated the front of the house & we try our best to scare as many of you as possible! For 2024 we decided to do it for charity, and it was an amazing success, so we would like to say a massive thank you to everybody that has supported us in raising awareness & funds in aid of the charity @BehcetsUK in memory of our dear friend Chris Hunn throughout October and beyond. We hope you all had a fun night Trick 'R' Treating on Halloween as we certainly had

fun trying to scare you all!!

For an update, all of your wonderful cash donations ALONE into our spooky bucket raised an incredible £128.75 on the night, not to mention those of you that used the QR code to donate via the Just Giving page, which incidentally currently sits at a whopping £835!! In total, through other support, we have smashed through £1200! It was fantastic to see so many of you in costume & having such a fabulous time, you are all amazing & we are so lucky to be surrounded by so many wonderful people. We have been absolutely blown away by everybodys generosity as we never

expected to raise so much money, so from the bottom of our hearts we thank you. We would like to say a special thank you to all at The White Lion.... Bob, the staff, the customers and the Quiz Teams for all the additional support fundraising & helping raise so much more, with a nod to those that have helped behind the scenes..... you know who you are.. Jackie, Anita, Maureen & The Harwoods and last but definitely not least our little helpers...Olivia, Eden & Beatty! See you all soon
Clare & Steve 🍁 x