

**Temporary traffic restriction: Colsterworth**  
Reference: TTRO/TTR009420

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**Organisation responsible for restriction:** Hereward Homes

**Reason for restriction:** Residential development

**Nature and location of restriction:**

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**Period of restriction:**

10/12/2024 - 09/06/2025

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## Editorial

Festive felicitations to all.... so, it's been a number of years since I've had a good rant and I feel that now is the time so, rant mode on.

The following is unashamedly political, using the dictionary definition of the word which is bringing about change using words, not party political, as what follows would apply no matter what flavour administration has it's nose in the trough in Downing Street. The cut to state pensioner's winter fuel allowance is what has brought this about. The government say that they have targeted the poorest pensioners by restricting it to those in receipt of the guarantee element of the ill conceived Pension Credit. But if you look a little closer, these people are not the poorest pensioners. For example, single pensioner A has worked all their life and has enough contributions to claim the full new state pension of £221.20 per week. Pensioner B, for whatever reason, cannot claim the full new state pension but will be able to claim Pension Credit and their income will be made up to £218.15 per week, the cut off point at which this benefit can be claimed, just £3.05 shy of the full state pension. However, Pension Credit is a so called "gateway benefit" so they will also be entitled to free NHS dental treatment (good luck finding a dentist), help buying NHS spectacles, help with travel to hospital appointments, the winter fuel allowance, the warm homes discount on their energy bills, a free TV licence if over 75... I could go on. It is therefore quite plain that pensioner B is better off than pensioner A so I'd say target missed Prime Minister, should have gone to Specsavers....oh, but you didn't have to did you? On the subject of poor judgement, was appointing someone, who, on a combined household income in excess of £250,000 then says, and I quote "What makes me wince is when I look at my bank statement and I find that the money coming in is increasingly short of the money going out" really the best person to be in charge of the nation's finances? Black hole of £22 billion? Well what do you expect with foreign aid to be £14.3 billion next year and Great British Energy (supposedly going to reduce our energy bills by £300 but you wouldn't commit to it in parliament) set to swallow another £8.3 billion. Well there's your £22 billion with a bit left over. Now let's talk about hypocrisy.... The Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government is going to make it more difficult and expensive for social housing tenants to exercise their right to buy their homes. Just like she did in 2007, then flogged it for a £48,500 profit. Seems a pittance really when compared to the £68,000 per year (of our money) she's spending on a photographer, still got to get some nice pics of the £3500 worth of posh frocks she was given. Let's not forget the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who has clocked up over 23,000 air miles since the election....and did we really need to send 470 delegates to the COP climate change summit in Azerbaijan? Don't they know how to do a Zoom call? I'm going to paraphrase Shakespeare.... To eat and not to heat, or to heat and not to eat, they are the questions. It is at this point I would normally say rant mode off, but I suspect it's merely rant mode paused.

Stuart Whitcombe

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## Golden Anniversary

You may have noticed from the snazzy gold (9ct, plated) title font that this month's issue is a special one, our 600<sup>th</sup>. Now I'm sure I'll be corrected if I'm wrong, but if it's been one issue a month since starting, then it marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the In Touch magazine. To celebrate this momentous occasion, we are putting a free copy through the letter boxes of 1000 households in the villages of Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, Stainby, Gunby, North Witham and Lobthorpe. What's that? We already do? Every month? Oh, ok.... I guess we'll have to think of something else then! ;)

## Christmas Tree Festival and Concert

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the church of St John the Baptist on 14th December. Christmas trees will be put up in the church on 13th December. Anyone wishing to take part please contact Jackie on 07535 691136.

This is going to make the church look fabulously festive in time for the song concert which will be held on Monday the 16th at 7pm.

Tickets for the concert will be available from the third week of November and will be priced at £10 per person. These can be purchased from Jackie Taylor on the number above, or Peter Wheatley the Church Warden.

Thanks everyone.  
Jackie

## Christmas Time

December is the Christmas month,  
A time for celebration.  
Instead of all the wars,  
And nation fighting nation.

A time for peace and love,  
Of giving and receiving.  
A time for helping others,  
And tend to those who are healing.

We think about the reason,  
We have this time at all.  
For without the baby Jesus,  
Christmas would not fall.

So have a happy Christmas,  
And bear this thought in mind.  
When going about your daily life,  
Be thoughtful and be kind.

JDD Hincks

## SEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2pm - 4pm  
@ WHITE LION PUB  
Places are limited to 25 children so to avoid disappointment we advise booking early.

A massive thank you to Bob & Phil at the White Lion for their help in making this possible.

Please get in touch if you would like to purchase tickets or would like any more information.

Steve Bill 01476 861399



The FOCUS Group Monday Kurling continues to grow with two more new members, we welcomed Theresa and Dee, the latest of eight new members since August. We have been quite busy over the last weeks with our Competition and arranging outings and making arrangements for our Christmas lunch to be held at the White Lion on the 10th December. Bill & Francis were in charge of the Competition with 36 members taking part and as usual, it ran like clockwork. We are not generally a competitive Group but the competition does bring out that competitive spirit amongst the members. All in good sport and causing a lot of frivolity and barracking from the side lines. One of our new ladies, Dee, on only her second week at Kurling, managed to get through to the third round and she was only narrowly beaten by Angela Saxon who then went on to win the competition with Barrie Grosse as the runner up. Well done to you both and particularly well done Angela, one for the ladies. Angela received a bottle of wine and the trophy and Barrie was presented with a box of biscuits. Clare has been busy taking names for the Christmas lunch which is a fully subsidised event for all members who have completed 20 weeks Kurling in the last 12 months. Clare has 37 Members attending. For many years now the club has been able to reward the loyalty of members by paying for their Christmas lunch. I'm sure, everyone agrees, not a bad return on £2.50 for a Monday morning session!

On the 7th November, 10 of our members went on an A&P coach outing to the Peak Forest Canal at Whaley Bridge, we enjoyed a two hour trip along the canal with lunch. It was the last time A&P would visit the Judith Mary canal boat as the family have sold her on to another company but Andrew, our driver, did think there is a possibility that there could be trips next year when the Judith Mary is established in her new home in Penkridge, Staffordshire. We all had a very enjoyable day with lots of laughter and high spirits. As usual, when I seem to organise trips, the weather was not the best, the beautiful Derbyshire scenery was seen through Autumnal mists and low cloud, not quite reminiscent of Cambridge, as I was reminded more than once, I don't think I'll ever live that one down, especially the Open Top Bus Tour.

We are planning an Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 26th November at the Alpaca Farm in Dry Doddington, 24 members are attending that event. So you see, there is never a dull moment on a Monday morning at the Village hall. We do seem to be getting back to our pre-Covid activities, with members wanting to go out and about a little more. There are even rumours about arranging a two night break, but I think we'll get Christmas over and a little better weather, maybe in the Spring. We may be the seniors of the community but we still know how to enjoy ourselves.

Until the next time, Happy Kurling.

## Bauble Bombing



This year's mass bauble bombing will take place on Sunday 8th December, 10am at the steps end of the Nature Trail.

Michaela Forbes

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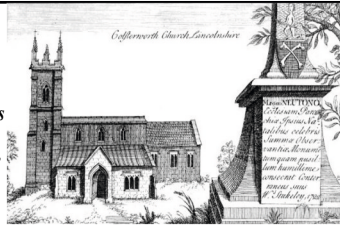
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Sunday services for December at St John the Baptist Church:

1 <sup>st</sup> December	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
8 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am Holy Communion	Rev'd Jill Potts
15 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	6:00pm Crib & Carol Service	Hilary Winstanley ALM
29 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am Morning Prayer Joint Service with the Methodists	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden

**Other events**

9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December – Foodbank Christmas Collection week - please donate if possible but **do not wrap donations as we have to check dates.**

16<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm Christmas Concert-Carolina Di Gregorio & Greg Arrowsmith  
Tickets available £10 from Jackie Taylor 0753 691136 or Peter Wheatley. Cash or cheque when you purchase.

OPEN DAILY 10:00am – 4:00pm for visitors & contemplation.

*As we are without a resident vicar our services are led by visiting clergy or lay volunteers, with tea, coffee and biscuits after each service. Baptism, Wedding or Funeral Services can be arranged, please contact Peter, Churchwarden.*

For more information on services, or the church, please see social media, our website [www.achurchnearyou.com/St-John-the-Baptist-Colsterworth](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/St-John-the-Baptist-Colsterworth) or Peter, Churchwarden.

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## COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH December 2024

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Our services for December are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Advent Candles
8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	David Taylor	Advent Candles
15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Worship Leaders	Advent Candles
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Advent Candles
24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight		
29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	United Service at Parish Church		

**Christmas Eve - Carols by Candlelight 6pm**

All welcome to our service of readings, carols, poems and songs.

**Open Door Christmas Lunch-Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - served at 12:30pm.**

For regular attendees of our Open Door and Craft sessions, all places already pre-booked. Our regular Open Door sessions recommence on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December – 2:00-3:30pm.**

Bring your own craft along and join our group for a cuppa, a chat and maybe an opportunity to learn new skills. Or alternatively come and have a chat over a game of dominoes. Everyone welcome.

**Used Postage Stamps**

We are collecting used postage stamps for the RNIB Open Christmas Stamp Appeal. Please contact Helen to arrange collection or drop off at one of our events

## Villages Diary December 2024

Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	12noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
<b>January</b>			
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall

## Weekly

<b>Mondays</b>	10am-noon	<b>FOCUS Kurling</b>	Village Hall
	12:30pm	<b>Merry Widow(er)s</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday)	White Lion
<b>Tuesdays</b>	10am	<b>Free Wellbeing Walk</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	Methodist Church
	6pm-7pm	<b>Yoga</b>	Methodist Church
	6pm-7:30pm	<b>Cubs</b> (Term time)	Village Hall
<b>Wednesdays</b>	11:45am -1:30pm	<b>Open Door</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weeks)	Methodist Church
	2pm-3:30pm	<b>Craft &amp; Chat</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weeks)	Methodist Church
<b>Thursdays</b>	10am-noon	<b>Rolling Stones Kurling</b>	Village Hall
	1pm	<b>Free Chair Yoga</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	Methodist Church
	7pm-8:30pm	<b>Scouts</b> (Term time)	Village Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	5:45pm-6:45pm	<b>Beavers</b> (Term time)	Village Hall
	7:30pm-9:30pm	<b>Weekly Bingo</b>	Sports & Social Club
<b>Saturdays</b>	10am-12noon	<b>Football Coaching</b>	Sports Field

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