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Cranwell Military Wives Concert

Following on from our very successful Christmas concert featuring Carolina Di Gregorio and Greg Arrowsmith, we are very pleased to announce that on the 29th March 2025 the Church of St John the Baptist will be hosting a concert by the Cranwell Military Wives.

The concert will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day and is sure to be a sell-out. Flag waving is encouraged - we hope to have some to sell on the night, but you can always bring your own. Tickets will be available from 15th February and can be obtained from Jackie Taylor on 07535 691136 and Peter Wheatley on 07765 126402. Tickets will cost £10 per person (cash only). Refreshments will be available on the night and a raffle will be held during the interval. Looking for seeing you there.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Tash from Great Ponton Farm for donating the fabulous Church Christmas Tree, which I can only say looked smaller when it was in the field! Similarly, thanks to all who took part in the Christmas Tree Festival. There were 30 trees displayed this year and along with the other decorations they made the church look fantastic and we received wonderful comments from people who came to visit. Looking forward to doing it all again this year. See you then.

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Parish Council Report

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There was no Parish Council Meeting on the first Tuesday in January 2025. There will be a full report following the February Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 4th February 2025. This gives us an opportunity to use this - months, "In Touch" to explain a bit more about your Parish Council.

Elected Parish Councils were first established in the Local Government Act 1894 to reinvigorate local communities and give them a voice. Since then, Parish councils have remained largely unchanged. It is not unusual for seats on Parish Councils to be uncontested, and for members to be co-opted where the number of candidates is fewer than the number of seats available.

Currently there are 15 seats on the Colsterworth & District Parish Council covering the villages of Colsterworth including Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, North Witham and Lobthorpe, Gunby and Stainby. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Your Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers who represent the residents of the Parish.

Name Constituency

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|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C Hainsworth | Chairperson | Colsterworth |
| E O'Neill | Vice Chairperson | Colsterworth |
| G Henton | | Colsterworth |
| L McShane | | Colsterworth |
| A Bouvie | | Colsterworth |
| C Russell | | Colsterworth |
| C Rowland | | Colsterworth |
| M Childs | | Colsterworth |
| Vacancy x 3 | | Colsterworth |
| Vacancy x 1 | | North Witham including Lobthorpe |
| D Bellamy | | North Witham including Lobthorpe |
| R Chatterton | | Stainby & Gunby |
| Vacancy x 1 | | Stainby & Gunby |

Sue Grant is the part-time Parish Clerk and is the contact point for all matters relating to the Council. She can be contacted at:
clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk
Tel: 01476-861888

PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. except in January and August when ordinarily there are no meetings. Before the meeting a public forum is held at which members of the public may speak. Notice of meetings and agendas are posted on notice boards and Minutes will also appear on this website. <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

What do Parish Councillors do?

Local councillors are the champions of their

community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and collaborate with district councils to identify local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

The Parish Council has regular contact with LCC Highways. There are ongoing discussions with LCC Highways on resolving the parking and speeding problems.

The Council is a statutory consultee in planning but has no decision-making powers.

Colsterworth and District Parish Council is made up local people of varied backgrounds who share a common enthusiasm to improve the Colsterworth and District community.

The role of Councillor can be rewarding and gives you the chance to contribute to your community, and to take part in shaping the place in which you live or work.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor now or in the future, please contact the Clerk, Sue Grant. Tel; 01476 861888.
Email clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

Clerks Report

1. Poor visibility for drivers exiting Water Lane to Old Post Lane obscured by vegetation. Reported to FMS Ref 2823495.
2. Fallen trees on Foot path's 16 & 17 reported to LCC Rights of Way. Report ref's 2825932 & 2825930 respectively.
3. Precept 2025/2026 Form completed and submitted to SKDC. Ref Agenda item 2024.125.2.
4. HSBC Bank Mandate updated Minute Ref December 2024.
5. The storm damage to the tree/bush on the footpath on Back Lane rear of the White Lion Public House reported to LCC Rights of Way. Report ref 2826020.
6. Fallen tree on the grass verge outside numbers 1-7 Ingle Court, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth reported to LCC Rights of Way. Report ref 2826025.
7. The bench to replace Jane's bench on the Wildflower meadow was installed by the volunteers on Tuesday 10th December. Thank you to the Rotary Club, a generous anonymous donation and the funds raised at the White Lion quiz night and book sale. Also, thank you to Dave Ostler for transporting the new bench to the Flower Meadow.
8. The bottom post of the handrail is loose at the foot of Jacobs Ladder leading to FP1. Reported to LCC Rights of Way Ref: 2827028
9. LCC Parish Grass Cutting agreement Purchase Order received 20/12/2024 and Invoice raised for £6,172.30.
10. Fly Tipping Reported to SKDC: - Glass door on Gunby Road & Black sacks on Skillington Road.

Correspondence received

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

SKDC Planning Applications

S24/2011 - Extension to existing farmyard area, including formation of perimeter bund and surfacing. Manor Farm, Church Street, North Witham, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LH.

S24/2087 - Garden structure - Pergola (Retrospective) 35A High Street, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NE,

S245/1487 – Amended information. Construction of 5 No. dwellings (2 no. bungalows and 3 no. houses), removal of 1 no. tree, hedgerow and formation of associated car parking and landscaping Location: Land Off Bourne Road, Colsterworth. Amended plans.

SKDC Planning Committee Meeting 09/01/2025

S24/0568 - Development East of Sewstern Industrial Estate South Of Sewstern Road, Gunby, Lincolnshire, NG33 5RD. Meeting deferred 08/01/2024 due to adverse weather conditions site visits could not be undertaken.

SKDC Planning Permission

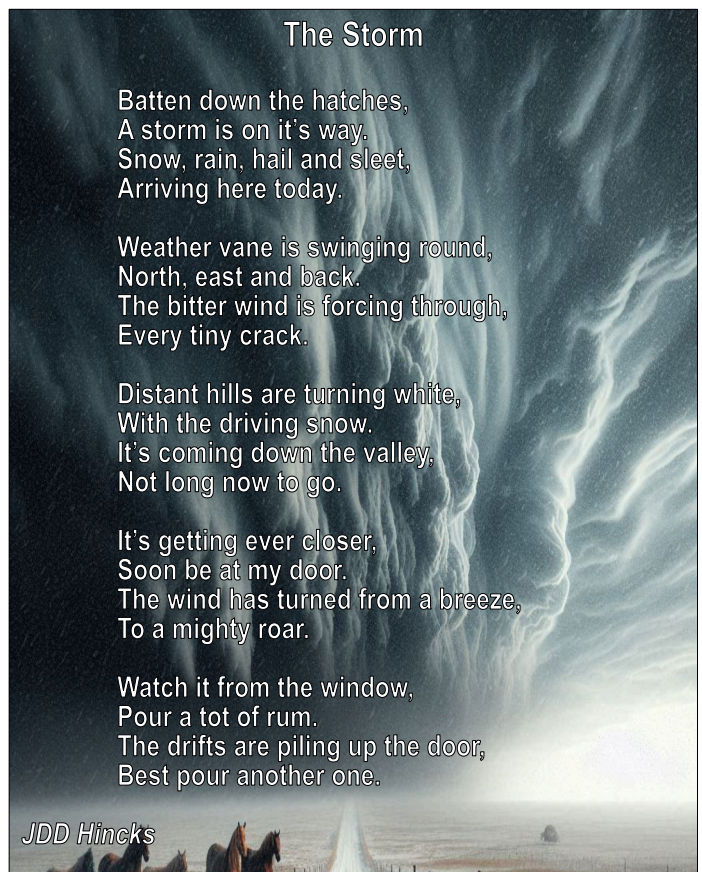
S24/1672 - Section 73 to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) in relation to planning permission reference S22/1805 - Proposed raised patio and attached rear timber pergola. Beech House 7A Woodlands Drive, Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NH

S24/1221 - Proposed retention of existing stables, removal of existing, storage containers and erection of replacement hay barn. Land Off Woolsthorpe Road Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth NG33 5NU

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

S24/2004 - Plan to install a new pocket electricity Substation which is less than 29 cubic meters, to support increased demand for electricity in the area. The existing substation will be removed once the work is complete. McDonald's Restaurant Great North Road, Colsterworth

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, BACK LANE, COLSTERWORTH.



The Storm

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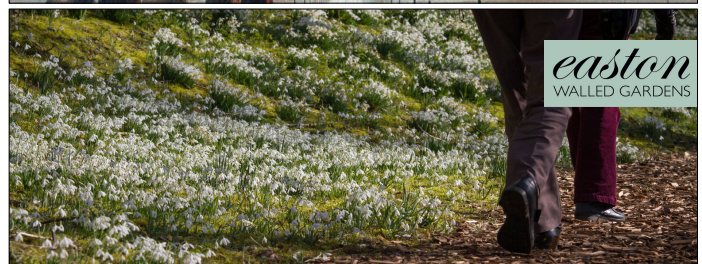
Weather vane is swinging round,
North, east and back.
The bitter wind is forcing through,
Every tiny crack.

Distant hills are turning white,
With the driving snow.
It's coming down the valley,
Not long now to go.

It's getting ever closer,
Soon be at my door.
The wind has turned from a breeze,
To a mighty roar.

Watch it from the window,
Pour a tot of rum.
The drifts are piling up the door,
Best pour another one.

JDD Hincks



EASTON WALLED GARDENS ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF THEIR NEWEST SHOP AND OPEN FOR THE MUCH ANTICIPATED SNOWDROP SEASON FOR 2025

Easton Walled Gardens opens for Snowdrops, and the 2025 season, on Wednesday 12th February, Wednesdays to Sundays, 11am-4pm.

From February to March, Easton Walled Gardens is covered in drifts of snowdrops which emerge from a bulb that has lain in wait for almost a year. They flower in their thousands and create a magical carpet of white along the river banks and under the great trees. Both people and bees are drawn to the display by the scent of honey drifting across the Gardens on a sunny day.

Easton Walled Gardens are 12 acres of 450 year old gardens that have been owned by the Cholmeley family since 1592 and the snowdrops may have been here since the beginning. Visitors can walk amongst the flowers which are planted alongside other spring flowers including hundreds of hellebores in purple and cream, aconites, hyacinths and crocuses.

Spring has arrived in the shops at Easton too and visitors can browse four rooms of Spring bulbs, plants, gifts and homewares all chosen with care from local and sustainable sources. The book and stationery store, Griffin of Easton, is the ideal stop for the book lover in your life. Visitors can also stop off in the Coffee Room or Applestore for refreshments.

New for 2025, Griffin Artists' Materials, will also be open from 12th February, and is the perfect stop for budding or seasoned artists. The shop offers an inspiring selection of high-quality art supplies sourced from trusted brands and artisans around the world. Visitors will find everything they need to fuel their artistic pursuits—from luxurious papers and sketchbooks to vibrant pigments, water colour paints, and brushes. Griffin Artists' Materials celebrates craftsmanship and creativity by curating materials that combine tradition, quality, and innovation.

So whether you are a keen gardener or photographer or looking for a relaxing stroll in beautiful surroundings, Easton Walled Gardens invites you to join us from 12th February for the start of Snowdrops and the beginning of our open season.



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Editorial

Rant mode un-paused.... I read recently that government is pressing ahead with plans to give the vote to sixteen year olds. Seriously? Society does not think them mature enough to buy alcohol, or tobacco, or drive a car, or marry without parental consent or indeed stand for parliament..... yet the government wants to give them a say in who runs the country. Now I wonder what the reason for that is? Rant mode paused.
Stuart Whitcombe

Colsterworth WI Meeting, 17th December 2024

With only four days to go until the Shortest Day, it was a typical winter's afternoon, with lingering low cloud and mist. However, the Village Hall was warm and the atmosphere festive as the ladies of Colsterworth WI gathered for their December meeting.

The tea table was groaning with delectable goodies, the raffle table looked inviting and the competition table 'Something Sparkly' certainly lived up to its billing. But oh dear! The Flower of the month competition table was on the sparse side of Spartan with only 4 entries in all. The autumn and winter storms have certainly played havoc with our local gardens! We needed our dear Jane Ostler to give some context on the outdoor conditions. How we all miss her splendid reports of the natural world around us with her wonderful skill of weaving together the happenings and sightings sent by local people into the fascinating accounts, month after month, of the flora and fauna on our doorstep. Illness had kept some members at home, including our acting president Rachel Popham, but Pamela Harrison stepped up to the plate and at 2pm she opened the meeting by welcoming the 19 members attending and presenting Helen Scorrer with a birthday card and good wishes for her special day.

Without further ado, Pamela then introduced the choir who had come along to entertain us. Ain't What You Do, more colloquially known as AWYD, are a group of friends who enjoy singing together in an a cappella style. They opened their set with a song familiar to most members, the 1958 Everly Brothers' number 'All I have to do is Dream'. With lovely harmonies and a melodious tune, it was an ideal beginning. There followed a broad selection of songs, some known some unfamiliar to members ranging from traditional gospel to songs from famous musicals. 'Hallelujah' was followed by 'Only You' a haunting ballad beautifully sung. 'Bring me little water, Sylvie' was accompanied by three of the ladies performing body percussion as they sang. Members watched in awe as the three sang the lyrics and accompanied them with a lovely series of hand movements, claps and foot taps. How they managed to keep time and sing was stunning and the applause reflected our admiration of this feat! 'All that Jazz' from the musical Chicago was well received. A favourite of the choir was 'Stand in the River' with an arrangement by American song writer, Moira Smiley, with whom the group had the privilege of working. The Henry Mancini number 'Moon

River' performed by Audrey Hepburn in 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' was enjoyed by all and the choir completed their set by singing five carols: 'Boar's Head', 'Gloucester Wassail', 'See Amid the Winter's Snow', 'Silent Night' and 'Feliz Navidad' Members showed their appreciation and enjoyment by the hearty applause at the end, several ladies voiced their thanks to the choir and Pamela gave a formal vote of thanks to AWYD for coming and entertaining us so well. The choir sang for no fee, but the committee, on learning that three members are Samaritan volunteers, had agreed to give a cheque for £50 to the local branch of this worthy organisation.

Time for tea! And all those delectable goodies provided by our hardworking committee. Fruit cake with Wensleydale cheese, juicy pieces of fruit, sausage rolls, sausages, mince pies, cakes and biscuits all beautifully arranged on the groaning tea table. Cups of tea, coffee and glasses of water washed down the feast as members moved round the room, laughing and chatting. The choir, refreshed, said their goodbyes and Pamela called the members back together for a brief business meeting.

A member gave a brief report on the recent ladies' lunch held at Belton Golf Club. The staff were very helpful, the food was quite good; however, the quality of the speakers was variable. A bit like the curate's egg- good in parts! Rachel sent a message, thanking members who had donated bells for our Christmas to be placed in the church, June and Peggy volunteered to decorate the tree.

Helen reported to members that £184.05 has been sent to the RNLI in memory of Dot Williams, our much missed secretary who sadly died earlier in the year. This was half of the proceeds from our recent coffee morning. Also, £35.00 has been sent to the Rural Women in Africa fund. This money is collected over the year in our 'Pennies for Friendship' box. When members vote for the Flower of the Month competition, they do so by placing a coin by their choice. These coins are then gathered up and placed in the 'Pennies for Friendship' box and sent annually to the RWinA fund.

Advance notice was given that Liz is once again organising a Bring & Buy stall at the February meeting in aid of our funds. Our February 18th meeting Speaker is Revd. Canon Haydock, Confessions of a Country Vicar.

The competition winners were announced: The Flower of the Month competition was won by Rosemarie with Helen in second place. The Something Sparkly competition was won by Rosemarie with Brenda as runner up. The raffle was called. Pamela thanked members for attending, wished everybody a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 3.45pm.
Colsterworth Women's Institute

Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association



The club has been going for many years and is open to all, that's from Colsterworth & surrounding villages, but for those with a window box or a few pots through to those with gardens and allotments. We have 2 allotment holders who are members. So please come along.

Future Dates for 2025

10th March, 7th April, 12th May, 10th June, 14th July

Aug -No Meeting in Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec- AGM / Quiz / Xmas Pies

We always welcome visitors & new members. So please come along to Colsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on second Monday in the month. At present we are offering free membership & free entry for visitors for a limited time.

It's usually £35 to become a member for a full calendar year (pro rata for part year), or £5 for a visitor. This includes entry and a raffle ticket for the raffle, also refreshments of tea/coffee & cake.

More information can also be found on the "Colsterworth and Garden Club Facebook page".

Rod Young 07836719496

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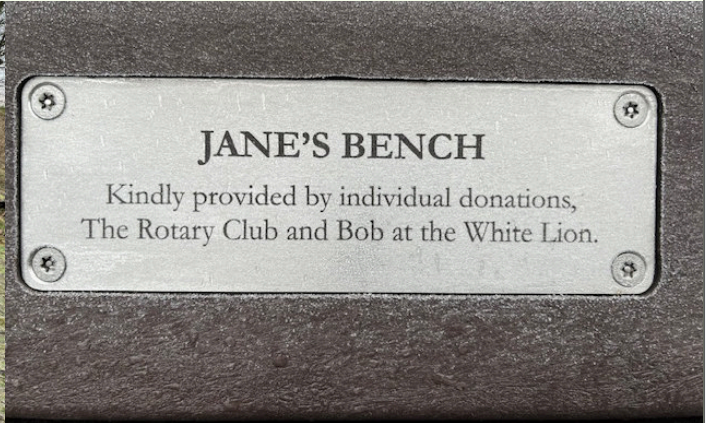
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Jane's Bench



Bit late, but happy new year everyone. The attached photos show Jane and Brian Ostler sat on the new bench recently installed on the Colsterworth Nature Trail Flower Meadow. Also shown are some of the volunteers who installed the bench and who turn up regularly on a Monday afternoon and at other times to maintain the trail for the benefit of the villagers. The bench, now named 'Jane's Bench' replaces an earlier one that was installed by Brian more than ten years ago. After many years of use, the original bench was past its best and had become old and well worn, a bit like the volunteers, and needed replacement - the bench that is, not the volunteers. The purchase of the bench was very generously funded by donations from private individuals, the Rotary Club and Bob at the White Lion who held a number of fund-raising events on our behalf. I'd like to thank all of them for their generosity.

The original bench was installed by Brian to allow Jane to take a break during the regular nature surveys she carried out along the old railway line and what was eventually to become the Nature Trail. Jane has been involved in monitoring and recording along the old railway line since the early 1970s when quarrying for ironstone finished, the rail infrastructure was removed and, of particular interest to the volunteers, trees with thorns began to take over! In writing this article, Jane shared some of her recollections of the actions that resulted in the formation of the Nature Trail and I would like to share some of those.

As previously mentioned, the railway line was dismantled in the early 1970s and its connection to the main line was broken. At the time Jane was training at Stoke Rochford Teachers College and was very influenced by the Head of Biological Sciences, Don Wright. Don was a resident of Colsterworth village, a committed conservationist and volunteer for the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. By 1980 Jane was working for the Nature Conservancy Council and, having moved into the village to be nearer to her husband Brian's work, had become more involved in the development and protection of the site. Successful efforts were made by Jane, Don, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and the County Council to include the nearby adjacent roadside into the Lincolnshire Protected Verge Scheme. This presented an opportunity for the old railway line, by now a footpath, to be incorporated into the Wildlife Trust's plans for a path stretching from the Leicestershire border to the Bridge end in Colsterworth.

The hard work began to clear the encroaching scrub - a familiar term with the current volunteers and a recurring theme of work along the Nature Trail. Pauline and John Chadwick were appointed trust reserve managers and, along with Jane and Brian began removing scrub. We regularly have twenty volunteers on a Monday fully employed doing the same thing. I can't imagine what it must have felt like facing the task with only a handful of people.

The condition of the path gradually improved and a public right of way was established leading across the path and down the recently constructed steps into the fields to the North. However, there remained problems with fly-tipping, dumping of garden waste and encroachment and damage of the landowners property. As a result it proved impossible to negotiate a new agreement with the landowners and the Wildlife Trust withdrew from managing the site. However, not all was lost. The landowners had sold land adjacent to the path for housing but enough land remained for the use of the old railway line by walkers. The Parish Council carried out a lot of work to show the long-term and continuous use of the site for recreation and walking and consequently the path received some level of protection from development. The path was now managed by the Parish Council who began the process of recruiting a team to run the vision they had in mind for the site; the path was now well on its way to becoming the Nature Trail it is today. Sadly, the gap over the road at the Bridge End could not be bridged and the proposal for a long distance footpath leading from Derbyshire to the East Coast had to be abandoned.

Jane's days of committees and politics may have ended, but her attachment to the local environment and the Nature Trail continues to this day. For many years Jane's Natural History Bulletins in the In Touch magazine have informed and entertained readers with information about wildlife and plant sightings around the villages, often accompanied by Jane's beautiful little drawings. You may not be aware, but since the 1970s Jane has kept a meticulous record of observations and significant dates that show the changing conditions of our local natural environment. This is a nationally significant resource and demonstrates Jane's commitment to both the natural environment and her local village.

Jane now joins the Nature Trail volunteers a couple of times each year in what, very quickly, becomes a guided nature walk. Jane's background as a botanist allows her to her to identify whatever obscure plant, leaf or flower are shown her and these are usually accompanied by an interesting and amusing anecdote about, for instance, how it got its name, or how it lived. Butterflies and insects are also identified, but with perhaps less confidence and fewer anecdotes than Jane's botanical career allows. Not to worry though, we have Martin Kew for that, our local Butterfly Conservation Representative- more about that next month.

In the meantime, and on behalf of all who have been informed and entertained by Jane over the years, I would like to thank her for the contribution she has made to village life. This is particularly relevant for the help given to an aerosystems engineer who still doesn't know his *Rhinanthus minor* from his *Primus Spinoza*.

Mo Taylor (Lead Volunteer)

ROLLING STONES COLSTERWORTH

JANUARY 2025

This Project was supported by the
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Firstly Happy New Year to all our Members and to all the readers of InTouch.

What a year it has been. Our first anniversary has arrived, and with it a happy, supported, well attended group. We have seen our attendees rise from just above 20 to an amazing 37. We started the season with no new equipment, not enough pushers or targets, no notebooks or pens etc. however with generous donations from our members we were able to become a fully functioning group. Steve and Sally became our maintenance team and our finance genius's who then approached South Kesteven District Council, supported by the SK Community Fund for funding which was approved.

This allowed us to increase our equipment to two extra complete sets with pushers. We welcomed Debbie, reporter/photographer from SKDC to our last session, who spoke to many members, took photos and encouraged us to continue the quest to improve the social ability of members and villagers. Debbie even stayed to have a game, which she thoroughly enjoyed and has promised to return in the future.

We have had many fund raising events, causing mayhem and laughter throughout the group. Who keeps winning the weekly Card competition, sadly Keith, winning more time than any other member. The proceeds from this are put aside to cover costs of numerous events held throughout the year. Our first event was at Easter, followed by the summer BBQ, followed by our in-house competition, followed by Christmas Lunch at Wymondham Windmill, then our last event of the year an in-house Christmas party.

Our Christmas Lunch was truly exceptional, and was heavily discounted out of our funds. Wymondham certainly put on an amazing event, and we even had a visit from Santa.

Everyone got a present, and we also held the 100 club with all £100 going to Alison, lucky girl.

As we start this New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members, and to thank all our Members for their loyalty, generosity and support, and hope that they continue to enjoy Kurling in the year ahead.

Here are a few comments from our members:-

Alison. I enjoy Kurling for the friendly and welcoming side, and the humour, and an occasional game.

Simon. The Social side and meeting new people. Pretty useless at the game, but keep coming back for more. Practice makes perfect.

Keith. I gain a lot of pleasure with great company. Also get a lot of good exercise. Socialising is special.

Shirley. Mixing with nice people, you can sit and chat, enjoy the tea, coffee and biscuits. Also love the other events Kurling organises. Absolutely love to play the game. Also, it enables people with disabilities to enjoy the game as well.

June. It is a very social occasion, meet people you haven't seen for a while, and its fun. Great with the BBQ and Christmas lunch, raffles, and competitions. Like how we raise money to make our occasions cheaper.

Penny. I go to kurling for a good social morning with a lot of laughs and a lot of good friends to be made.

Nichola. Really it's the social company I love. Its been a lifeline since I moved into the village. My Social life has expanded since joining and I have made many new friends. I also love playing kurling as well.

Arthur. It's a very enjoyable activity, its fun and stimulating.

I, along with Steve, Sally and Alison, would like to say a huge thank you to:-

Mick, Roger, Janet, Jil, Arthur for coming in early to help set up, we couldn't do it without you. We also can't run a successful group without you, our members. Our thanks to you all.

Happy New Year Kurling
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Sunday services for February at St John the Baptist Church:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 nd February | 11:00am Morning Prayer | Peter Wheatley Churchwarden |
| 9 th February | 11:00am Morning Prayer | Hilary Winstanley ALM |
| 16 th February | 11:00am Holy Communion | Revd Jill Potts |
| 23 rd February | 11:00am Morning Prayer | Steve Potts Reader |

Other Events

Church Cleaning: 11th Feb 9:30am with coffee and chat after

**Coffee Morning: 4th Feb 10:00 – 12:00 Hosts: Christine & Peter Baldock,
41 Colsterway Colsterworth.**
**4th Mar 10:00 – 12:00 Host: Rosemarie Everitt, 7 Walnut Grove
Colsterworth**

*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
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COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
February 2025

Our services will be in the church, however we will also be zooming 2 services a month
from the building internet permitting. If you are interested in joining our services by zoom
please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone **01476 860126** for more details.

| Date | Time | Service | Preacher | Flowers |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2 nd | 10:30am | Morning Worship | Peter Sulston | Gill Dexter |
| 9 th | 10:30am | Morning Worship | Rev'd Tim Morris | Helen Scorrer |
| 16 th | 10:30am | Morning Worship | Frances Bailey | Margaret Winn |
| 23 rd | 10:30am | Morning Worship | Geoff Cawthorn | Gill Senescall |

Open Door –Wednesday 12th & 26th February - 11:45am – 1:30pm.

During the Winter months we will be opening over lunchtime and serving soup and a roll
plus either a hot pudding or cake plus of course offering lots of chat. We welcome people
of all and no faith to join us and of all ages. Our book and jigsaw library will be available
for you to browse and borrow from.

Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 5th & 19th February – 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.

Christmas Eve Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our Carols by Candlelight service and gave so
generously. The collection totalled £355.63 which will be divided equally between Shine
Lincolnshire Local Dementia Group (starting soon), The Methodist Church in Britain's The
Gaza/Lebanon Justice Appeal and Colsterworth Methodist Church.

Villages Diary February 2025

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Tue 4 th | 10am-12 7:30pm | Coffee Morning Parish Council | 41, Colster Way, C'worth Methodist Church Hall |
| Wed 5 th | 2-3:30pm | Games/Craft & Chat | Methodist Church Hall |
| Wed 12 th | 11:45 -1:30pm | Open Door Lunch | Methodist Church Hall |
| Tue 18 th | 2pm | Women's Institute | Colsterworth Village Hall |
| Wed 19 th | 2-3:30pm | Games/Craft & Chat | Methodist Church Hall |
| Wed 26 th | 11:45 -1:30pm | Open Door Lunch | Methodist Church Hall |
| Thu 27 th | 12-12:30pm | Mobile Library | Colster Way |

March

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|----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Tue 18 th | 2pm | Women's Institute | Colsterworth Village Hall |
| Tue 4 th | 10am-12 | Coffee Morning | 7, Walnut Grove, C'worth |

Weekly

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|-------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| Mondays | 10am-noon | FOCUS Kurling | Village Hall |
| | 12:30pm | Merry Widow(er)s (1 st Monday) | White Lion |
| Tuesdays | 10am | Free Wellbeing Walk (3 rd Tuesday) | Methodist Church |
| | 6pm-7pm | Yoga | Methodist Church |
| | 6pm-7pm | Beavers (Term time) | Village Hall |
| Wednesdays | 11:45am -1:30pm | Open Door (2 nd & 4 th Weeks) | Methodist Church |
| | 2pm-3:30pm | Craft & Chat (1 st & 3 rd Weeks) | Methodist Church |
| Thursdays | 10am-noon | Rolling Stones Kurling | Village Hall |
| | 1pm | Free Chair Yoga (2 nd Thursday) | Methodist Church |
| | 6pm - 7:15pm | Cubs (Term time) | Village Hall |
| | 7:30pm-8:45pm | Scouts (Term time) | Village Hall |
| Fridays | 7:30pm-9:30pm | Weekly Bingo | Sports & Social Club |
| Saturdays | 10am-12noon | Football Coaching | Sports Field |

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