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Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR), with funds secured from the Local Co-op Community Fund, was able to support different groups to celebrate the VE Day Celebrations.

On 29<sup>th</sup> March St John the Baptist Church hosted the Military Wives Choir Cranwell for a spectacular 80<sup>th</sup> VE Day Celebration concert

Ready for bank holiday on 5<sup>th</sup> May bunting was placed around the village at the Co-op, Methodist Chapel, St John the Baptist Church and Colster Way Play Area

Volunteers Peter Smith, Mo and Jackie Taylor, tidied the War Memorial Gardens to pay respect to the fallen and our veterans.

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Colsterworth Primary School held an assembly followed by a small tea party to mark this special occasion, involving all of the 145 children, to remember and be thankful for events that are still shaping our world today. Little Legs Nursery also arranged a VE Day Tea Party for the younger children and parents.

On 10th May, the Colsterworth Sports and Social Club and Village Hall had a 40s themed "bring your own picnic" and BBQ along with music from "The Major". The organising committee hoped everyone had a wonderful day, as they did, and said "it was so nice to see our community come together" - they raised £400 on the day for the Royal British Legion.

Thanks to all the volunteers and members of the community who celebrated with their own VE Day 80 decorations and events to mark this historic event.

Remembrance continues, the 15<sup>th</sup> August is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day, marking the end of the hostilities in the Pacific and finally the end of the Second World War

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**ROLE OF THE SCOUTS IN WW2** 

The 1<sup>st</sup> Colsterworth Scout Group have been keen to get involved in the anniversary celebrations this year. The role of the Scouts in WW2 is not often acknowledged but the Scouts Website tells the full story. https://www.scouts.org.uk/

"The Boy Scouts are carrying on' was the slogan of the Scout Movement during the Second World War, which happened between 1939 and 1945. By the end of 1940, over 53,000 Scouts had trained to undertake over 170 National War Service jobs."

• They were asked to help prepare for air raids and imposed blackouts by painting white lines on the edge of roads making them more visible in the dark.

Teams of Scouts could be booked to help put up air raid shelters.

• During the Blitz, which lasted from September 1940 to May 1941, Scouts supported civilian organisations including the Air Raid Warden's Service, fire and ambulance services.

• Scouts also carried out a range of other jobs, including supporting other civilian services such as service cafes for those in the armed forces.

Scouts helped maintain plots of land with the "Dig for Victory" campaign

• Scouts worked in very dangerous conditions, as fire watchers, stretcher bearers and carrying messages. These were all tasks which the Scout training and programme would support.

The bravery of many Scouts has been recognised through the Scouts gallantry award scheme."

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## The War Memorial Lectern Installation

The War Memorial Restoration Information Board/Lectern was installed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025. A big thank you to Cllr Chris Rowland for digging the holes, which was very hard work and Cllr Colin Russell for assisting with the positioning and levelling of the Lectern.

## Colsterworth Youth Group AGM Tuesday 17th June 7:30 pm in the village Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us, we would love to see some new faces. If your group or village organisation is looking for funds to support an activity or initiative for young people in our village, we'd love to hear from you. For more information please email **lucy\_bateson@hotmail.co.uk**.

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Immerse yourself in nature...

Sweet Pea Season at Easton Walled Gardens begins 25th June 2025

In late June and throughout July, visitors can treat their senses to the visual delights of perfect sweet pea blooms in stripes, bicolours, picotee, light pastels and deep velvet tones. The dazzling colour and fragrance comes from over 40 sweet pea varieties grown at Easton Walled Gardens. From highly scented sweet peas, heritage and antique sweet peas to modern varieties and some new trial varieties, let your senses be immersed in all this beautiful flower has to offer.

Sweet Pea Season begins 25th June and we expect the sweet peas to be in full flower for about a month. Open Wednesdays to Sundays, 1 Iam-4pm.



## **USEFUL NUMBERS**

Anti-Social Behaviour Reporting Beavers, Cubs, Scouts **Dawn Prentice Bell Ringers** Hilary Winstanley Book Club Anne Prothero John Crewe Bootcamp Bowls Club (Chairman) Bowls Club (Captain) Buckminster Primary School & Pre-school Barrie Grosse Kevin Atter Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts Julia Kerby Colsterworth and District Parish Council Sue Grant Council - Lincolnshire C.C Council South Kesteven District Councillor SKDC & LCC Charlotte Vernon **Dave Bellamy** Councillor SKDC Councillor SKDC Ben Green Doctor's Surgery Back Lane Colsterworth Doctor's Surgery Bourne Road Corby Glen Doctor's Surgery St John's Close Corby Glen Floodline **Brian Ostler** FOCUS Football and Coaching **Rachel Jones** Gardeners and Allotment Holders Rod Young Gas Emergencies Highways, Lincolnshire C.C. Margaret Winn Ingle Charity Correspondent Little Legs Nursery Sarah Moore Luncheon Club June Jessop Mobile Post Office Andy Steve Bill Neighbourhood Watch Newton's Players Hazel Taylor Police Non-Emergency Rolling Stones New Age Kurling School, Colsteworth C of E Primary Christine Cope (Secretary) School, Colsterworth PTFA South Witham Children's Centre **Claire Hilliam** Sports and Social Club Village Archive Group Margaret Winn Village Hall, Colsterworth Village Hall, North Witham Sandra Cox Jane Clark White Lion, Colsterworth Bob Prentice Women's Institute (Secretary) Rachel Popham Woolsthorpe Manor

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## MODERN MANNERS - Who is he?

Who is he who walks ahead While she's ten yards behind? "Can't you catch him up?" folk say She doesn't seem to mind.

The distance never varies Whether road or path or track. Does she never tire Of looking at his back?

He used to walk outside her To stop the stuff from up above Being emptied from the windows Upon the one he loved.

It also meant the strong sword hand Was always thus kept free To protect against the robber Who would steal from he or she.

So why is he now far in front And she so far behind? "I'm protecting her from danger, I'm looking out for mines!"

Peter & Christine Baldock

