

COLSTERWORTH

Festival of Remembrance

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If you have any Unit, Division, Corps or Single Service plaque then we would love to see them placed on the village military wall.

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This is in support of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR).

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- 10.45am Intermediate
- 12.15 BEGINNERS CLASS: spaces available

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- Old Post Lane junction Water Lane
- West End of the Nature Trail
- The Nature Trail behind Woolsthorpe Play Area
- Footpath 18 near river
- Stamford Road near allotment
- School Lane where it meets footpath 20



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Nature Trail Stuff....ish

Not content with the maintenance of the nature trail, installation of numerous benches, repairing fence posts, cutting of cemetery grass, painting of church railings, looking after the village hanging baskets and moving my son into his new house, the professional development of the volunteers took a new direction in September. Lured by the promise of beer and chips - which actually turned out to be beer, pie, Cornish pasty and chips - the volunteers bravely went where no man (or woman) had been for many years. Bob and Phil at the White Lion had heard rumours that there was a rockery buried under the vegetation at the rear of the pub. A scouting party confirmed this and following an extensive safety brief covering falls, wild animals and lost tribes, the volunteers went in. A huge amount of vegetation was eventually removed and dumped at the rear of the car park by the volunteers who cleverly left just enough stuff growing in the ground to ensure a repeat visit will be required next year; accompanied by beer, chips and pies etc! It was an interesting diversion from our normal work and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Bob and Phil at the White Lion for being such welcoming hosts. *Mo Taylor*

A Blind Date

The photograph was very pretty,
I could not wait to see.
What I was going to behold,
Stood there by the tree.

I walked along, deep in thought
About prospects for the future.
Had she love and lots of care?
Would my charming ways just suit her?

There she stood, watching me
Just coming into view.
How could I get out of this?
Then I knew just what to do.

"Hello", she said, "are you for me?
Are you my new partner?"
"No", I said "the man behind
Is the one you're after!".

J.D.D. Hincks

The Supermarket

To the Supermarket I did go,
The place was packed, the tills were slow

The only thing that I could do,
was join a long and winding queue.

And then a voice was heard to say,
Am I going to be here all day?

My hubby's waiting for his lunch,
He's one of those bone idle bunch

I must get home and and get him fed,
So he can go straight back to bed

Slowly, slowly on we went,
I tried to add up what I'd spent.

And then a thought came into mind,
I'd only left my purse behind!!

Liz McCaig

The New School Term

English

I parse and pause as I decline,
And conjugate an object,
Parenthesise a modal verb,
And predicate a subject.

I clause and phrase a sentence next,
Compound an agent noun.
My present tense, subjunctive mood...
Enough! I'm off to town.

Mathematics

I multiply, divide and add,
Calculate subtraction,
Enumerate the variables,
Denominate the fraction.

Sine and cosine vex me sore.
Decimal is plus, I think.
I formulate my axioms...
Enough! I need a drink.

Peter Baldock

WE NEED YOUR HELP

BLOCK (Block Biogas Located in Open Countryside) are a community action group. We represent Gunby, Stainby, Colsterworth, Sewstern and the wider villages that will be affected by plans to build the UK's largest industrial gas to grid biomethane plant on agricultural land between Gunby and Sewstern. The plant will produce gas by digesting whole crops such as maize, rye and barley. It will need to be fed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and in a year will require over 129,000 tonnes of input and over 100,000 of digestate bi product will come out. Some feedstock will be stored at the site, but much of it will come from a satellite clamp east of the A1, from a site not yet disclosed, along the B676 and through Colsterworth. The HGVs and tractors and trailers hauling feedstock to the site will increase the traffic load through all the surrounding villages. Our road infrastructure is already at breaking point, especially around the B676 and the A1.

In January 2025 with much community support, BLOCK successfully persuaded SKDCs Planning Committee to refuse the application. The developer appealed and their appeal will be heard at Inquiry on December 16th. Two weeks ago, SKDC planning department advised their planning committee that on the strength of an updated transport statement by the developer, they should now not contest the appeal and that they should allow the build of this huge industrial plant to proceed.

BLOCK are not persuaded by this new traffic plan. There are many more omissions and inaccuracies in the planning applications which leave the surrounding villages vulnerable. It does not conform to SKDC planning policies. This plant is the wrong size and in the wrong location. It should be sited next to an A road, like the developer's other site at Gonerby Moor north of Grantham.

BLOCK have now taken on the responsibility for fighting the appeal at the Inquiry when SKDC will not. We will need to call expert witnesses and provide sound legal arguments. This requires money. A Go Fund Me page has been set up to help mitigate these costs.

We need the continued support of you, our local community, on whose behalf we are arguing the case. This will be the largest anaerobic digestion plant producing gas for industrial end-users, in the country and situated on a 15 acre site between the small villages of Gunby and Sewstern. It will be visible from the A1.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated and will help keep our quiet rural villages as they should be. If you would like to learn more visit SKDCs planning portal and view case reference S24/0568 or email us on blockbiogasplant@gmail.com.

Most importantly **PLEASE DONATE** via

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/block-future-biogas-industrial-scale-development>

Thankyou



We have all enjoyed the wonderful flower display provided throughout year by the church hanging baskets. Of course these things don't happen by themselves, so on behalf of the villagers, many thanks to Jo and Pete Smith who have produced the hanging baskets for a number of years and to the volunteers who dead-head and water the flowers on a regular basis.

**St John the Baptist Church, High Street
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contact Peter Wheatley, Church Warden



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PCC Members	Jan Sweetland	07969 666525

Services for November at St John the Baptist Church unless otherwise stated:

2 nd November	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
9 th November	10:30am Remembrance Service Service at Methodist Church	War Memorial followed by Rev'd Neil Maynard
16 th November	11:00am Holy Communion	Rev'd Jill Potts
23 rd November	11:00am Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
30 th November	11:00am Morning Prayer	Angela Grimwood ALM

OTHER EVENTS

Church Concert: 1st November 7:30pm Two Groups Singing Acappella
See separate advertising on Notice Boards and In Touch

Coffee Morning: 4th November 10:00 -12.00 Hosts: Carol & Peter Wheatley
29 High Street Colsterworth

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

*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. Wedding, Baptism 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 November 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 07921 914461 for more details.

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
2 nd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Geoff Cawthorn	Betty Neal
9 th	10:45am	Remembrance Service – 10:45am at the War Memorial followed by a service in the Methodist Church led by Rev'd Neil Maynard		
16 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Cheryl Sutcliffe
23 rd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jennie Fytche	Helen Scorrer
30 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jane Wakerley	Advent Candles

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

During the Winter months we will be opening over lunchtime and serving soup and a roll followed by 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 October – 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.

Do you play a musical instrument?

Would you like to join our small group of musicians to play at the Christmas Eve Village Carols by Candlelight
Service at 6pm?

For more information, contact Pamela Harrison on 07716 427995.

Villages Diary November 2025

Tue 4 th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning	29, High Street C'worth
Wed 5 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 6 th	12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Wed 12 th	11:45 - 1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 10 th	7:30pm	Garden Club	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	2pm	Women's Institute	The White Lion

December

Tue 16 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall
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Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	FOCUS Kurling	Village Hall
	12:30pm	Merry Widow(er)s (1 st Monday)	White Lion
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Pilates	North Witham Village Hall
Tuesdays		Dementia Singing Group (1 st Tuesday)	South Witham Village Hall
	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
	12:30pm	Lunch (3 rd Wednesday)	North Witham Village Hall
	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Pilates	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
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Pilates	North Witham 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
	10am-11am	Breakfast (1 st Sunday)	North Witham Village Hall

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