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

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 21st April 2026, 7.30 pm

Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

Please check the Parish Council website <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business> prior to the meeting or contact the Clerk Eleanor Parfitt by Tel: **01476 861888** or email clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. To Approve the Minutes of meeting held Thursday 22nd April 2025
3. Chairman's Annual Report
4. Clerk's Financial Report
5. Speakers from local community groups (TBC)
7. Any Motions by Electors (must be proposed 10 days before the Annual Parish Meeting)
8. Any other business
Close.

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Colsterworth and District to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. For any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (Eleanor Parfitt, Tel: **01476 861888** Email: clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk)

All presentations/reports are subject to confirmation.
The order in which the presentations/reports are to be given is subject to change.

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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)**)

Update from the Cemetery Extension Working Group who plan to schedule a site visit when the weather improves.

Clerk's Report & Day to Day Business

Summary below – Full details can be found on the Parish Council Website **Council business – Colsterworth and District Parish Council (lincolnshire.gov.uk)**

1. Further to February Agenda Item 2025.159, existing Fix My Street report identified for unusable grit inside bin near Little Legs Nursery. FMS Report Ref 2873586.
2. Further to February Agenda Item 2025.159, message sent to Little Legs Nursery requesting a reminder be sent to any parents who may have parked on the grass not to do so in future.
3. Pension scheme set up with Nest and details sent to Finance & Administration Committee and all staff eligible for enrolment.
4. Further to February Agenda Item 2025.157, message sent to the Ingle Trust to update regarding the Nature Trail Interpretation Board (Phase 2).
5. Messages sent to Woolsthorpe Manor, the church and the school regarding ideas for Newton 300 events in 2027.
6. Request sent to LCC for information on volunteer training for the Community Speed Watch scheme. Advised that volunteers choose either face to face or Zoom-based training following which a suitable trainer will arrange a date.
7. 2026 – 2027 Allotment Renewal invoices sent to all current holders. Due date for payment 1st April 2026.
8. Identified slippery services on the wooden climbing frame at the Old Post Lane playground which has now been treated with Algae-Off. Risk Exception Report updated.

Correspondence Received

Summary below: - Full details can be found on the Parish Council Website **Council business – Colsterworth and District Parish Council (lincolnshire.gov.uk)**

Council received details of correspondence received relating to the Local Government Reorganisation, allotment access, vehicle activated signs, annual play area inspections, In Touch advertising, ash die back and road closures. Full details can be found on the website.

To contact the clerk, please email Eleanor Parfitt at **clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk** or call **01476 861888** and leave a voicemail.

SKDC Planning

SKDC Planning Applications

- S25/2432 - Submission of details reserved by conditions 5 (Surface and foul water drainage), 6 (Materials), 7 (Levels) and 12 (Landscape Management Plan) of planning permission
S25/0455 - Construction of 3no. dwellings with associated car parking and external landscaping. Location: Land Between 16-18 Bourne Road Colsterworth NG33 5JE
S26/0315 - Erection of greenhouse in rear garden. Location: 38 Bourne Road, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5JE

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Chair's Remarks

Cllr E O'Neill (Chair) thanked everyone for attending the meeting saying it was a relatively light agenda with no members of the public present.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report

SKDC Cllr D. Bellamy reported: -

- SKDC have confirmed a council tax increase of 2.99% at their previous council meeting. The 1.99% amendment failed to pass.
- Cllr has contacted SKDC's Principal Planning Officer to request details of the consultation relating to Planning Appeal APP/E2530/W/25/3370866 be sent to the Parish Council as residents have already received letters.
- A property on School Lane with permission to become a Children's Home has now been rented out to a private resident. Planning permission remains in place.

SKDC Cllr B Green and LCC Cllr C Vernon sent their apologies.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 21st April 2026 at The Colsterworth Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

Updates for Council Administration

Policies:-

CAD Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure, CAD Working Group Terms of Reference, and CAD Finance & Administration Committee Terms of Reference were renewed.

Finance

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report

No report this month. All Fix My Street (FMS) Reports can be found at <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report

SKDC Planning Permission

S25/2264 - First floor extension over the existing garage and two storey extension to the rear of garage. 6 Turnor Close, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG335JH

S26/0005 - Submission of details reserved by condition 4 (Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission

S25/1312 - Change of use of site for workshop and plant hire, erection of workshop building, two site offices and associated hard standing. Location: Land East Of A1 And North Of A151 Colsterworth

SKDC Planning Application Disposed

S23/1447 - Replacement windows to dwelling. Site Address: Glebe Farm Cottage Main Street Gunby

Planning Consultation from Avison Young

CS11271123 - Consultation period for the Telecoms Site at the A1 TRUCK STOP. Deadline for comment 3rd March 2026.

Permitted Development – Prior Approval of Details Decision

S26/0168 - Erection of Agricultural Building for storage of farming operations of Woodbine Farm. Location: Woodbine Farm, Great North Road, South Witham, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LR

Matters Requiring attention

Steeles Lane faulty streetlights – Cllr D. Bellamy reported that The National Grid is being contacted as the lights are not receiving a supply of electricity.

Community Speed Watch – volunteers to be sought through advertising.

Parking on Colster Way – Cllr T. O'Regan reported illegally parked cars on Colster Way parking half on/half off the pavement. Clerk to report to the relevant authority for parking enforcement officers to investigate.

Pot Holes – Chair reported a large pothole forming near The White Lion pub. Clerk to take photos and report to FMS.

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting is
Tuesday 7th April 2026.**

Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.



Litter Picking

Yesterday Graham Keeley and the volunteers did a litter pick on the A1 flyover bridge and around the roundabout road near the truck stop and garages.

In total 62 bags were collected and it's mainly lorry drivers bottles of pee and bags of 🍌 with their lunch wrappers and bags. All thrown out into the undergrowth.

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Colsterworth WI Meeting, Tuesday, 17th February, 2026

Oh my stars, it wasn't raining! After what seemed like an early visit from St Swithin, followed by his customary parting gift of 40 days of continual deluge, it was not exactly dry, but there was definitely no wet stuff falling.

The ladies of Colsterworth WI met, as usual, in the Village Hall. There was a buzz of anticipation as members gathered. Today's speaker was the ever-popular Tim Stubbs and members watched as he unloaded huge amounts of wooden pieces from his car boot.

The room was set, the competition tables ready as the president, Helen rose to open the meeting, welcoming the 25 members and 1 guest. There were no birthday cards to be presented so Tim was straight in. He first of all apologised for being in shorts explaining that, since Christmas, somebody had been in his wardrobe and shrunk all his trousers so nothing fitted. Several members nodded understandingly. Warm and friendly, Tim had immediately engaged with his audience. His subject was antiques, which as an ex-auctioneer, he was well qualified to describe. Most of the objects he had with him were wooden and had been useful household items in their day. Tim displayed and described each item by telling stories and narrating past happenings. He said homes are made of memories and stories. He held up a huge dairy bowl, something which he said preceded the later stone made pancheons more commonly seen. He had been at a house clearance at Carby, near Stamford. Looking in a shed, he had amazed the owner by saying 'that old wooden thing' was in fact worth quite a bit of money. Made of sycamore, when the white paint had been removed and the bowl polished it was, and is, a thing of beauty. Tim said many of the houses he visited were filled with treasures unbeknown to their owners. A child's high-backed wooden chair was a correction chair dating from 1810 and used to teach small children good posture. Tim showed a costrel made from oak. It was a small barrel made to hold a day's ration of beer which, along with a wooden scoop or bowl, farm-workers would take to the fields with them to slake their thirst as

water was notoriously unsafe to drink. He commented on the price that some pieces make at auction but said it very much depended on the area. In Lincolnshire the items he was displaying were very common still and didn't make a lot of money but in the south where they were unfamiliar, they would fetch a lot more. One piece Tim showed was not made of wood but of horn. It was a drinking horn that may have been originally decorated in silver. Usually, such decorations were personal to the owner, a horse for a drayman, ears of wheat for a farmer and so on. Tim was very proud of this particular object for it had once belonged to Nicholas Winton. A British stockbroker, he secretly saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish children during World War Two.

Another object that had once been in famous hands was a knitting sheath which once belonged to Hannah Hawkeswell, the redoubtable Yorkshire woman farmer who famously lived her life in the bleakest of conditions, spurning such luxuries as electricity or running water for many years. After a fascinating talk which brought the objects he displayed to life, Tim sat down to enthusiastic applause. Jil Watson gave a lovely vote of thanks and Tim invited members to go to the table and have a closer look at all the antiques on display.

Antiques are thirsty work and the tea break was welcomed by all. Hostesses June, Peggy and Sue had provided a feast of delectable goodies alongside the usual cups of tea and coffee. Members selected from fruit, cakes and biscuits and sat down to chat with friends. Helen reminded the ladies to vote for their favourite flower of the month. This proved a bit problematic this month as there were 5 entries... all hellebores, all purple and all could have been from the same plant! Hmm maybe vote for the vase instead!!

After the break, Helen called everybody back together for the business section of the meeting. Members had been asked to nominate their choices for

next year's committee during the refreshment break and these were collected in to be handed to Rachel, who would contact nominees to see whether they were willing to stand. Members were reminded that the Federation Annual Meeting is to be held on Saturday 21st March at the Springfield Centre in Spalding. This is the first time it has been held on a Saturday, the trustees are hoping it will give working members an opportunity to attend. All the Colsterworth members who applied for a place have been allocated one, so it should be an interesting day.

Lovely Christine Whittle has offered to organise a monthly walking group for members, the first one to be held in March. This idea was enthusiastically welcomed by members, hopefully there will be some pleasant outings ahead. Helen explained to the members that, this year, the committee has decided not to subsidise the annual membership fee which will be £54, payable in April.

Various outings and events were brought to the members attention, a Federation lunch, a Speakers Corner event and an exhibition of the Rutland Mosaics in Stamford were all mentioned with details displayed on the noticeboard for those interested. The proposed trip to Mrs Smith's Cottage in Navenby is still being investigated.

The results of the competitions were announced. The Item of the Month, this month the theme was 'Something Victorian' was won by Liz Clark with Rosemarie Everitt in second place. The hellebore voted best in show belonged to Helen Scorrer with Rosemary Haw the runner up. The raffle was called. Our next meeting on March 17th will be our AGM and on April 21st our speaker will be Nicola Sandall "M' Lords, Ladies and Locals". Helen thanked everyone for attending and with good wishes for a safe journey home closed the meeting at 4pm.

Colsterworth Women's Institute

Nature Trail Update

Hi all. The Nature Trail volunteers are often approached by new visitors to the trail and asked where the trails lead and where such things as benches and dog bins may be found. So, Graham McKenzie, the resident Cartographer in Chief to the Nature Trail has produced the attached map. Copies of the map have been positioned around the village at various locations and it is reproduced here for your interest. The trail is easy to find, but the three recommended entrances have been identified with 'What Three Words' and map co-ordinates. For information, the volunteers favourite entrance is 'Minivans.Nappy.Lizards'. Purely because it sounds great.

Mo Taylor


Colsterworth Nature Trail

Not to any known scale but about 1 1/2 miles from top to bottom

Not all roads or junctions shown

Please use the dog poo bins or take it home

Easyish bits: 

More difficult bits: 

To find entrances:

For /// locations use what3words.com

For grid references use google maps or similar



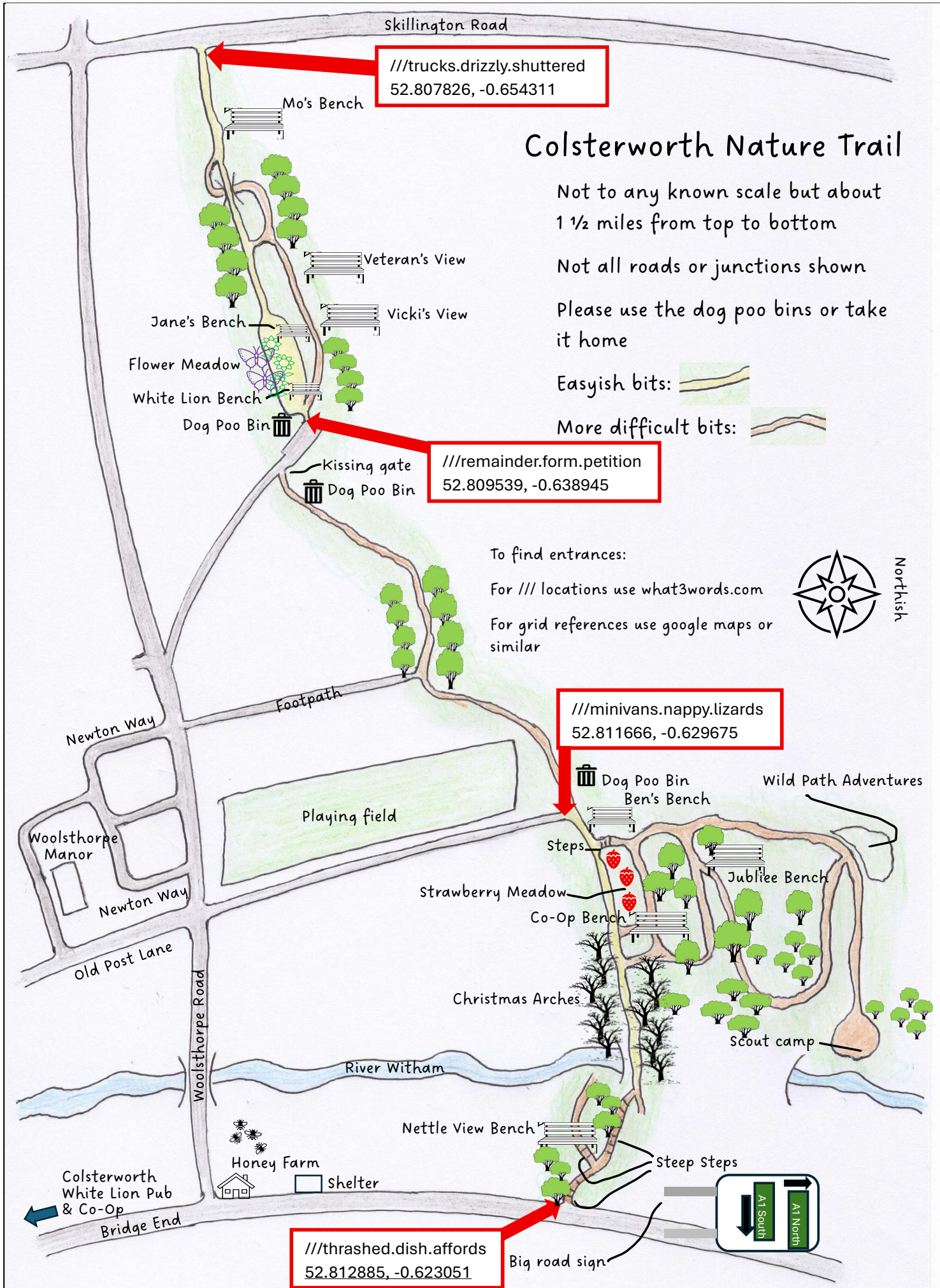
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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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Monday 13th April 2026 – Sunday 3rd May 2026 Temporary Traffic Order (Telecoms duct installation by Lincs Comms Ltd.)

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12 th April	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
19 th April	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
26 th April	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Angela Grimwood ALM

OTHER EVENTS

Coffee Morning: 7th April 10:00 -12:00 Host: Arthur Marshall, 10 Meadow Close Colsterworth

Church Cleaning: 14th April 9:30am with coffee and chat after.

Church Open: Daily 10:00am – 4:00pm

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.

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COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH April 2026

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.

Our services for April are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
5 th	10:30am	Easter Sunday service	Rev'd Ruth Hinch	Lynn Lewis
12 th	10:30am	At Skillington	Elaine Robinson	
19 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	David Taylor	Betty Neal
26 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jane Wakerley	Helen Scroror

Open Door Lunch –Wednesday 8th & 22nd April 11:45am – 1:30pm.

Join us over lunchtime for a filled 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 1st & 15th April – 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.

Villages Diary April 2026

Wed 1 st	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 7 th	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning	10, Meadow Close, C'worth
Wed 8 th	11:45 -1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 15 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 21 st	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 22 nd	11:45-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 23 rd	12noon-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
May			
Tue 19 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall

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
	7pm - 8pm	Tigers Dance Class Alternate Mondays, not term time.	Village Hall
Tuesdays		Dementia Singing Group (1 st Tuesday)	South Witham Village Hall
	1pm	Free Chair Yoga (2 nd Tuesday)	Methodist Church
	6pm-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
Wednesdays	6pm-7pm	Beavers (Term time)	Village Hall
	11:45am -1:30pm	Open Door (2 nd & 4 th Weeks)	Methodist Church
	12:30pm	Lunch (3 rd Wednesday)	North Witham Village Hall
Thursdays	6:30pm -7:30pm	Pilates	Methodist Church
	2pm-3:30pm	Craft & Chat (1 st & 3 rd Weeks)	Methodist Church
	10am-noon	Rolling Stones Kurling	Village Hall
	6pm - 7:15pm	Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
Fridays	6:30pm-7:30pm	Pilates	North Witham Village Hall
	7:30pm-8:45pm	Scouts (Term time)	Village Hall
Saturdays	10am-12noon	Football Coaching	Sports Field
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