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

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Parish Council Report

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Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 7th July 2026

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': <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business>)

Public Forum

No members of the public present.

Chair's Remarks

Cllr E. O'Neill (Chair) thanked everyone for coming and noted that if the members of the South Witham Archaeological Group arrived later to present their report, Council would allow public participation at that time. He reported that Eleanor, the Parish Clerk, was safely delivered of a baby daughter and that Council wished her well. Council will properly congratulate her on her return, but asked for an email to be sent for the time being on the Council's behalf.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report

SKDC Cllr B. Green reported via email: -

Waste policy and missed bins:

- At the recent Environment Committee, an updated waste policy was voted through. I did not support it. My principal concern is that the time residents have to report a missed bin is being reduced from five working days to two working days. The draft policy states that missed bin and sack reports made more than two working days after the scheduled collection day "will not be accepted", though individual cases may be reviewed as needed.
- I also asked whether residents would receive any rebate or compensation where bins are missed. The Leader confirmed that there will be no rebate for missed bins. I find that disappointing, particularly where residents are paying for a service, such as garden waste. The 2026/27 garden waste service costs £55 per year.

Local Government Reorganisation:

- Local Government Reorganisation remains a major issue for South Kesteven. SKDC has been asked to respond to Government questions on the future structure of local government in Greater Lincolnshire, including future warding, elections, implementation arrangements and the creation of new unitary authorities.
- The Council has said there will be no immediate changes and that services should continue as normal during the transition, though the final decision timeline may now run close to the May 2027 elections.
- I have tabled a motion that, if the new council is formed of South Kesteven, North Kesteven, and South Holland, it be called 'Kesteven and Holland Council', retaining the thousand-

year-old Kesteven name, rather than the dull compass-point alternative of 'South Lincolnshire Council'.

Community funding:

- Parish and community groups may wish to note SKDC's community grant offer. The expanded Large Grant Fund can provide up to £20,000 for projects supporting parish and community assets, with up to £10,000 available for community events. Small grants of up to £2,000 remain available for newly formed and smaller groups.

Charity walk for the Royal British Legion:

- Finally, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to everyone who kindly supported my charity walk for the Royal British Legion – over 30 miles tracing the border of the Isaac Newton ward as closely as possible. I am pleased to report that I raised £365. I am very grateful for all donations, encouragement and good wishes.

Ongoing casework:

- As ever, please do continue to raise any local issues with me and I will do my best to assist.

SKDC Cllr B. Green and SKDC Cllr D. Bellamy sent their apologies.

Planning Appeal APP/E2530/W/25/3370866 Erection of an anaerobic digestion (AD) facility.

It was resolved and unanimously agreed to approve the Parish Council's statement to be read out at the public enquiry for this planning appeal.

Grant Application for a flag pole at Colsterworth War Memorial
It was resolved and unanimously agreed to support this grant application to a maximum limit of £200.

Finance

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report

Developing a longer-term traffic management plan for A1 diversions

It was resolved and unanimously agreed to write to the local MP, Alicia Kearns, for her support in arranging a meeting with other stakeholders and the police to develop proper and safe transport plan to be followed for future closures of the A1. If no response has been received in the next two weeks, then other bodies such as local government and police leaders will be contacted.

All Fix My Street (FMS) Reports can be found at <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Clerk's Report & Day to Day Business

Summary below – Full details can be found on the Parish Council Website <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business>

- The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/2026 submitted to the external auditor.
- Discussions ongoing with the Diocese about the Stamford Rd allotment boundary hedge.

3. Degraded steps on Nature Trail reported to the head ranger.
4. Potential projects discussed with Head of Ops at National Trust Woolsthorpe Manor.
5. Overgrown hedge reported between Water Lane and Stainby Rd (ref 2894227).
6. Information for Helen's Helping Hands updated to website.
7. Re-wilding behind Jane's bench steps discussed with Mo Taylor.
8. Application for joint headstone at Old Post Lane Cemetery approved and invoiced.
9. Letters and email sent to Alicia Kearns (see Highways and Footpaths report).

Correspondence Received

Summary below: - Full details can be found on the Parish Council Website <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business>

Council received details of correspondence relating to fly tipping, boundary issues, planning appeals and enforcement issues, parking of heavy plant machinery concerns, Voices for Visibility, unplanned closure of the mobile Post Office, Bytham Woods Forest Plan, a request for s137 grant money, Local Government Reorganisation briefings and the bowls club. Full details can be found on the website.

To contact the temporary acting clerk, Nancy Denny, please email clerk@colsterworthanddist-pc.gov.uk.

SKDC Planning

S26/0918 G1 - Group of 3 x horse chestnut, growing towards house - Provide approx 3m clearance from any part of the house and 4m crown raise on the surrounding horse chestnut trees. G2 - Group of 3 x silver birch, growing towards house - prune 3m away from property & 2.5m from ground level. T1 - Beech growing towards house - tree over patio, crown raise to 4m all around canopy. Location: The Rectory, 13A Back Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NJ
S26/0525 Single story front extension to increase size of lounge. Location: 3 Beech Close Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NG
S26/1047 New track to allow machinery and staff to access Southern parts of holding. Location: New farm track south of Gunby House Farm, Gunby, Grantham

LCC Planning Permission Granted

PL/0012/26 Application for the determination of new (updated) conditions to which a mineral site is to be subject – to amend Condition 9 (hours of operation). Location: Skillington Quarry, Land to the East and West of Skillington Road, Colsterworth
PL/0011/26 Retrospective application to retain the wheel wash and associated water tank, pumphouse and stabilization tanks. Location: Colsterworth landfill, land off Crabtree Road, Colsterworth

SKDC Planning Permission Granted

S26/0770 The removal of an existing lattice mast and associated compound, and the installation of 1no. lattice sharable mast(height 30m), up to 12no. antennas to be installed on headframes, up to 24no. RRU's, up to 2no. dishes and a multiuser electrical cabinet. Location: Telecommunication Base Station A-1 Truckstop Bourne Road
S26/0525 Single story front extension to increase size of lounge Location: 3 Beech Close Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NG

Planning Committee Report

It was resolved and unanimously agreed that due to the short deadline and amount of documentation needed to be read, Council would not make representation to the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Proposed Submission Version.

Matters Requiring Attention

No urgent matters.

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting is
1st September 2026.**

Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

Reference: TTRO/TTR016899

Date: 13/07/2026

Temporary traffic restriction: Colsterworth

Please note it will be necessary to impose a temporary restriction as detailed below.

Organisation responsible for restriction:
Lincolnshire County Council

Reason for restriction:
Carriageway resurfacing

Nature and location of restriction:
Road closure Order -
School Lane (Between High Street & Witham View)

No waiting and no loading at any time Order -
School Lane (Between High Street & Witham View)
High Street (Between property numbers 19 & 29)

Period of restriction:
24/08/2026 - 23/09/2026

(Restrictions to be implemented for 4 days as and when required during this period, signage detailing accurate dates and times will be displayed on site in advance)

Alternative route or access arrangements:
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Yours faithfully

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Colsterworth WI meeting

Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Hats off once more to Gillian, Shirley and Sonia for arranging another excellent speaker. The WI Federation has a list of speakers available to programme secretaries, but our three musketeers do a lot of their own research and along with word-of-mouth connections, seem to come up with a gem every time.

After welcoming 28 members and 3 visitors, Helen presented birthday cards and good wishes to Christine, June, Jil, Sonia and Jennifer. She then introduced the speaker. Smartly dressed and topped off with a dashing black bowler hat, Clare O'Donnell immediately engaged members' interest with her smiling face and dynamic manner. Her subject was the 'The History of Pie Making' and as she spoke, she began, almost absently to make a pie. Gently kneading the hot water pastry with her hands she described how local pie making began. Mentioned in the Domesday Book as Melton Middleton it was a busy town with a market charter granted by Edward the Confessor. In the Eighteenth century it became the Mowbray estate. The surrounding land was heavy clay soil, thus not really suited to the arable crops of the time so animal husbandry became dominant. Milk producing cattle lead to cheese production. A by-product of cheese making is whey which was fed to pigs and the pig industry expanded. Over winter the stock was killed to save feeding them and ways had to be found to preserve the meat, preventing it from going to waste. Much was salted or air-dried and the pica (the origin of the word pie) was developed. The first picas were single use clay pots used only to store the over wintered meat. Gradually coffins were introduced. These were prepared from a thick flour and water mix, hardened and used to store the meat until it was needed, the coffin then being discarded. The addition of pork lard to the

flour and water preparation created an edible product that would store successfully. Thus the meat pie, as we know it, was born.

Members watched and listened mesmerised. By this time Clare had moulded her pastry onto a wooden dolly, still used today for those famous pies. She carefully separated it and then filled the free-standing pastry case with some meat. Clare explained that as the pie was not going to be eaten it was a composite mix rather than properly prepared meat. As she prepared the lid, Clare explained how Melton Mowbray came to be world-renowned for its pork pies. That famous dandy Beau Brummell, sharp-tongued, exquisitely dressed and a leader of fashion rented a house near Melton Mowbray each winter for the hunting season. Where he led others followed and soon the town was annually populated over the colder months with young, hunting mad men of fashion. They needed to eat something clean and simple to keep them going as they traversed the fields of Leicestershire and the local pork pie delicacy was perfect. When they returned to London at the end of the hunting season the reputation of the pork pie went with them, first to the capital and latterly worldwide. The iconic pies now enjoy PGI status which means only pies made in a specific area round the town may be thus named. Clare finished her fascinating talk by reminding members that Melton pies contain uncured meat, that, along with the pepper seasoning used, gives the Melton Mowbray pie meat its distinctive grey appearance when cooked. As she held up the finished product, she was met with much enthusiastic applause from her appreciative audience. Forty minutes had passed in a flash. Her warm personality and lively delivery had kept members entranced.

Pamela delivered the vote of thanks and Clare said she would stay on, take tea and answer members' questions.

Hostesses Lynne, Brenda and Pamela presided over the delectable spread of cakes, biscuits and fruit. Members milled

about the room, collecting refreshments, checking the noticeboard and voting for their favourite flower.

At 3.30 Helen gathered everyone back together and took members through the business. Sue and Liz have nobly agreed to create and produce an entry for the Chairman's Challenge. The finished pieces will be displayed on a wall at the Federation Headquarters in Sleaford and will, no doubt, look most attractive. Members were reminded that the closing date for the Christmas in July crafting event was July 12th. Several members were interested in attending. Those who went last year had a very enjoyable time. Christine reported on the recent outing of the walking group to Market Overton. This group is going from strength to strength- well done to Chris who started the group and is pivotal in organising each walk.

Helen briefly took members through the NFWI annual meeting held on Zoom on June 4th. The resolutions recently discussed at Colsterworth WI were both passed and it was announced that the next NFWI annual meeting would be held in Hull in 2027. Results of the competitions were announced. Sonia won the 'Flower of the Month' competition with a dramatic passion flower bloom and Sue came 1st in the 'Item of the Month' competition. The theme this month being an unusual kitchen utensil judged by our speaker Clare. Sue brought along a tea bag squeezer, an item which needed to be explained to several members!

The raffle was called and Helen announced our July 21st Speaker would be Bob Massey the History of Nursery Rhymes. After thanking members for attending, she wished everybody a good afternoon and closed the meeting at 4pm.
Colsterworth Women's Institute

Diary Dates

August 18th, 2pm

Colsterworth Village Hall

Penny Wainwright, Italian Food

September 15th, 2pm

Colsterworth Village Hall

Nicola Hallam - Lincolnshire Poacher

Natural History Bulletin August 2026

When age and illness confine you to two rooms, it seems sensible to arrange them as much to your liking as possible. For me that means keeping in touch with the wonders of the natural world. It may be just the vitality of a pot of growing parsley (Dylan Thomas' green fuse driving all the wires). Flowers will fade. It is their nature, but given the time you can watch the diversity of their changes.

Even in the depth of winter there has been an abundance in the garden, at which to wonder. The first queen bumblebees – too heavy for the first delicate crocuses. By February these were visited by solitary bees, some emerging from their hotel. They disappeared too beneath the green bracts of Hellebores, neither colourful nor scented. I found the nectar below abundant anthers. These provided a pollen reward as they dusted the hairy bodies. In turn I explored Winter Honeysuckle, Spurge Laurel, Cyclamen Coum, Dandelions, Mahonia, White Dead Nettle. Garden and wild plants were all good providers. In March record temperatures and drought left only early tulips to explore: – lemon yellow opening to blackish faces, red turning almost inside out to a dramatic centre, white remaining crinkled with green, goblet or wine glasses, wasted or pointed. The early May meant that midsummer flowers were out by June. The deep purple flowers of Greater Knapweed and the white domes of Yarrow providing tabletops for feeding and mating soldier beetles. Exciting records of Marbled White butterflies, now established south of their previous range, were made where both protected sites and lanes were managed for limestone grassland. Meadow Browns arrived like other browns, to lay its eggs on grasses. It may appear to scatter them haphazardly, but the emerging caterpillar stays close to the ground in the day, so escaping the mower, and feeds at night.

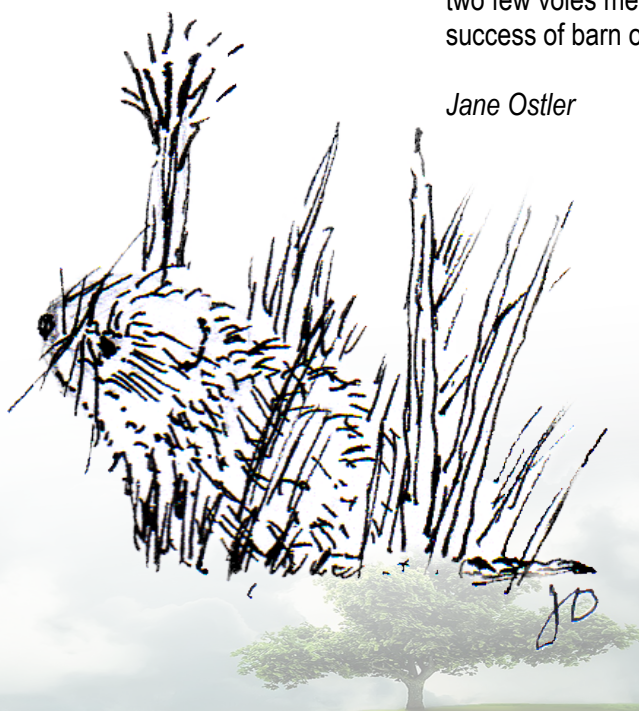


The barn owl with no colour vision can. For the longest summer days it does not have enough hours of darkness in which to feed. Its weapon is silence. Its white form seems to float, a very occasional screeching sound adding to its ghostly reputation. The end of the wing feathers are split so that the beat is silent. It flies low but pinpoints the exact location to strike with the help of an adaptation in its eyes.

The strategy for success of the vole is turned against it and used to the barn owls advantage, but the vole has another answer, – its reproductive capacity. As a main food of the barn owl two few voles means a control on the success of barn owl families.

The voles in the grassland are not easily discovered but they must feed continuously to provide for themselves and milk for young. They mark out favourite feeding places and routes with specs of ultraviolet light. Like all primates we cannot detect this.

Jane Ostler





Church Railing Display

The Church railings are looking 'pretty in pink' this year. Many thanks to Pete and Jo Smith for making the flower boxes and for the team of dedicated volunteers working hard to keep them watered during the recent heat waves.

Mo Taylor



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Thursday	12 – 11pm	12-3pm, 5pm-9pm
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Poet's Corner

The Drought

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And there are black clouds in the sky.
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But not a drop of rain is shed.

Where do they drop this nectar rich
In some far off lake or ditch.
The garden is dry, withered up
Not a drop of rain to sup.

Day after day the clouds whizz by
Watching all our flowers die.
The soil, it is lacking juice
Why should I try, it is no use.

One day once more they surely will
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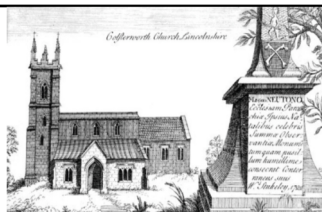


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Services for August at St John the Baptist Church:

2 nd Aug	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
9 th Aug	11:00am Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
16 th Aug	11:00am Holy Communion	TBA
23 rd Aug	11:00am Morning Prayer	Angela Grimwood ALM
30 th Aug	11:00am Joint Service with the Methodists	TBA

OTHER EVENTS

Coffee Morning: No coffee morning as a holiday month

Church Cleaning: 11th August at 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

August 2026

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
2 nd	10:30am	Holy Communion	Marion Hingley-Hickson	Cheryl Sutcliffe
9 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	To be confirmed	Helen Scorrer
16 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Rowena Ward-Barrow	Gill Dexter
23 rd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Peter Sulston	Gill Senescall
30 th	11:00am	United Service at the Parish Church		

Open Door Lunch – August Break

We resume on Wednesday 9th September

Games/Craft & Chat Group – August Break

We resume on Wednesday 2nd September

Craft Fair with Cake & Cuppa – Saturday 12th September 2pm – 4 pm.

Would you like to have a table at our craft fair (cost £8), if so please get in touch with Helen Scorrer on 07921 914461?

Villages Diary August 2026

Thu 13 th	12noon-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Tue 18 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall
September			
Wed 2 nd	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 9 th	11:45 -1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Sat 12 th	2pm-4pm	Craft Fair	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 15 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall

Weekly

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

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