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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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HEADLINES FROM THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Chairperson Remarks

The Chair to the Council Caroline Hainsworth said it was nice to see everyone and hoped to keep the meeting tight and debate to the minimum.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor Dave Bellamy reported: -

- The Concrete Block Manufacturing Facility on the A1 planning application was pulled out by the applicant at the last minute from SKDC Planning. It is still pending.
- Application S20/1604 – Change of use of premises. Abacus Coaches Great North Road South Witham NG33 5LN. Has been redacted and not going ahead.
- There is a Government wide consultation on planning which has the potential of relaxing planning applications. Awaiting outcome.

County Councillor Bob Adams reported: -

- County and District Budgets are ok by using reserves to keep heads above water with extra help from the Government by the way of a loan or grant.
- If there is another full lockdown there is the potential for business rates to be impacted.
- Cllr Adams discussed broader matters such as the Passenger Transport Consortium, alleviating kerb parking & powers to issue fixed penalty notices, Cllr Adams stated that there needs to be a variation on what can be done in towns and villages.
- Highways – the hand over to Balfour Beatty did not go as smoothly and seamlessly as hoped. Concerns about the quality of work have been raised. There will be a Highways Scrutiny Report in the New Year.

Updates for Council Finance & Administration

1. Agreed to send the recommendations of the Complaints Procedure Stage 2 resolution to the complainant about the complaint received by the Parish Council.
2. The mid-year internal audit has been completed.
3. Cllr Chris Poole resigned from the council.

Play Areas

1. Report of damage to climbing frame Old Post Lane play park. Clerk investigated and arranged the repair.
2. The Clerk has written to Colsterworth Trust Estate requesting a lease of 10 years for Woolsthorpe Road Playing Field.

Nature Trail

1. Request from the Nature Trail Ranger agreed to use funds remaining in the Nature Trail budget to equip the new volunteers with the appropriate tools and the need to repair the broken kissing gate.

War Memorial Gardens

This has been tidied up with donations of bedding plants and bulbs from Mo & Jackie Taylor together with bedding plants purchased by the Parish Council. Thank you to Steve Grant, Mo & Jackie Taylor for helping me on Sunday morning 11th October.

Clerks Report

1. Old Post Lane junction Water Lane overgrown hedge reported to Woolsthorpe Manor. This will be cut back at the corner then fully cut back in October.
2. Annual village hedge cutting back will take place in October.
3. The FCC Grant application for the North Witham Play Area has been submitted and awaiting outcome in December 2020.
4. The Clerk held a remote meeting with Simon Allam (Colsterworth Trust Estate Manager, Councillors. Russell and Cox to discuss the Woolsthorpe Road play area lease.
5. All Policies adopted at the September meeting have been uploaded to the new website.
6. ICO Data Protection renewed 3rd October 2020. Certificate uploaded to the website.

General Correspondence

Council received details of correspondence received across the Parish ranging from:

1. Neighbourhood Watch alerts
2. Parking on the grass verge on Woolsthorpe Road.
3. Blocked gully/drain, Water Lane & Bourne Road
4. Potholes on Woodlands Drive junction Back Lane, Colster Way reported to fix my street.
5. Overflowing SKDC bins on Old Post Lane Play area and Colster Way Play Park. The Clerk attended with two members of the public who assisted in collecting the litter and disposing of it. Reported to SKDC street services
6. Litter left on the Nature Trail, several fast-food boxes and drink cartons.
6. Dog fouling in the Church Yard. The Parish Council has no further capacity for dog waste bins. The Clerk will supply two 'Dog Fouling' signs to be placed at each entrance of the Church yard.

7. Overgrown trees and hedges.

Finance

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Highways and Footpaths Report

Report uploaded to website. Parish Council priorities with LCC are noted but there is no further action at this time.

Fix my Street Reports: -

- 376476 – Deep rut A1 Roundabout junction A151
 - 376474 – Kerb edging on roundabout damaged junction A151 – In progress
 - 376479 – Yellow bottles discarded High Dyke/Bridge End
 - 376480 – Newton Way long pot-hole.
 - 376497 – A151, holes to the right edge of the east bound lane.
 - 376496 -- Truck Stop roundabout, rut in the road on the curve. – Action scheduled
 - 377704 - Deep long pot-hole on Back Lane close to junction with Woodlands Drive reported to LCC Highways. Work scheduled
- Repairs to the steps on Footpath 17 have been given a priority 2 response from LCCROW. Resolved deadline of 12/04/2021

War Memorial Project

The project has been COVID-19 affected, awaiting update from PPIY Architects who have just returned to work from furlough.

North Witham New Play Equipment

The FCC Grant Application has been submitted and awaiting the outcome.

Planning

PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATIONS

South Kesteven Local Plan Review – Issues and Options

Report – Public Consultation

South Kesteven District Council is undertaking its first public consultation on the review of the Local Plan between Monday 12th October 2020 and Monday 23rd November 2020.

Further information can be found on SKDC website <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15135>

SKDC Applications

S20/1306 - Amended Plans. First floor extension to existing dwelling. 33A Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NR

No Objections - 2 Object - 3

Abstention/Neutral - 4 No action

SKDC Planning Approval

S20/0167 - Double storey rear extension. 15 Bridge End Colsterworth, NG33 5NZ. - No action

S20/1023 - Demolition of existing building and erection of a new detached Building. 27 Bridge End Colsterworth, NG33 5NZ. - No action

S20/1100 - Single storey extension to dwelling. 9 Woolsthorpe Road Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, NG33 5NT - No action

S20/1097 - Two storey extension, conversion to form garage, replacement windows. 2 Witham View, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5SU. - No action

S20/1306 - First floor extension to existing dwelling. 33A Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NR - No action

S20/1728 - Removal of small cherry tree, prune and reshape two cherry trees on roadside boundary. remove overhanging branches from Ash trees in adjoining fields on Eastern and Southern boundary. Willow Lodge, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, NG33 5PD. - No action

S20/1195 - Erection of portal frame industrial unit. Witham Specialist Vehicles, Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LY. - No Action

SKDC Appeal

None

SKDC Withdrawal

None

LCC Planning Approval

None

Proposed Stopping Up application by Lincolnshire County Council of part of the Public Highway at Woolsthorpe Road.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held remotely at 7.30pm on 3rd November 2020.

Colsterworth Parish Council Website

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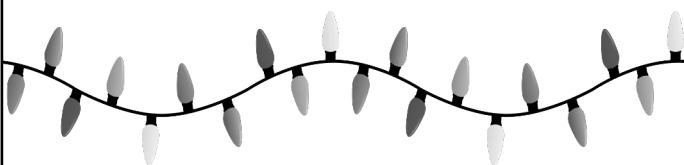
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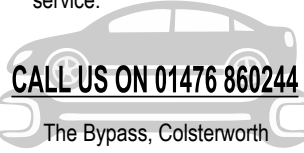
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INSPIRING WOMEN

It's not that I've got writers' block it's that there isn't a lot to write about since last month. Well a few of our members who had ordered bulbs from Walkers, via the county federation, have had the pleasure of setting them. Walkers are very good, they always give plenty of instructions for the care and cultivation to produce the best results (if the mice don't get them first). We always get a "freebie" on our chairs when we attend the Federation annual meeting at Spalding in March, and they always give the Federation a percentage of what we order. We received an e-mail from Ropsley W.I. thanking us for the collection of "goodies" we sent which we had donated to Women's Aid, and we were featured in the recent federation newsletter for our effort. There was also an e-mail of thanks from Newark Women's Aid who had received two car loads of the donations.

I was all excited when I received a letter from London Headquarters, I thought it was to say that we had won a raffle prize in the gigantic raffle they promote annually, but no, it was just to say thank you for selling the tickets.

We are asked to write to make formal representations on the proposed sale of the estate of Denman College and two, the suggested revised charitable object for the Denman College

trust. I shouldn't think that what we would say would make any difference. It is a shame that the college has come to this, but with all the pop-up cookery schools fuelled by would be Bake Off Wannabes all over the country, it's not surprising. What's the betting the grounds will become a housing estate? We shall see. We missed having a good speaker and demonstrator when we should have heard about and seen the world and art of willow. Denman College did a course on the art of willow weaving and one student went away with, on the train, a coffin which she had made!!!! Maybe she was the one who was to bury the college, and it was doomed from that one tutorial.

We are still waiting for suggestions how to celebrate our anniversary on the 17th since you know who decided that our twenty four members could not meet all together to celebrate. NOW, if the little bug had been in 2012 when we only had six members, we could have celebrated. Oh, was it that long ago when the clarion call was given in In Touch? Goodness, where did the time go? In the meantime, keep your eyes and ears open for when we should meet again. Perhaps it will be in December, I don't think that You know Who would dare to cancel Christmas. Whenever it is you will be welcome to come and have a cup of tea, or maybe something stronger, and a slice of cake, in our usual venue, The Sports and Social Club at two o'clock at a date to be decided by "YKW" In the meantime, take care, keep well and the distance, wear the mask and keep Grandma and Granddad safe.

Dot Williams

Remembrance Day 8th November 2020

This year we are combining the memorial & church services together for a gathering by the war memorial at 1030am. The usual service format will be slightly longer.

Due to COVID-19 restriction local authorities will not conduct road closures. This means we have limited space around the memorial to conduct the service and are restricted to 30 people, therefore we are suggesting only military, veterans, key service speakers, and wreath layers attend in person. If you still want to attend, then we will have a couple of volunteers in high visibility clothing policing social distancing and reminding the road will not be closed.

For those who cannot attend, the service will be live streamed on the CFoR Facebook page – [@colsterworthfestivalofremembrance](https://www.facebook.com/colsterworthfestivalofremembrance)

To remember and honour the fallen we are asking for people to decorate their poppy posters and place them in your windows. Posters can be downloaded from the CFoR website and Facebook page or collected from the White Lion and Sports Club.

We are also asking for people to stand in their doorways at 1100am on Sunday for the 2 minute silence.

A Remembrance Garden near the War Memorial is now available to place a remembrance cross for personal tributes. Rectangular terracotta plastic troughs are available behind each flower bed.

Any wreath layers, questions or concerns please email David Heath French on support@cfor.org.uk

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Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

Unfortunately, this year Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) were unable to grant the Parish Council with a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) road closure for Remembrance Sunday. LCC Highways and Lincolnshire Police planned to hold a series of awareness training events for parade organisers for constitutional events – such as Remembrance Sunday.

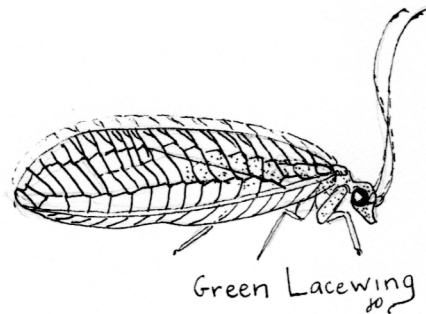
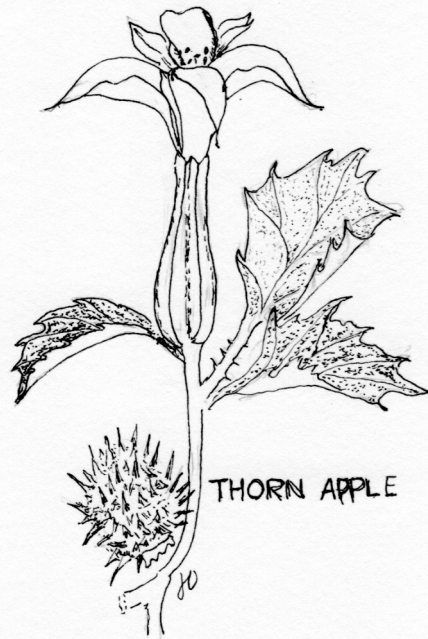
The training this year was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid-19, however it is hoped that this training will start again next Spring/Summer when the Clerk to the Parish Council will be invited to attend when dates are arranged.

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

If the oak tree wears its leaves in October a hard winter may be expected.' Like many old country sayings, this is not foolproof, so well leaved trees in the third week of October may not be cause for concern. 'Autumn brings either a nuts year or a berries year'. Some oak trees are heavily laden with acorns. A Sweet Chestnut has surpassed itself but its neighbouring Walnut has less nuts than last year. Berries of Rowan, Guelder and Whitebeam vary from tree to tree though Spindle everywhere has lots of fruit. Every year there are queries about strange weeds appearing in gardens. Sometimes these have come from bird seed. In the past these have included Millet and the striking blue-flowered Apple of Peru. This year a plant was allowed to grow, flower and fruit which is unlikely to have come from bird seed. — The Thorn Apple. It has large, white, trumpet-shaped flowers and thorny fruits from which it derives its name. It is also very poisonous, but known to be cultivated as early as the 16th Century and first recorded in the wild in 1777. In the past it was recorded in the car park of the doctor's surgery — medical help close at hand.

The colder weather has meant few insects about so each one is a source of interest. Lacewings, still in their summer green come to light

and so can be found in houses. Crane fly adults haul out of their pupal cases in the lawn.



Shield bugs are discovered sheltering in the leaves of shrubs . On the ivy flowers Honey Bees, Hoverflies, Wasps and true flies are all feeding on sunny days. A solitary Red Admiral or Peacock is a main event. Humming Bird Hawk Moths were still in gardens on 3 October. In November 2006 the first Natural History Bulletin appeared in In

Touch. A Red Kite was seen for the first time over Colsterworth. It was important enough for a record to be sent to the Forestry Commission at Fineshades, where they had been introduced. By November 2010 they were seen 10 or 12 at a time at the Landfill site where they turned the rubbish over on a Sunday. That situation is now over but the birds nest in our area and are a regular sight, sustained by pheasant roadkill when the birds are released from pens. On the 3rd of October a flock of Fieldfares was seen in Colsterworth. No Redwings reported yet. They are often in mixed flocks with the Fieldfares, but unlike them don't usually come into gardens to feed on berries and fallen apples.

To look for in November Fewer records came in in October. I hope this isn't because people are dispirited. The Natural World always has something of interest, even in the depths of winter. Birds should be coming back to our gardens. Their nests are revealed as leaves fall. Starlings, Rooks and Jackdaws have moved to winter roosts and can be seen gathering in the skies at dusk. Little news of h edgehogs this month. Are they all in hibernation? There is a marked lack of Fungi at the time of writing so your records are more important than ever. I hope you enjoy looking. I look forward to hearing from you at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465, e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk
Jane Ostler

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Rector	Rev. Neil Griffiths	860630
Church Wardens	Peter Smith	860218
	Simon Jowitt	07903 390151
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Secretary	Peter Baldock	860293
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	Hilary Winstanley	861160
	Carol Wheatley	860579
	Derek Cox	07881 788247

During the current pandemic crisis, and in accordance with guidance from Government and Archbishops, Colsterworth church will be open for private prayer and meditation for the following limited hours:-

MONDAYS	10:00am - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAYS	10:00am - 4:00pm
FRIDAYS	10:00am - 4:00pm
SUNDAYS	10:00am - 4:00pm

When visiting the church, please wear a face covering, respect the personal space of others and observe the taped off areas. Hand sanitiser is available. Similarly, services are limited. Whilst the situation remains changeable, services scheduled for **NOVEMBER** within the benefice of Colsterworth churches are as follows:-

Sunday 1 st	11:00am	Colsterworth, Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st	3:00pm	Stoke Rochford, All Souls Service
Sunday 8 th	10:45am	Remembrance Service, Colsterworth War Memorial (Attendance limited due to Covid 19. Please see notices)
Sunday 15 th	11:00am	Stoke Rochford, Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd	11:00am	Colsterworth, Holy Communion (with Bishop Nigel)
Sunday 29 th	11:00am	Colsterworth, Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME

All Services streamed live on Social Media

For up to date information, please consult www.colsterworth5.org.uk or church notice boards

COLSTERWORTH POLICE OFFICE

Apologies, the opening of the Police office to the Community continues to be suspended. It's proved to be a good place to pop in and share anything of concern.

However, remember that we're ALL the eyes and ears of our Community. It's important to report ANY potential crime, unusual activity, anything suspicious.

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Pamela Harrison – 01476 861864

A warm welcome to all our services and events



November 2020

Date	Time	Service	Preacher
1 st	10:30am	On Zoom	Ruth Hinch
8 th	10:30am	Remembrance	Rev'd Neil Griffiths & Rev'd Nel Shallow
15 th	10:30am	On Zoom	Rowena Ward-Barrow
22 nd	10:30am	On Zoom	Ray Hinch
29 th	10:30am	On Zoom	Rev'd Nel Shallow

Whilst our services and events held in the church building are suspended until further notice, we are holding a Zoom Church Service at 10.30a.m. every Sunday. If you are interested in joining our service, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone for more details.

Messy Church – Wednesday 11th November at 4:00pm on zoom. For children of Primary School age (and their siblings) accompanied by a parent/carer. This is a churches together project led by Rev'd Neil Griffiths. For more details contact Neil on 01476 860630

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Villages Diary November 2020

All events normally reported in the Villages Diary section have been cancelled.

23rd 13:30 - 14:15 **Mobile Library** Colster Way

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	1:30pm-3pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time)	Village Hall
	5.30-7pm	Brownies	Village Hall
	7.15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
Tuesdays	6-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
	Wednesdays	11.30am-12.30pm	Vitality Movement and Music
11am-1pm		Open Door (2 nd & 4 th Weeks)	Methodist Church
7.30-8.30pm		Bootcamp	Village Hall
Thursdays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	5.30-7pm	Beavers/Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
Fridays	7.30-9.30pm	Fortnightly Bingo	Sports & Social Club
Saturdays	10am-12	Football Coaching	Sports Field

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