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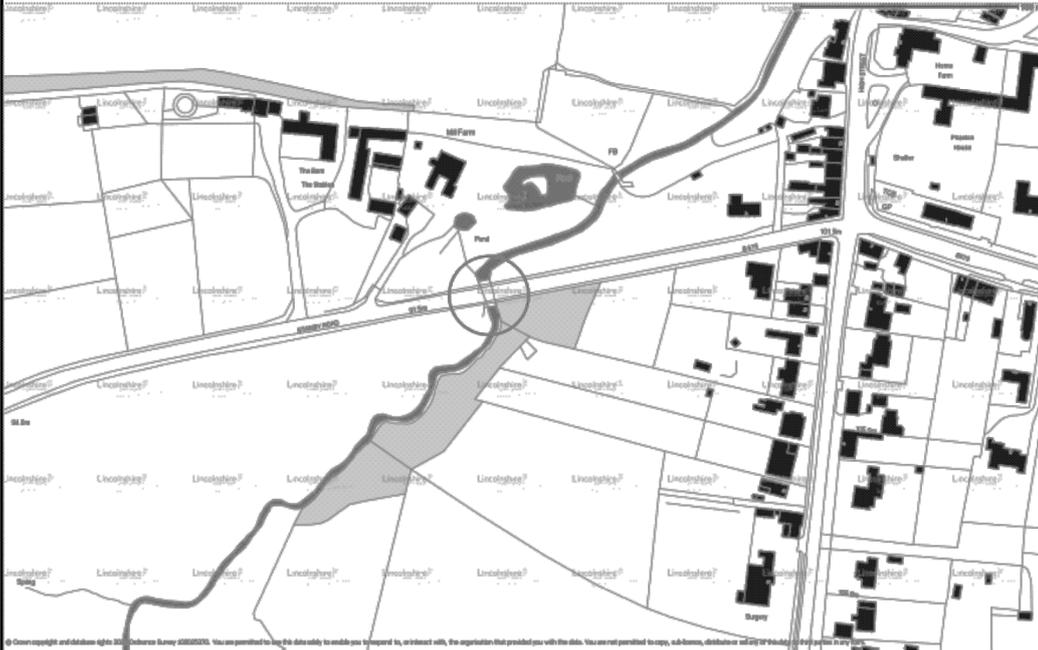
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News for the villages of Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, Stainby, Gunby, North Witham and Lobthorpe

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Advance road works notice from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC).

B676, Stainby Road, Highfield Bridge, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire
Anticipated start date for these works is 21/06/21 and is to last for 3 weeks



Lincolnshire County Councils intention to carry out maintenance works to the above structure, the location of which is shown on the above plan.

After carrying out recent inspections it has been identified that the bridge is in need of maintenance. The existing masonry wingwalls and abutments on both sides of the bridge have deteriorated and have large cracks in places. LCC are proposing to repair the defects by replacing and repointing the masonry where necessary which will help to prolong the life of the structure.

The anticipated start date for these works is 21/06/21 and is to last for 3 weeks. These dates and timescales are subject to change depending on the current Covid 19 pandemic, the availability of our term maintenance contractor and progress on this site and others.

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Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Chairperson Remarks

Chairperson Cllr Caroline Hainsworth thanked everyone
for joining the meeting and hoped that all were keeping
well and busy.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor D Bellamy Reported:

- The SKDC Budget had been set with an increase from the previous year of 3.3%, County Council increase of 2% and the Police increase of 5.9%.
- SKDC were no longer underwriting the £100K SKDC for the statue of the late former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, this is now being underwritten by private business.
- An amendment had been made to give an increase in wage to the lowest paid of the SKDC staff.
- Cllr Bellamy apologized for the delay from SKDC on some current planning enforcement issues advising that from the start of the new financial year another enforcement officer will be appointed.
- The previous and recent flooding at Bourne Road Estate, Colsterworth will be monitored by the SKDC Housing Department.
- Planning S20/0345 at Bridge End, Colsterworth had been deferred for reports.
- Planning S20/1820, Change of use to Children's Home at North Witham was going before the Planning Committee on 3rd March 2021.

County Councillor B Adams Reported:

- Lincolnshire County Council had agreed a balance budget for 1 year. The current issues relating to the pandemic prevented a longer budget from being agreed.
- £12 Million has been removed from Highways which they will try and save through efficiencies and savings.
- The Government has told the County Council to put aside £10 Million for local businesses to come from reserves.
- A County Council precept rise of 6%.

Clerks Report

1. The code to the padlock on the gates to the Defibrillator outside the Village Hall has been logged with the ambulance service.
2. Advance road works notice from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC). B676, Stainby Road, Highfield Bridge, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire. The anticipated start date for these works is 21/06/21 and is to last for 3 weeks.
3. Request for a grit bin School Lane close to Whitham view has been rejected by LCC Highways because that part of the road is unadopted.
4. The Clerk has requested SKDC street-lights outside the Co-op are replaced with ones with improved illumination.

Fix My Street Reports

A number of fix my street reports have been made for potholes and road defects around the villages of which some have been fixed and some assessed as no further action. On 19/02/2021 LCC Highways were seen repairing the potholes at Bridge End before the entry to the A1 north.

5. The lamp post and illuminated speed sign on Bourne Road before the junction with the High Street has been replaced.

General Correspondence

Council received details of correspondence received across the Parish ranging from, blocked drains, potholes, litter, fly tipping, overgrown trees and hedges.

Group Reports

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report uploaded to the website.

1. White Gates Project Update. Investigations ongoing.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report

1. War Memorial Project (Phase 2) Update – Remains COVID-19 affected.
2. New Play Equipment for North Witham Play Area Working Party Update. The order for the play equipment has been placed with Wicksteed. Report to Council 2nd March 2021 uploaded to the website.
3. Old Post Lane, Cemetery Inspection to be completed by the Clerk, Cllr's C Russell and C Hainsworth subject to COVID guidelines. Cllrs C Hainsworth and C Russell volunteered to join the Clerk for the Cemetery Inspection subject to the COVID-19 Government guidelines on the date of the inspection.

Finance and Administration

The following policies were adopted:

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- 1. Financial Regulations Policy.
- 2. Protocol for Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure.
- 3. The next Remote F&A Meeting date agreed of Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.30pm.
- 4. Accounts for Payment. All were approved by Council.

Nature Trail

Volunteering activities resume Monday 12th April 2021 subject to Government guidelines. A litter pick is planned.

Planning Applications:

S20/0205 G1 - Group of beech overhanging no.25 - Prune back towards the boundary line by 3.5-4m. 25 Woodlands Drive, Colsterworth, NG33 5NH.

S21/0352 Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extensions. 10 School Lane, Colsterworth, NG33 5NW.

SKDC Planning Approval

S21/0070 Work to trees - Woolsthorpe Manor, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth.

S21/0101 Erection of porch. 22 Bourne Road Colsterworth, NG33 5JE.

SKDC Appeal

S20/0094 5 Manor Farm Mews, High Street, Colsterworth, Grantham, NG33 5JA. Dismissed.

SKDC Public Speaking

S20/1820 Planning Application - Public Speaking Notification S20/1820 Change of use from a dwelling house into a small children's home that will cater for up to four children. Location: Grange Farm, South Witham Road, North Witham, NG33 5LA,

Matters requiring attention such as potholes and faulty streetlights.

Pothole on the A1 Southbound Flyover – Cllr R Brocklebank confirmed that work was scheduled.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY AT 7.30pm ON 6th APRIL 2021

Ingle Charity 2021

Ingle Charity would like to express thanks to two long-serving Trustees who have died recently. Bill Senescall, served as a Trustee from 1980 to 2011, and Dora Farley who became a Trustee in 1989, was still serving the Charity when she died in February. We offer our condolences to their families. Interestingly, both were born in Woolsthorpe and clocked up nearly 62 years of service between them!

Ingle Charity History

Ingle Charity was the legacy of Frederick Ingle, who died on 30 May 1912 aged 73 years. He was the son of Edward Ingle and his second wife Eleanor of Middlefield House Colsterworth. His executors set up the Frederick Ingle Charities in 1914 – originally the Benevolent Charity, the Nursing Charity and the Pension Fund, the first list of beneficiaries being drawn from Frederick's own Christmas list of villagers whom he regularly supported. Other parts of the charity funded a boy through Grammar School; paid for an apprenticeship, with boots and tools; and provided a nurse for the village, to care for the sick and poor.

Ingle Family History

The Ingle family came to live in Colsterworth sometime after 1607; Henry Ingle was bailiff to Isaac Newton and Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire in 1885 listed Edward Ingle, Frederick's father, as 'a farmer and grazier'.

Edward Ingle had such radical views on religion that he broke away from the Methodist Chapel, holding services at his business premises in the Dunkirk area of Colsterworth. This congregation became the Wesleyan Reform Chapel.

After leaving school Frederick was articled as an architect to Mr Hinde of Nottingham, but later changed his employment to the building-contracting firm of Mr Dennett in Nottingham. The firm grew and Frederick improved on the Dennett fireproofing system by encasing structural pillars in fire-resisting concrete.

Later he became a partner, and Dennett & Ingle were best known as contractors providing two construction features: firstly, they installed their ironwork in buildings, and secondly, and most importantly, they were renowned for their concrete fireproofing construction.

The architect Sir Gilbert Scott favoured their technique, and it can be seen in such buildings as the Foreign Office in Whitehall, where the ironwork is exposed and decorated, and in the Royal Courts of Justice and St Thomas' Hospital.

At the age of 72, Frederick was still working, living at his London house, 24 Queen Anne's Gate in Westminster. The offices of Dennett & Ingle were also located there.

Frederick was non-conformist but donated to both chapels in Colsterworth; he also gave £50 for the restoration of the bells in the Colsterworth Parish Church.

When Frederick died, he left the majority of his estate to his niece Sarah Abbot of Colsterworth. To some of his tenants he willed them their homes and left money to cousins worldwide; he donated to charities in London, Nottingham, Grantham, Stamford.

Frederick's funeral took place at his house, Middlefield, in Colsterworth, and the Parish Church of St John the Baptist rang a muffled peal of bells in the evening. He is buried near his parents in Woolsthorpe Cemetery.

Mourners came from Manchester, Nottingham and London, and there were many tributes, including the message on a wreath from the well-known Grantham solicitor Mr R.F.Moresby White – 'a kinder heart never beat'.

Margaret Winn, Correspondent

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our general meetings are still not possible but we have managed to have a committee meeting via zoom following a lot of patience from the younger members with a geriatric participant. They tell me that it will be easier next time! The last time I heard that was in the delivery suite at Nottingham Peel Street hospital for women, but like that experience the outcome was quite pleasing.

Following the National Federation having given us three months discount on the subs (subs not being payable until April instead of January) we now have been given permission to reduce the Institutes share of the total amount by whatever the committee thinks we can manage to pay our bills over the next twelve months after paying for the goody bags instead of having to pay for speakers and hire of the Sports and Social Club. Therefore it was decided that the Institute can offer a discount of £10 making the 2021/22 subscription for Colsterworth members £34. Dual members will pay £11.60 for the year. If any member wishes to pay the full amount of £44.00 then £10 of this will be classed as a donation to

Colsterworth W.I. It was also proposed that the cost of refreshments and raffle will be reduced to £1.00. Details of payment are notified in the March goody bag. Other items in the bag included answer sheets for previous quizzes, new quiz sheets, a craft item (a felt daffodil, a potted primula, lots of miniature Lindor easter eggs and of course, a tea bag. Thanks go out to the ladies who source the items, fill the bags, and deliver them and have a chat on the doorstep. What a bonus that is when you live on your own and confined to barracks!!! We can only hope that it won't be long before we can meet in the Club, once we have had our set of jabs and "him indoors" gives us the nod, we shall be there like a shot, won't we girls? Our programme has been completed for the

new year, the printer is chomping at the bit. I'm waiting for the committee nominations to come flooding in, cut off date is the 6th April and that gives me time to verify that nominees are willing to stand.

Unfortunately there will be one face missing when we restart. It was a very sad day when we heard of the passing of our longest serving member, Dora Farley. We knew that she hadn't been well for some time, but it didn't make the news any easier to bear. She had served the Institute over many years, with a short break when her husband, Albert, was ill. I remember Dora from the days when I used to go to Newton Court and have knitting and crocheting sessions making blankets for charity. She taught me to crochet but I still go round in circles, never having managed the "Now turn the corner" I shall miss her cheery phone calls, "It's my turn Dotty" she would say as I beat her to a call. B.T.'s profits will be down in the future that's for sure. Sleep well Dora, you deserve your rest.

In the meantime, to all our members and our readers, keep well, wear your mask, and stay safe.

Dot Williams

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NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

Snowdrops and Winter Aconites lasted well into March this year and Lesser Celandines added to the colour on the roadside verges. The first Sweet Violets were seen on 4th March. The only one of the four kinds of violets found locally to have a scent they also have a white form and are the first to flower. Not long behind in flowering are the Early Dog Violets. These dainty pale petalled flowers prefer the shade and are often associated with ancient woodland. The so-called Common Dog Violet is tolerant of a wide range of conditions but locally is less frequent in open grassland on the limestone than the Hairy Dog Violet. On the 11th March the Coltsfoot was in flower another plant, like the Lesser Celandine which is used as an indicator of the early or lateness of the season. It, like the Blackthorn (first reported on 19th March) are both later this year than in 2020. A plant usually unnoticed due to its small size was a favourite of the American Naturalist Aldo Leopold. Of Spring Whitlow Grass he wrote that sand too poor and sun too weak are good enough for this plant which is a true harbinger of spring. Its tiny white flowers, with five deeply cleft petals are encircled by slender hairy leaves. It has no scent to tempt pollinators in and is self fertile. Over a number of generations the populations of clones evolve to their particular patch so that a colony may become (say) more hairy, taller flowered than the next. It was noticed on the Roadside Nature Reserve by its the round shining and translucent pods, rather like miniature honesty seedheads. The first Brimstone butterfly was seen flying on 23rd February and together with a single Tortoiseshell Butterfly in the same garden flew every day for almost a week. Bufftailed Bumblebee Queens were busy collecting nectar even when buffeted by cold winds and there were a few Tree

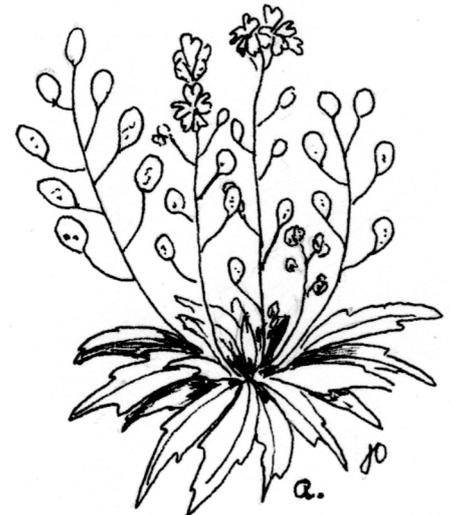
Bumblebees out too. The males of the first Hairy footed Flower Bees have not yet appeared (by 19/3/21) but their favourite nectar source, Lungwort is out and waiting for them. On 23rd February ants clambered out in numbers from a large garden pot where they had nested. Frog spawn was first reported on 11th March – to the day it was first seen in one pond last year. In another the spawn was seen on 18th March. In all cases few adults were seen either before or after the discovery of spawn.

Skylarks heard singing but bird song generally is still subdued. The dawn chorus should increase and reach its strongest by the beginning of May. On March 19 rooks gathered amongst nineteen nests in an ash tree were making what can only be described as a clamour. Gilbert White, the 18th Century Naturalist wrote "Rooks in the breeding season, attempt sometimes in the gaiety of their hearts to sing, but with little success" On the Woolsthorpe Roadside Nature Reserve two Bullfinches, in their brightest colours were seen in the bushes with two Kites displaying in the sky above. Blue Tits nesting in a wall overgrown with bushes, Little Egret on the Witham where a brief flash of colour indicated a Kingfisher and the lesser drama of a Moorhen nearby were some of the sightings shared for this article.

A hedgehogs out on the Nature trail, appeared in good health. Fresh molehills on higher ground were probably made by moles escaping the wet. A photograph of a Muntjac in a garden and a phone message of the same thing may have been in another garden but the same deer. There have been signs of activity round the three lots of Badger's setts. They seem to have been taking the roots of Wild Arum which would be very caustic to eat. Hares about in the daytime, 'boxing' in the fields.

To Look for in April. Butterflies should be more in terms of numbers and variety.

Other kinds of Bumble Bee, Mason and Solitary Bee should all be flying. The first Summer Migrants like the Chiff Chaff, Willow Warbler and Blackcap. What would be particularly useful is records of Frogs, Newts and Toads. I wonder if this year if anyone will see a Lizard or a Slow Worm? I look forward to your records and observations at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, **860465**, e-mail **jnostler@hotmail.co.uk**
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OLD POST LANE CEMETERY LITTER BIN

Polite Reminder to use the bin at the Cemetery for the disposal of wilted flowers and wreaths. Please do not dispose of broken glass vases or bags containing dog waste as they are a health-hazard for our local handyman who removes the orange plastic bags from the litter bin. Thank you.

DOG FOULING ☹

Unfortunately, there is lots of evidence of dog fouling around the village, please pick up your dogs' mess and dispose of it at home or in one of the dog waste bins. If you see dog fouling you can report this to SKDC Tel: 01476 406080 or on their website at <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/?service=CLDOFO>

.....more on Dog Fouling

Editor's note: The following was received from a local resident. *"Can you please put in a piece asking dog walkers to not let their dogs walk all over our front lawns and gardens using it to leave their dog poo. The neighbourhood of Colster Way and Belvoir Close have had enough! Sadly it's people walking them on long leads so they wander into our private gardens."* You may (or may not) have noticed that due to the pandemic, there has been a lack of items suitable for inclusion on the front page. So, how about grabbing a photo or two of the offending (or should that be offensive?) owners and the front page problem (and perhaps the dog doo doo problem too) might be solved? Just a thought.

Thank you

After a short illness I was very touched last week to receive a lovely plant from the local Methodist Chapel. It is so nice to know people still care and are making people smile. The plant cheered me up in the uncertain times we are living in and to whoever delivered the plant, a very big THANK YOU.
Janet Hoyes

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HELEN'S HELPING HANDS

As most of you know my amazing wife passed away several months ago after a courageous fight against Cancer. Throughout her battle Helen Bill still found strength to run the Colsterworth Resilience Forum and was passionate about helping people. As a family we would like to rename the CRF to Helen's Helping Hands as a legacy to her. Myself Stephen Bill with the help of my daughter Samantha Bill will carry on Helen's fabulous work and support those vulnerable within our community. As the Covid Pandemic is slowly easing and we will hopefully return to a more normal life some of us will still face times of loneliness and vulnerability. Helen's Helping Hands wants to reach out to those that need support whether it be now or in the future. Please keep this number safe and never be afraid to call as our amazing volunteers are still here to help even when the pandemic has gone.
Stephen Bill - Central Coordinator & Samantha Bill
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Rector	Rev. Neil Griffiths	860630
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We are delighted to announce the following attended services for April:

4 th	06.00am	Dawn Service of Light	Colsterworth
4 th	11.00am	Easter Sunday Communion	Colsterworth
11 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Colsterworth
18 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	To be advised
25 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	To be advised

11.00am services are also livestreamed, with advance notice on social media.

Colsterworth church will continue to OPEN DAILY 10.00am – 4:00pm for private prayer and meditation. Rev'd Neil is also normally in the church Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00am for about 30 mins for anyone who would like to see him.

When in the church, please wear a face covering, respect the personal space of others, avoid touching surfaces and observe the taped off areas. Hand sanitiser is available. These arrangements accord with Government and Archbishops guidance.

Our thanks to all who continue to donate to the Foodbank, it is much appreciated.
ALL ARE WELCOME

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



COLSTERWORTH POLICE OFFICE

The opening of the Police Office to the community continues to be suspended.

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A warm welcome to all our services and events



April 2021

Date	Time	Service	Preacher
4th	10.30a.m.	On Zoom	Rev'd Peter Sulston
11th	10.30a.m.	On Zoom	Rowena Ward-Barrow
18th	10.30a.m.	On Zoom	Elaine Robinson
25th	10.30a.m.	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 01476 860126 for more details.

Messy Church – There will be no Messy Church in April due to school holidays. We meet again on Wednesday 12th May 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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Wed 1345 - 1545	
Thu 0900 - 1100	
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Villages Diary April 2021

Fri 9th	1330 - 1415	Mobile Library	Colster Way
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Weekly			
Mondays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	1:30pm-3pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time)	Village Hall
	5.30-7pm	Brownies	Village Hall
Tuesdays	7.15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
	6-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
Wednesdays	11.30am-12.30pm	Vitality Movement and Music	Village Hall
	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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