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

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 21st May 2021 AT 7:00 pm
Colsterworth Village Hall (subject to availability and COVID-19 guidelines) Please check the Parish Council website <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business> prior to the meeting or contact the Clerk Sue Grant by Tel: 01476 861888 (office hours only please) or email clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. To Approve the Minutes of meeting held Thursday 18th April 2019
3. Chairman's Annual Report
4. Clerk's Financial Report
5. Update on the Newton Project by the Reverend Neil Griffiths.
6. Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance update by David Heath-French.
7. Nature Trail Update by Ranger Mo Taylor
8. Any Motions by Electors (must be proposed 10 days before the Annual Parish Meeting)
10. 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 (Sue Grant, 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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Public Forum

There were three members of the public present, who spoke in support of the following two events/projects:-

Pop up create, Arts Activity Day Saturday 22nd May 2021:

There were two speakers, the first to speak was a local creative producer who explained that Colsterworth was one of five Villages nominated by South Kesteven District Council (S.K.D.C.) that he had been invited to deliver an Arts Day for. The proposed date of the Arts Day is Saturday 22nd May 2021, between 9am and 2pm.

Isaac Newton Project:-

The Reverend Neil Griffiths summarised the Isaac Newton Project to date and provided a vision of its future. He said that the Arts Day linked in well with the Isaac Newton Project for Community Events.

The four focusses for the Church are:-

1. For flexible modern worship.
2. Create a modern community space, flexible for learning and community events.
3. Create an education space to learn about the church and the Village.
4. Create a space that recognises our heritage and links to Sir Isaac Newton.

Chairperson Remarks

Chair to the Council Cllr Caroline Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that it had been worth spending the time listening to the public session and what is going on. Cllr Hainsworth said that we are moving into the next phase and to see what happens.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor D Bellamy had sent his apologies for the meeting and some notes which were read out by the Clerk, summarised below:

- S20/2084 the extra house at Stamford road planning application has been withdrawn by the developer.
- S20/1820 North Witham children's home has been provisionally refused pending further reports.
- S20/0345 The KWR application to move their business to the new location Bridge End Road Colsterworth is still waiting to come back to committee having been deferred.
- Thank you for the Highways report regarding 50mph speed limit on the average speed camera-controlled section of the A1.
- I support all the observations of the Highways and Footpaths Group but the 50mph proposal was an interim safety measure rather than instead of the engineering measures the group suggested which could be years away. This section of the A1 is the only one left with busy crossing points, private drive and field access points and no reduced speed limit.

County Councillor B Adams Reported:

District Councillor B Adams started by thanking Graham Kiely and Mo Taylor for organising the recent a litter pick. Over 100 orange bags of litter and unpleasant bottles containing urine were collected from the A1 Flyover and Stamford Road. Cllr Adams stated that he was happy to continue support the litter picks and asked that a letter of thanks from the Parish Council be sent to both Graham and Mo.

- County wise meetings are on hold until after the local elections in May.
- The Government are looking at Unitary Authorities, a short discussion took place on how that might affect Parish Councils in the future.
- The North Witham HGV access and A1 issues were discussed, and Cllr Adams said he and Cllr Bellamy were continuing to pressure the County Council and Gareth Davis MP on these issues.

Clerks Report

- 1 Derelict Garage, High Street, Colsterworth. Contact has been made with the family of the resident with historic ownership of the derelict garage who is starting the process to formalise ownership with HM Land Registry.
- 2 Remote Meeting legislation expires on 6th May 2021. The Parish Council is awaiting further guidance on this.
- 3 Notification of received of the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) for 2020-2021. Submission deadline 02/07/2021. Annual Internal Audit arranged for early April.

4 On Wednesday 24th March 2021, the Cemetery Inspection at Old Post Lane Cemetery was carried out with the Clerk and Cllr's C Russell and C Hainsworth. The Clerk to follow up with grave owners/descendants of unstable memorials.

5 SKDC have confirmed that they are looking into improving the illumination at Bridge End.

General Correspondence

Council received details of correspondence received across the Parish ranging from, allotment queries, 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.
2. Resolve to support a 50mph speed limit where the average speed cameras are installed on A1 between Ponton and Colsterworth. (Cllr Bellamy)

H&F Report 06.04.2021 uploaded to the website.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report

1. War Memorial Project (Phase 2) Update – There will be an update to Council at the May meeting.
2. New Play Equipment for North Witham Play Area Working Party Update. The current equipment is Parish Council responsibility. As part of the application to keep costs down it was agreed that the Village Hall Committee and volunteers would remove and dispose of the old equipment to ensure no unplanned costs to the Parish Council were incurred outside of the allocated grant from FCC. See supporting documentation to minute 2020.134(2) – Project update report to 02 February 2021 meeting. Cllr J Clark advised that installation of the play equipment should be the 3rd weeks of May 2021.

Finance and Administration

Accounts for payment were approved. Next F&A Meeting will be held remotely on 20th April 2021.

Nature Trail

Volunteering activities resumed on Monday 12th April 2021 subject to Government guidelines. A litter pick was completed.

Planning Applications:

SKDC Planning Applications:
None

SKDC Planning Approval

S21/0101 Erection of porch. 22 Bourne Road Colsterworth, NG33 5JE.
S20/0069 Renovation, alterations and link extension to outbuildings to form ancillary annex. The Old Rectory Hall Lane, Stainby Lincolnshire NG33 5QX

S21/0134 Listed Building Consent for renovation, alterations and link extension to outbuildings to form ancillary annex. The Old Rectory Hall Lane, Stainby Lincolnshire NG33 5QX

S21/0205 G1 - Group of beech overhanging no.25 - Prune back towards the boundary line by 3.5-4m. 25 Woodlands Drive Colsterworth, NG33 5NH.

SKDC Appeal

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

Dismissed.

SKDC Withdrawal

S20/2084 Erection of an additional dwelling with detached garage on an additional 6th plot (to rear of development previously approved under S19/1709).

Woodyard To The Rear Of 13-17 Stamford Road Colsterworth, NG33 5LD.

LCC Planning Application Consultation

PL/0041/21 - Development: to operate an inert waste recycling facility to recover and recycle hardcore, stone, tarmac and concrete from construction, demolition and excavation waste (c, d & e) utilising a mobile crushing and screening plant. Location: Stainby quarry, Crabtree Road, Stainby.

Matters requiring attention such as potholes and faulty streetlights.

None

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Saturday 22 May **Colsterworth**
 Sunday 23 May **Billingborough**
 Friday 4 June **Corby Glen**
 Saturday 5 June **Ancaster**
 Sunday 6 June **Long Bennington**

Each day will run from 11am to 3pm and will be spread across each village and has been designed to be fully compliant with Covid regulations. Each day will consist of arts activities that local residents can either do on the day or in advance in their own homes, alongside a series of busking-style unexpected performance moments.

The 'Arts Around the Villages' days are designed to be a bit of fun, something to raise collective spirits and make us all smile. The activities will all be family-friendly but due to ongoing restrictions will of course require social distancing at all times.

For further information visit
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Litter Pick A1 Flyover Colsterworth

Thank you to Graham Kiely, Mo Taylor and John for completing the recent litter pick over the A1 Colsterworth Flyover and along Stamford Road to the A1.

On 14th April 2021 Gareth Davies MP mentioned this at Prime Ministers Question Times.

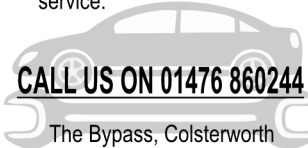
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INSPIRING WOMEN

4,000 people are watching a game of football as I write this, 5,000 more are to watch Liverpool, or was it Leicester in another match. Yet twenty four members of Colsterworth W.I. will not be able to meet on the 20th April, or as you read this, weren't able to meet on the 20th April. However, maybe it was destined that we weren't able to meet as I would have missed the "In Touch" deadline altogether, it being one even two hours earlier, than our scheduled meeting. Not BJs fault this time, it must be the bank holiday coming up. We are not part of the herd system apparently, although one may have been called part of the bovine class hasn't one?

Federation Newsletter reports that the Annual meeting held by zoom was a success. No report of it as yet, not even the result of the Chairman's Challenge. I suppose that if we had won it, we would have heard by now surely.. Our annual meeting will be conducted by mail as we have been authorised to do with all the new "cans and can'ts" rules brought in by the National Federation. It is going to be interesting how the National Federation Annual Meeting will turn out. It is booked to take place at the Royal Albert Hall, will it be like the BAFTAs awards which we saw a couple of weeks ago, two people in the hall and the delegates at home. I hope not. All we know is that the result of the Resolution proposed this year will not be known until later in the year. At least the actors did know if they had won on the night, even if they were in the kitchen at home.

It's time to renew our Take a Chance lottery numbers. Still a "fiver" for the eleven draws plus the special draw at the annual meeting. Closing date is the 7th May, so make sure your application is in time. I see that the Walking Netball can resume. Do they really stick to walking? I saw a men's walking football match and there wasn't much walking done, except when they were out of breath. They seemed to have a touch of amnesia and kept breaking into a run. New rules soon forgotten.

Looking forward to our monthly "goody bag". Wonder what we will find in it this month. How is your pot plant from last month? They were very colourful, and did you all manage to make the daffodil brooch or even finish the quiz without Googling the answer? I'm sure that we could all qualify for a quiz on T/V, perhaps not Mastermind, more like Pointless.

Are you all coping with the great outdoors now that restrictions are lifted ever so slightly? I managed a trip to the hairdressers in town after I had had my job. Who the woman is though in my bathroom everytime I go in, is anyone's guess (maybe she will grow on me)

One thing I've noticed is the amount of traffic,

especially on the A1 considering the request not to travel only on special journeys. School holidays could have been the cause of the extra traffic, but one thing I have noticed is the speed at which it travels, especially out of the village. Secondly, don't they fit silencers on motorbikes anymore? Nowadays every bike has to be heard, not like the very quiet, was it something or other Wings. But these days noise seems to be the favour of the bikers, or is it that I have reached the youth deficiency stage of my life? I'm certainly not deaf at least, but deafness could be a bonus at times.

Well that's all for the April news about our meeting which hasn't taken place yet again. We wonder if will be able to meet, maybe June perhaps. Whenever it is I'll be sure to let you know and there won't be anything for me to waffle on and comment on you can be sure.
Dot Williams

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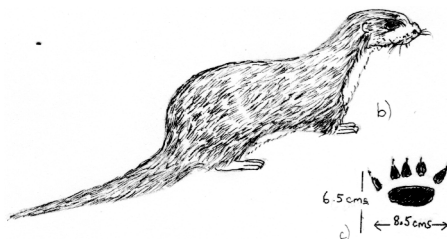
NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

In spite of sharp frosts at night, sunny days have meant that by the third week in April spring is truly here. Fieldfares and Redwings have gone and the first of the warblers are back. The Chiffchaff was heard at the end of March. The first Swallow was reported on 12th April and House Martins seen the day before. The dawn chorus has increased in volume and in the daylight hours birds are busy building nests. A blackbird, for instance was watched as it repeatedly visited a pond to dip dried plant remains in the water. A wren was seen disappearing behind a log with a beak full of moss. Butterflies which emerged earlier in the year, having overwintered as adults (e.g. Brimstone, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell and Comma) were joined by those which had just emerged from a chrysalis – Small White (29/3/21) and Orange Tip (13/4/21). Next to look for are the Holly Blue and the Speckled Wood. Ladybirds (7-spot) have been abundant. Amongst them have been the black form of the smaller 2-spot Ladybird. Fortunately there are no reports of the Harlequin Ladybird an invasive alien.



For those interested in Bees and the time to take a closer look, gardens have provided the opportunity to find about a wide range of species. It is possible to find six kinds of Bumble Bee if there are a range of nesting places, sunny sheltered corners and flowers with available nectar and pollen. The three earliest to arrive this year were the Buff-tailed (the largest and most frequent) the White Tailed (similar

but smaller) and the Tree Bumble Bee (a recent arrival in this country and spreading fast). Next the Red-tailed and Carder Bees. The last named has a ginger thorax and is long tongued so that it can reach into tubular flowers. The Early Garden Bee doesn't live up to its name but it may be overlooked as it has a striped body rather like two of the other species. By mid April the solitary bees begin to appear – unlike the social bees which divide the community's females into Queen and workers the female starts the nest and continues to tend the young from eggs she has laid. Three *Andrena* spp. easier to identify than most have been observed in April. The Tawny Mason Bee emerged from bee hotels where it is the most frequent resident. It has orange hairs on both its abdomen and thorax. Another bee covered in orange hairs is the Tawny Mining Bee (a) which is an important pollinator of currants and gooseberries. A third kind of solitary bee is first noted by the volcano shaped mounds where it has excavated its nests. It has an orange thorax and an orange tip to its abdomen. These solitary bees may be even more important pollinators in the garden than the more noticeable Bumble and Honey Bees



Reports of hedgehogs this month have come from both observations on trail cams but in one case from checking security cameras! Our mammals are so elusive that we have to rely on tracks trails and signs. The find of the month must be of tracks near the River Witham of otter (b) Their five-toed prints are distinctive, claw marks showing near the tip of the pads (unlike the badger). They may well leave the impression of their sturdy tail as it slides on the ground

behind them. In the 1960s they were scarce everywhere and by the 1980s were declared extinct in Lincolnshire. Their return here is by a series of introductions from Norfolk but their continued existence depends, amongst other things, on good water quality in the rivers. Unlike coastal otters the river otters are nocturnal and easily disturbed by man (and dogs).



To Look For in May

Cowslips (c) Are there less of them this year, and with fewer flowers and shorter stems as reported in the press? The drawing shows a 'normal' one. Cuckoos – usually heard for the first time in Twyford Wood. Skipper Butterflies, Common Blues. Frogs – How are the tadpoles doing as they grow their legs and change from a vegetarian diet to feeding on minute animals? I look forward to your reports and observations at 61 Woolsthorpe Road , 860465, e-mail jnostler@hotmail.uk Jane Ostler

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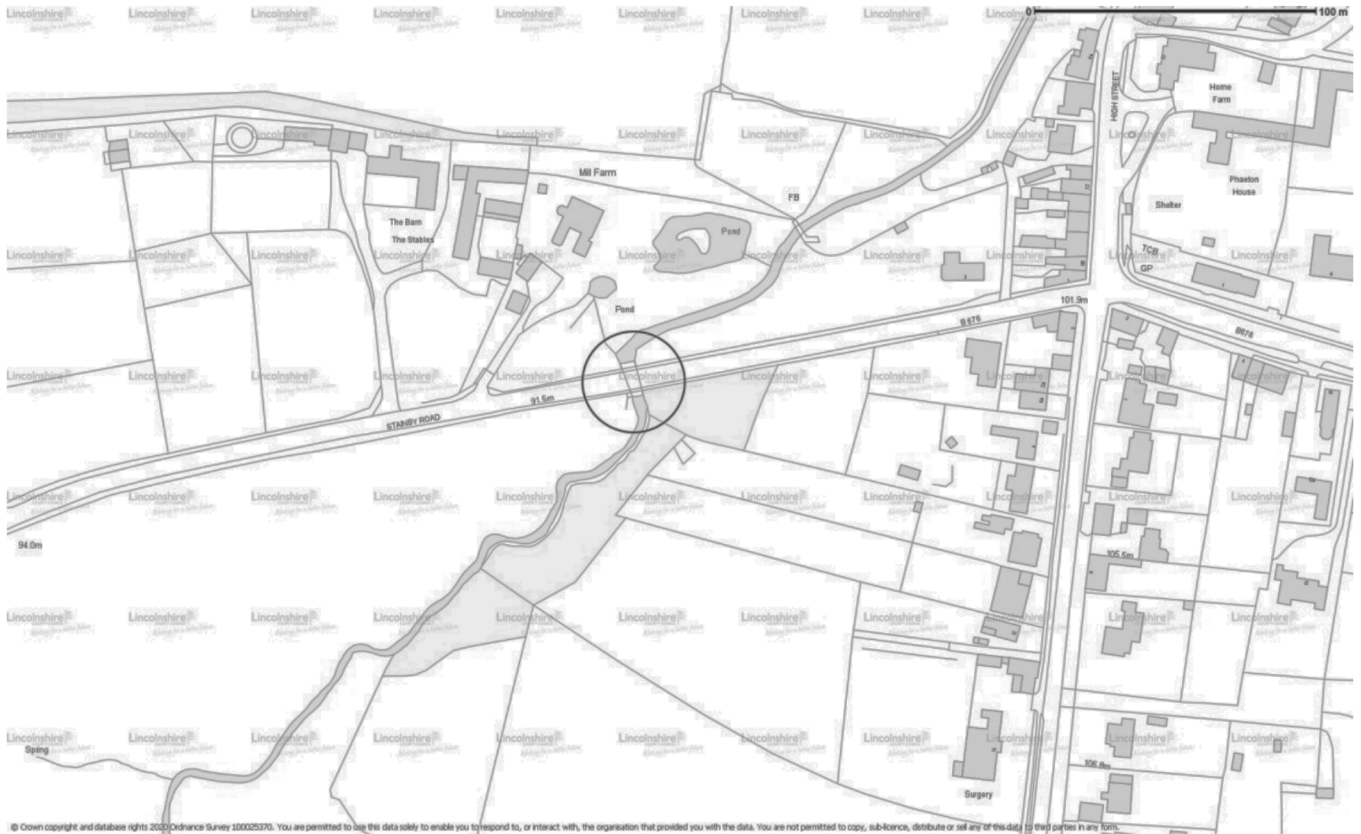
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Rector	Rev. Neil Griffiths	860630
Church Wardens	Peter Smith	860218
	Peter Wheatley	07765 126402
Treasurer	Peter de Voil	860811
Secretary	Peter Baldock	860293
PCC Members	Hazel Taylor	860605
	Hilary Winstanley	861160
	Carol Wheatley	860579
	Derek Cox	07881 788247
	Simon Jowitz	07903 390151

In-person and livestreamed services for May in Colsterworth:

2 nd May	11.00am Holy Communion
9 th May	11.00am Holy Communion
16 th May	11.00am Holy Communion
23 rd May	11.00am Holy Communion
30 th May	11.00am Holy Communion

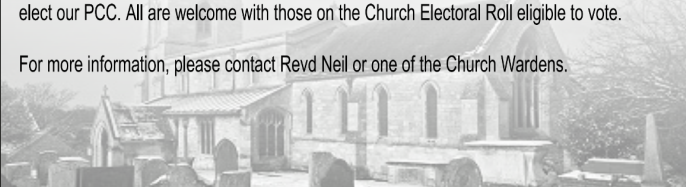
Colsterworth church is OPEN DAILY 10.00am – 4.00pm for private prayer and meditation. Revd Neil is also normally in the church Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am for about 30 mins for anyone who would like to see him.

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 Archbishop's guidance.

Thank you for your continued support to the Foodbank, it is much appreciated.

Our APCM on 19th May at 7.00pm in the church, is when we publish our Annual Report and elect our PCC. All are welcome with those on the Church Electoral Roll eligible to vote.

For more information, please contact Revd Neil or one of the Church Wardens.



COLSTERWORTH POLICE OFFICE

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

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

Don't hesitate to phone
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Email: nelshallow@googlemail.com

Village Contact:

Pamela Harrison – 01476 861864

A warm welcome to all our services and events



May 2021

Date	Time	Service	Preacher
2nd	10:30am	On Zoom	John Eagles
9th	10:30am	On Zoom	Marion Hingley-Hickson
16th	10:30am	On Zoom	Jennie Fytche
23rd	10:30am	On Zoom	Rev'd Nel Shallow
30th	10:30am	On Zoom	Rev'd Tony Pick

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 – We meet again on Wednesday 12th May at 4pm 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

Jigsaw Loan - Are you wanting something to while away the long dark winter evenings? If so, we have quite a number of 500 and 1000 piece jigsaws which we are happy to loan out. If you would like one, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone 01476 860126.

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Tue 0900 - 1000	
Wed 1345 - 1545	
Thu 0900 - 1100	
Fri 0900 - 1030	

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Fri 7th	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
	7.15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
Tuesdays	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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