

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

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Sensational swimmers!

Colsterworth School's swimming team stormed to victory at this year's Small Schools Swimming Gala on Wednesday 4th March held at the Meres Leisure Centre, Grantham. With tremendous individual and team performances from children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 the school walked away with two winners cups and were victorious in both the relay event and the overall swimming competition. Louise Jordan, Head of School said "Throughout the event, the children showed positive attitudes and a strong sense of teamwork as they cheered on and encouraged each other, as well as the other schools involved. We are yet again so proud of our children for an all-round fantastic morning of sportsmanship and another opportunity to show their 'God given talents'.

Colsterworth Resilience Forum

What a wonderful community we all live in.

Our normal daily life restricted, in lockdown due to the current COVID - 19 situation.

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For the last few weeks I've been putting together a team of Volunteers willing to help those who are totally restricted and unable to do essential tasks, such as shopping etc.

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Any of the events advertised are subject to cancellation without notice.

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Parish Council Report Clerk - 01476 861888 Clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

There was no Parish Council Meeting in April 2020 due to the Government guidance on social distancing. Legislation has now been passed to allow Parish Council to meet remotely. The Clerk is making arrangements for this to happen. The Annual Parish Meetings are not covered by this legislation. The next Parish Council meeting will be in May. More information on the Government guidance on Coronavirus can be found on the following web site: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

All Parish Council Projects are currently on hold due to the Coronavirus Pandemić.

Colsterworth Resilience Forum

A big thank you to the Colsterworth Resilience Forum volunteers and central co-ordinator Helen Bill and husband Steve for the support and assistance they are providing to vulnerable people. It is great to see how the people of Colsterworth and District are pulling together as we live through this pandemic.

Finance and Administration

Annual External Audit

Legislation has been passed extending the deadline by which the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) together with any certificate or opinion issued by the local auditor must be published from 30 September 2020 to 30 November 2020. Previously there was a requirement for all smaller authorities to have a common period for the exercise of public rights, being the first 10 working days of July. Under the new regulations there is no requirement for a common period for the exercise of public rights. Smaller authorities are still required to set a period for this purpose, but the only requirement is that the 30-working day period for the exercise of public rights should start on or before the first working day of September, i.e. on or before 1 September 2020. This SI was issued on 7 April and is effective from 30 April 2020 Further information can be found at the following website: www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/404/contents/made

Playgrounds

Playgrounds at Colster Way, Old Post Lane, Woolsthorpe Road and North Witham remain closed until further notice as per the Government guidance.

Community Cleaners

Thank you to Kevin and Mark our community cleaners who continue to work litter picking and emptying the dog waste bins whilst observing social distancing.

Grass Cutting

Verge and village grass cutting have been resumed. Streetwise Environmental have provided a Method statement for Grounds Maintenance which confirms that their employees are operating under government guidelines. Graham Brumpton is a lone worker and observing social distancing whilst he looks after the village grass cutting. Thank you to Graham Brumpton and Streetwise Environmental for keeping the villages of Colsterworth and District tidy.

Allotments

The April inspection was completed independently by the Clerk Sue Grant due to the social distancing rules. Both Woolsthorpe Road and Stamford Road allotments were found to be generally in a particularly good condition. Thank you. There is one vacant half allotment on both sites, please contact the Clerk if you are interested in renting one of these at a cost of only £15 annual rent. Tel; 01476 861888; clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

A gentle reminder regarding dogs, burning of rubbish, water and padlocks: -

DOGS: Are not allowed on the allotments

BURN BAN: There is a Burn Ban between March 1st and October 31st each year. Try and compost waste.

WATER: Reminder that the use of hosepipes is to refill water butts only. Water is no longer a free commodity – it is on a metered supply and therefore must be used with care.

PADLOCKS: Please ensure that the padlock and chain is secured so that chain cannot simply be lifted over the gate post. If the padlock key has been lost a replacement can be obtained from the Parish Council at a small fee.

COVID-19: If you find yourself unable to tend to your allotment due to self-isolating and have no one to assist you please let me know.

Defibrillators

The defibrillators situated outside the White Lion, Little Legs Nursery, North Witham Village Hall, Colsterworth Village Hall and Woolsthorpe Road continue to be checked by the Clerk to ensure that they are rescue ready for use. Whilst checking the defibrillators the Clerk cleans the outside cases which gather cobwebs and dust. Thank you to the person who cleaned out the defibrillator situated in the old BT kiosk on Woolsthorpe Road this is very much appreciated.

Planning

SKDC Applications

S20/0456 - Rear single storey extension & bay window. 15 Hawking Close, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5GG,

SKDC Approval

S20/0336 - Reduction of crown by removal of upright branches for the upper crown and longer horizontal lateral branches whilst retaining the more pendulous branching to maintain the current dome shape. Woolsthorpe Manor, Newton Way, Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth. S20/0114 - Installation of a freestanding 4.5m totem sign. McDonald's Restaurant Great North Road, Colsterworth.

S20/0463 - T1 Horse chestnut rot pocket above main fork, reduce by 10m to give finish

height of 11.5m to relieve stress/tree management, T2 Sycamore suppressed by neighbouring trees - remove to ground level, T3 Horse chestnut suppressed by neigh-bouring mature trees remove to ground level. The Rectory, 13A Back Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NJ

S19/2036 - Change of use from existing (detached) stable block into residential dwelling. Fallow Hill Bourne Road, Colsterworth NG33 5JP S20/0583 - Porch with wc to front of dwelling. 15 Pasture Close, Colsterworth, NG33 5NA,

S20/0366 - Reduction of crown by removal of upright branches for the upper crown and longer horizontal lateral branches whilst retaining the more pendulous branching to maintain the current dome shape. Woolsthorpe Manor, Newton Way, Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth, NG33 5NR

SKDC Appeal

None

SKDC Withdrawal

None

LCC Planning

None

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE IN MAY DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

HELP PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The following websites have good information about COVID-19 and action to take / not take, which you may find useful.

NHS https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

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Earlier this year we were invited to apply for a further grant from the National Heritage Lottery Fund to finance the development phase of the Newton Project. The project was considered favourably by NHLF at a meeting in March, but before awarding a grant, they have asked for more work to be done on the application, in particular to develop further the plans for the interpretation of this important heritage site. The application should then be resubmitted later in the year. One of their experts has been appointed to support and advise us. However, further grants have been temporarily suspended as NHLF fund current projects in financial difficulty as a result of the devastating effects the coronavirus is having on the heritage sector.

Neighbourhood Watch

As we're now well into another year it's worth reminding

ourselves that Neighbourhood Watch is not just about being friendly and helpful to those around us. Increasingly we all lead busier lives and often we think we're being good neighbours but.....

HOW WELL DO WE REALLY KNOW THEM???

Sadly, even in villages this is not very well these days.

STOP, take 5, spare a little time for those around you.

BE KIND - BE NEIGHBOURLY!

USEFUL NUMBERS

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Anti-Social Behaviour Reporting		08001 830279
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts	Dawn Prentice	01476 860208
Bell Ringers	Hilary Winstanley	01476 861160
Book Club	Anne Prothero	01476 860952
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Bowls Club (Captain)	Kevin Atter	07834 815076
Brownies	Ruth Hollis	01476 860463
Churches N Witham, S Witham	Rev'd Graham Buckle	01572 767236
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Colsterworth and District Parish	Sue Grant	01476 861888
Council - Lincolnshire C.C.		01522 552222
Council South Kesteven District		01476 406080
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Councillor SKDC	Andrea Webster	01476 870738
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Doctor's Surgery Bourne Road Corby G	ilen	01476 550056
Doctor's Surgery St John's Close Corby	Glen	01476 550251
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Kurling	Brian Ostler	01476 860465
Little Legs Nursery	Sarah Moore	01476 860053
Luncheon Club	June Jessop	01476 861400
Mobile Post Office	Andy	01778 570221
Neighbourhood Watch Colsterworth	Helen Bill	01476 861399
Newton's Players	Hazel Taylor	01476 860605
Petanque	Liz Kunen	01476 862011
Police Non- Emergency		101
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Pre-School, Colsterworth	Sharon McGown	01476 860046
School, Colsteworth C of E Primary		01476 860569
School, Colsterworth PTFA		01476 860569
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Village Hall, North Witham	Jane Hawksworth	07778 393872
White Lion, Colsterworth	Madeleine Smith	01476 861466
Women's Institute (Secretary)	Dot Williams	01476 860741
Woolsthorpe Manor	Emma Michalak	01476 860338





COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Unfortunately the April meeting was cancelled, and also the May meeting. We hope that we might be able to have the outing to Exton Gardens in June but this looks doubtful with the extension of the Covid restrictions. We will keep you undated re the events as things progress.

Hope you are all enjoying your gardens & allotments, the Woolsthorpe Road allotment plots appear a hive of activity which hopefully will mean a lot of exhibits being available for the show at the end of August.

We always welcome new members, so please come along to Colsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on second Monday in the month

We hope to reschedule these missed presentations in 2021.

The program for 2020 is out, please come and join us and enjoy the varied evenings:

11th May - "Flower arranging from my garden" by Lucienne Bennett - cancelled

8th June - Outing to Exton Gardens -

13th July – "Colsterworth Nature Trail" by Maurice (Mo) Taylor Aug – no meeting

9th Aug (Saturday) – Annual Horticultural & Craft Show 14th Sept – "The NGS & planning a bed" by Lynne Barnes 12th Oct – "Life on the veg" by David Thornton 9th Nov – "Impressions of Lincolnshire" by Steffie Shields

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This is not the usual edition of In Touch and hopefully many of you will be reading this thanks to the volunteers who have offered to deliver as many as they can and the "drop off" point at the Co-Op.

Hopefully our normal contributors will be putting pen to paper soon to once again be able to report on the activities that will resume at some time in the future, so special mention to:

The WI – Inspiring Women
Jane Ostler - Natural History Bulletin
Colsterworth & District Gardeners and Allotment Holders Association
Focus Group
Neighbourhood Watch

It is also a difficult time for all those small business advertisers affected by the lockdown so we must also acknowledge them and wish them well for the future.

During the last few weeks the use of the internet and social media has become so important and some serious skills have been developed!!! Special mention needs to go to Dave at the White Lion for keeping those serious Pub-Quizzers together on a Thursday evening and Rev Neil Griffiths offering Sunday service (Colsterworth Group of Churches Facebook page).

Shout out too to so many people including all those key workers among our community who are still working including all the staff at the coop.

So many members of the community are looking out for each other and there have been so many small individual acts of kindness and thoughtfulness such as decorating the Nature Trail for Easter, sharing plants and displaying rainbows and teddies.

Those positive moments such as the Clap for Carers on Thursdays is a real boost for everyone to feel involved and connected and as often happens in difficult times good humour has been coming through!!!

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In accordance with guidance and advice from Government and Archbishops, all scheduled services including Holy Communion, Matins and Evensong are suspended for the immediate future due to the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic.

Similarly, all Church related social gatherings, such as Coffee Mornings are cancelled.

The only services permitted for the time being will be funerals and weddings where attendance will be subject

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A warm welcome to all our services and events.



May 2020

All our services and events are suspended until further notice. We wish everyone in the village a safe journey through these troubled times. Please look out for your neighbours and let us look forward to meeting together again to pray and worship, share fellowship and have fun.

Mobile Post Office

Stopping by Colsterworth Bowling Club Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9am to 11am Wednesday 1:45pm - 3:45pm Contact Andy on **01778 570221**

Villages Diary May 2020

All events normally reported in the Villages Diary section have been cancelled. No information is available with regard to the mobile library.

		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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