

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

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Colsterworth & District Parish Council

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Tel; 01476 861888;

Email clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/

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is to be discussed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

The EGM is to be held on

Wednesday 8 September 2021. Meeting to start at 7 p.m.

Colsterworth Village Hall on Old Post Lane.

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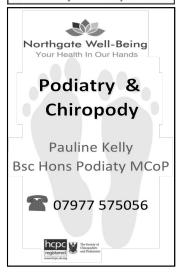


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COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

There was no Parish Council Meeting in August 2021. There will be a full report following the September Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 7th September 2021. This gives us an opportunity to use this- months, "In Touch" to explain a bit more about your Parish Council.

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. except in January and August when there are no meetings.

Elected Parish Councils were first established in the Local Government Act 1894 to reinvigorate local communities and give them a voice. Since then, Parish councils have remained largely unchanged. It is not unusual for seats on Parish Councils to be uncontested, and for members to be co-opted where the number of candidates is fewer than the number of seats available.

Your Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers who represent the residents of the Parish.

Currently there are 15 seats on the Colsterworth & District Parish Council covering the villages of Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, North Witham, Gunby, Stainby and Lobthorpe. There are Councillor vacancies for Colsterworth (x 2) and Gunby & Stainby (x1). If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Sue Grant is the part-time Parish Clerk and is the contact point for all matters relating to the Council. She can be contacted at:

clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk
Tel: 01476-861888

Planning Matters for August 2021 SKDC Planning Applications

S21/1446 Proposed new animal barn / field shelter. Land South of Stainby Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JD, S21/1575 Extensions to front and rear elevations and alterations. 36 Colster Way, Colsterworth, NG33 5JT. S21/1566 Erection of two-storey, detached dwelling

on additional 6th Plot (in addition

to development approved under S19/1709). Woodyard To The Rear Of 13-17 Stamford Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JD SKDC Planning Approval

S21/1026 Erection of single and two storey front extensions and garage conversion.

13 Stamford Road Colsterworth, NG33

More SKDC Planning information can be found on the SKDC Website: http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk

Full minutes and reports are available on the Colsterworth & District Website.

Just search "Colsterworth & District Parish Council" and find the minutes and agendas under "Parish Council" https:// colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/

South Kesteven District Council are responsible for many services including Planning and Building Control, Bins Street Care and recycling, assisted bin collection service and much more. You can find out more information using the following website address: http://

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THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT COLSTERWORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30pm ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2021 subject to Government Guidelines and COVID-19 Safe measures.

ROAD CLOSURE DIVERSION 06/09/21 - 30/09/2021

LOCATION & NATURE OF RESTRICTION: REASON FOR RESTRICTION: Carriageway Micro Surfacing Road Closure Order in place on:

Colsterworth

Colster Way / Chestnut Grove (Woodlands Drive To Bourne Road)

Belvoir Close

Twyford Close

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Meadow Close Pasture Close

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Woodlands Drive

Walnut Grove

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PERIOD OF RESTRICTION: 6/9/2021 to 30/9/2021 (Restrictions to be implemented for up to 2 days as & when required in each location during this period, signage detailing accurate dates & times will be displayed on site in advance)

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Poppies For Remembrance

The members of the Remembrance Committee would like to thank the knitters and craft ladies for once again generously donating their time to our Remembrance Day celebrations. Many, many poppies have been knitted, pop bottles cut up and painted and knitted figures donated.

This year we have displays planned for the Colsterworth Methodist Church, the Parish Church of Saint John the Baptist and the War Memorial. We are hoping that after the difficult times last year everyone will support us once again in honouring our fallen. Events will be taking place during the Remembrance month of October up to Remembrance Sunday. This is a considerable effort so please continue with your knitting and crafting if you are able.

Thank you for your help.

Jackie

Temporary Traffic Restriction: North Witham

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

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: New Gas Connection

LOCATION & NATURE OF RESTRICTION:

Road Closure Order in place on:

Water Lane (Between Rectory Lane & a point 100m South)

PERIOD OF RESTRICTION: 27/9/2021 to 1/10/2021

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Have you ever served in the Armed Forces or have a family member that has in the past? If so then we would love your contributions to our military wall within the White Lion.

If you have any Unit, Division, Corps or Single Service plague then we would love to see them placed on the village military wall.

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This is in support of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR).

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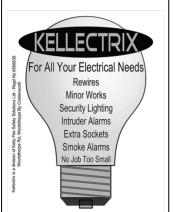
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INSPIRING WOMEN

At last, we were able to have a meeting with business. Minutes from our February 2020 were read. Did anyone remember what we did back then? Well there were nods all round so the President duly signed them. This was followed by the reading of an explanation of the hiatus in between minutes. Requested by National Federation every Institute has had to record the Covid 19 epidemic in our record book for future WI members to read when they delve into their Record books in the future as we have done since our formation in 1917 and saw how our members coped with the Spanish Flu epidemic and other national events. Let's hope that these events don't crop up ever again.

Our guest speaker Karen Sanderson author of books for children and parents explaining that "Our Children's health matters". The books were written as if by her dogs and were able to be understood of incidents in a child's life in a gentle way like birth and death; with text written as explanations why these traumatic events can be coped with. The books were beautifully illustrated by Emma Howitt. Karen was thanked for an enlightening talk by Vanessa Howley.

Prior to refreshments being served, the trophies for the 2019/20 competitions were awarded, the first time that we had been able to give them out since the "hiccup" the previous year.

Winner of the Rose Bowl for highest points in the monthly competition was won equally by Peggy Taylor, Jil Watson and Sandra Quinsee. Runners up, also tying were Mary Cowley, Helen Scorror and me. All received gift tokens. The Margaret Stafford trophy for flower of the month was won by Jil Watson and Sandra Quinsee was the runner up. They received a bouquet.

Thinking ahead, members voted for where they would like to celebrate their Birthday Lunch in November; providing that we will be allowed to lunch in public by then, and the new "Chuckle Brothers" don't clamp our poor restaurateurs' down again.

An update was given on our Mary after her fall and breaking her ankle. We hope that she will soon be back with us. Hopefully we hope to keep her busy with wool and needles to knit a scarf for the Lincolnshire Federations Scarves the length of the Humber Bridge. (In suitable lengths for them to be given to those not able to afford one, one charity or other will distribute them).

Each Institute in the Federation has been asked to design a pennant depicting the institute (Sandra our crafty whiz-kid was nominated to design one). There were questions if we should, or could, put anything referring to Isaac Newton, but that soon bit the dust! If Grantham can lay claim to him I'm sure that we can after all this time, it's a poor tale. If the WI

was in existence in Isaac's day I bet his Mother would have been a member!

The competition for an item initial O was won by yours truly with a Poole pottery ornament of an otter. Lynne Patte a giant onion. Flower winners were Sandra Quinsee with Jane Bennett the runner-up.

Now, next month sees a change of speaker. Jill Collinge hasn't resumed her talking bookings yet, so we see the return after a good few years, of Keith Hanson of The Tower of London fame, remember him in his fabulous uniform? This time he will be talking on "The Prisoners of the Tower and the Poppies". You know where we will be at the Sports & Social Club at 2:00pm on the 21st September, and of course there will be a warm welcome, a cup of tea or coffee (bring you own G &T, if that's your bag), and something to dunk or get sticky fingers with other delicious offerings. I'm sure that you will enjoy the afternoon, so why not join us in the convivial surroundings of the refurbished Club. (This month's goodies were provided by June, Lynne and Vanessa, they were good).

Dot Williams

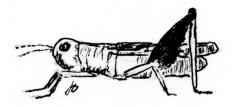
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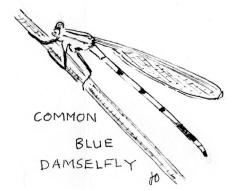
In August 2020 two photographs sent in were identified as the field grasshopper and the speckled bush cricket. This August another photograph, sent from the same site off Stamford Road, appears to be the stripe-winged grasshopper (Stenobothrus lineatus). It had the orange abdomen of a mature individual (i.e. one that has undergone a final moult to reach fully-winged size. Its song is "a highpitched whine, rhythmically rising and falling in volume". It is yet another species, like the Tree Bumble Bee, which is extending its range north. The meadow on the Nature Trail features, as last year, hundreds of common green grasshoppers.



Last months illustration of the Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar in defence/threat position, resulted in many sightings in both Woolsthorpe and Colsterworth. There were also more records of the adult moth, including feeding at honeysuckle and coming to a lighted window in the evening. A Marbled white Butterfly was seen at the beginning of August on the Roadside Verge Nature Trail. This is late for this species. Cabbage Whites are still everywhere in large numbers with their caterpillars already pupating in the soil . The most abundant of the "brown" butterflies is now, not the Meadow Brown, but the Hedge Brown or Gatekeeper. The Ringlets is also about above the grasslands.

Dragon and damselflies hunt their insect food some distance from the water from which they emerged as adults. Brown Hawkers were seen patrolling along hedgerows. Common Darter dragonflies were characteristically seen perched along the edge of a path, only darting out to catch prey in the air. The ones watched were mainly the red-bodied males. The females have yellowish brown bodies. All the dragonflies sit with their wings outstretched, whilst the damselflies fold their wings over their backs whilst at rest. Should you get close enough to see their eyes, the bulging eyes of the damselflies are well separated towards the side of the head. In dragonflies the eyes meet in the middle of the head so that they appear to cover the whole of the head.





There have been few reports of Willow Warblers this year, more of Chiff Chaffs. The only records of Spotted Flycatchers nesting came from outside our parishes. Swallows and House Martins have been successful in raising young and have had second broods. Swifts were good in numbers as they took their final flights at the beginning of August. At the time of writing we are seeing less birds in the garden. There is a rich supply of food at this time in wood and hedgerow. Also as many still in moult and exhausted after all that child rearing they tend to keep well hidden.

Those of us who have ponds planted with native species have the pleasure of late flowers and their pollinators. Water Mint, Purple Loosestrife, Sedges and the Water Figwort whose sole pollinater is the Common Wasp. The Roadside Nature Reserve is due to be cut shortly. Still full of flowers and their insect visitors at the time of writing and with at least one new species this year - the limestone dependant Woolly Thistle.

To Look For in September. The fruits are all ripening on the trees – look for the pink and orange fruits of spindle. The keys on ash maple and sycamore. How good a year is it for acorns and beech mast? We have had enough rain this year for a good crop of fungi (more of them next month). Will the house martins and swallows have gone by then? I look forward to hearing from you at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465, e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk

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We are pleased to announce that Colsterworth and District Parish Council have been successful in their application for a grant from the South Kesteven Community Fund. The grant comprises a sum of £2,720 to improve access to the Nature Trail and will be used to improve the hand-rails, posts and barge boards of the slope at the Bridge End; install steps and hand rails leading down the slope to the Scout Area and put in safety rails around the edges of the railway bridge at the Woolsthorpe end.

The work will be carried out by a local contractor with assistance from the Nature Trail volunteers and in partnership with Colsterworth and District Parish Council who are happy to support local volunteers with a contribution of £383. The Nature Trail will remain open throughout the works, although there will inevitably be some disruption at times. Your patience during the works is appreciated.

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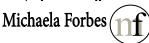
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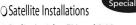
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Contact

PCC

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Rector	Rev. Neil Griffiths	860630
Church Warden	Peter Wheatley	07765 126402
Treasurer	Carol Wheatley	860579
Secretary	Peter Baldock	860293
Members		

Hazel Taylor 860605 Hilary Winstanley 861160 Derek Cox 07881 788247 07903 390151 Simon Jowitt

In-person and livestreamed services for September in Colsterworth:

5th September	11:00am	All Age/Family Service	In person only
5th September	6:00pm	Songs of Praise	In person only
12th September	11:00am	Holy Communion	
19th September	11:00am	Holy Communion	
26th Sentember	11:00am	Holy Communion	

Colsterworth church is 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.

Please don't forget to support the Foodbank if you can. There is still a need despite the successes in the response to Covid-19 and the summer weather. Thank you

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL ON SUNDAY 5^{TH} SEPTEMBER 11:00AM ALL AGE WORSHIP. DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OR SONGS OF PRAISE AT 6:00PM, FAVOURITE HYMN? TELL REV'D NEIL

For more information on services or the church, please see social media, our website www.colsterworth5.org.uk or contact Revd Neil, or the Church Warden.

COLSTERWORTH POLICE OFFICE

The opening of the Police Office to the community continues to be suspended. However, remember that we're All the eves 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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Village Contact : Pamela Harrison - 01476 861864

September 2021



Our services for September are:

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5th	n 10:30	Dam On Zooi	m John Eagles	
5th 12t 19t	th 10:30	am In Churc	ch Elaine Robinson	Cheryl Sutcliffe
191	th 10:30)am On Zooi	m Rowena Ward-Ba	rrow
261	th 10:30	Dam In Churc	ch Worship Leaders	Gill Senescall

Welcome Service for Neil Maynard – Wednesday 1st September at 7.30p.m. at Harrowby Lane Methodist Church, Grantham

Rev'd Neil Maynard will be our new Minister from 1st September. He will live in the Manse next to Harrowby Lane Methodist Church and be responsible for Bottesford, Colsterworth, Great Gonerby, Harrowby Lane and Skillington Methodist Churches.

Open Door - cuppa, cake and chat – We resume with a difference on Wednesday 8^{th} and 22^{nd} September. Initially we will open from 10am – 11:30a.m. for a **cuppa, cake and** chat. We would love to welcome back those who attended prior to March 2020 and also people attending for the first time. We welcome people of all and no faith to join us and of all ages. Our book and jigsaw library will be available for you to browse and borrow from.

Craft & Chat Group - Wednesday 15th & 29th September - 2:00-3:30pm Bring your own craft along and join our group for a cuppa, a chat and maybe an

Messy Church – Wednesday 15th September at 3:30pm – 4:45pm. 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

Hall Hire - Our Church Hall is now reopen and is available to hire for meetings, children's parties, fitness classes, etc. Please contact Helen Scorror on 01476 860126 for more

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Contact Andy on 01778 570221

Villages Diary September 2021

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Wed 8th	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 15th	2 - 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall
	3:30-4:45pm	Messy Church .	Methodist Church Hall
	2pm ·	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Wed 22nd	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 24th	1330 - 1415	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Wed 29th	2- 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall

		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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