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

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Councillor Bob Adams

It was with deep sadness that we heard of the death of Cllr Bob Adams.

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HEADLINES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd NOVEMBER 2021

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There were three members of the public present: -

1. The first member of the public requested that the oil cans in the pond at the top of Bourne Road are removed and a new bin to be installed on a concrete base on Colster Way Play Area between the two benches there – similar to one that is already installed. The member of the public believed that installing a bin on a concrete base would make sure it was not tipped over and also felt that it would encourage people to use it. They advised that they were liaising with SKDC for confirmation of the landowner of the pond at the top of Bourne Road.

Outcome: -

Chair to the Parish Council Cllr C Hainsworth confirmed that the request for a bin would be referred to the Clerk for investigations into costs and conveyed a special thank you to them for all the work they were doing on their litter picking activities.

2. The second member of the public spoke as a representative from Herewood Homes, they handed out drawings in support of the proposed 6th house on the Woodyard Development on Stamford Road, Colsterworth. They said the one extra stone-built house with a paddock would finish off the land. They explained that the Planning Officer from SKDC advised that they would require Parish Council support for the 6th property. Cllr's listened to what the member of the public had to say and advised that the Parish Council was not a Planning Authority. Cllr's were not supportive of any change to their original position of no comment.

3. The third member of the public offered to leave as the Public Forum had over run its time. The Chair to the Council Cllr Hainsworth invited them to stay so each member of the public was heard. They spoke in relation to the Parish Council's War Memorial Project. They commented on the good work already done by the Parish Council and raised caution with the Parish Council to take on board interventions from another community group as he had heard discussions about moving the War Memorial. He was reassured that this was not the case by Cllr Henton as this was raised at last meeting and the view was that it should stay in its current position.

They were also advised that their interest as a member of the working party was noted as was the interest of any other members of the community who expressed a view and request to be involved in the progress of the project which was still in process.*

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairperson Caroline Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and the public session was extended until 7.50pm to allow each person to speak.

County/District Councillor Report

- District Councillor Bellamy reported the following –
- Reserved Matters S21/1906 (in respect of S18/2379) - Feedback from the SKDC Planning Officer was that they were reassured that a new pond would be installed as part of the development which they were satisfied would catch surface water and be discharged into the existing system in a controlled manor into the Anglian Water system.
- So far there was no detailed information on predicted drainage.
- District Cllr Bellamy passed on County Councillor Adams apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

Updates for Council Finance & Administration

Unanimously agreed to set the precept at £37,822.00..

1. Unanimously agreed to transfer £20,000.00 from the Parish Council Community Bank Account to the Parish Council Savings Account.

Christmas lights Switch On

Christmas Lights switch on at St John the Baptist Church at 6.30pm on Friday 3rd December 2021. Steve Bill of Helen's Helping Hands has been invited to switch on the lights. Please join us for this year's grand switch on.

Clerks Report

1. The Clerk has invited a representative from FCC Environment to inspect the condition of the Bridge at the west end of the Nature Trail after being alerted by the Nature Trail Lead Ranger Mo Taylor that there were missing bricks and the inner structure of the bridge was exposed to penetration by water. 01/11/2021 Update from FCC Environment. They have received a quote back from an engineering company to carry out an inspection who specialise in these sorts of

structures. They will then look at any repair work needed from their report.

2. The Clerk has applied for a 1 Tonne bag of salt offered by LCC Highways.

3. The Clerk attended LCC Highways Parades awareness course on 20/10/2021 along with Volunteer Linda Nash. Thank you to Cllr Hainsworth and Dave Ostler for putting out the Road Closed advanced warning signs.

4. Uneven surface on footpath 7 Colster Way to Back Lane reported to LCC Rights of Way.

Correspondence

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

Nature Trail

1. Work on the steps and bridge has been completed.

Group Reports

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report (Cllrs Bennett, Clark, Brocklebank and Hainsworth)

Thanks to the co-ordination by Cllr Brocklebank there have been two roadside sessions in September/October 2021

Special thanks to Cllrs Vickers and Bouvie who have completed the CSW training and existing volunteers Cllr Russell

and Sue and Steve Grant. The physical presence of CSW is to remind Parishioners of the village speed limits and show that we care for everyone in the community.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report

War Memorial Project (Phase 2) Update. (Cllr C Hainsworth).

1. Awaiting tenders for the work requested by PPIY Architects.

New Play Equipment for North Witham Play Area Working Party Update (Cllrs, J Clark, C Hainsworth & A Bouvie).

1. Project Closed

2. Allotment Inspections are scheduled for November.

SKDC Planning Application

S21/2044 - Proposed two storey rear extension and single storey porch extension. 44 High Street, Colsterworth, NG33 5NF.

S21/2026 - TPO Ash (T15) work to tree to prevent future burst mains.

TPO243 Tree 15, Gunby Road And South Witham Road ,

S21/2022 - Detached garage with extended living accommodation over, ancillary to the main dwelling.

Hill View , South Witham Road, North Witham, NG33 5LB,

S21/2051 - Erection of two storey side extension and landscape

alterations. Location: Tower Hill Farm , Water Lane, Stainby, NG33 5QY,

S21/2071 - Removal of Condition 5 (Ancillary Occupation) of Planning

Permission, S03/1745 to allow permanent independent occupation of

dwelling, Condition Number(s): 5 Conditions(s) Removal:

Change of use to rent out the property or sell them for residential purposes.

The Barn, The Black Bull Guest House, Woolleys Lane, Lobthorpe, NG33 5LL

S21/2069 - Removal of Condition 5 (Ancillary Occupation) of Planning

Permission S03/1746 to allow permanent independent occupation of

dwelling Condition Number(s): 5Conditions(s) Removal:

Change of use to rent out the property or sell them for residential

purposes. Removal of restriction from the planning conditions. The Old

Servant Quarters, The Black Bull Guest House, Woolleys Lane, Lobthorpe,

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SKDC Planning Approval

S21/1580 - Alterations to listed building. Location: Home Farm House 57 High Street, Colsterworth NG33 5HZ

S21/2084 - T1 Birch - reduce by 1.5m back to previous pruning points, T2

Eucalyptus -fell - low amenity value, T3 Birch - crown tidy and deadwood

to encourage health and longevity, T4 Sorbus, T5 Hornbean - crown

reduce by 1m back to previous pruning points to prevent out growth of

area33A Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, NG33 5NR,

S21/1796 - Stone repairs to the memorial stone plinth and to the top cross;

improvement of the surrounding paved area to enhance water drainage.

Colsterworth War Memorial High Street, Colsterworth NG33 5JA

S21/1575 - Single storey extensions to front and rear of dwelling.36 Colster

Way Colsterworth, NG33 5JT

SKDC Withdrawn.

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

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
COLSTERWORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm ON 1st FEBRUARY 2022

THE PARISH COUNCIL BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE VOLUNTARY GROUPS, CLUBS, SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKE A "VILLAGE A VILLAGE". A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

Christmas 2020 was a very difficult due to the Government restrictions for England being relaxed for just Christmas Day allowing three households to form a 'Christmas Bubble' for that day only. Thanks to the COVID-19 vaccine and the patience during lockdown we can look forward to a normal Christmas in 2021.

Helen's Helping Hands The start of 2021 saw the Coronavirus Pandemic put the whole of England into the longest Government Lockdown we could ever have imagined, with many of us being unable to see family and friends. In 2021 the 'Colsterworth Resilience Forum' was re-named 'Helen's Helping Hands' as a legacy to the selfless hard work which was started by the late Helen Bill and is continued by her husband Steve, daughter Sam and army of volunteers. Helen's Helping Hands continued to be co-ordinated by Steve Bill supported by his daughter Sam and an army of willing volunteers to identify vulnerable people and provide support with shopping, prescription collection, transport to hospital, Doctor's appointments, many other requests of help and assistance and sometimes a friendly voice at the end of the telephone. It has been heart-warming to see how our community has continued to pull together. As the COVID-19 vaccination roll out gained pace slowly and tentatively the Government started releasing restrictions by the summer.

THE WHITE LION The Government Lockdowns and uncertainty throughout the Pandemic have again been a particularly tough year for Maddie and Dave, but they have continued to provide take away food throughout lockdown and their weekly Thursday night quiz by Zoom is enjoyed by many. The COVID-19 safe measures implemented when the White Lion re-opened provided a safe and pleasant experience for customers. The White Lion is the hub of the village, let us support Maddie and Dave and their staff. Thank you to Maddie and Dave and their staff for continuing to be the hub of the village despite what has been thrown at them in 2021.

IN TOUCH As Another year is almost at a close it is time to thank all those involved in the preparation and distribution of the monthly village magazine – 1,000 magazines each month. Thank you to Margaret Winn and husband Colin Russell who co-ordinate and sort the 1,000 In Touch copies delivering them to 20+ loyal volunteer helpers that distribute the village magazine through all kinds of weather; the editor Stuart Whitcombe for compiling and layout of the magazine, contributors and of course our many advertisers for their continued support.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE A huge thank you to our handyman Graham Brumpton who after over 10 years loyal service to the Villages has decided it is time for him to retire from Village work and spend more time with his family. Graham has always gone that extra mile keeping the grass verges and amenity areas trimmed and tidy including public footpaths and the nature trail. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Graham. His local knowledge and keen eye will be greatly missed.

LITTER PICKING Thank you to our community cleaners Kevin and Mark who help keep our streets free from litter. They also go that extra mile literally to clear litter from village verges discarded by selfish motorists. This year we have seen a particular problem with dog fouling on the footpaths and overflowing dog waste bins. The Parish Council has addressed the overflowing dog waste bins by providing an extra bin on the Nature Trail close to the Woolthorpe Playing area and paying Kevin and Mark for additional bin emptying each month. Please clean up after your dog and if the dog waste bins are full please take your dog's waste home and deposit in your own bin.

NATURE TRAIL Despite the pandemic the number of volunteers has grown, and this continues to be an extremely successful parish council led project. Our thanks go to Maurice and Jackie Taylor and the team of volunteers who spend many long hours improving access to the Nature Trail. 2021 saw the Nature Trail's successful bid for a Grant of £3,080 from SKDC for improvement to the steps at the Bridge End entrance and extra rails at the railway bridge at the West End of the trail. Keep the good work up.

COLSTERWORTH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE (CFoR) Thank you to the Founders of CFoR, David and Debi Heath-French and all the members and supporters of CFoR who arranged this year's Festival. Special thanks to Linda Nash who kindly volunteered her time to attend the Lincolnshire County Council Highways Parades Awareness training on 20th October at Horncastle with the Parish Clerk in order to have the necessary permissions to close the roads for the duration of the service. Special thanks to Dave Ostler and the other volunteers transporting the numerous road closure frames and signs to the specific locations and safely depositing them to the Police Office on Back Lane ready for another year.

CHRIS KENNEDY OF ROLL AND SCROLL TOGETHER WITH COLSTERWORTH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE (CFoR) Thank you to CFoR for the contribution of £500 towards the Tommy soldier and Chris Kennedy's generous contribution making up the total cost for the Tommy

Soldier and War Dog. Thank you also to the residents of the High Street who have kindly offered for the Tommy and War Dog to be sited permanently on their land adjacent to the War Memorial Gardens.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Thank you to Chris Smith for to pat testing the lights, again without charge to the Parish Council and to our team of regular volunteers to ensure that the Yew trees in St John the Baptist Church cemetery were adorned with coloured lights. A big thank you to them all.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH Due to the Pandemic Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) suspended Community Speed watch activities for each period of lockdown. We have now picked this up again. Thank you to all of our Community Speed Watch volunteers, we now have two sets of equipment, if you can spare an hour or two and would like to be involved then please contact the Parish Clerk Sue Grant on Tel: 01476 861888.

The Late County Councillor Bob Adams and District Councillor Dave Bellamy: Thank you for all their work representing the Parish Council at County and District level.

HIGHWAY FAULTS Reported faults have been COVID affected with longer response times. Lincolnshire County Council, as Highway Authority, is responsible for managing and maintaining the road network in Lincolnshire. They have a very good website for reporting faults e.g. potholes, pavement/road defects/street lights/missing damaged drain or manhole etc. Go to: <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> Tel: 01522 782070 but the website is the most effective way and you can upload a photo of the problem. South Kesteven District Council also have a website where you can find local information and report issues and concerns such as anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, faulty streetlights and much more. Go to: <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/> Tel: 01476 406080 but again the website is the most effective way of reporting a problem.



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Any donations to Madeleine or Dave.

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

Any questions to David Heath French at davidheathfrench@gmail.com



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Another year gone by and we are still here to celebrate our 104th anniversary of the founding of our Women's Institute. How did we do it? In the usual way of course. We went out to lunch. Not too far away, within walking distance in fact for quite a few of us, to the White Lion. Thanks to the kindness of Madeleine and Dave we were able to enjoy prawns, salmon, chicken and beef, not forgetting those spicy mushrooms. These weren't mixed all together, you know what I mean, but I'll tell you this – there wasn't "mushroom" for the pudding. But we forced ourselves didn't we ladies? Who could resist the tarts, cheesecake etc? Not all of us! Diets were kicked into touch. We did have a little business when we couldn't eat another morsel. Names were taken for Newark Operatic Society's production next year of Singing In The Rain. I'm still waiting for our knitters of scarves.

The length of the Viking Way, about 152 miles I heard, is needed to complete the challenge. Our scarves are to be donated to the Grantham Passage charity (I hope my arthritic fingers don't seize up or it could be Easter before they get mine).

Grantham Guildhall Arts Centre wrote to say that tickets were still available for the Neil Sands show Christmas Memories. It is usually a sellout but sales must be low this year as it was on the following week. Not much notice for our busy members.

County Federation are switching a quiz night into an afternoon quiz at Ropsley which includes an afternoon tea. See me if interested. A team of four will be required. More details will follow.

The pennant for the bunting was on show at the Federation Day held at Navenby recently. It looked very well in the newsletter. Hopefully we shall get to see it if the annual meeting is held at Spalding when attendance won't be decided by ballot. National Federation is looking for someone to design and make a birthday card for HM The Queen's 95th birthday. It must focus on WI campaigns and use watercolour techniques. Do we have any takers?

It was announced that a coffee morning is to be held for Mare Curie and St Barnabas Hospital in memory of our late member Dora Farley. It will be at the White Lion on December 10th from 10am to midday. Put the date in your diary please.

Our next meeting will be December 14th at the sports and social club at the usual time of 2pm. This year, we will be entertaining ourselves, not just having a cuppa and chat but reciting snippets of Christmas memories, readings, poems, or even a song. Don't be shy. Don't hide your talent. Make us laugh with a joke or two. Make us smile or reflect. Let's make it a Christmas meeting to remember and forget the one we had to cancel last year when we weren't allowed to have one. There will be very warm welcome and it's the committee's turn to do the refreshments. It was the President and Secretary's duty to provide the raffle at the lunch because we are excused tea making during the year. The competition for the meeting is a gold- coloured item. So we will see you at the sports and social club on the 14th at 2pm won't we? Start Christmas with us. It will only take two hours out of your preparations at home and you'll need a rest after all that shopping so take a breather and get yourself in a festive mood for whatever comes in the following ten days. You'll be very welcome

Dot Williams

Local Transport Plan - Consultation

What does the future of transport look like?

A Local Transport Plan lays out what our transport is like now, where we want to be in 10 years, and how we're going to get there. It's big picture stuff, and once we have it, it allows us to apply for government funding pots that help us achieve the goals set out in the plan.

We're asking residents, businesses, and our partners, for their opinions on the themes identified, challenges, and the potential projects outlined in the plan.

Find out more and complete the survey on our website before 1 December:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/841/what-does-the-future-of-transport-look-like->

What does the future of transport look like? – Lincolnshire County Council

Lincolnshire's current Local Transport Plan covers the period 2013/14 to 2022/23, and included the Lincoln Eastern Bypass and the East West Link Road, Grantham Southern Relief Road, and Spalding Western Relief Road amongst its ambitions.

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Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association.

For our Nov meeting of 2021 at the Village hall, we welcomed Steffie Shields from Lincolnshire Gardens Trust to present her Talk-"Impressions of Lincolnshire". We were given a very interesting talk and tour around the gardens of Lincolnshire.

Our December 13th meeting begins with AGM and then there will be a Quiz with mince pies and a Christmas raffle - at Colsterworth Village hall 7.30pm.

Future Dates;

13th December 2021 - AGM Quiz, Mince Pie & Raffle

16th January 2022 – Garden Club Xmas lunch @ The White Lion, Colsterworth

Hope you are all still enjoying your gardens & allotments, even though the nights are closing in and the temperature is dropping. We always welcome new members, so please come along to Colsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on second Monday in the month. More information can also be found on the "Colsterworth and Garden Club Facebook page". (No meeting in January)

Rod Young

A Big Thank You

On behalf of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance Committee, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's commemoration such a success. Thanks to the generosity of the Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe villagers, and with the help of many of our local businesses, we managed to raise in excess of £600. This will be split between our Festival of Remembrance fund and the Royal British Legion.

A special thanks also to the many villagers who turned out to attend the ceremony. It was wonderful to see so many people there and several wreaths were laid by various groups and individuals. Please remember that the opportunity to lay a wreath of remembrance is open to all. If you would like to lay one next year please contact David Heath-French at: davidheathfrench@gmail.com
Our website is: www.cfor.org.uk

Once again, thank you all for your help and involvement in the day.
Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance Committee

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN



Among the colourful birds returning to our bird feeders this autumn was a Great Spotted Woodpecker attracted by nuts. In another garden a surprise was a Jay, well away from its woodland habitat. With its bright blue feathers near the top of its wings and a crest blown up by the wind it seemed exotic. Twyford Wood is an area where jays have been seen gathering acorns in the winter. A pile of cherry stones found beneath a tree were all neatly holed at one end, probably by Blue Tits extracting the kernels. Few reports of finches except for a siskin which gave the observer plenty of time for identification as it explored for seeds. Birds in flocks included rooks looking for new roosting sites, black-headed gulls travelling after dawn and before dusk to their overnight place of safety on Rutland Water. Jackdaws often travel with rooks but two were seen emerging from a large nestbox intended for tame pigeons. Geese were heard calling on an overnight flight. Tawny Owls were t'wooping rather than t'witting. A kestrel seen hovering before swooping down on its prey of a small rodent. By the river a grey wagtail feeding on the winter gnats emerging from a

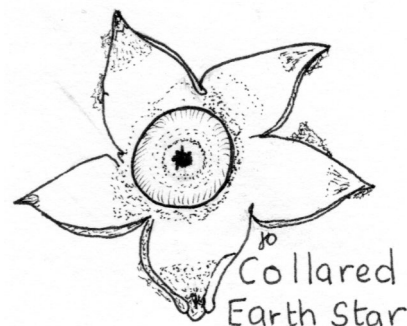
shallow area of water near a riffle. Three Little Egrets are seen regularly at the riverside from the central area south, but a grey heron keeps aloof further north. Kingfishers have again been reported this month.

Three young hedgehogs discovered in the second week in November will probably need help if they are to put on enough weight before hibernation. There have been a number of road casualties reported, fallow deer, badgers and a single hedgehog alongside Twyford Wood and Badgers alongside the A1. Young foxes have been seen after darkness, which comes so early this time of year. Following a request to look out for evidence of rabbits last month there are signs of them returning to their old haunts alongside Old Post Lane, on the Nature Trail and on the slip road to the A1.

The season for Moths and Butterflies on the wing is over. There have been more than the usual reports of those butterflies which overwinter in sheds and buildings coming out on mild days, with flowers still to top up their energy stores. A Red Admiral, for example, on November 16th and a Peacock on 13th November. A dead and rather tattered moth brought in for identification was of the very large Blue Underwing (Cliveden paralaïs). It had been found in Leics, The Rutland Natural History had featured it in its autumn magazine as two first records for their county. Originally a migrant in the south of England it is now spreading north and worth looking for locally next year. In flight in September, its caterpillars feed on aspen.

On the Nature Trail the Yellow Staining Mushroom has turned up again. Beware it looks like the edible mushrooms but some people are severely allergic to it. Fortunately the Wood and Field Blewits, liked by many people are more easily recognised. The smaller fungi of grasslands often go unnoticed. A photo sent in was of the dainty Egg Yellow which in its early stages can look like an egg yolk. There have been some spectacular crops of Shaggy Ink Caps in grass fields where a Giant Puffball the size of a

football was found. It is edible when young but soon its interior turns into a smelly powdery mess. On the Nature Trail there is a smaller but fascinating fungus which appears in its earliest stages to be a puff ball but which splits out into a star shape to reveal the inner containers for spores.



The Collared Earth Star has done well this year. Its dried remains keep its original form for months so it can be searched for even in the depths of winter. To look for in December. No reports yet of Fieldfare and Redwing. There should still be fungi about until the severe frosts when the Velvet Shank Fungus turns up on the trunks of old trees and the new bracket fungi continue to develop. The fallen leaves bear witness to leaf mining moths and the galls of many kinds of other insects. Lots of berries to brighten things at the time of writing. I look forward to all your observations at **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465** e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk *Jane Ostler*

Anglian Water are improving the water pipes from Gunby to South Witham

Information can be found on the Parish Council Website under Environment Agency Information <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Coffee Morning

Friday 10th December
10:00am - 12:00pm
In memory of Dora Farley
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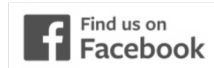


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A huge well done and thank you to those who joined us. I appreciate for some, this was a such a huge step reaching out and we have so much admiration.

I just want to reiterate to those that attend one of our coffee mornings that once we establish your needs, support from HHH is ongoing.

One amazing lady who came along to the coffee morning, we have been wanting to contact to offer the additional support she needed but regrettably did not get any contact details. If this resonates with you I realise it may be overwhelming to reach out again and call me but we are here, even if you just drop me an email or leave a voicemail for me to contact you.

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In-person and livestreamed services for December in Colsterworth:

5 th December	11.00am All Age Family Service 6.00pm Advent Songs of Praise	In person only In person only
12 th December	11.00am Holy Communion	
19 th December	11.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Lessons & Carols Service	In person only
20 th December	7.00pm Sing Christmas with BBC Radio Leicester	In person only
21 st December	4.00pm Children's Christmas Serv.	In person only
24 th December	11.30pm Midnight Communion	In person only
26 th December	11.00am Holy Communion	

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR FAMILY AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES. The church is also OPEN DAILY 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Please continue to support the Foodbank if you can, regrettably there is still a need.

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.

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December 2021

In December our first and third Sunday service in the month are on zoom and the remainder are in the church, please see below for details. If you are interested in joining our zoom service, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone 01476 860126 for more details.

Our services for December are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
5th	10:30am	On Zoom	Elaine Robinson	
12th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Advent candles
19th	10:30am	On Zoom	Deacon Ruth Hinch	
24th	6:00pm	Carols By Candlelight		
26th	no service			

Christmas Eve - Carols by Candlelight 6pm All welcome to our service of readings, carols, poems and songs.

Open Door - cuppa, cake and chat – Wednesday 8th & 22nd December 10 – 11:30am.
We will open from 10am – 11:30am 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 1st & 15th December – 2:00-3:30p.m.
Bring your own craft along and join our group for a cuppa, a chat and maybe an opportunity to learn new skills.

Messy Church – Wednesday 8th December 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 860630

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Villages Diary December 2021

Wed 1st	2 - 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 8th	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
	3:30-4:45pm	Messy Church	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 10th	10 - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	White Lion
	7pm - 9pm	Cheese & Wine	St. John the Baptist church
Mon 13th	7:30pm	Garden Club	Village Hall
Tue 14th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Wed 15th	2- 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 17th	1330 - 1415	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Wed 22nd	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 24th	6pm	Carols by Candlelight	Methodist Church Hall

Weekly

Days	Time	Activity	Location
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	Weekly Bingo	Sports & Social Club
Saturdays	10am-12	Football Coaching	Sports Field

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