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

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Christmas Lights Switch on 2021

Thank you to Steve Bill who switched on the Christmas Lights.

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REASON FOR RESTRICTION: Water Main Replacement

LOCATION & NATURE OF RESTRICTION:

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HEADLINES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7th DECEMBER 2021

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/>

Public Forum

There was one member of the public present who thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to speak and introduced themselves as the Acting Chair of the Village Hall Committee (Sir Isaac Newton Memorial Hall Charity). They gave some background on agenda item 2021.102 below and confirmed that after many years the existing Committee members wished to retire and they had been unable to recruit new Committee members with the required skills to run the Charity and stated the following: -

- It had been agreed by a majority at both the Extra Ordinary Meeting and Annual General meeting to surrender the remainder of the lease to the Village Hall building.
- The Village Hall Committee (Sir Isaac Newton Memorial Hall Charity) had received a letter from Shouler & Son surveyors stating that there was no value in the remainder of the lease.
- The Social Club Committee are willing to accept the surrender of the lease and would continue to run the Village Hall for the benefit of local groups.
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The member of the public finished by saying that the existing Village Hall Committee members were very sorry that the charity would not be able to continue.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair to the Parish Council Cllr Hainsworth thanked everyone for coming considering the bad weather that was being experienced. They acknowledged that the late County Councillor Adams would take place at 11am on Thursday 9th December and that he would be missed by the community. Cllr Hainsworth added that they were very sorry not to be able to attend the funeral, but the Clerk Sue Grant would be attending. Cllr Hainsworth informed the Cllrs that Cllr Jim Skelton had had to step down due to work commitments and gave thanks for his contribution to the Parish Council.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor Bellamy reported the following –

- The SKDC Planning Department was quiet, and he was not aware of any issues with the County Council planning department.
- The proposed housing off Bourne Road has not yet gone to Committee. He would seek clarification on the timing of the survey which had been requested.
- Cllr L McShane asked a question regarding the Woodyard Development on Stamford Road and Cllr Bellamy confirmed that the extra dwelling had been refused planning permission.
- Cllr Bellamy finished by say how much the late Cllr Bob Adams will be greatly missed.

Updates for Council Finance & Administration

Cllr J Skelton resigned due to work commitments. SKDC Elections informed, and Casual Vacancy advertised.

Clerks Report

- Footpath 7 classified as Priority 2 from LCC ROW. 02/12/2021 LCC ROW confirmed by email Patching works and potholes will be repaired by highways.
2. Comments on the Reserved Matters S21/1906 (in respect of S18/2379) submitted to SKDC. Minute ref 2121.88.
 3. Street lights 1, on Bourne Road and 74 & 79 on Woolsthorpe Road reported to SKDC for repair.
 4. Wicksteed Leisure have been instructed to carry out the replace the bearings on the roundabout at Woolsthorpe Play Area. Lead-time for the works to be completed will be within 6-8 weeks however this is dependent upon the necessary parts being procured.
 5. From public forum 2nd November. A heavy-duty litter bin including fixing kit £224.23. See Agenda item 2021.105 December Meeting.
 6. Allotment inspection carried out by the Clerk and Cllr C Russell on Friday 12th November 2021. Letters sent to all allotment holders.
 7. The Clerk completed and submitted the Pensions Regulator re-enrolment duties.

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. Volunteers will resume work in January weather permitting.

SKDC Planning Application

S21/2428 - Install four rapid electric vehicle charging stations. Four existing parking spaces will become EV charging bays, along with associated equipment. McDonald's Restaurant, Great North Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5FF,

SKDC Planning Approval

S21/1575 - Single storey extensions to front and rear of dwelling. 36 Colster Way Colsterworth, NG33 5JT
S21/1446 - Proposed new animal barn / field shelter. Land South Of Stainby Road Colsterworth, NG33 5JD
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 area Location: 33A Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, NG33 5NR.

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. Tower Hill Farm Water Lane Stainby NG33 5QY

S21/2069 - Removal of Condition 5 (Ancillary Occupation) of Planning Permission S03/1746 to allow permanent independent occupation of dwelling. The Old Servant Quarters The Black Bull Guest House Woolleys Lane Lobthorpe NG33 5LL

S21/2071 - Removal of Condition 5 (Ancillary Occupation) of Planning Permission S03/1745 to allow permanent independent occupation of dwelling. The Barn The Black Bull Guest House, Woolleys Lane Lobthorpe NG33 5LL

SKDC Planning 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**

So, here's my story.....As most of you know I lost my amazing wife Helen just over a year ago. At first I managed to fool myself (nobody else) that I was OK and for the first couple of months I got on with life.

But then this big black cloud came over me and as much as I tried to fight it, I sank into a deep depression.

After resorting to desperate measures I was admitted to hospital. Thankfully my daughter alongside my granddaughter decided to care for me and moved into my house. With a twice a day visit from a crisis care team and my daughter looking after me this enabling me to come home rather than being transferred to a specialist unit.

Although I was very ill, I was grateful I was back home but the road to recovery was a really tough and long one.

For weeks on end I battled with the feelings of despair, loneliness, pain, heartache and not wanting to be here. It felt like it was never going to end, it was like torture just being here. I remember sitting on my bed sobbing, pleading with my daughter to make it all go away but then.....step by step, day by day things gradually lifted. I never ever thought I would get out of the big black hole of depression but I did with the help of others.

I now want to reach out and help those who are in a similar place I was. Nobody deserves to live through the pain and torture of depression but I am living proof there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Please, if there is anyone you know within our village who is suffering from loneliness, isolation pick up the phone and let me know.

Steve Bill - 01476 861399



HELEN'S HELPING HANDS



Do you know anyone within our village who has struggled to venture out since the lockdown or doesn't see anyone for days on end, **OR does this apply to you?** If yes to any of the above then Helen's Helping Hands can help!

Myself and my amazing team of volunteers are setting up a coffee and cake morning to take place once a month to bring people in a similar situation together. It's a chance to meet up and chat with others including the HHH volunteers who worked so hard through the pandemic helping all those that needed it. It's also an opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns with us as a team and we can hopefully provide additional help if needed.

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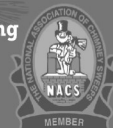
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This is in support of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR).

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



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INSPIRING WOMEN

We started our festive meeting by signing a register according to instructions from The Federation Advice from The Government. We did however agree to dispense with the masks. Well we were in a place where beers and spirits could be served and are exempt (not that we intended to partake of such refreshment.)

We weren't at full membership attendance with illness, visitors and scheduled deliveries, causing a few of our disappointed members to miss the last meeting of the year, and all the entertainment. But before all that there was a little bit of business, especially as there had not been any the previous meeting when we were out to lunch. Tickets have been booked for "Singing in The Rain". The Viking Way scarf project figures have been passed to HQ both in metric and imperial measurements, not sure which they wanted. I just know it as 151 miles long. That will be a lot of scarves to keep necks warm.

We have missed out of sending a delegate to The National Annual Meeting. With institutes folding and new ones forming the Institutes get shuffled about in their new groups and the ones at the top go as delegate. We haven't reached the top again in five years, although there are only four in the group. There will be words!

A Federation calendar is to be produced for 2023 by the combined three Lincolnshire Federations. Photographs are being called for in landscape form; calendars will need to be recyclable, and useful. I remember that years ago I used them as postcards as they were perforated at the bottom of the calendar, and had recipes on the back of the month of the year. We are to field a quiz team at Ropsley in January. I think it was the thought of an afternoon tea which clinched it. There is also a lunch laid on for the Resolution Discussion Day at Cranwell.

Another discussion on the "Subtle Signs of Ovarian Cancer" and "No Violence", at Screddington in March. Action packs were displayed on the literature table for members to read.

We were then treated to a sumptuous buffet by the Committee with all the usual treats, mince pies, sausage rolls, tea loaf with cheese, chocolate cakes and fresh fruit, and all manner of nibbles, and of course the ever welcome cup of tea.

Suitably refreshed, members rose to the call by the Committee at the lunch in November, thirteen of our members had brought along memories of Christmas in poetry or prose form. From the demise of a mouse to the origins of the Christmas tree fairy, and all the sentiments in between to tug at heart strings as well as the laughter. There was a bumper raffle to bring the social to an end. A bit of business followed with the result of the flower of month competition being announced as Liz Clark the winner and Helen Scorrow runner up. The Rose Bowl competition was won by Pamela Harrison with her golden coloured star and Shirley Cox with her fruit servers. The Committee was thanked for organising an entertaining afternoon especially the food.

Now, next year starts with a return of Richard Adams from Oakham and he will be showing his delightful photography set to music much like Alan Titmarsh does on his Sunday morning programme. (I bet he got his idea from Richard). Richard's are much better than Alan's, well I think so. There will be refreshments of course, including that refreshing 'cuppa', (for which we are renowned), and something to nibble, be it cake, biscuits or fruit. Whatever it is, we are sure that you will enjoy it when you come to the Sports and Social Club on January 18th 2022 at 2 o'clock. You will be most welcome. We wish our readers a very Happy and Better than the last two, New Year.

Dot Williams

Diary Date Tuesday January 18th Women's Institute at Sports & Social Club at 2.00 pm

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

Written in mid-December this bulletin looks back on the previous year which starts with records of the first flowers. After a mild start to winter there was a continued trend for earlier flowering of key species and the survival of plants which would in the past have died down in late autumn. Sharp and sudden frosts came at a time when fruit trees were in flower so, for example, a poor apple harvest Bumble bees which had started nests early had a considerable set back. By late summer many plants were taller than usual with lush growth.

The summer saw less of some Butterflies (e.g. Holly Blues, Common Blues, Small Tortoiseshell, Grizzled and Dingy Skippers.) Not a Painted Lady Year but there were exciting records of Purple Emperor and Silver Washed Fritillary. Numerous reports of the caterpillars of the Elephant Hawk Moth which seem to have adopted garden fuchsias. A photo of a Privet Hawk Moth caterpillar in a garden, away from its food plant was a particularly good find. The attractive Pale Tussock Moth caterpillars were found in numbers on the Nature Trail.

requirements. No records of any seen were sent in 2021.

Returning numbers of Swallows and House Martins continue declining but Swift numbers remain good. Finches notable for their absence from gardens (except for Bullfinches at blossom time!) Plenty of records of breeding Red Kite, Buzzards, Kestrels, Sparrowhawks, Tawny and Barn Owls, One record only of a Spotted Flycatcher and the Turtle Dove is no longer heard. Along the river Little Egret, Heron and nesting Grey Wagtail.



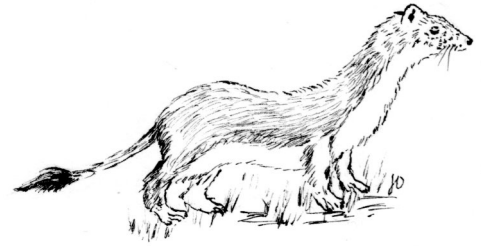
Kite



Buzzard

Deer, both fallow and Muntjac are increasingly found away; from woods, including in gardens. Roe deer have become established now in some local woods. The otter, seldom seen has a stronghold in the wider area and there is evidence of it feeding in the Witham. Badgers seen by most of us usually as road casualties, have at least three groups of active setts.

Rabbits are making a slow recovery after having been almost wiped out by disease.

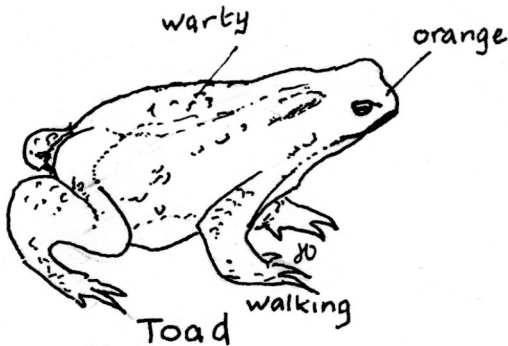


The stoat which has them as its main prey may now recover also.

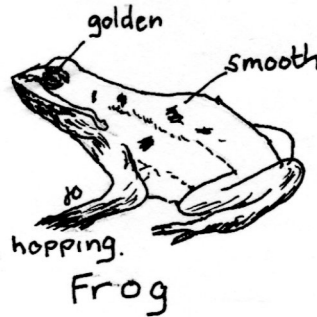
These notes are gleaned from your reports and observations. Whether you send in regular sightings or a single one - thank you to you all.

To Look For in January. January is a time for looking forward. The first flowers you see, the first fungi, the first flying insect, the first birds at the feeders, the first flocks in the wild. May you enjoy all this and more and share some of it with the bulletin - at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465, jnostler@hotmail.co.uk

Jane Ostler



Toad walking



Frog hopping.

The national decline in amphibians and reptiles is reflected locally. Garden ponds now seem essential to the survival of many. The lizard however has different

A success story, against the national trend, is the hedgehog, camcorders able to record their comings and goings.

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This time maximum speeds recorded were generally less than 45 mph but remember, these are 30 mph zones for a reason. Regrettably there one car was estimated at 70 to 80 mph when observed in Woolsthorpe Road on 21st November.

As well as the local Community Speed watch teams around Colsterworth there are other local teams in Corby Glen, Castle Bytham and Ancaster.

Please respect the speed limits. We are doing this for your safety. It could be your Grannie, your child or your dog that that are hurt. Remember Speed Kills.

Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association

Due to changing restrictions we cancelled out Dec Xmas meeting which was to be the AGM , Mince Pie, Quiz & Raffle. The AGM will now be held after the presentation at the Feb 2022 meeting.

Future Dates;

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

14th February 2022 – Maurice (Mo) Taylor – Colsterworth Nature Trail.

14th March 2022 Dr Andrew Ward – Norwell Nurseries – Plants that Excite (plants will be for sale).

11th April 2022 – Andy Hardy-Smith – Bees & Beekeeping (honey for sale).

9th May 2022 – Gardeners' Question Time with David Penny, Keith Dugmore, and our very own Kevin Barker.

13th June 2022 – Outing to the Herb Nursery at Thistleton.

11th July 2022 – Lynne Barnes – Planning & Planting an Herbaceous Bed

Hope you are all still enjoying your gardens & allotments, even thou the nights have closed in and the temperatures dropped and we are having occasional frost & fog.

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)

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Lovely to see you all.

Merry Christmas and Best wishes for 2022.

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In-person and livestreamed services for January in Colsterworth:

2 nd January	No service – Revd Neil not available	
9 th January	11.00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
16 th January	11.00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
23 rd January	11.00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
30 th January	11.00am Joint morning service at Colsterworth Methodist church	In-person only

The church is OPEN DAILY 10.00am – 4.00pm. When visiting please consider registering using the QR code and hand sanitising. Masks must be worn for services.

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

NEXT COFFEE MORNING: TUE 1st FEBRUARY AT 10.00 – 12.00, HOSTED BY ROSEMARIE EVERITT AT 7 WALNUT GROVE COLSTERWORTH

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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January 2022

In December our third Sunday service in the month is 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 January are:				
Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
2nd	10:30am	Morning Service	Worship Leaders	Helen Scrorr
9th	10:30am	Covenant Service	Rev'd Peter Sulston	Gill Dexter
16th	10:30am	On Zoom	Geoff Cawthorn	Christine Hodson
23rd	10:30am	Morning Service	Dennis MacDonald	Gill Senescall
30th	10:30am	United Service	Rev'd Neil Griffiths	Margaret Winn

Open Door - cuppa, cake and chat – Wednesday 12th & 26th January 10 – 11:30am.
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 5th & 19th January – 2:00-3:30pm.

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 12th January at 3:45pm – 5:00pm. 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

Contact Andy on
01778 570221

Villages Diary January 2022

Wed 5th	2 - 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 12th	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
	3:45-5:00pm	Messy Church	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 14th	1330 - 1415	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Tue 18th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Wed 19th	2- 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 26th	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
February			
Tue 1st	10 - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	7 Walnut Grove, Colsterworth

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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