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

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Parish Council Report

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There was one person present who requested more dog fouling signs to be placed around the village because they had recently noticed an increase in dog waste on the ground.

Action – The Clerk will investigate obtaining extra dog fouling signs to be placed around the village.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair to the Parish Council Caroline Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Public Forum.

Following the Public Forum, they hoped everyone had enjoyed the summer and went straight to the business listed on the agenda.

Updates for Council administration

- Accounts for payment were approved by Council. F&A Meeting agreed and confirmed for 18th October 2022. Cllr Walker invited to attend as an observer as a new Cllr.

- It was resolved to accept the PKF Littlejohn LLP Accountants Annual Governance & Accountability Return (A.G.A.R.) Conclusion for year ended 31st March 2022. AGAR Sections 1, 2 & 3. **No findings.**

- It was resolved to publish the AGAR Notice of Conclusion of Audit from 8th September 2022 to 31st October 2022.

- It was resolved to re-appoint the internal auditor.

- It was resolved to remain opted into the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments for the next 5-year appointing period which runs from 2022-23 until 2026-27. Deadline to opt out 28th October 2022.

Timber Bus Shelters & Notice Board

It was resolved that the timber bus shelters at North Witham, Gunby & Colsterworth will be renovated along with the wooden notice board on Bourne Road using the lowest quotation received.

Grass Cutting Contract 2023, 2024 & 2025

It was unanimously agreed to award the grass cutting contract to the current contractor.

LCC & SKDC Cllr Reports

SKDC Cllr Ben Green Reported: -

- Firstly, Cllr Ben Green thanked the Cllrs who attended the Isaac Newton Ward Parish Council Summit on Saturday 6th August 2022. Cllr Green said he hoped to arrange it again next year if re-elected.

- The PCSO who covered Colsterworth and District is on long term sick. Cllr Green has taken this up with the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police to ensure Colsterworth and District is covered with a PCSO with regular attendance.

- The status of the Police Office on Back Lane remains unchanged following a recent review.

SKDC Cllr D Bellamy Reported: -

- Improvements to the planning application S18/2379 (70 dwellings Land West Off A1 And North off Bourne Road, Colsterworth) had been agreed regarding the sound bund and discussions were taking place with Anglian Water re the drainage. Cllr K Vickers thanked both Cllrs Ben Green and Dave Bellamy for their help at the recent public speaking representation in respect of planning application S18/2379.

Clerks Report

- Newton Court nameplate reported to SKDC ref 2371449 for repair.

- 6th July the Clerk contacted A1 Truck Stop regarding the request at the Public Forum of PC Meeting 5th July. The operators are aware of the letter and litter issues. They have employed a member of staff extra hours to keep the site clean & tidy and will get back to the PC after contacting the owners of the Truck Stop. The Clerk acknowledged that Truck Stop and staff area working in quite difficult conditions to manage the rubbish which is often out of their control.

- 06/07/2022 the Clerk applied for Remembrance Service 13/11/2022. Ref 1648516

- SKDC Cllr Ben Green invited all Parish Councillors, and Clerks, to the first Isaac Newton Ward Parish Council Summit at North Witham Village Hall, between 10-12am, on Saturday, 6 August. This is an informal opportunity for the Ward's Parish

Councils to trade experiences and insights during the August.

- Overgrown tree alongside the River Witham close to School Lane, Colsterworth. reported to FMS Ref 427630 & the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency have confirmed the area is covered in their Maintenance Plan and the local asset team will contact the Parish Council.

- Overgrown unstable tree on Spring Lane, Colsterworth reported to FMS ref 427609. LCC & SKDC report it is not their responsibility but that of the landowner.

- PKF Notice of Conclusion of External Audit Report received no findings.

- Correction to August Clerk's Report Planning application S22/0615 Construction of a 2-storey detached dwelling and triple garage with studio above on an additional 6th plot (an addition to development approved under S19/1709). The Woodyard to the rear of 11-17 Stamford Road, Colsterworth.

V3 Objection Letter submitted to SKDC

- Report of Fly Tipping Bridge End opposite side of the road to the Nature Trail entrance – Reported SKDC Ref: 2393077

- Fly tipping Stamford Road reported to SKDC all household materials.

- Overgrown footpath 15 rear of St Mary's Church, North Witham reported to LCC ROW. Ref 1675648. 05/09/2022 LCC ROW confirm that works order has been issued for the required clearance works.

Correspondence

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

Group Reports - Highways & Footpaths Working Group – Speed Signs Project – Report uploaded to website

- Cllr D Bellamy volunteered to take delivery for the North Witham unit.

- Cllr C Russell volunteered to take delivery of the Woolsthorpe Unit.

- It was resolved to liaise with LCC for ordering posts and installation at nominated sites and assisting with installation (Clerk/Cllr Hainsworth).

- It was unanimously agreed to request a formal site visit and review from LCC Highways and share separate report "Request for Review of High Street Traffic Safety Issues" County Cllr Charlotte Vernon to take to LCC Officers.

SKDC Planning Applications

S22/1323 - 2 storey side extension. 23 High Street, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NE, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NR

S22/1398 - 1. Removal of dead branches from ash tree in the property car park 2. Removal of ash tree (tag.0345) on southern edge of main car park - ash has failed to flush. 3. Removal of ash tree (tag.0346) from north edge of main car park, after suffering from ash dieback. Woolsthorpe Manor, Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire

S22/0615 - Construction of 2-storey detached dwelling and triple garage with studio above on an additional 6th Plot (an addition to development approved under S19/1709) Woodyard To The Rear Of 11-17 Stamford Road Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5JD.

SKDC Planning Approval

S22/1323 - Two storey side extension. 23 High Street Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NE

SKDC Planning Withdrawal

S22/0864 - Proposed window/door replacement. Glebe Farm Cottage Main Street Gunby

S22/0865 - Proposed window/door replacement. Glebe Farm Cottage Main Street Gunby

SKDC Public Speaking

S18/2379 - Reserved matters for appearance, layout, scale and access for the erection of 70 dwellings following Outline permission S18/2379. Location: Land West Off A1 And North Of Bourne Road, Colsterworth.

SKDC Approval Reserved Matters

S21/1906 - Reserved matters for appearance, layout, scale and access for the erection of 70 dwellings following Outline permission S18/2379. Location: Land West Off A1 And North Of Bourne Road, Colsterworth

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30pm ON 4th OCTOBER 2022 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, BACK LANE, COLSTERWORTH.



On Thursday 8th September 2022, we were deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. We will remember, with affection and gratitude, the lifetime of faithful and dedicated service she has given to the people of the United Kingdom and The Commonwealth as our longest-reigning Monarch along with her unstinting grace and dignity. Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time as they mourn their loss.
Cllr Caroline Hainsworth Chairperson to Colsterworth and District Parish Council.

All Allotment Holders

The Parish Council allotment inspections will be taking place at the end of October. Hopefully you will have had a fruitful year despite the dry and very hot summer. Just a gentle reminder that the 'Burn Ban' is lifted between October 1st and March 1st each year. A portable incinerator must be used to burn all rubbish from the Allotment Garden.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Colsterworth Women's Institute September 2022

The title of our talk was "The Secret Museum" at our latest meeting. It had certainly has been that considering it was started in 1710, it had definitely been "undercover" when it was formed by Maurice Johnson of Ayscoughfee Hall into The Spalding Gentlemen's Society. It had evolved from a coffee house, but when it was serving ale etc. and became too rowdy the disgruntled lawyer who had participated in the coffee house society in London where he was a Barrister, and was introduced to famous figures like the poet, Alexander Pope, Essayist Addison and Steele. Other famous lawyers, scientists, and authors joined the Spalding Gentleman's Society. Isaac Newton and Tennyson were members. The name has remained the same since its formation. The museum is open on the third Sunday in the month 2 – 4 pm or Wednesdays 11-1pm. For other visits, contact visits@sgs.org. Our Speaker Ms Patty Harris said that the museum is run on unpaid staff except for the caretaker. There is no strong room, everything is displayed even the most valuable pieces, like books of different religions, Egyptian figures and artefacts. It sounded like a good place to visit in the near future. Liz Clark thanked her for a fascinating and informative talk.

Names were taken for events, the Kesteven Group Meeting in October, a craft workshop and a visit to Belvoir castle in November with conducted tour and shopping, oh yes, and a visit to that place to which we will gravitate to afterwards, the tea room.

Other business included a notice that the jubilee seat on Post Lane is now in use. We have been invited to attend a session at the Kurling Club. Poor old Allington WI have had to defer their quiz until May 2023, just as we had two eager teams to take part, and ok for travelling in the dark, it's that which seems to be the reasons for other institutes not to attend.

The anniversary lunch was discussed. Problems arose when we found that most pubs/restaurants do not open on Tuesdays, except with inflated prices for food to cover extra staff needed. The quest for a hostelry who can meet our requirements carries on.

The competition for an item with the initial "U" was won by Noreen, (what a competitor she is!), with a hand painted card with the Ukraine flag, and in second place was Pamela, with a unicorn "hobby horse". Flower winners were Peggy, with Rosemarie in second place.

Our tea hostesses included, Rona, Helen and Janet (wasn't it nice to see her, despite her moving from the village).

Our meeting had begun with a minutes silence for the late member of Sandringham WI her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We had been advised that it was to be our decision whether we held our meeting or not; we did so and displayed a framed photograph of her majesty.

Our next meeting will be held on October 18th, usual time of 2.00 pm at the Sports and Social Club when our speaker will be Geoff Evans, with a talk on "The Life of a Racehorse". He spent his working life at Newmarket, so I bet he knows his stuff. Sounds interesting, you are very welcome to join us, ok?

Dot Williams

Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association

Our Sept meeting was – Liz Taylor: Dyes from Your Garden – A spinner that has learnt to dye, using common a garden flowers, foliage, and roots to obtain the colours – onion skins, tomato leaves, madder roots and even carrot peelings. Showed us many examples of fleece that had been dyed in this way Our next meeting is Monday 10th Oct and will be a presentation by Mo Taylor - Colsterworth Nature Trail. In Oct the monthly members' competition will be "Autumn Colour in Fruit, Vegetables or Flowers". So please bring along your entry on the night.

Future Dates.

10th Oct 2022 – Colsterworth Nature Trail

14th Nov 2022 – Progress in The Gardens at Grimsthorpe

12th Dec 2022 – AGM / Social Evening & Gardeners' Bingo

15th Jan 2023 – Annual Lunch at the White Lion

13th Feb 2023 – Details TBC

And a very special evening on

13th March 2023 – TALK BY ADAM FROST of BBC GARDENERS WORLD – Details to follow

We always welcome new members. So please come along to Colsterworth Village Hall at 7pm on second Monday in the month. More information can also be found on the "Colsterworth and Garden Club Facebook page".

Rod Young

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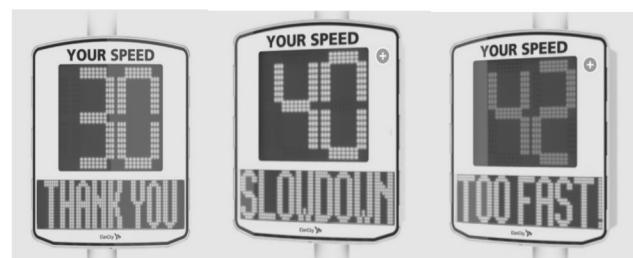
PARISH COUNCIL VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS) PROJECT UPDATE

At the Parish Council meeting on 31 May 2022, it was resolved to:

- Install portable sign at North Witham
- Install portable sign at Woolsthorpe

On 28 June 2022 a site visit was carried out with Graeme Butler from LCC Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) to approve sites for new signs at North Witham and Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth with approval being received on 1st July 2022.

The Parish Council are now able to move forward with the installation of a VAS at North Witham and Woolsthorpe Road and hope to have these in place within the next two months.



'Images for example purposes'

SKDC review of polling district and polling places in the South Kesteven area

The draft proposals and maps of the polling districts where changes are suggested are available on the Council's website

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/pollingreview.

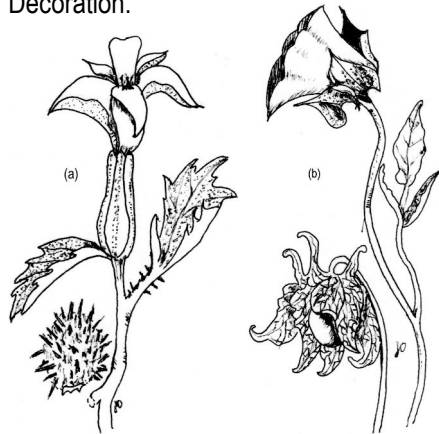
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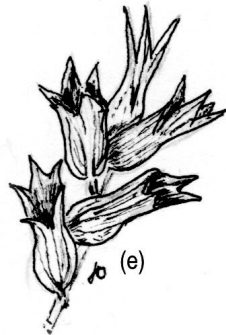
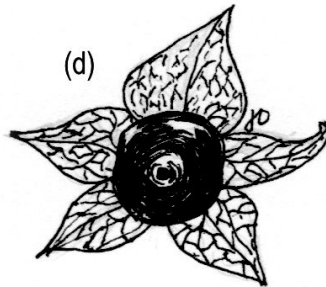
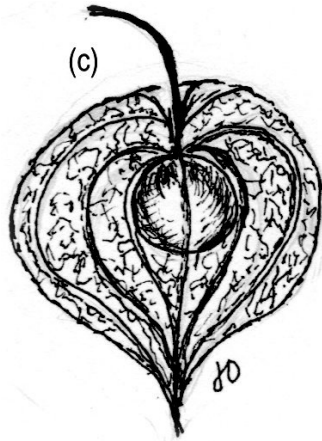
NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

The Nightshade Family of flowering plants contains some species both spectacular in appearance, and deadly in their content. This September, as in the past after a hot summer, two exotics have flowered in gardens. The Thorn Apple (a) has elegant white flowers and spiny fruits rather like the spiky cases of conkers. Although poisonous, up until 1940, the drug stramonium was derived from it and used to treat asthma. The active ingredients are a mixture of atropine and hyoscyne. Imported from Eastern Europe it needs the right temperatures to germinate and develop fully. A close relative is the blue bell-shaped flowering Apple of Peru (b) which also appeared unexpectedly in gardens this year. It is sometimes grown deliberately for the flowers and decorative fruits. The berry is encased in a capsule which breaks down into a lantern-shaped lacy network. This resembles the Chinese Lanterns (Physalis sp.) (c) grown for Autumn and Winter Decoration.



Deadly Nightshade is a third member of this family found this summer and identified by its berry. It has a capsule which splits into a star shape (d). Treatment for its effects close at hand? Even more deadly is Henbane, a plant

more likely to be found in sandy soils but which very occasionally flowers and fruits on waste ground (e). It was with this that Dr Crippen poisoned his wife in 1910. Other members of the family, less toxic, are the climbing Bittersweet and the agricultural weed Black Nightshade.



What is most surprising is the numbers of the Nightshade family in our diet. Potato fruits are poisonous but their tubers are not. If the tubers are left to go green in the light the green part is known to have some

adverse effects. Tobacco plants contain the harmful narcotic (nicotine). We do eat the fruit of one Nightshade regularly – the Tomato.

Plants poisonous to man may not be harmful to birds. Several people have noted that by the third week in September, trees and shrubs are still laden with berries. Hawthorn, Spindle, Rowan, Guelder, Elder, Whitebeam and Sloe. (Rose Hips are generally left until their sugars have developed in the Winter. At the time concern is expressed about the lack of birds in winter. At the end of the summer we generally see less of them as when they moult their old feathers and are vulnerable they tend to hide away. They have also ceased their full song. The ability to identify birds by sub-song and contact calls is more demanding. It is therefore good to hear of a Greenfinch identified in a garden in this way. By contrast many of the Crows much in evidence. Rooks and Jackdaws flying in flocks as they gather to establish winter roosts. Starlings lined up on telephone wires. Enough Magpies congregating to count the old Country saying "one for sorrow, two for joy, three for a letter....."

Butterfly reports have been mainly of Whites. There is some concern that the timing of the Holly Blue is out of synch with its food plant for the second brood. It relies on the flowers buds of the Ivy on which to lay its eggs. This year the butterfly emerged earlier before the Ivy had produced flowers. In addition Ivy has to be about seven year's old before it flowers and we all know man's attitude to ivy.

To Look For in October. There should, after several poor years, be some Fungi about. Several plants are having a late flowering and may be attracting insects. I look forward to all your records and observations at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465, e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk
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Festival of Remembrance

It is that time of year when planning for the Remembrance Day Service on 13th November 2022 is being organised. The service this year will be at St John the Baptist Church, High Street, Colsterworth. Details of the Event can be found on the CFoR website.

Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (cfor.org.uk)

Jackie Taylor of Colster Way is co-ordinating a group of volunteers to help with decorating the Church to mark this important event. The Church display will be installed on Saturday 15th October 2022 and Jackie has asked all the knitters contributing to the event to have their contributions to her by Friday 7th October 2022.

The Church will be open from 16th October 2022 for everyone to attend the display and make voluntary donations. All proceeds will be split between the Royal British Legion, Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance War Memorial Fund and St John the Baptist Church/Newton Project who are the Custodians of the World Wars Roll of Honour and the memorial window.

The volunteers will also have made various items for sale to acknowledge the symbol of the Poppy in Remembrance and there will be a Coffee and Cake morning to raise funds on Saturday 5th November 2022 in the Church from 11.00 a.m.

There are many more groups and individuals contributing to the event and there will be an opportunity to support the Festival of Remembrance at The White Lion Public House during October and November 2022 and there will be additional displays around the village to watch out for in addition to the Service itself.

The Parish Council has donated Lamppost Poppies and anyone wishing to sponsor a lamppost can do so through Jackie Taylor.

More volunteers are required to help set up and act as Marshalls for the road closure required for the service at the War Memorial and parade to St John the Baptist Church so please contact us via the website to offer your support

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

Any donations to Bob Prentice
This is in support of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR).

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

www.cfor.org.uk

St John the Baptist Church, High Street Colsterworth, Grantham NG33 5NF
 The parish church of Isaac Newton and his family. Our church has been part of our community for more than 1000 years, with a tower added 700 years ago. Today it is part of a group of 7 rural parishes along the A1 south of Grantham. For enquiries please contact either Rev'd Neil Griffiths or our administrator, Jo Castro on 01529 410983.



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	Simon Jowitz	07903 390151

In person and livestreamed services for October in Colsterworth church:

2 nd October	11:00am Morning Prayer for Harvest followed by 'Bring & Share' Harvest Lunch	Blended worship
9 th October	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
16 th October	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
23 rd October	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
30 th October	11:00am Holy Communion, Joint Service with Methodists	Blended worship

The church is OPEN DAILY 10:00am – 4:00pm. Hand sanitiser available.

Please support the Foodbank if you can, give a Harvest lunch, there is still a need.

NOVEMBER COFFEE MORNING: TUE 1st NOV. 10AM – 12.00, HOSTS Revd. NEIL & LESLEY, THE RECTORY, 13A BACK LANE, COLSTERWORTH

NOVEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 8th NOV. 10AM, WITH COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER, ALL WELCOME

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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**COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
 October 2022**

Our services will be in the church, however we will also be zooming at least 2 services a month from the building internet permitting. If you are interested in joining our services by zoom, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone 01476 860126 for more details.

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
2nd	11:00am	Harvest Festival	Jennie Fytche	All
9th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Helen Scroror
16th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Denyhs Lambley	Betty Neal
23rd	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Ray Hinch	Gill Dexter
30th	11:00am	United Service at St John's Parish Church		

Open Door - cuppa, cake and chat – Wednesday 12th & 26th October 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.

Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 5th & 19th October – 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. Or alternatively come and have a chat over a game of dominoes. Everyone welcome.

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

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Stopping by Colsterworth Bowls Club

Mon	0900 – 1100
Tue	0900 – 1000
Wed	1345 – 1545
Thu	0900 – 1100
Fri	0900 – 1030

Contact Andy on 01778 570221

**OCTOBER OPENING TIMES
 COLSTERWORTH
 POLICE OFFICE
 BACK LANE**

Weds. 5th Oct. 4pm - 6pm

Thurs. 13th Oct. 11am - 1pm

Friday 21st Oct. 12noon - 2pm

Friday 28th Oct. 11am - 1pm

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Villages Diary October 2022

Sun 2nd	11am	Harvest Festival & Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 5th	2-3:30pm	Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 10th	7pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 12th	10-11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 18th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Wed 19th	2-3:30pm	Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 21st	12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Wed 26th	10-11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Sat 29th	10am-12	Helen's Helping Hands	Methodist Church Hall
November			
Tue 1st	10am-12	Coffee Morning	The Rectory, 13A Back Lane

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	7:15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
Tuesdays	6pm-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
	6pm-7:30pm	Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
	5:45pm-6:45pm	Beavers (Term time)	Village Hall
Wednesdays	10am-11:30am	Open Door (2 nd & 4 th Weeks)	Methodist Church
Thursdays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	7pm-8:30pm	Scouts (Term time)	Village Hall
Fridays	9:30am-11:30am	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time)	Village Hall
	7:30pm-9:30pm	Weekly Bingo	Sports & Social Club
Saturdays	10am-12noon	Football Coaching	Sports Field

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