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### Nature Trail Update



The Nature Trail volunteers have been busy recently planting tree saplings at several locations along the Trail. A significant proportion of the existing trees along the old railway line are Ash and unfortunately these are beginning to show the signs of Ash Dieback. Most of them are unlikely to survive this disease and a number of dead trees have already been removed. If nothing is done to replace them then the Nature Trail will have a very different character in future years.

So, for the last couple of years the volunteers have been planting new trees donated by the Woodland Trust; these are all native species such as Oak, Willow, Hazel, Rowan and Birch that will allow us to maintain the wooded environment along the Trail and fill in the gaps left by the Ash. It's hard work for the volunteers but a worthwhile investment for the future. We were kindly joined by Councillor Ben Green for the last outing, who took the opportunity to get out of his office in the Woodland Trust to do some real work. Thanks Ben.

There is very little left of 2022 now so I would like to thank everyone for the kind words we have received throughout the year from the users of the Trail. Thanks also for the generous donations in time, money and other support from people too numerous to mention. And, of course, special thanks to the volunteers, without whom none of this would have been possible. Have a happy Christmas everyone. Mo Taylor

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# Parish Council Report

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Just search "Colsterworth & District Parish Council" and find the minutes and agendas under "Parish Council"

<https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/PublicForum>

There were no persons present for the Public Forum.

### Chairman's Remarks

Chair to the Parish Council Cllr Caroline Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllrs Lucienne Bennett and Colin Russell for joining representatives of the Colsterworth Women's Institute, for the official photograph of opening the Commemorative bench donated by Colsterworth Women's Institute and Colsterworth and District Parish Council to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 11 in 2022. Thank you also to Neil Bennett who stepped in to take the photograph. The bench is situated on Old Post Lane, Colsterworth.

Chair to the Parish Council informed everyone that just before the meeting she had received an email from Helen Scorrer giving information on the 'Warm Space Initiative' the Methodist Church will be having. As Helen was able to make the public meeting Caroline put this to PC on her behalf.

The 'Warm Space Initiative' is supported by the Frederick Ingle Charity at the Methodist Church Hall for the villagers.

The hall will be open from 3-5pm on 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Thanks were given to Cllr L McShane for stepping in to take the notes of the meeting in the absence of the Clerk.

### LCC & SKDC Cllr Reports

#### LCC Cllr Charlotte Vernon Reported: -

1. Cost of Living Crisis – LCC have information on their website. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-councillors/cost-of-living> The Clerk to include in the next edition of the InTouch and Parish Council website.

2. Fixmystreet (FMS) – Continue to report concerns regarding potholes or damage to roads via the FMS website. New app coming very soon. More information on this at the next meeting.

3. Fireworks Awareness – LCC are raising awareness of buying unlicensed fireworks which could be extremely dangerous. Only licensed traders are allowed to sell fireworks. Unlicensed traders can be reported to Trading Standards <https://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/>

4. Avian Flu – Unfortunately there are positive cases in Lincolnshire (Ancaster). Anyone keeping birds at home or commercially is advised to take measures to reduce the risk of the disease spreading. Do not touch dead wild birds, report them to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) on 03459 335577.

5. Launch of The Home Learning Environment Campaign – Encouraging parents and carers to chat, play and read more with their child to develop their communication language and literary skills before they start school. Ideas for these activities can be found on the following website [www.nhs.uk/start4life/chatplayread](http://www.nhs.uk/start4life/chatplayread)

6. Biker Down – A national training course designed to reduce motorcycle fatalities on the roads is available in Lincolnshire for the first time. The 3-hour course is free. To register an interest, please email [biker.down@lincoln.fire-uk.org](mailto:biker.down@lincoln.fire-uk.org)

7. Part-Night Streetlights Adjustments – 30th October 2022 marked the end of British Summertime with the clocks going back one hour. This will temporarily affect the county's part-night streetlights. The sensors in the streetlights enter a period of adjustment, when their timings may vary as they adapt to Greenwich Mean Time.

8. National Highways have announced a £196 million investment to improve roads across the Midlands. The A1 southbound near South Witham to benefit from £4.3 million resurfacing scheme.

9. Financial – LCC are facing financial constraints with the cost-of-living crisis and finance.

#### **SKDC Cllr David Bellamy Reported: -**

1. Devolution is back on the agenda due to the potential savings. This would be more likely to be a combined authority not unitary.

2. The review of the SKDC Local Plan has not identified any shortage of land for housing supply at this time.

3. SKDC moving offices to above the Savoy Cinema in Grantham. The old offices are to be sold; no offer has yet been made for these.

4. There is multi agency action against fly tipping involving the Environment Agency, SKDC, Police, HMRC and LCC.

#### **SKDC Cllr Ben Green Reported: -**

1. Ben is still trying to get a local PCSO to attend a meeting as the current PCSO for Colsterworth and District is still on sick leave. New PCSO's (between 3 – 10) are being recruited and once trained will attend Parish Council meetings. Commitment is to attend one meeting a year on a rota through the Isaac Newton Ward. It is hoped that there will be a better line of communication and presence in the New Year. The Public Safety Officer is to attend Parish Council meeting in the future.

2. SKDC will remove old benches (not concreted in) if contacted.

3. SKDC are experiencing similar problems with cost of living and finance as LCC.

#### **Derelict Garage, High Street, Colsterworth Agenda item 2022.97.**

Agenda item deferred to December meeting.

#### **Nature Trail boundary. Agenda item 2022.100**

It was unanimously agreed that as tenants of the Nature Trail the Parish Council will inform FCC the landowners of the concerns regarding encroachment for them to investigate further.

### Clerks Report

1. On Tuesday 11th October 2022 an underground fire was discovered on the Nature Trail at the rear of 54 Woolsthorpe Road. It was necessary to call out the Fire Service who put out the fire using 1,400 litres of water. The cause of the fire was identified as hot ashes being dumped in an area close to large tree roots. The fire destroyed the roots of three large trees causing them to become dangerously unstable. A tree surgeon attended and felled the trees at a cost of £680 to the Parish Council. Thanks to the Nature Trail Ranger and volunteer who initially investigated the report of fire any further fire damage was minimized.

2. Small dam built on the River Witham Colsterworth, School Lane bridge area. Lincs River Trust and the Environment Agency informed who believe it may have been created by children, but it is not thought to be a problem.

3. What looks like a temporary repair using chicken wire to the Bridge at the west end of the Nature Trail has been done. The Clerk has contacted FCC requesting a permanent repair to the Bridge wall is arranged.

4. Footpath 3 has been inspected by LCC ROW and they noted that the crossfield section of public footpath is obstructed by a crop. They have written to the landowner in question and asked for the crop to be cleared from the path within the next 14 days.

5. Very large overhanging branch on Woodlands Drive reported to Fix My Street Ref 434388. Work is scheduled.

6. Back Lane, street nameplate at junction Back Lane/ Bridge End is in need of repair/replacement reported to SKDC.

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**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 –**

Cllr C Hainsworth provided a verbal update. VAS speed signs received awaiting LCC to install the posts to which the VAS signs will be attached. Thanks were given to Cllrs Russell and Bellamy taking delivery of the units pending installation. Cllr Hainsworth also confirmed that overhanging branches will be removed to ensure the signs are not obscured as part of the repair works on the bus shelter at North Witham which is expected within the next few weeks.

**Updates for Council administration - Finance & Administration Committee Report**

1. F & A meeting minutes 18/10/2022 submitted to council for full assurance.
2. Resolved to accept the Finance and Administration (F & A) Committee Report and recommendations from 18/10/2022 (Cllrs Bouvie, Hainsworth, L McShane & E O'Neill). The full report can be found on the Parish Council website <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> under Finance and Administration Committee Agendas and Minutes
3. Resolved to agree with the draft budget to be finalised and agreed at the December 2022 meeting following receipt of the 2023-2024 Precept Calculator from SKDC.
4. Resolved to adopt the following policy for their annual review, CAD Risk Management, CAD Scheme of Delegation, CAD Complaints Policy, CAD Planning Committee Protocol, CAD Data Protection Policy, CAD Data Breach Policy, CAD Data Retention Policy & CAD Subject Access Request Policy.

**Environment & Amenities Working Group - Allotment Inspections Date to be confirmed. Planning Applications – SKDC**

**S22/2037** - Removal of concrete yard surface and resurface with MOT Type 1 sub-base, tarmac and resin bonded gravel. Woolsthorpe Manor, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NR.

**S22/1766** - Part replacement of existing conservatory on the same footprint. 52 Colster Way, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5JT.

**SKDC Planning Permission**

**S22/1800** - Amendments to the side roof and front roof to be flat with one shallow glass lantern and render the front of the house to match the side elevation. Location: 20 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire.

**S22/1692** - Submission of details reserved by Condition 3 (Ground Investigations), 4 (Tree Survey) and 5 (Sustainable Buildings) of S22/0615. Woodyard Close Colsterworth Decision/Date Details Approved 10th November 2022.

**S22/1805** - Proposed raised patio and attached rear timber pergola. Location: Beech House 7A Woodlands Drive Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NH

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7.30pm ON 6th DECEMBER 2022 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, BACK LANE, COLSTERWORTH.**

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

With almost a full house for our 105th anniversary it was a noisy start with all the chatter as we gathered in the White Lion for the annual lunch. With a hospital appointment, disability following a fall and a builder plastering a lot of ceilings following an invasion of water (well we believed her when she said she was being plastered, we know her so well and her sense of humour) and that was the only few days the plasterer could come.

The members were welcomed by the President and business was just a minimum, but the main part was the presentation of the inscribed plinth of the rose bowl monthly competition which had been held up at the Jewellers for some months, to Noreen Tomes. She was the joint winner last March along with Pamela Harrison. Noreen was well chuffed. Final orders were taken for the Newark amateur operatic society's production of The Wizard of Oz next year.

There was notification of the proposed resolutions for the National Federation Annual Meeting. We are to vote between five proposals to which one (or two) will go forward to the Annual Meeting at Cardiff next year. We have to represent our group in the South Lincolnshire Federation.

Voices subsided as we tucked into prawn cocktails, bruschetta or soup followed by lemon sole, chicken breast with a pate stuffing and all manner of different mouth-watering "puds". We had the usual president and secretary's raffle but with a difference. Half were wrapped as normal and half with a clue in rhyme as to what was inside, and to decide if they wanted it. Some got which they had worked out, others didn't join in with the clued up ones and took the plainly wrapped ones. Members thanked Vanessa and Dot for the entertainment it has caused and the committee for organising the event, with thanks given to the staff who had cooked and served the food. Members wended their way home not before they had been reminded that the next month's meeting would be on the 13th of December at the usual time of 2 o'clock and venue the Sports and Social Club. It will be a Christmas social and chat. Competition will be a self-photo from between the age of new born to the age of 15 and members to guess the identity of the members pictured. (Good luck with that one). The flower of the month continues with me wondering if we will get a Christmas rose amongst them. There could well be a snowdrop with this mild weather we are having. Mind you with all the rain there could be water lilies amongst the roses. My fuscias are going mad at the moment. You watch, there will be a severe frost and it will do everything, and it will be bulging green bins afterwards.

Don't forget ladies, the meeting is on the 13th the second Tuesday in the month not the usual third Tuesday. See you there? Oh, that's good you know that there will be a welcome, (with cake etc.) members and any visitors alike.  
*Dot Williams*

**A 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.**

**HELEN'S HELPING HANDS** – HHH's, Steve Bill continues to co-ordinate HHH's 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. Why not join Steve at one of the twice monthly coffee mornings at the Methodist Church Hall.

**THE WHITE LION**; The White Lion is the hub of the village and this year we said good bye to Maddie and Dave who took their well-earned retirement after over 15yrs of running the White Lion pub. During the pandemic they met every challenge along the way offering take away food when Government restrictions meant they could not open their doors to slowly opening as and when the Government restrictions were lifted. Well done to Maddie and Dave and their staff. Luckily for us they have stayed in the village and continue to support various groups such as Helen's Helping Hands. They have left the White Lion in the very capable hands of Bob and Phil and we wish them and their staff a successful future.

**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 Thank you to the editor Stuart Whitcombe for compiling the layout of the magazine, Life In Pictures for ensuring timely printing and delivery of the Magazines to Margaret & Colin for distribution to the volunteers and of course to our contributors and many advertisers for their continued support.

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**. A huge thank you to Dave Warden who took on extra village maintenance responsibilities after the retirement of Graham Brumpton. Thank you to Graham for sharing his local knowledge which has assisted Dave in taking over the village maintenance. Dave has worked hard to get to know the various areas of Colsterworth and District and gone over and above to keep the village areas neat and tidy.

**NEW LITTER BIN COLSTER WAY PLAY AREA** - Thank you also to Mo Taylor, Brian Nash and Steve Grant who gave their time to install the extra litter bin on Colster Way Play Area close to the picnic tables.

**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. 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. Thank you also to Graham Keiley who voluntarily continues to litter pick outside the areas that are covered by Kevin and Mark.

**NATURE TRAIL**. Our thanks go to Maurice and Jackie Taylor and the team of volunteers who spend many long hours improving access to the Nature Trail. Keep the good work up. Thank you to Arthur for hosting the Summer gathering and Graham & Doreen for hosting the Bonfire Night gathering.

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BENCH** – Thank you to Mo Taylor, Brian Nash and Pat Mullery for installing the bench close to the Jubilee Wood. Special thanks also go to Dave and Mike Ostler who kindly transported the bench to the Nature Trail.

**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 the volunteer road marshals, Linda and Brian Nash and Graham Keiley, Paul Cox for transporting the numerous road..... **continued on page six**

# NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

The appeal for more records, including observations of the more common plants and animals, bore fruit. In a time of doom and gloom, here are some for us all to enjoy.

**GREY WAGTAILS** – one on a roof, another on a pond 'using lily pads as stepping stones.

**GRASS SNAKES** – an exact location for one 'with its yellow bow tie' showing clearly.

**LONG TAILED TITS** – a family lined up on telephone wires opposite the garden where they have been feeding daily until frightened off by a cat.

**RED KITE** coming at a regular time to feed in a garden where four species of tit (coal, longtailed, blue and great) feed regularly (at a separate time!) on 'smorgasbord' of delights

**SLOW WORM** A young one washed up on a step, near to a known breeding site.

**BULLFINCHES** returned to a tree they were feeding in at this time last year.

**ROBINS** Several reports of them returning to gardens. Their mournful songs contrasting with outbursts of aggressive behaviour. These may not be the same birds which were present throughout the summer as the females migrate south after breeding.

**JACKDAWS** – In mixed flocks with rooks, picking grit from roads, or single ones 'appearing to stand sentry on chimneys' whilst the others were out foraging, or squabbling.

**FROGS** Discovered when ponds cleared out, including in the filtration systems or new ponds attracting them. One young one in grass at pondside a bright green, jumped in the water where if it stays will darken in colour over the winter.

**TOADS** The records of these are scarce but one person reports hearing 'a very cross one' in the vicinity of the pond.



**HEDGEHOGS** searched for when preparing bonfires for Nov 5th. But none found. Also none seen out in the mild weather – an example of the usefulness sometimes of negative reports.

**RABBITS** Young ones seen out at dusk by afternoon walkers on their way home in the shortening days.

**GREEN FINCH** – A single male on a bird feeder

**SPARROWHAWKS** Two instances where one has discovered feeders. In the first sitting in a tree above them. In another flying in but on being aware of a window turned an abrupt right angle in mid swoop and flew away.

**BEES** Queen bumble bees and one report of honey bees out on mildest days (to 16C)

**REDWINGS** Feeding on Holly berries in Woolsthorpe graveyard.

**BUTTERFLIES** Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock

**GREEN SHIELDBUG** This still in its summer livery, it darkens as it hibernates in cold weather

**BLACKBIRDS** Some return to gardens where they have been absent

**GREATER SPOTTED WOODPECKERS** Young Birds, with their bright plumage have continued to feed in two gardens.

**COLLARED EARTH STAR** A fine photograph of this special fungus from the Nature Trail

**HONEY FUNGUS** Again a photo of a large clump of this parasite on a tree stump.

This is how we put together a picture of what has been happening in our parishes. Not by one month's observations of course – but over the 16 years we have been doing this. The more unusual species are sent to county recorders and rely on specialists sometimes for identification but there is an importance too in the plants and animals we can take for granted on our doorsteps.

To look for in December There are lots of gaps in the lists above. Add a couple of specials - are any blackcaps or chaff overwintering with us? Looking for overwintering insects – try a bramble patch. There may, for example be the tunnels of the larva of micromoths on the leaves. I look forward to hearing from you at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 861465e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk

*Jane Ostler*

## SKDC – COST OF LIVING ADVICE

South Kesteven District Council is doing all it can to help residents deal with the rising cost of living. They have created an online hub, packed with information and pointers towards partners and experts that can provide targeted help: <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/costofliving>

This includes advice on benefits, food and housing costs, mental wellbeing and energy saving.

## LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COST OF LIVING ADVICE

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**Parish Council Thank you continued from page four**

.....numerous road closure frames and signs to the specific locations and to Caroline Hainsworth for co-ordinating the road marshals.

**CHRIS KENNEDY OF ROLL AND SCROLL** - A big thank you to Chris for his generous donation towards the replacement bench on Woolsthorpe Road to commemorate the birthplace of 'Sir Isaac Newton'. The bench will be sited in the new year.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.** Thank you to Chris Smith for-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.

**WAR MEMORIAL GARDENS** - Thank you to Jackie Taylor who tends the gardens several times a year and to Linda Nash and Trisha Gregory for donating bedding plants to make the gardens look their best for the Remembrance Service on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE VERNON, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS DAVE BELLAMY AND BEN GREEN:**

Thank you for all their work representing the Parish Council at County and District level.

**COLSTERWORTH AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCILLORS** – Thank you to all of the Parish Councillors who give their time generously and freely for the benefit of the community.

**WARM SPACE INITIATIVE**

Thank you to the Methodist Church and its helpers Helen Scorrer and Pamela Harrison.

The 'Warm Space Initiative' is supported by the Frederick Ingle Charity at the Methodist Church Hall for the villagers. The hall will be open from 3-5pm on 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH FRIENDLY HELPFUL PEOPLE WHO QUIETLY HELP OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS A THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED.

*Sue Grant Clerk to Colsterworth and District Parish Council.*

**NOTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL SAFETY MAINTENANCE WORK - A1 BETWEEN STAMFORD AND BLYTH**

Essential vegetation management work on the A1 between Stamford and Blyth.

There will be grass cutting as well as pruning branches, trees and shrubs along the A1. By carrying out this work, it will restore the degraded grassland and remove any obstructions and encroachments on the A1. This work will be carried out from Monday 5 December and completed by the end of March 2023. We'll be working mainly overnight, between 8pm and 6am, Monday to Friday, when there is less traffic on the road. Works will be switching between northbound and southbound carriageways and will take place within a lane closure. One lane will remain open at all times.

If you would like further information about this work, please contact National Highways Customer Contact Centre on **0300 123 5000** open 24/7, or email: [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk)

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Commemorative bench donated by Colsterworth Women's Institute and Colsterworth and District Parish Council to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 11 in 2022.



Pictured are members of Colsterworth Women's Institute, Dot Williams 'Secretary' and Vanessa Howley. Also, Colsterworth and District Parish Councillors Lucienne Bennett and Colin Russell. The bench can be found on Old Post Lane, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth.

**FOCUS**

The FOCUS group would like to welcome our new members to the Monday and Thursday sessions. We hope that you are enjoying the game and that you have been warmly welcomed by all our members. If you have any questions, please speak to our co-ordinators, Brian Ostler, or Arthur Marshall, both who are very willing to help.

Our first competition this year was very successful, and our sincere thanks must go to Bill Walsh whose original idea this was, and who also supplied the winning cup. We had a very good turnout and everyone certainly enjoyed themselves. A lot of humour and banter ensued, and a lot of cheering on from the sides. Each game consisted of two players and the one with highest score went through to the next round. Eventually we ended up with just the last two standing, so to speak.

Our runner up was our very special Colin Dickinson, who attends both Monday and Thursday groups, and who knocked me out in the first round, thank you Colin. Our very deserving winner is Barrie Grosse who played exceptionally well throughout the rounds. At the end of the games, Barrie was presented with the Cup by Bill Walsh, and Colin received his certificate from Stephen Cartwright, Chairman. We will certainly be having more competitions in the future, and we all look forward to getting more practice, and having fun.

The 2022 AGM took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> November at 1100hrs at Colsterworth Village Hall. It was very well attended and we thank all members who came along and supported us. I can confirm the existing committee have unanimously indicated their willingness to put themselves up for re-election for the coming year and were duly elected at the meeting.

We are also getting much closer to our Christmas Lunch at Stoke Rochford Golf Club, which is being organised by Rosemary Haw and our thanks go to her for undertaking this rather daunting task.

We will also be looking at promoting Kurling for people with disabilities, so if you or an organisation would be interested in having a demonstration, please do not hesitate to contact

**Christine on 07931345932.**



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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  
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Treasurer	Carol Wheatley	860579
Secretary	Peter Baldock	860293
PCC Members	Hilary Winstanley	861160
	Simon Jowitt	07903 390151

In person and livestreamed services for December in Colsterworth church:

4 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am Holly Communion	Blended worship
	6:00pm Evensong for Advent	Blended worship
11 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
18 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am Carols and Readings	Blended worship
20 <sup>th</sup> December	3:00pm Children's Christmas Serv.	In person only
24 <sup>th</sup> December	11:30pm Midnight Communion	Blended worship

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

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

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL SWITCH ON 6:00pm FRI 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**THANKS JACKIE TAYLOR FOR ORGANISING – INTERESTED?**  
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**Other Christmas Events**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:00pm Sing Christmas **The White Lion**  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2:00pm The Lion, Witch & the Wardrobe **Colsterworth Church**

**CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC. 10:00AM, WITH COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER, ALL WELCOME**

For more information on services, or the church, please see social media, our webs site [www.colsterworth5.org.uk](http://www.colsterworth5.org.uk) or contact Revd Neil, or the Church Warden.

**Minister:** Rev'd Neil Maynard, 142 Princess Drive, Grantham, NG31 9PY

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**Village Contact :** Pamela Harrison – 01476 861864



**COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 2022**

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

Our services for December are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
4th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Advent Candles
11th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Advent Candles
18th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Geoff Cawthorn	Advent Candles
24th	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight		

**Christmas Eve - Carols by Candlelight 6pm**

All welcome to our service of readings, carols, poems and songs.

**Open Door Lunch – Wednesday 14th December 12 Noon – 1:30pm**

During the Winter months we will be opening over lunchtime and serving soup and a roll plus either a hot pudding or cake plus of course offering lots of chat. 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 7th & 21st December – 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 Scrorr on 01476 860126 for more details.

**Used Postage Stamps**

We are collecting used postage stamps for the RNIB Open Christmas Stamp Appeal. Please contact Helen to arrange collection.

**Warm Welcome Space – 6th & 20th December 3-5pm**

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**Villages Diary December 2022**

Tue 6th	3pm-5pm	Warm Welcome Space	Methodist Church Hall
	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 7th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 13th	2:00pm	WI	Sports & Social Club
Wed 14th	12 noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 16th	12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Tue 20th	3pm-5pm	Warm Welcome Space	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 21st	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 24th	6pm	Xmas Eve Carols	Methodist Church Hall

**Weekly**

	Time	Activity	Location
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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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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