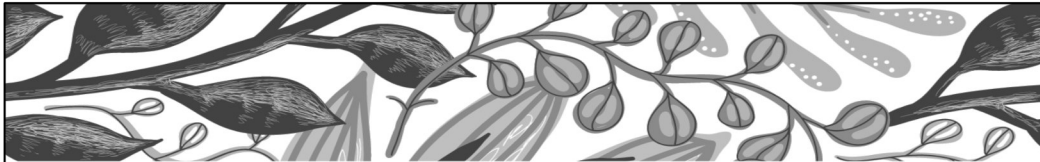


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News for the villages of Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, Stainby, Gunby, North Witham and Lobthorpe

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# Parish Council Report

Parish Clerk - 01476 861888  
clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

There was no Parish Council Meeting on the first Tuesday in January 2023. There will be a full report following the February Parish Council Meeting which has been brought forward to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This gives us an opportunity to use this - months, "In Touch" to explain a bit more about your Parish Council.

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

Currently there are 15 seats on the Colsterworth & District Parish Council covering the villages of Colsterworth including Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, North Witham and Lobthorpe, Gunby and Stainby. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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

Name Constituency

C Hainsworth -	Chairperson	Stainby & Gunby
E O'Neill -	Vice Chairperson	Colsterworth
G Henton	Colsterworth	
L McShane	Colsterworth	
L Bennett	Colsterworth	
I Johnson	Colsterworth	
K Vickers	Colsterworth	
A Bouvie	Colsterworth	
C Russell	Colsterworth	
T Neale	Colsterworth	
S Walker	Colsterworth	
Vacancy x 1	Colsterworth	
J Clark	North Witham including Lobthorpe	
R Brocklebank	North Witham including Lobthorpe	
Vacancy x 1	Stainby & Gunby	

Sue Grant is the part-time Parish Clerk and is the contact point for all matters relating to the Council. She can be contacted at: clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk\_Tel: 01476-861888

## PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. except in January and August when ordinarily there are no meetings. Before the meeting a public forum is held at which members of the public may speak. Notice of meetings and agendas are posted on notice boards and Minutes will also appear on this website. <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

## The Parish Council is Responsible for

### Village Maintenance

The Parish Council has the responsibility for parts of the villages' maintenance, such as grass cutting, repairing notice boards and bus shelters in the villages.

### Allotments

There are allotments at Stamford Road and Woolsthorpe Road. It is very rewarding when you see your own fruit and vegetables growing – taste the difference! Contact the Parish Clerk on 01476 861888 and see if there is one available or place your name on the waiting list.

### Play Areas

The Council maintains the Play Areas at Colster Way, Woolsthorpe Road, Newton Grange and by North Witham village hall

### Old Post Lane Cemetery

The management of the Old Post Lane cemetery includes the provision of burial plots and maintenance.

### Defibrillators

The Council maintains the five defibrillators which are located :- 1. Outside the White Lion Public House. 2. Outside Colsterworth Village Hall. 3. Woolsthorpe Road, in the old telephone kiosk. 4. Outside Little Legs premises on Colster Way. 5. Outside North Witham Village Hall.

### Finance

The Council has the authority to raise a precept to finance its expenditure.

### Traffic and Highways

The Parish Council would like regular contact with LCC Highways to try and resolve speeding, maintenance, signage and other problems (also in consultation with the Police)

### Policing and Crime Prevention

The Council is active in working with the Police in reducing and preventing crime in the villages.

### Clearing Litter

Two part-time Litter-pickers are employed to keep the villages tidy.

### Planning

The Council is a statutory consultee in planning but has no decision-making powers.

### Parish Plan

The implementation of the Parish Plan is a high priority.

### Footpaths and Rights of Way

The Council is active in having footpaths and rights of way kept open and clear.

### Grants

Grants may be given for local groups but are proportionate to the number of people who would benefit.

### Seats

The Council will consider the provision of seat that would benefit parishioners.

### War Memorial

The Council previously had a project to investigate restoration of the War Memorial and at the December 2022 Parish Council meeting it was agreed for Cllr T Neale to start a dialogue with Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) to investigate working in partnership to support the restoration of the War Memorial.

### Nature & Wildlife

The Council supports biodiversity projects in the Parish and particularly supports the Nature Trail on the old Railway Line.

**Lincolnshire County Council** is responsible for maintaining the county's adopted roads and footpaths. You can report a fault on the following website:

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> or if you are unable to report a fault online, call 01522 782070 (8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday).

**South Kesteven District Council** are responsible for many services including Planning and Building Control, Street Lighting, Bins Street Care and recycling, assisted bin collection service and much more. You can find out more information using the following website address: <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/> or telephone no; 01476 406080.

**The Environment Agency** - River and coastal maintenance programmes

The Environment Agency maintains a wide range of flood and coastal risk management (FCRM) assets, which reduce the risk of flooding to people and property.

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These assets include: embankments, pumping stations & flood gates. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-and-coastal-maintenance-programme> Telephone: 03708 506 506. Incident hotline: Report an incident on 0800 80 70 60 (Freephone, 24 hour service). Details of call charges can be found on the GOV.UK website

#### GRIT BINS - REMINDER

Lincolnshire County Council grit bins are located at strategic junctions for use in icy conditions. The grit is there to be used on public highways and footways it is NOT for private use on householder driveways. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/highways-maintenance/grit-bins-and-snow-clearing/40614.article>

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SKDC Prior Approval Planning Application

S22/2024 - Conversion of 3 existing agricultural buildings to form 2 large dwelling houses and 2 small dwelling houses.

Twyford Cottage, Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LT

S22/2477 - New menage for private use Location: Tower Hill Farm, Water Lane, Stainby, Lincolnshire, NG33 5QY

SKDC Planning Permission

S22/2250 - T1 - Horse Chestnut - Extensive decay to root system and basal area, approx 30% of basal area has been decayed Location: 3 Walnut Grove Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NQ Decision/Date Work Allowed 19th December 2022

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

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

SKDC APPROVAL OF DETAILS RESERVED BY CONDITION

S22/2190 - Application for approval of plan showing the protection measures to the existing hedgerows during construction together with the tree removal strategy as per the approved RM application (in relation to condition 7 of S18/2379)

LCC Planning Application

PL/0126/22 - CATEGORY A DEVELOPMENT: FOR RELOCATION WITHIN SITE OF EXISTING WEIGHBRIDGE, WHEEL-WASH AND PORTABLE BUILDING LOCATION: COLSTERWORTH TRIANGLE, CRABTREE ROAD, COLSTERWORTH GRID REFERENCE: 490161 324395

<https://lincolnshire.planning-register.co.uk/>

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, BACK LANE, COLSTERWORTH.**

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

Did you miss us? With a deadline of fourteen hours before we were due to meet at our monthly meeting, we found it impossible to comply with the printer's request. Our meeting attendance was hit with it coinciding with another village organisation's lunch. We didn't realise that so many of our members were members of the Kurling fraternity. But you knew we were about if you saw our Christmas tree in the church.

However as they were tucking into their lunch, we tucked into a sumptuous buffet provided by the committee. Following the usual monthly business which couldn't be delayed, the only important message, or appeal was a call to all blood donors not to miss their visit to the blood banks' venue. The banks were very low and operations were having to be delayed at the hospitals owing to a shortage of blood serum. The appeal is still ongoing, so if you didn't manage to get to the donor centre at Christmas time, maybe you had gone on holiday, seeing friends and relatives, so book now, they will be only too pleased to hear from you. Tea and biscuits are still on the menu, and a chat with staff or other volunteer donors.

Right, back to meeting at full strength, well not quite with the temperature dropping considerably after the balmy days of early January having spoiled us. We were only four fifths, but enough to do the voting for the annual meeting resolutions we wanted to be recorded for the final one to be put forward at the May meeting in Cardiff. Our delegate will not only represent our institute, but six others owing to the cost of sending all the delegates up from four last year.

Our speaker Sophie Cawdon was so interested in our resolution asked if she could vote. We disappointed her when we said "sorry, you are not a member". In her talk, she told us of her life as a film extra. It sounds a lot of hanging about, eating at awkward times and methods to regulate how much to eat, being on strict time tables, a lot of travelling depending on locations. She had appeared in several big films and gave us a glimpse of her in various films and adverts. She has retired now after marrying and having a family, travelling costs after moving to Manchester, although more films are being shot in the north since the BBC have moved there. Helen Scorrer, having worked briefly as an extra on a film shot at Belvoir Castle some years ago thanked her and agreed that it was a lot of hanging about but the food was excellent! Our tea hostesses served up and delivered a delicious afternoon tea of cakes, tea loaf and fresh fruit etc. Probably not as sumptuous as on a film set, but very nice ladies thank you.

Back to business, with news from National Federation that subs have been increased by £1 this year, payable in April. Start saving now ladies, miss the lattes when you call at the café after your weekly shop, it will soon mount up.

There was an outing to Cromford Mill in Derbyshire for us, but Sleaford was our nearest pick up point. We are to go (if we get in) to a quiz at Rippingale in March, (afternoon tea at half time too!). We have enough volunteers for two teams! The Federation Day, usually held at Spalding is to be held at the Olde Barn

Hotel at Marston in March, and Speaker Corner at Leasingham in April where we listen to hopeful new speakers to come and speak to our individual institutes. That's usually a good night. Ourselves we are arranging a visit to the museum we heard all about last year. More of that when it's a bit warmer.

Our cuppa was welcome served by our hostesses Peggy, Shirley and Gillian. It warmed us up at half time. (Not so cosy as last month when our depleted numbers were warmer in the bar). Competition winners for a pink item were Pamela and Peggy (beating Noreen would you believe?). Flower "girls" were Peggy and Helen (same as last month).

Our next meeting to be held on 21st February (I bet it will be a tight deadline again!). Same time 2 pm at the Sports and Social Club. Our speaker will be a "local lad" (nearly) Russ Yates who will talk on the beauty of the Japanese Garden. There will be, of course, a very warm welcome for you, some very nice refreshments, but you knew that didn't you? Don't forget, 21st February at 2.00 pm in Sports and Social club, got it? Oh nearly forgot, competition is an item initial "W".

Dot Williams

### Have your say on levels of Council Tax for 2023/24

South Kesteven District Council is working hard to maintain good levels of service in areas such as cleaning streets, collecting refuse and providing social housing in a challenging economic climate. The Council remains ambitious and is doing all it can to reduce costs and attract funding from other sources.

Projects we have been concentrating on include supporting households and local businesses, providing opportunities for growth and building new council homes.

The Council is also responsible for the administration of various schemes which help households and businesses cope with cost-of-living increases including the Household Support Fund, the Council Tax Support Scheme and the Business Rates Relief Scheme.

To enable this work to continue, South Kesteven District Council is currently proposing to increase its element of Council Tax by £5 a year (per Band D property) from April 2023. This will generate around £250,000 of additional funding.

To inform the decision the council will make on 1 March 2023, SKDC would like to know if you would support this proposal, or not.

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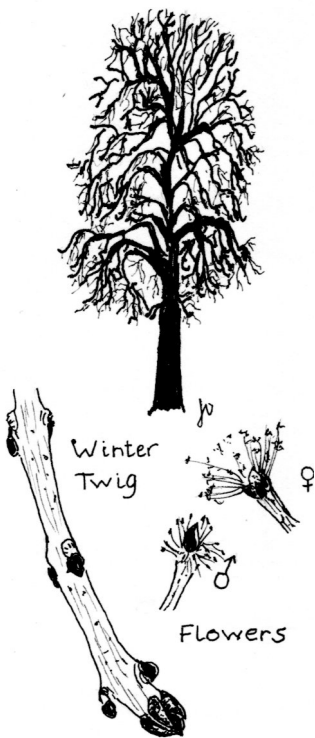
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# NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

January 1st 2022 last year) was the warmest on record with temperatures reaching 16C . Looking back through previous local reports 2007 was also described as exceptional in terms of early flowering. However what was once considered extreme events are now routine. The first week of January saw the following wild plants in flower. Snowdrops, violets and hazel (both male and female plants. A key species for recording Nature's Calendar is Lesser Celandine and this was found out on Old Post Lane. There were fewer relicts of plants still flowering from last year. In one garden white dead nettle was an exception. In the same garden plants grown for early emerging insects – like winter honeysuckle, sweet box, rosemary, winter jasmine, cyclamen coum and grape oregon were all in flower but no early bees or butterflies awakened from hibernation this year as days of frosts took over from wet and stormy weather.

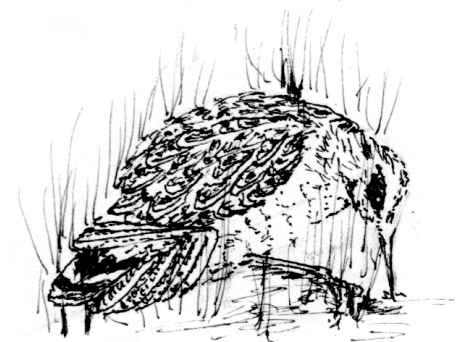
ASH



No tree sets seed so readily, nor grows as easily into a sapling which may live to be a veteran, as the ash. It is a tragedy, therefore that the disease spreading so rapidly throughout the country was brought in from imported trees. What prompted this was the demand for huge numbers of trees needed to fulfil the requirements of ambitious plantings of new woodlands which our nurserymen couldn't meet in the timescale set out. Now it seems not only young trees are affected but old trees are also condemned – trees which are protecting us now in so many ways – as a necessary support to all kinds of wildlife, as an aid to cleaner air and a way to lock up carbon. Locally self set mature trees are found along old railway lines and along hedges and in corners of fields - anywhere in fact in which they have been allowed to grow. In winter the tall silhouette with initial branches almost at right angles and from them stems which sweep down before turning upwards, are distinctive. The buds are broad and like black velvet, The ash is the first of our trees to lose its compound leaves and the last to develop them in Spring, but has tiny flowers in clusters before this. Ash was once part of the rural economy and also the subject of legends, including of its healing power.

At the beginning of the month there were signs of early nesters anticipating the new seasons. Members of the crow family – common crow, rook, magpies, jackdaws were all seen to be about in pairs – some like the rooks returning to their nesting sites. Jackdaws back at chimneys and some at more unusual sites used last year, like an owl box. Spring has always made false starts and now smaller birds may make a brief false starts. A blue tit was heard in song, two robins in a garden, not fighting, a sure sign of a pair . The male tilted back to show off his red breast – the female with an equally red breast appearing to ignore him but staying near whilst pecking at nothing much. The promiscuous dunnock starts early with his low, apologetic song and can be the main sound in a garden in the evening, A blue tit seen visiting a hole in a stone wall where it nested last year may have been considering it for the same purpose again, but it may also be seeking the spiders and ants which made it such a good feeding site too. For now the struggle simply to survive in the cold goes on. Blackbirds which in December gathered in numbers round fallen apples in gardens seemed to disperse but have

returned. In one garden as six males quarried and fought each other off a house sparrow fed unconcerned amongst them. A wren found a green caterpillar. In 2007 in the same garden a wren found one at the base of iris stems and beat it to a long thin shape before swallowing it. A barn owl was heard to screech. This is a bird not often heard since it relies on silence to be a successful predator. Its flight feathers and its shape when swooping designed to make no sound.



JACK SNIPE

An unusual sighting at the end of December was of a Jack Snipe, recognised, not only by its smaller size, but by its reluctance to fly, which it does in a straight line, unlike the Snipe which ziz zags upwards. It is camouflaged in vegetation but if it can be seen has a bobbing motion as it moves. Alongside the River Witham two Little Egrets have been seen together and the Heron is back, seen regularly flying west to where its nesting site is. A very young muntjac seen out with an adult is a sign that some animals seem to ignore the seasons and continue breeding throughout the year. Have you an interesting tree in your garden. Have just received some fascinating information about an apple tree ( no not Sir Isaac Newtons) which is nearly 100 years old so more about this next time. Look out for ash trees, early flowers, birds starting courtship, those at the bird tables and in wet places wading birds. Hares already seen this month with two chasing a third, often start Mad March behaviour early. I look forward to all your records and observations at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465 e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk  
*Jane Ostler*

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## FOCUS Group January 2023

We would like to wish all our members a very Happy, Healthy, Wealthy and Wise 2023.

It has been an exciting time for the Group in December, starting with our Annual Christmas Dinner at Stoke Rochford Golf Club. We were warmly welcomed by the staff and we were impressed with the table layout and decorations. A very pleasant, if rather noisy lunch followed which all our members enjoyed. This was followed by our raffle, which was different this year by request.

The raffle only had 3 main prizes and these were:-

£100 won by June Jessop

£75 won by Janet Atkinson

£50 won by Keith Walters

Supplemented by a bottle of wine/flowers.

Well done to you three.

We also ran a one off 100 Club which caused great excitement among the members being won by Bill Walsh.

Congratulations Bill.

The Committee would like to thank Rosemary for taking on the daunting task of organising the lunch which at any time, is not an easy task. Well Done Rosemary.

By popular request the Committee are considering running the 100 Club throughout the year rather than a one off at the Christmas lunch.

Following on from the Dinner both Kurling Groups, ended the year with Mulled Wine and Mince pies on the last playing day of the year.

FOCUS were asked to join in the Christmas Tree celebrations at Saint John the Baptist church. Our thanks go to Arthur for donating the tree and to all Kurling members for being enthusiastic about filling out the baubles with their "Special Word". The theme we chose this year, was New Beginnings, Starting Over.

Thank you Clare and Linda for dressing the tree which looked rather splendid when lit.

We are hoping to start 2023 with new challenges and adventures and hope that we can encourage new Members to join our happy band of players.

Happy New Year and God Bless.

## Coffee Morning

Wednesday 15th February 2023

at

Colsterworth Methodist Church Hall

11 am - 2 pm

Please join us in aid of the Kings College Hospital Charity that supports the "Ray of Sunshine Ward" who gave such wonderful care to our dear Tommy (aged 7).

There will be home-made cakes and a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

*The Neal Family*

## Residents of Isaac Newton Ward

We, Cllrs Ben Green and David Bellamy, want to hear from you! We are conducting a short online survey to better understand the needs and concerns of our community. Your input is crucial in helping us make informed decisions that will improve our ward as a place to live, work and raise a family. The survey is anonymous and will take only a few minutes of your time. Please take a moment to share your thoughts by heading to [bit.ly/IsaacNewtonSurvey](https://bit.ly/IsaacNewtonSurvey).

Your participation will make a difference in shaping the future of our community. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Cllrs Ben Green and David Bellamy.

## Xmas Tree Festival Thank you

Just a short note to thank Jackie Taylor and all the volunteers who made the above possible. Too many people choose not to do anything but what great activities were put on for the village at Christmas and well supported by local businesses. It brightens up any dull day over the Christmas Period. Well done all and Thank You.

*Janet & Lesley*



## COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

January meeting consisted of our Xmas lunch at the White Lion in Colsterworth, club members had a lovely lunch, thanks to the team at the White Lion.

At our next Meeting on the 13th of February, we welcome, David Penny - Clematis.

In Feb the monthly members' competition will be "Snowdrops". So please bring along your entry on the night.

**We have our special evening on the 13th March 2023 with the talk being given by ADAM FROST of BBC GARDENERS WORLD, entry by tickets only, at £7.50 each. (free to club members).**

**Please contact Vicky Page for tickets on 01476 330281 or vyhpage@gmail.com**

### Future Dates:

13<sup>th</sup> Feb – David Penny – Clematis

13<sup>th</sup> Mar – ADAM FROST of BBC GARDENERS World

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Harriet Whitbread of The Lincolnshire Flower Company – Growing for Cutting

8<sup>th</sup> May – Martin Rollin from Charles Read School – Gardening in Education

12<sup>th</sup> June – OUTING – Lynne Barnes's in Newton

10<sup>th</sup> July – Lucienne Bennett – Designing & Planting a Garden

9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Annual Horticultural & Craft Show

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".

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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](mailto:davidheathfrench@gmail.com)

[www.cfor.org.uk](http://www.cfor.org.uk)

**St John the Baptist Church, High Street Colsterworth, Grantham NG33 5NF**  
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**Contacts**

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PCC Members	Hilary Winstanley	861160
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In person and livestreamed services for February in Colsterworth church:

5 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am Holy Communion 4:00pm Evensong	Blended worship In person only
12 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
19 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	In person only
26 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship

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

Please continue to support the Foodbank if you can, there is still a need. Thanks for your January donations.

**CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 14<sup>TH</sup> FEB. 10:00AM, WITH COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER, ALL WELCOME**

**MARCH COFFEE MORNING: TUE 7<sup>TH</sup> MAR. 10:00-12:00 HOSTED BY ROSEMARIE EVERITT.**

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.

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Fri 0900 - 1030	

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**COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH**

**February 2023**

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.

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
5th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Ian Thacker	Gill Dexter
12th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Rowena Ward-Barrow	Gill Senescall
19th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Brian Bowes	Betty Neal
26th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jennie Fytche	Wendy Walsh

**Open Door Lunch –Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 12 Noon – 1:30am**

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 1st & 15<sup>th</sup> February – 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.

**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](mailto:helenscorror@outlook.com) or phone 01476 860126.

**Christmas Eve Service** – Thank you to those who supported the collection at our Christmas Eve Service. We have sent £68 to both The Grantham Passage and Chernobyl Children's Lifeline.

**Warm Welcome Space – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28th February 2:30-4:30pm.**

We are offering a free, warm, welcoming space in our Hall – open to everyone.

**Villages Diary February 2023**

Wed 1st	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 8th	12 noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 13th	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Tue 14th	2:30pm-4:30pm	Warm Welcome Space	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 21st	2:00pm	WI	Sports & Social Club
Wed 15th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 22nd	12 noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 28th	2:30pm-4:30pm	Warm Welcome Space	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 10th	12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way
<b>March</b>			
Tue 7th	7:30pm	Parish Council	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	12noon-1:30pm	Open Door (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weeks)	Methodist Church
	2pm-3:30pm	Craft & Chat (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</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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