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

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#### Litter Pickers

A big thank you to Graham Kiely and Mo Taylor's chain gang, oops, I mean the Colsterworth Nature Trail volunteers, for picking up 60 bags of litter from the A1 flyover and making our environment a bit more pleasant. Thanks also to the Truck Stop for providing refreshments after their labours (I hope it was in the bar!).



## Parish Council Report Parish Clerk - 01476 861888 clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

Headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 7th March 2023 Full minutes and reports are available on the 3. **Colsterworth and District Website** (Search "Colsterworth and District Parish Council" and find the agendas and minutes under "Council Business": Council business – Colsterworth and District Parish Council 4. (lincolnshire.gov.uk)

CHAIR'S REMARKS: The Clerk was invited to give a brief update regarding the upcoming PC and District Council Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Decision of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May 2023 to be deferred to coincide with Election timetable.

#### Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council

Councillor Charlotte Vernon and District Councillors Dave Bellamy and Ben Green joined the meeting and spoke about how they continue to support the PC in regard to planning applications, road safety, highways issues, policing, cost of living information, District and County grant opportunities to name but a few. Full details on the website under "Council Business"

#### In Touch Magazine: We are going colour!

Over the last few months Cllrs Ellis O'Neill, Caroline Hainsworth, Colin Russell and the Clerk have been working together looking at moving the In Touch magazine from black and white to colour. It was agreed by a majority to go colour Print from the May 2023 edition for a 3-month pilot scheme. Amended editing and print deadlines to be put in place. Current advertising rates would remain unchanged for three months from the April 2023 renewal for the 3-month trial of the pilot colour scheme.

#### **Coronation of King Charles III**

Ideas were discussed including the Big Lunch, individual street parties, royal theme for street names on Bourne Road Development, In Touch "Coronation Special", commemorative mugs for schoolchildren. Available community grants will be investigated in addition to budget set by the PC. Activities by other Groups also to be investigated. Unanimously agreed for bunting up to £200 to be purchased. Further discussions to take place.

#### Allotments

For a trial period of 3 months it has been agreed to allow dogs on both the Woolsthorpe Road and Stamford Road allotment sites with stipulations in place (dogs must be kept on a lead when walking to and from the allotment plot, dogs that are a nuisance must be removed, dogs must not be free to roam around site, if plots are not enclosed then dogs must be tethered, dog waste must be removed from the site.

#### **Colsterworth Community Youth Club**

Committee has expanded with new members joining. Following a meeting on 16th February 2023 certain committee positions were changed, with new members elected as chair and treasurer. Confirmation of the hand-over of the Youth Club accounts to the new Treasurer/ Secretary.

#### Nature Trail

Since the beginning of the year the Nature Trail volunteers have been working on clearing the area close to the Jubilee Wood of dead trees and create an opening for the light to shine through to the healthy trees. Bulbs have been planted purchased from a generous donation from three local residents.

#### Clerks Report & day to day business

LCC have advised that Micro surfacing schemes will 1. be delivered within Colsterworth from April 2023. Residents will receive 5-7 days in advance of the micro works and the crews undertaking these works will liaise with the residents to allow access and egress arrangements.

2. Bourne Road Estate name plate junction of Bourne Road reported to SKDC for repair/replacement.

Grass Cutting - Parish Agreement & Contribution figure received from LCC Highways. An amount of £2,890.70 will be received for 2023-24. The amount received for 2022/2023 was £2,656.03

Footpath 15 LCC ROW have installed timber kissing gates to replace the stiles on this route. Kissing gates installed 22nd February 2023

Footpath 5 Upper style reported to LCCROW requesting 5. it is replaced by a kissing gate. Lower style at the Co-op reported as too low request to have this replaced. Ref 1804774

Large number of tyres fly tipped on Woolsthorpe Road 6. reported to SKDC for removal.

7. Work started 20th February 2023 to replace the surface on Woolsthorpe Play Area.

8. Damage caused to the bench on the High Street junction Bourne Road, 11th March 2022. Notification from solicitor they can no longer pursue recovery of this matter due to insufficient evidence to prove a third party is liable."

9. Work has been completed to lay the new carpet surface on the Woolsthorpe Road play area.

Two areas of Eco Tumble surface at North Witham Play 10. area appear to have some subsidence. Reported to Wicksteed Leisure under guarantee.

Request for bin be installed next to the bench by the iron 11. bridge (that goes under Brunel Avenue) as an increased amount of litter has been reported.

12. De-restricted sign junction Stainby Road and Old Post Lane reported FMS. Sign on the west side twisted through 90 degrees

13. Excessive mud on the roads and footpaths in Stainby reported by Resident; SKDC Street Services attended and swept roads.

#### Correspondence received

Council received details of correspondence received relating to damaged verges, speeding vehicles, lack of police presence, temporary buildings at Water Treatment Works and incident at Sports and Social Club playing field.

Planning - SKDC S22/2404: From SKDC incorrectly reported from the location as Twyford Cottage. SKDC have now corrected this to show Twyford Farm, Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth, NG33 5LT.

#### Planning Applications - SKDC

S23/0481: Erection of single storey side extension, front porch and detached double garage, along with alterations to driveway. 5 Chestnut Grove, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5PE.

S21/1906: Application for approval of details relating to conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission. Land West Off A1 And North Bourne Road, Colsterworth

#### **Planning Permission - SKDC**

S22/2404: Conversion of 3 existing agricultural buildings to form 2 large dwelling houses and 2 small dwelling houses. Twyford Farm Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth.

S22/2469: Demolition of 2no dog kennels, cattery, erection of 2 no. two storey extension, first floor extension, including remodelling of house, plus detached double garage. Stonehaven Morkery Lane, Castle Bytham Lincolnshire NG33 4SR.

S23/0237: Submission of details of obscure glazing in relation to Condition 7 of S21/1906 (Reserved matters for appearance, layout, scale and access for the erection of 70 dwellings following Outline permission S18/2379.) From 68 Bourne Road 23M From A151, Bourne Road, Colsterworth.

S23/0151: Change of use of an Agricultural Building Unit (Type R) to a flexible Commercial Use (Class E). Location: Glebe Farm Main Street, Gunby.

S23/0075: Confirmation of compliance with conditions of planning permission S13/1931 (Erection of 48 dwellings, garages and associated infrastructure). Land At Bridge End Colsterworth.

#### **Highways and Footpaths**

Clir C Hainsworth gave a verbal update on the remote meeting held with Rowan Smith and Jeanne Gibson from LCC Highways, Clirs C Hainsworth, T Neale and Clerk S Grant. It was a positive meeting looking at signage on the B676 re diversions from the A1, vehicle crossings and road safety on the High Street, Colsterworth. Feedback from Centrebus drivers was provided to LCC. A site visit with the PC and LCC to be arranged through LCC Clir Charlotte Vernon.

#### Council Administration

Unanimously Agreed: Renew LALC membership subscription (£462.27) and LALC Training Scheme Membership (£168.00) Unanimously Agreed: Adopt reviewed CAD Financial Regulations and CAD Death of a Senior National Figure (subject to noted changes)

Accounts for payment approved.

#### **Environment and Amenities**

Cllr T Neale reported that Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) investigations into grant opportunities were ongoing. CFoR have earmarked £500 towards the War Memorial restoration and would in the future potentially look to applying for a grant from the PC.

#### Planning Committee

Cllr Russell provided update on first review meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan – notes circulated and updated to website.

#### Date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 4th April 2023



## Focus Group New Age Kurling

Well, it has been a while since we last caught up. It has been a very mixed bag weather wise since the New Year, but our members are hardy folk, and regardless have managed to enjoy New Age Kurling.

We have had a couple of new members, welcome Alison and Linda, and we hope you enjoy not just the company, but the game as well.

We were contacted by the Cree Centre, via Rosemary our previous Chairperson, and asked if we could come along to their centre and show them, initially, how to play New Age Kurling, and then to visit regularly to play with them. We have successfully put together of group of volunteers who are more than happy to assist. We very much look forward to the challenge.

The Cree Centre is a day centre for adults with learning disabilities and associated physical disabilities. Also, with Easter fast approaching, Jil, a long-standing member of Focus, has suggested we have a Knockout competition with the Winner taking home an Easter Egg. Both Monday and Friday groups have welcomed the challenge. Brian, a committee member of long standing, has suggested that a trip, that was being arranged prior to COVID, should be re-visited. At the moment we are still in the organising stage, but it is hopeful that the trip will happen in May. The place of interest is Johnson's Garden Centre, Shopping Outlet and Restaurant, followed by a visit to the "We'll Meet Again" Museums, where we will be given a private tour, film presentation, and Tea and Cakes.

If you are interested in New Age Kurling, and would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Christine Cope on **07931345932**, who will happy to answer any queries you may have.



# the Market States in Spiring Women

To anyone who listened to my plea for a deadline to suit our reports for "In Touch" so that they don't sound dated, thank you. So here goes, two for the price of one, both the February and March meetings. Both pretty busy.

The speaker scheduled to tell us of the beautiful Japanese gardens was unable to be with us owing to illness. Our speaker's secretary pulled out all the stops, ringing here and there and came up with the goods at very short notice, Dorothy Ward who worked as a garden designer said that we should shop around when buying plants. There are bargains to be found in supermarkets and equally as good as those found in nurseries.

We have been sent the schedule for the Lincolnshire Show, not so much interest this year, now that we are dueting with our North Lincs Federation. There are a lot of meetings a good distance away. I dare say that we shall be asked to do some cakes for the WI refreshments marquee and help on the stall. A tiring day.

We were told of a new tier of membership called "a supporter of the WI" for women who are not able to attend but still enjoy being kept in touch with publications etc. They will pay a reduced subscription and go on to become a full member when able to and when time allows. We will watch if it takes off.

Lynne and Sandra were winner and runner up for the competition for an article item starting with the initial "W". In March, flower girls were Peggy and Liz.

Now for this months meeting (today) and here I am at 00:57 working. My fingers on overtime. We were very busy, there was a report of the Lincs Federation Annual Meeting, which our President and yours truly attended a fortnight ago. It is usually held in Spalding but they brought it this side of the County, at the Barn Hotel at Marston. We heard two good speakers, one telling us all about pearls, passing a tremendous amount of her stock of pearl jewellery around, tempting us to buy. The second speaker was the lass who is called "The Forager", some weeks she works alongside James Martin on his Saturday morning programme.

The speaker today at our AGM was our old friend Pat Read, a member of Rippingdale WI. She has been our adviser from Federation a few times now. As well as telling us how she came to join the WI (it was because her mother always called any cakes Pat baked "sad sacks" as the fruit always sank to the bottom so she joined the WI to learn the secret) she conducted the votes for our presidency.

The trophies for the competition were presented following the normal general meeting preceding the AGM. We heard that we can book for a lunch following a trip on the canal, another Federation quiz (hoping it is not as hard as the last one) and we are booked in to Allington WI's quiz in a few weeks time. In the meantime we are off to Newark Theatre tomorrow night (21<sup>st</sup>

March). I shall be nodding off with Dorothy on the yellow brick road if I don't finish this and get to bed.

The winner of the Rose Bowl competition this month was Liz Clark with Helen Scorror as runner up. The winner of the Flower of the Month was Rosemarie Everitt with a beautiful camelia. Helen was in second place with a narcissus.

Forgot to tell you that we were presented with a certificate at the Federation meeting commemorating our 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the oldest institute in this Federation.

Now if you would like to join us at our next meeting, we have a special speaker, Mr. Horace Liberty, giving us the history of the family firm and fashion. Competition is an article beginning with the letter "A".

We meet at the Sports and Social Club at 2:00pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. You will be made very welcome to join us for some lovely refreshments. The girls did us proud this month, they had put on a beautiful spread of "goodies". But then they always do, no matter who the hostesses are. Well done for today ladies. *Dot Williams* 



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# NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

March is a month of seasonal firsts. The first Brimstone butterfly on I7th March 2023, followed by others on 22nd. The first Frog spawn reported in three separate ponds. No sightings of toads. The ponds are beginning to come alive. Minute green plants will feed tadpoles in their early stages. Later they need the protein to be found in animal life, a selection of which is illustrated here.



warblers, reed and sedge, willow and grasshopper, are not likely to be found in our gardens (as their names suggest). Warblers are LBJ's (Little Brown Jobs) and are best identified by their distinctive songs. April will see the return of the House Martins and Swallows. They spend their winters south of the Sahara Desert. Over thousands of miles their journey is increasingly hazardous each year as climate change means, for example the expansion of desert areas. It is a rare privilege to have House Martins under the eaves or Swallows in an outbuilding. It helps to provide them with a muddy patch with which to construct their nests. Provision of enough flying insects for food is another matter.

Apart from the Brimstone butterflies few insect sightings sent in. Honey Bees and the Queens of Tree and Buff-tailed Bees have been out feeding, including on pollen, even on colder days. Winter Gnats dancing above the snow and Ladybirds emerging from hibernation in dense bushes.

Flowering of Blackthorn is later and can be confused with Cherry Plum which is in flower alongside the A1. A single bush of Blackthorn in full flower on Nature Trail in third week of March.



Photos of Coltsfoot in flower around the disused telephone box on Woolsthorpe road made a bright splash of yellow, competing with Lesser Celandine (illustrated) which is scattered all along the hedgerows. Sweet Violets are earliest of flowers but usually noticed only when the white flowers are seen and Early Dog Violet, a woodland plant escapes onto bare limestone for its earliest flowering.

Garden records of birds are valuable. From these there are notes on a Song Thrush singing from a vantage point of a TV aerial. Some gardens have regular visits from finches and show that these are recovering. Blue and Great Tits visiting through the winter are staying to breed. Greater Spotted Woodpeckers on feeders in a number of gardens. House Sparrows have disappeared from one garden after a regular colony bred there for many years.

On 4th March at 10pm, car headlights picked up a Hedgehog running along the side of the road. As the warmer weather arrives many of us are pleased to discover either hedgehogs which have overwintered with us or are visiting from neighbours. Hares out in the fields and Muntjac visiting gardens are glimpses of the mammals which surround us.

A white deer is among a local group of Fallow Deer.

To Look For in April: Butterflies and any amphibians or reptiles. Migrant birds and woodland flowers like the Wood Anemone and Primroses, but also what we may think of as our common species of plants and animals. I look forward to all your observations at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465, e-mail jnostler@ hotmail.co.uk Jane Ostler

A Blackcap heard at the end of February may have wintered with us, as has Chiffchaff in recent years. One was heard at the beginning of March. It is also the earliest migrant to arrive. The other

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## **HELEN'S HELPING HANDS**

First of all I'd like to say a big thank you to the Volunteers who stepped in to cover myself and Sam at our last Coffee Morning.

Our next HHH meeting will be held on Saturday 29th April 10am-12pm @ the Methodist Church, Back lane. We are mixing it up and having a Music Quiz hosted by our very own Anthony Poulson accompanied by his guitar.

We're following the theme of the TV program 'Name that tune' although there will be a little more of the tune. If successful we will hold further music guizzes throughout the year.

Entry to the Quiz plus a hot drink and homemade cake -£4

We'd love for you to come and join us and all proceeds go straight back into helping HHH continue their successful work supporting the community.

#### Steve Bill



Rod Young

## **COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS &** ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION



Our March meeting, "An evening with Adam Frost", was incredibly well supported by members and we welcomed many visitors to the hall, a total of 120 and so much activity attracted 'Spot' the cat to venture in for a wander, arriving a few minutes ahead of Adam! Adam was very engaging, sharing with us the story of his life and family and how an Essex boy ended up in our area working under the guidance of Geoff Hamilton at Barnsdale, and how his gardening and landscaping led to Chelsea and our TV Screens. Once his presentation was over, Adam drew the raffle then stayed for a book signing and chat with the group.

We also thanked Vicky Page for her many years on the committee and for staying on for a few extra months to help organise the Adam Frost evening, we presented Vicky with a few gifts.

Our next meeting, 3rd April - Harriet Whitbread of The Lincolnshire Flower Company - Growing for Cutting, with the club members competition being "Spring Flowers". This is the first Monday in the Month due to the Easter weekend. Would be great to see some new visitors and potential new members **Future Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Harriet Whitbread of The Lincolnshire Flower Company – Growing for Cutting (1<sup>st</sup> Monday) 8th May – Martin Rollin from Charles Read School – Gardening in Education 12th June - OUTING - Lynne Barnes's in Newton 10th July - Lucienne Bennett - Designing & Planting a Garden 9th 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.



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Adam Frost, Vicky Page (retiring Club secretary) and Rod Young at a very well attended Colsterworth & District Garden Club talk.

More information can also be found on the "Colsterworth and Garden Club Facebook page ".



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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	Preach
2nd	10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship	Brian
9th	11am	Easter Holy Communion	Rev'd
16th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine
23rd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Worsh
30th	11am	United Service at Parish	Church

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Open Door Lunch – Wednesday 12th & 26th April 12 Noon – 1:30am

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Join us for a bowl of homemade soup a roll plus either a hot pudding or cake and lots of chat. We welcome people of all and no faith and of all ages to join us. Our book and jigsaw library will be available for you to browse and borrow from.

Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 5th & 19th April – 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.

Fraud Awareness & Prevention Talk – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm Roger Graves, Manager of HSBC Grantham will give a talk of Fraud Awareness and Prevention. This is open to everyone.

Coronation Get Together – Sunday 7th May 12 Noon – 3pm Why not bring along your picnic and join us in our hall to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles? We will provide hot and cold drinks.

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Villages Diary April 2023					
Mon 3rd 7:30pm	Garden Club Coffee Morning	Colsterworth Village Hall			
Tue 4th 10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning	41, Colster Way, Č'worth			
/:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall			
Wed 5th 2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat Mobile Library	Methodist Church Hall			
Fri 7th 12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way			
Wed 12th 12 noon-1:30p		Methodist Church Hall			
Tue 18th 2:00pm		Sports & Social Club			
Wed 19th 2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall			
	om Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall			
Sat 29th 10am - 12pm	Fraud Prevention Talk	Methodist Church Hall Methodist Church Hall			
Sat 29th Toam - 12pm	Mav	Wethoust Church Hall			
Tue 2nd 10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning 1	0 Meadow Close C'worth			
Sun 7th 12noon-3pm	Coronation Get Together	Methodist Church Hall			
Weekly					
Mondays 10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall			
7:15pm	Bell Ringers	Church			
Tuesdays 9:30am-11:3	Dam Parent & Toddler Group	(Term time) Village Hall			
6pm-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church			

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	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	7:30pm-9:30pm	Weekly Bingo		Sports & Social Club
Saturdays	10am-12noon	Football Coach	ing	Sports Field

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