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

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**The Coronation of  
King Charles III and Queen Camilla  
will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023**

# Parish Council Report

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## Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Full minutes and reports are available on the 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 \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](https://colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk/council-business)

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were three persons present at the public forum. Brief details are below, full details can be found under <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/32/agendas-and-minutes-from-may-2022?downloadID=32>

**Broken Gate** - The first spoke in relation to a broken gate from the metal fence around Colster Way Play area close to Rope Walk. The Clerk explained that they had already contacted the manufacturer for replacement hinges and due to the weight of the gate needed help to remove it for safe keeping. The second member of the public kindly offered to collect the gate and store it at their home.

**Litter** - The second member of the public a valued regular volunteer litter picker spoke in relation to the ongoing litter and fly tipping problem around the local businesses in the location of the A151 flyover. They thanked the Parish Council for the recent article placed in the In Touch magazine on the large voluntary litter pick they arranged where 60 bags of litter were collected over the A151 flyover. SKDC Cllr D Bellamy said he would contact the Environmental Health Department regarding this and let the Clerk know of any action taken.

**Speeding** - The third member of the public spoke in relation to speeding traffic at Bridge End, saying now they had small children they were more aware of the issue.

Chair to the Parish Council Cllr C Hainsworth extended the public forum to 7.45pm to allow each member of the public to speak.

### CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair of the Parish Council Cllr C Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that Cllrs had put in their election nomination forms. They announced that Cllr L Bennett would not be re-standing for election, and Cllr R Brocklebank would also not be re-standing. Cllr C Hainsworth thanks those who were no longer standing for the work that they had done.

### 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".

### Parish Council Meeting

Resolved to move the May Parish Council meeting to From Tuesday 2nd May to Tuesday 9th May 2023.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd May 2023. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

### Coronation of King Charles III

The Clerk confirmed the SK Community Fund Grant application had been successful with a total of £1,124.49 being awarded to the Parish Council.

1. 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Colster Way Green. The green is available to all of the Parishes within Colsterworth and District Parish Council who wish to join together for the 'Big Lunch'.

2. Purchase of bunting. £200 already agreed March meeting item 2022.161.

3. Resolved to purchase a commemorative keepsake for all children attending Colsterworth Primary School and Little Legs Nursery.

4. 'Meet and Greet your Parish Council' table at the Social Club Sunday 7th May.

### Nature Trail

The volunteers have planted bulbs donated to the Nature Trail by local residents.

### Clerks Report & day to day business

1. Two streetlights not working on Apple Tree Close reported to FMS LCC Highways ref 451126. SKDC reported that they are not responsible for the streetlights. Social Housing SKDC Ref 2540286.

2. 13/03/2023 during a period of high winds a dangerous

leaning tree rear of Ingle Court was reported. The Clerk and the Nature Trail ranger attended along with a tree surgeon. The tree surgeon returned the following morning and made the area safe.

3. Areas of the Eco-Tumble surface at North Witham Play area reported to Wicksteed due to some hollow ground under areas of the surface.

4. Response from Wicksteed, the issue is not covered by the guarantee due to no base works quoted for at the point of installation. The areas inspected by their engineer were not raised as a trip hazard and had not been raised as a trip hazard on the 2022 annual inspection.

5. Several potholes reported to Fix My Street – Stainby Road

6. Report of the seats on the Polka Roundabout on Old Post Lane, play area starting to become loose. The Clerk is making enquiries with the manufacturer on how these can be tightened up or repaired.

7. The play area gate on Colster Way close to Rope Walk has broken away from its hinges. The Clerks making enquiries with Hilltrident on replacement hinges.

8. Streetlight 82 Colster Way footpath to Rope Walk reported to SKDC due to damage to the lamp.

9. Allotment renewals complete. Vacant allotments taken from waiting list.

### 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.

### SKDC Planning Applications

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.

S23/0477 - Replacement of mono pitch canopy with flat canopy. Land West Off A1 And North Of Bourne Road, Colsterworth

### SKDC Planning Permission

None

### Highways and Footpaths

1. Looking to re-start CSW and encourage more volunteers to join. Awaiting information on CSW training.

2. LCC Officer Graeme Butler was retiring, noting how helpful he had been over recent years in particular for putting up the Vehicle Activated Signs earlier this year at North Witham and Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth.

3. Awaiting feedback from the meeting with the LCC Local Highways Manager on 6th March 2023.

### Council Administration

Accounts for payment approved.

Next Finance & Administration Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Nature Trail Risk Assessment renewed.

### Environment and Amenities

Cllr T Neale Volunteered to assist with the allotment inspections.

### Planning Committee

Neighbourhood Plan Review is in process.

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting is  
Tuesday 9th May 2023. Methodist Church Hall,  
Back Lane, Colsterworth**

### The Big Lunch

Just a reminder that the Colster Way Green/Play Area is an open space available for picnics if the weather is kind on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May for "The Big Lunch" and open to all. Bring your own picnic (but please do take away your rubbish).

Coronation medals will also be presented by the Parish Council to children at the school and Little Legs Nursery as a lasting memento of this historic event.

The Parish Clerk and Parish Councillors will be attending the Village Hall "Tabletop" from 12.30 pm to meet and greet with tea and biscuits.

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

With a deadline of the May edition of "In Touch" being earlier than ever to suit our monthly meeting report, hence news turns to history. Is it Bank Holidays which cause the hold up? Dread to think what the plethora of Bank Holidays later this month will bring.

As we write this we are looking forward to hearing all about the family firm of Liberty's emporiums and all the merchandise they sell, all courtesy of one of the Liberty family members which founded the firm. (Tell you about it next month). His name is Horace Liberty.

One disappointment we have heard of is another cancellation of the Allington quiz. Not enough institutes interested, or the County Federation having more, and offering food at half time. Sandra will be looking forward to attending the National Federation's Annual meeting at Cardiff taking all our groups (and ours) votes for "Clean Water for Rivers and Wildlife". We are taking to the water soon and a pub lunch when the "ship" docks half way. Watch this space. If we survive (just hope that it's not called Titanic).

Our May meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> when we cast our votes for the Annual Meeting which Sandra will be at. Oh a point of interest, did you spot the article in The Journal recently, about Moira, the first female Yeoman Warder. Remember when she came with Keith Hanson to talk about his life as a "Beefeater" at The Tower of London, all those years ago. Mary Cowley will remember I bet, the pair of them resplendent in their uniforms. Back to the 16<sup>th</sup> May meeting at the Sports and Social Club, usual time 2.00 pm. Competition is an article initial "A". Visitors are most welcome and tea or coffee (or whatever your choice you'd like) and of course, popular cakes/biscuits/fruit we shall be pleased to see you.

Dot Williams

## The Kings Coronation

### Pram Race

at  
Colsterworth Sports and Social Club  
and  
Village Hall

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### Sunday May 7th

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### They did it!

Ruth & Laura completed the "London Landmarks Half Marathon" on Sunday 2nd April in just under 3 hours. They have raised the incredible amount of £4,000 for Kings College Hospital Charity - in memory of our beloved Tommy (7). Our heartfelt thanks to you all who so generously supported the Colsterworth Coffee morning and who sponsored them. Thank you everyone.  
The Neal Family.

# NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

Though catkins on hazel, willow and alder appeared at similar times to previous years other tree flowers, like ash and elm were later. More noticeable has been how late the trees are in producing leaves. Coltsfoot 's bright yellow flowers were noted first near the disused telephone box by which time dandelions were coming out in the hedges. Cowslips alongside the A1 and Marsh Marigolds beside a pond both flower regularly at the beginning of April, later than the books suggest. The Danish Scurvy grass, a salt requiring plant, was forming a white flowered border along the edges of the A1 central reservation. Its seeds have travelled on the wheels of vehicles all the way from the NE coast living with the help of salt spread on roads in winter. An April survey on 3/4/23 of the Roadside Nature Reserve in Woolsthorpe found lungwort in flower and patches of the Early Dog Violet, distinguished by its smaller flowers and paler colour from great swathes of the vivid Sweet Violet. The cowslips emerging were on short stems and not noticeable until close to them. Often overlooked, the tiny Spring Whitlow Grass, with tiny white flowers and shining round seed heads, was managing in the merest scraps of soil.

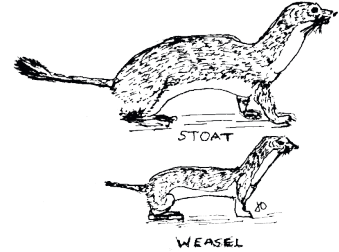


Bees under close observation during the last three years in one garden had the Tree Bumble Bee and Bufftailed Bee Queens out first followed by, a Carder Bee Queen on 3rd April. The Hairy footed Flower Bee, both the males and females were later out, not seen until April. At time of writing (12th April) in this garden, no other solitary bees seen out, few Honey Bees and no hover flies, so that with windy weather and few pollinators, there is concern for the pollination of pear, plum and cherry blossom. Indeed, generally so few insects about that 7-spot ladybirds crawling out from shrubs, a green shieldbug in a conservatory and a Queen Wasp emerging from a woodpile were cause for excitement. A Humming Bird Hawkmoth in a garden on the evening of Easter Sunday, Brimstone, Peacock and small white Butterflies have been seen in gardens.

Particularly valuable are the observations of those of you who watch the changing behaviour of birds as Spring gets under way. Starlings which gathered in a walnut tree at dusk in March, steadily increasing in number until they formed a small murmuration as they circled before going to roost. They have now dispersed to nest. Jackdaws, deprived of their traditional nests in chimneys now cleared and capped have found new sites, including a pigeon coup and an owl box. After a hedge lost, a blackbird has a nest in the thick vegetation at the base of a winter-flowering clematis, undeterred by the fact it is right against a back door. Another similar plant is home to a dunnock and they are building, as last year in a thick mass of Clematis montana. Families of long-tailed tits which have fed regularly at feeders are now split up and a pair comes on its own.

Other sharp eyes have picked up the first migrating birds like blackcap, and keen ears the sound of chiffchaff. A single siskin amongst finches at a feeder and most unusually a brambling. On 12th April a single swallow flew low near a nesting site from last year – almost to the day

one seen here last year. It will be a male who are the first to arrive. Tadpoles are now developing in ponds, the first spawn was recorded on 13th March. Several fairly new ponds are doing well but three older ponds have had no spawn, one for the first time in 40 years, though last years spawn didn't develop. A white deer seen amongst the fallow deer in the Twyford area. Hares out in daylight, more often noted than rabbits,



The most intriguing record was shown in a short video of two stoats fighting in a flurry of arms legs and tails. They difficult to be sure they appeared to be two adult males, larger than females. Two male mammals fighting would usually denote holding territory or attracting a mate. However stoats mate in the autumn and, due to delayed implantation do not produce young until March at earliest. The female has her own nest. The male has his own and does not take part in rearing young except has been known to bring food to the female during lactation when she cannot get out herself. Young stoats are known to take part in play fighting, some of which can look quite fierce. Does anyone know more about this activity?

**To Look For In May.** The best thing would be that those who send in observations continue to do so as last month a regular update on our common plants and animals and how they are doing and notes on the more unusual and those things which we await each season like the house martins and swifts, the cuckoo and the spotted flycatcher, butterflies, bats and reptiles. I look forward to hearing from you at **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465**, e-mail [jnostler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jnostler@hotmail.co.uk)

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Tuesday 23rd May 2023**  
**7.30 pm Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.**

### AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome.
  2. To Approve the Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
  3. Chairman's Annual Report.
  4. Clerk's Financial Report.
  5. Update from the Environment Agency on the River Witham.
  6. Update from Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance update.
  7. Update from the Methodist Church activities.
  8. Update from the Women's Institute subject to availability.
  9. Update from the Colsterworth Community Youth Club to share the plans of the youth club.
  10. Any Motions by Electors (must be proposed 10 days before the Annual Parish Meeting).
  11. Any other business.
- Close.

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Colsterworth and District to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. For any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (**Sue Grant, Tel: 01476 861888 Email: [clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk)**)

All presentations/reports are subject to confirmation.  
 The order in which the presentations/reports are to be given is subject to change.

*S Grant*

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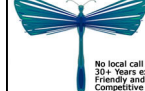
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Our next meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> May – Martin Rollin from Charles Read School – Gardening in Education, with the club members competition being "Green" (fruit, vegetables, or flowers).

It's great to see so many new members and visitors.

### Future Dates.

15<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".

Rod Young

07836719496

**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 Rev'd Neil Griffiths or Kim John Administrator, email: colstgroup.churches@aol.com*



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In person and livestreamed services for May at Colsterworth church:

7 <sup>th</sup> May	11am Holy Communion	Blended worship
14 <sup>th</sup> May	11am Morning Prayer	In person only
21 <sup>st</sup> May	11am Morning Prayer	In person only
28 <sup>th</sup> May	11am Morning Prayer	In person only

OPEN DAILY 10.00am – 4.00pm for visitors, contemplation & Foodbank donations.

CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 10.00AM, WITH COFFEE & CHAT

COFFEE MORNINGS 10.00-12.00: TUE 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY: HOST- ARTHUR MARSHALL 10 MEADOW CLOSE COLSTERWORTH  
TUE 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: HOST – SIMON JOWITT 16 INGLE COURT WOOLSTHORPE BY COLSTERWORTH

REVD NEIL'S FINAL SERVICE IS 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SERVICE AND A BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

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



## Mobile Post Office

Stopping by Colsterworth Bowls Club

Mon 0900 – 1100	Contact Andy on 01778 570221
Tue 0900 – 1000	
Wed 1345 – 1545	
Thu 0900 – 1100	
Fri 0900 – 1030	

## CORONATION GET TOGETHER

 Sunday 7th May - 12 Noon until 3pm  
Colsterworth Methodist Church Hall  
You are welcome to join us to celebrate the Coronation  
Bring your own lunch  
We will provide tables & chairs, free hot and cold drinks

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Village Contact : Pamela Harrison – 01476 861864

## COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH May 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
7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Wendy Walsh
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Rowena Ward-Barrow	Helen Scorrer
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Cheryl Sutcliffe
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Tony Charles	Margaret Winn

Open Door Lunch – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 12 Noon – 130am

Join us for a filled 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May – 200-330pm

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.

Coronation Get Together – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Villages Diary May 2023

Tue 2nd	10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning	10 Meadow Close, C'worth
Wed 3rd	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 5th	12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Sun 7th	12 noon-3pm	Coronation Get Together	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 9th	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 10th	12-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 15th	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Tue 16th	2:00pm	WI	Sports & Social Club
Wed 17th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 24th	12-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
<b>June</b>			
Tue 6th	10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning	16 Ingle Court Woolsthorpe

## Weekly

<b>Mondays</b>	10am-noon 7:15pm	<b>Kurling</b> <b>Bell Ringers</b>	Village Hall Church
<b>Tuesdays</b>	9:30am-11:30am 6pm-7pm 6pm-7:30pm 5:45pm-6:45pm	<b>Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> (Term time) <b>Yoga</b> <b>Cubs</b> (Term time) <b>Beavers</b> (Term time)	Village Hall Methodist Church Village Hall Village Hall
<b>Wednesdays</b>	12noon-1:30pm 2pm-3:30pm	<b>Open Door</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weeks) <b>Craft &amp; Chat</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weeks)	Methodist Church Methodist Church
<b>Thursdays</b>	10am-noon 7pm-8:30pm	<b>Kurling</b> <b>Scouts</b> (Term time)	Village Hall Village Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	7:30pm-9:30pm	<b>Weekly Bingo</b>	Sports & Social Club
<b>Saturdays</b>	10am-12noon	<b>Football Coaching</b>	Sports Field

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# The King's Coronation Celebration

at  
Colsterworth Sports & Social Club  
& Village Hall

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1pm

Activities include:

Live music - ABBA & Queen tributes

Pram race, Dancing

Food & Refreshments

Table top stalls - £10 per table

Bouncy castle

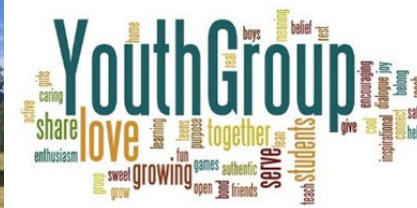
God Save The King!



This Coronation month we must celebrate the amazing work of Arthur who carries out an annual litter pick at Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth. The Parish Council will be presenting Arthur with a Coronation Medal in recognition of his good work. Proud dad Rory says, "My son Arthur aged 12 visiting me for the weekend completed our fifth or maybe sixth annual litter collection along the Woolsthorpe Road nature trail and around the Stainby/Skillington Road crossroads. A blustery old morning but a good haul of eight bags of rubbish, including three bags of recycling, which are now in my grey bin. Slightly more than previous years but we spent a bit more time with our marigolds on. Nice to get friendly waves from cyclists, horse riders and drivers. We both enjoy it and very rewarding to clean up a favourite spot near our village. Hopefully it will stay 'cleaned up'."



In tribute to His Majesty the King's lifetime of public service, "The Big Help Out" is to be marked on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, and it is hoped to encourage people to think about volunteering in their local community. To mark this special colour Coronation Edition of "In Touch" funded by the Coronation Community Grant from South Kesteven District Council, the Parish Council wanted to acknowledge some of the many activities and volunteers in the community (there are many more individuals and groups not shown here!). We are therefore, planning to do a "Spotlight on..." each month to highlight all those people and groups that willingly offer their time and energy to make a better community, offer help and support where it is needed and so perhaps motivate and encourage us all to "do our bit". There are many ways that people can offer their support to this community from providing individual support and assistance, co-ordinating clubs and societies, fundraising and donating for good causes, encouraging people to come together and improving the environment to mention just a few.



## NORTH WITHAM VILLAGE HALL

We are holding a Scarecrow Festival over the weekend of the King's Coronation. The theme is Kings and Queens. Your character can be historic, fairytale, Disney, pop or anything you can think of related to the theme.

You can put your scarecrow in your garden or in the village hall grounds. All need to be in place by Sat 10am and can be removed from Monday 18:00. Prizes for the top three entries. We are also holding a Village BBQ on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Look out for details.

