

# In Touch

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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  
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## Headlines from the Parish Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July 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)**

### PUBLIC FORUM

Chairperson C Hainsworth welcomed the two members of the public present.

The first member of the public spoke in support of their application for Parish Councillor for Colsterworth, agenda item 2023.45. The Clerk confirmed that the applicant met the qualifying criteria to become a Parish Councillor for Colsterworth and the Chairperson invited them to join the Parish Council. The member of the public duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance witnessed by the Clerk before leaving the meeting at 7.36pm to attend a prior engagement.

The second member of the public spoke in support of agenda item 2023.46.1 and 2 as the tenant of the Stamford Road paddock. They handed document \*SRA1 to the Cllrs outlining their plans for the agenda item to build three small non-permanent field shelters for housing horses and goats with no requirement for planning consent. They answered questions raised by Cllrs to their satisfaction before leaving the meeting at 7.45pm.

\* At 8.20pm a third member of the public arrived. Chair to the Council C Hainsworth reminded them to arrive for 7.30pm for the public forum before allowing them to speak. They reported the damaged sign on Colster Way Play area already noted at agenda item 2023.50.8 Clerk's Report and a streetlamp on Back Lane illuminated during daylight. The Clerk will report the streetlight to the relevant authority for repair.

### Chair's Remarks

Chairperson C Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting stating that they had no significant remarks and moved to the next agenda item.

### Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report.

LCC Cllr C Vernon, SKDC Cllr B Green and SKDC Cllr D Bellamy sent their apologies.

### Co-Option for Cllr for Colsterworth

Mr Mike Childs was unanimously approved as Cllr for Colsterworth.

### Stamford Road Paddock

It was unanimously agreed for the paddock tenant to build non-permanent shelters for two ponies and one horse.

### Eco-Tumble surface – North Witham Play Area

Unanimously agreed for the evidence provided by Cllr Clark to be presented to Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

Post meeting note - On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 the head of Wicksteed Customer Service confirmed that the repair to the play area surface would be covered under the guarantee and arranged for contractors to attend on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July to rectify the issue.

### Updates for Council administration

#### Finance

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

#### Clerks Report & day to day business

1 - Overgrown footpath from Belvoir Close to Back Lane, Colsterworth reported to LCCROW Report No 188024. Also reported to SKDC to be added to "The Big Clean". The footpath has now been resurfaced and power washed by LCC Highways.

2 - Overgrown Footpath 19 from School Lane to Old Post Lane reported to LCCROW. Report No 188513. Cut back 15/06/2023 by LCCROW.

3 - Overgrown FP 15 North Witham reported LCCROW. Priority 3 subject to finance and availability. LCCROW do not consider the footpath overgrown but will be in the area in the future and add to their work. No timescale given.

4 - Report of reduced visibility on Woodlands Drive due to large tree stumps covered in Ivy. Reported to FMS, Highways reply was as follows, "This has previously been reported and no action is required. This is an estate road in a 30mph area, and it is not considered a hazard. The area was inspected recently, and no hazard was noted. No further action".

5 - Wild flowering on Chestnut Grove and Ash Close verges. A resident confirmed that the verges will be cut once the wildflowers have finished flowering.

6 - Footpath 1 from Woolsthorpe Road to the Nature Trail overgrown with vegetation and nettles. Some Hawthorne and nettles cut back by the Clerk and volunteer on 19/06/2023 as an interim measure. The contractor will cut back the hedge and nettles.

7 - The missing child's cradle swing seat was replaced on 19th July 2023 by a volunteer to the safety instructions received by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

\*8 - Parish Council sign fallen over at Colster Way Play area. Suspected vandalism. 101 Police Report made by the Clerk. The Clerk will arrange for the sign to be re-installed and place an article in the next In Touch magazine. Crime no 23000412707. The issue will be escalated to the local Police Sergeant.

\* Colster Way Damage to notice board – Crime no 23000412707. The recent theft and damage will be escalated to the local Police who have agreed to meet with Cllrs and Parishioners at a mutually convenient time.

### Correspondence received

Council received details of correspondence received relating to speeding vehicles, lack of police presence, fly tipping and potholes.

### SKDC Planning Applications

None

### SKDC Planning Permission

S23/0813 - Submission of details reserved by condition 6 (Landscaping) of S22/2477 - (New range for private use). Tower Hill Farm Water Lane, Stainby.

S23/0674 - Replacement windows and door to listed building

Location: 4 Spring Lane Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5HN

S23/0943 - Submission of details in relation to condition 11 (Footway scheme) of S18/2379 (Outline planning application for the erection of up to 70 dwellings, associated acoustic bund, vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, landscaping and drainage with all matters reserved). Land West Off A1 And North Of Bourne Road Colsterworth South Kesteven District Council - Local Development Scheme 2023-2026

The revised Local Development Scheme (2023-2026) was approved at Cabinet on 30 May 2023 and can be found on the Council's website at the link below.

[www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview)

### Highways and Footpaths Report

No report this month.

The Clerk to follow up with Cllr C Vernon on arranging the High Street traffic calming walk about with Rowan Smith from LCC.



## Planning Committee Report

No report this month

## Environment and Amenities Working Group Report

War Memorial Project Update (Cllr T Neale).

Cllr T Neale confirmed the Project was in progress. The Clerk to contact the architects PPIY for clarification of costs for the next stage of the project prior to Council agreement.

Post meeting note – The architects PPIY have confirmed that they will retender for the project at no extra cost to the Parish Council.


## Matters Requiring attention

Cllr C Hainsworth advised that they had some contributions for the In Touch magazine following Cllr G Henton's suggestion of some articles on the history of Colsterworth and suggested that we look at correspondents for the other villages in the Parish.

Vice Chairman Cllr E O'Neill gave thanks to the Rotary Swimathon 2023 of the Rotary Club of Grantham for the £250.00 grant awarded to the Nature Trail towards an interpretation notice board.

## Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.



**Colsterworth & District Parish Council**

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**Parish Councillor Casual Vacancy**

**GUNBY and STAINBY x 2**

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Tel: 01476 861888

Applications must be received by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Colster Way Play Area Theft & Damage

Over recent months there has been a theft of a child's cradle swing seat and damage caused to a gate and the Parish Council Play Area Notice Board at Colster Way Play Area. These have been replaced and repaired at a cost to the Parish Council and the generosity of a local volunteer and D B Ostler Builder. If you notice anything which concerns you, please contact Lincolnshire Police.

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### Support the Petition to Reinstate PCSO Visits for Stronger Community Engagement

I am writing to seek your support in an important community initiative to reinstate visits by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to our parish council meetings. These visits played a crucial role in fostering community engagement and promoting a sense of security prior to the pandemic. By signing and sharing this petition, we can collectively express our desire to rebuild the bond between our community and the police, creating a safer and more supportive environment.

[bit.ly/RestorePCSOvisits](http://bit.ly/RestorePCSOvisits)

Your support will make a difference in restoring the invaluable sense of security that we have been missing. Thank you for considering my request, and I hope to have your support in this endeavour.

Cllr Ben Green.

## Students from China visit Colsterworth

After a visit to Sir Isaac Newton's birthplace, the National Trust's Manor at Woolsthorpe, and a lunch in the White Lion, St John the Baptist Church, Colsterworth hosted a party of 55 students from various parts of China. A lecture, given in Chinese, covered science at the time of Newton, and was followed by a question and answer session.



The Church was the Newton family church, Sir Isaac was baptised there and his parents are buried there although the exact spot is unknown. Sir Isaac also supported the church throughout his life. Given the connection the students were keen to visit and use the church for the lecture. Members of the congregation helped with tea and coffee but sadly were unable to follow the proceedings! However they had some interesting conversations with some of the students. Judging by the applause given the lecture was well received. The trip was organised by GASA (Global Academy of Science and Arts) who made a generous donation to the church for which we are grateful. GASA is an innovative education organisation established in 2016 by Wen Chu, Founder of GWC and GMIC.

## COLSTERWORTH WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT



### AN APPEAL TO ALL OUR ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) and the Colsterworth and District Parish Council are working together to reinstate the restoration project for repairs to the War Memorial. **Significant funds are required** – can you raise any funds/donations to this cause through your serving or veteran community?

The Roll of Honour tells the story of those who served and those who were lost in WW1 and WW2. Some of their old Units, Battalions, Regiments, Ships or Squadrons are noted.

#### Army

Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, Royal Leicestershire Regiment, Lancashire Fusiliers, West Yorkshire Regiment, Durham Light Infantry, Kings Own Scottish Borders, Royal Field Artillery, Northumberland Hussars

#### RAF

621 Squadron, 148 Squadron, 434 Royal Canadian Air Force Squadron

#### Navy

HMS Leviathan, HMS Pembroke, HMS Welshman

Please email [caroclem58@gmail.com](mailto:caroclem58@gmail.com) if you can help

# COLSTERWORTH

*Festival of Remembrance*

**Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance  
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**Colsterworth & District Parish Council**



**Colsterworth War Memorial –  
Colsterworth and District Parish Council ([lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://lincolnshire.gov.uk))**



# the WI

## INSPIRING WOMEN

### WI In Touch June Report

Our June meeting saw old friend Graham Evans, he of all things equine last time we saw him, this time, it was all things he had done in "The Rockies". I had visions of him riding "The Rockies" like the old film stars in the MGM movies. Nothing like that, it was tales of his holiday by plane, coach and car with photographs of snowy scenes. He had sign warning signs of bears but thankfully not come across any. He had managed to visit a distillery of whisky and his group was asked to name a vat and came second in the competition with the name "Friskie Ferrets" as one of his group liked them and kept some as pets back home. His photographs were excellent, but he still hankers for a holiday with warmer weather but his day job interferes with his planning. The dogs which pulled the sleds delivering parcels and food all had their own living quarters, Nissan huts like we saw years ago, because if housed together they fought each other. He warned us to never pat a husky, they viewed arms as a leg of lamb, etc., other animals were available on their menu. June Jessop thanked him for a most entertaining talk with excellent photography, President, Vanessa Howley spoke of the report of our delegate Sandra at the National Federation Annual meeting and the reason why she had used her discretion to change our vote after hearing both sides of the argument concerning water in rivers, and open waters.

Names were required for anyone wanting to have a go with a croquet mallet, a quiz at Screddington and an upholstery stool workshop and news of Denman College tutorials by zoom.

A report was given of our WI at the Parish Council Annual meeting by the Secretary. Following a talk at the Parish Meeting by The East Mercia Rivers Trust, we have volunteered to help our stretch of the river which is to be replanted in due course.

Discussion for the UK's annual thank you day was held. Details will be given when our contribution will be required. A date for a visit to the Spalding Museum is to be sought and cost of transport.

Our gardens should look a picture next spring after the order for bulbs had exceeded our previous annual orders, (if the mice and squirrels leave them alone over the winter).

Our refreshments went down very well (especially with the Speaker). Winner of the monthly competition was won by Sonia Warby with an item initial B, was a piece of the Berlin Wall, Rosemarie Everitt was runner up with a copy of "The Beano". Flower girls equally winners, Rosemary Haw and Rosemarie Everitt, and in second place Shirley Cox.

Next month's speaker on the 15<sup>th</sup> August will be Stephen Brown with a talk entitled "Its Hell on Wheels", competition will be an item initial "C", and there will be a visitor from Federation Office in September Sue Sang, one of our advisers (maybe to pick up tips on how to attract new members as we continue to grow nicely).

By the time you read this we will have heard Alan Gray giving us the lowdown of what an umpire at Wimbledon get up to. Anyway we look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings, there will always be a very warm welcome and the usual refreshing "cuppa" and an array of cakes, etc. You know where to find us, The Sports and Social Club on the 15<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00 pm, competition is an item initial "C". You will be most welcome. But you knew that didn't you?  
*Dot Williams*

Diary Date

August 15<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute at The Sports and Social Club at 2:00pm

## FOCUS

Friends of Colsterworth United Societies - The beginning.

Dennis Adams called an open meeting for all villagers, to discuss the possibilities of starting up a Social Group. A document was established to determine what interested most people. Out of this came New Age Kurling. The remit of FOCUS at start up - "FOCUS is for all of us to take part and get something out of it. New friendships and new interests. We would like to think there is something for everyone. If there is something you would like to see get started please let us know and we can see if others are interested in the same things. If you have any suggestions on how we can go forward with this group, your input would be appreciated."

FOCUS started in 2012 with a luncheon at the Wheatsheaf, followed shortly afterwards by a walk along Grantham Canal, and looking to set up New Age Kurling. Rosemary Haw submitted sheets of interest to those present at a committee meeting and asked for votes on what they would most like to see set up. It was unanimous that New Age Kurling was the most requested activity. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 Francis and Rosemary wrote to the Colsterworth and District Parish Council for a grant to purchase necessary equipment for New Age Kurling. The Parish Council actually gave a grant of £600 to fund the cost of said equipment. Because at this time, there was no formal Committee, a meeting was arranged and a steering group was set up. This consisted of June Jessop, Eileen Lewenden, Liz McCaig and Rosemary Haw. It was agreed that the group would encompass a wide range of activities, many of which were already set up.

After 1 year it was agreed a formal Committee would be set up including a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. In November 2013, A full Committee was set up, Chair: Rosemary Haw, Treasurer: Liz McCaig Secretary: Francis Haw, Ted Ray, Brian Ostler, Bill Walsh and June Jessop. New Age Kurling was arranged for every Monday initially, but its popularity soon outshone its capacity and a waiting list was put in place, which resulted in the second group being arranged for a Thursday starting in May 2017, and memberships at this group quickly grew. As the success of New Age Kurling continued, so did the inclusion of other activities, some of which are listed here- Photography Group, Luncheon Club, Walking Group, Singing Group, Art Group, Travel Group, and Winter games afternoons. All these became very successful and were run by the Committee.

Many trips were organised, River Trent Boat trips which included lunch, a very popular outing, Coach trips to, Thursford, Derbyshire, Black Country Museum, Cambridge and York to name but a few. Also, the villagers got plenty of entertainment too, including - Annual BBQ first week in August – subsidised. Annual Christmas Lunch – subsidised. Dog Racing at Peterborough – subsidised. Queens Golden Jubilee was held at Millfield house, with Morris Men and Scottish Country dancers. On the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, all villagers 90 years and older were invited to celebrate at the village hall with a fete, tea party and entertainment. Christmas Tree Festival was held at the village Church every year. Christmas carols sung around the village, usually with a stop at the local inn. An Art Display was also held at the village Church. Cheese and wine parties were held to raise funds for the village church. Events were also held to raise money for local charities, usually about £400 per annum. A Fund raising activity was initiated which resulted in the purchase of a Defibrillator. This was duly achieved and it is situated on the front of the village hall. Many other events were held at the village hall, all usually in collaboration with the Social Club included such events with bouncy castles, children's races craft and art stalls and Tombola. In 2019, New Age Kurling, Lunch Club, Singing Group, Walking Group and Games Group, along with many social functions were still enjoyed by many of its members. Unfortunately, COVID, really didn't help with the decline in numbers and activities from New Age Kurling and from all of its other Groups. Rosemary and Francis took the difficult decision to stand down just under a year ago, due to leaving the village and to explore new and exciting things. In July 2021 a meeting was held to discuss the way forward of FOCUS coming out of COVID. It was suggested that a meeting could be arranged for all members to seek their preferences. An Open meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in the village Hall and after lengthy discussions and consultation it was decided that New Age Kurling should remain the focal point of FOCUS for the time being. We are still moving forward as a new Committee and will continue to look to both of these very dedicated people for their help and support in the future. Many of these ideas originated from Rosemary, who worked very closely with members of the Committee and it is to Rosemary and Francis that we, the new Committee and all its members give our thanks.

*Christine Cope, Secretary*

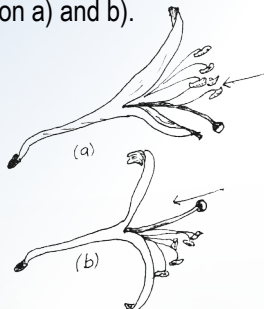
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# NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

On Saturday night, 8th July a vehicle travelling home from Corby Glen found its windscreen splattered with insects, a rare occasion nowadays. These included moths. Writing in mid July of period from 14th June there have been regular reports, some with photographs, of both adults and caterpillars of moths, mostly seen in gardens. In one case night-fliers have been watched after sunset as they visited the opening flowers of Evening Primrose and Honeysuckle. Both have pale flowers which shine but scent in the honeysuckle is also an attractant. It helps guide the moths to the entrance to the narrow tube leading to the nectar. On the night the flower buds open, both the anthers and the stigma hang outside the flower but in such a way that only the anthers with the pollen come into contact with the visiting moth. Later the stigma is so arranged that only it will come into contact. In this way the flower avoids self pollination a) and b).



In one garden Cinnabar Moths in red and black laid the eggs of their black and yellow caterpillars on groundsel – all colours to warn predators of their poisons which are best known as being concentrated on ragwort. The yellow papery chrysalids of Six Spot Burnets were found attached to the tall stems of grasses. Photos from a garden of Scarlet Tiger Moth with red underwings and another of an equally striking Magpie Moth with red amongst its black and

white markings. The latter may lay eggs on the gooseberry bushes where its caterpillars will strip all the leaves. Black markings on the fluffy white wings of a Small Ermine found with a piece pecked out of its wing by a bird. On its way across the Stamford Road, its bright green fat and fully grown body encircled with what looks like rows of studs a fully grown caterpillar of an Emperor Moth of A Brown-tailed Tussock Moth in a hedge but much darker. There was a photo of a Brown Tailed Tussock Moth in a hedge, soon with others to spin protective webbing. A Mottled Beauty adult was misleading, its scalloped lines against a dark background rather than the more usual grey. A large Hawk Moth, not as colourful as many other kinds of hawk Moth was hidden and resting in the day amongst Ivy leaves. The Poplar Hawk Moth is however distinctive in the way it spreads its lower wings above its upper wings at rest this is another way it remains camouflaged.(c)

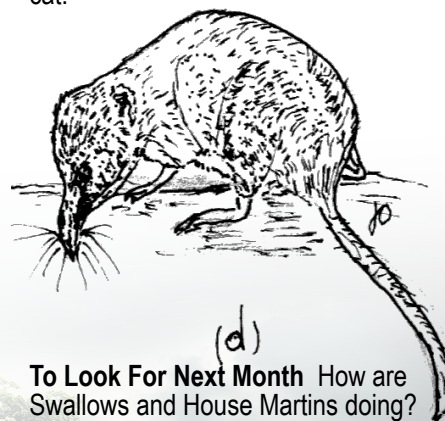


On the Nature Trail (c) the numbers of Marbled Whites built up in July and there continued to be many Meadow Browns and, in the shade, Speckled Woods. Ringlets and Gatekeepers are now also numerous. By contrast only a single Small Tortoiseshell and a single Red Admiral has been seen as evidence of summer broods. Ants seen swarming on 7th July were reported from one garden, but less in numbers than previous years.

New ponds continue to bring new interest to their owners. One has a sequence of photographs of a dragonfly emerging from a pond to stretch, spread out and dry its new wings.

On 12th July, following days of storms the sky was clear, but empty of the Swifts which have sliced through the air each morning. Their young having already departed the parents have followed them on their long migration.

A dead pigmy shrew was carefully checked for its identification. Though much smaller than the Common Shrew its size can be near to that of a baby one. A better feature is the length of the tail in proportion to the body. It is shorter than the body length of the common shrew but as long or longer than the body in the pigmy shrew. Dentition would have also been diagnostic but the head of this specimen had been bitten off probably by a predator who rejected it because of its foul taste. The pigmy shrew is rarely seen although it feeds both day and night, needing to eat the equivalent of its body weight every twenty four hours. It runs rapidly through tunnels of grass seeking out beetles, spiders, earthworms and wood lice. It is more silent than the common shrew. We are most likely to see it brought in as a trophy by the domestic cat.



**To Look For Next Month** How are Swallows and House Martins doing? There numbers seem down this year. More Dragon and Dragonflies to come. Many birds with second broods. New late flowering wild plants. If ground damp enough some colourful fungi. Looking forward to hearing from both regular and new contributors at **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465** e-mail [jnostler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jnostler@hotmail.co.uk)  
Jane Ostler

## Dog waste bins provided by the Parish Council which are situated in the following locations.

- Old Post Lane junction Water Lane
- West End of the Nature Trail
- The Nature Trail behind Woolsthorpe Play Area
- Footpath 18 near river
- Stamford Road near allotment
- School Lane where it meets footpath 20



If the Parish Council Dog waste bins are full you can use an SKDC litter bin with the dog waste accepted logo.

## COLSTERWORTH Festival of Remembrance

### Military Plaques Required

Have you ever served in the Armed Forces or have a family member that has in the past? If so then we would love your contributions to our military wall within the White Lion. 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)

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August Opening Times

August 11<sup>th</sup> 12 noon - 2pm

August 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 4pm

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## Spotlight on Mo Taylor and the Nature Trail



Since 2014 Maurice Taylor or Mo as he likes to be known has created, led and inspired volunteering efforts to transform the disused railway line in Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth from a somewhat neglected piece of industrial land into a green asset for the benefit of the local community and natural environment. The railway was still in use until the late 1970's, used to transport the ironstone that was quarried in the area for many years. Once the railway line was de-commissioned and the track removed nature took its course, and the area of land quickly became overgrown and inaccessible.

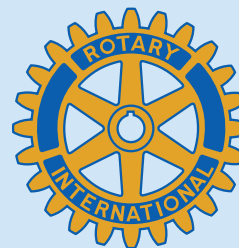
In 2014 Colsterworth and District Parish Council were granted a 99-year lease from Lincwaste/FCC'. Maurice Taylor volunteered to be Lead Nature Trail Ranger for Colsterworth and spearhead the transformation of the 2 mile stretch of land into a 'Nature Trail' for the benefit of residents and surrounding villages.

Work began on the Nature Trail almost immediately, creating an entrance and a footpath at Bridge End, Colsterworth by cutting down trees, overgrown shrubs, and blackthorn. Steps and handrails were installed to ensure that visitors could access the Nature Trail safely. Local members of the community hearing about Mo's mission and seeing the early stages of the transformation soon volunteered their services. The initial group of 3 volunteers has now grown to over 30, enabling them to clear and create a footpath that stretches for over 2 miles. An abundance of apple and pear trees has been uncovered, which have apparently sprung up as a result of the train drivers

discarding their apple and pear cores along the track – these are now referred to as 'the train drivers' lunch'! Mo brings his vast experience of leading people from his long Royal Air Force Service to organise the large number of volunteers on a weekly basis with a structured approach in keeping with the weather seasons and environment needs. Maurice is passionate about bringing people together and is an excellent team leader for the volunteers, drawn from a variety of social and career backgrounds. The volunteers feel part of a team and look forward to Mo's humorous and informative weekly text messages. Mo organises the annual volunteer summer BBQ, Christmas Gathering and various other outings for the volunteers through his relationships with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, The Royal Air Force, The Woodland Trust and Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership to name but a few. Through these relationships training has been given to the volunteers with trees and wild-flowers also donated to the Nature Trail. The hard work of these volunteers is recognised and appreciated throughout the village for all they do, led by Mo Taylor, the inspiration and driving force behind the creation and maintenance of this valuable village asset, the Colsterworth Nature Trail.

This year Mo won a Rotary Club 'Unsung Hero's Award' and attended a presentation evening in Birmingham along with his wife Jackie. Recently he also won a Rotary Club Swimarathon grant of £250 towards an interpretation notice board for the Nature Trail. This year marks almost 10 years for Mo as the Nature Trail Ranger and he is as if not more motivated now than he was in 2013. Rotary Club Swimarathon Awards Ceremony

Left to right Colsterworth and District Parish Council Vice Chairman Ellis O'Neill, Mo Taylor, and right Roger Graves of Rotary Swimarathon of Grantham. *Photo credit Marie Bond*



## COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION



The July speaker was our club member Lucienne Bennett. Lucienne explained the development of the 2 gardens that she has designed, constructed and maintained at homes she has lived in, in Wales & Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, and also a friends garden she designed in Yorkshire. We had numerous visitors, several of which joined the club on the evening.

Our next event will be Annual Show on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, show categories are open to everybody in the local village. Have you grown vegetables or flowers, made jams, cakes and crafts or taken photos – All can be entered. Several child categories – which are free to enter. More details / list can be found on the clubs face book page or via email [rodyoungfootball@hotmail.com](mailto:rodyoungfootball@hotmail.com).

Our next meeting will be the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at Colsterworth Village Hall.

### Future Dates

9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Annual Horticultural & Craft Show @ Colsterworth Village Hall

11<sup>th</sup> Sept - Camilla Anderson, Stately Gardens of England. **Members Competition: A Garden Photo**

9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Russell Attwood - A Passion for Pumpkin. **Members Competition: Carved Pumpkin**

13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Karen Gibson – 365 Days of Colour. **Members Competition: Autumn Foliage**

11<sup>th</sup> Dec -AGM -Quiz & Mince Pies

We always welcome visitors & 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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**Services for August at Colsterworth church:**

6th August 11:00am Morning Prayer Hilary Winstanley ALM  
13th August 11:00am Morning Prayer Steve Potts Reader  
20th August 11:00am Holy Communion Revd Dr Anna Sorensen  
27th August 11:00am Morning Prayer Peter Wheatley Churchwarden

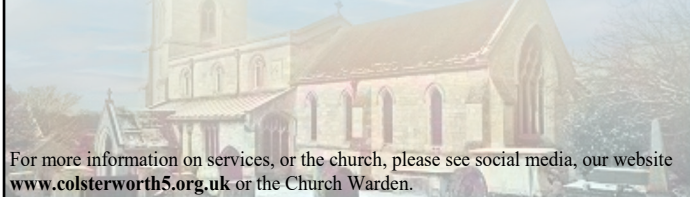
OPEN DAILY 10:00am – 4:00pm for visitors, contemplation & Foodbank donations

**CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10.00AM, WITH COFFEE & CHAT**

**COFFEE MORNINGS 10.00-12.00:**

**TUE 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST: HOST – CHRISTINE & PETER BALDOCK, 41 COLSTERWAY, COLSTERWORTH**

**TUE 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: HOST - ARTHUR MARSHALL 10 MEADOW CLOSE COLSTERWORTH**



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Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
6th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Tony Charles	Gill Senescall
13th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Geoff Cawthorn	Gill Dexter
20th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Cheryl Sutcliffe
27 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jane Wakerley	Helen Scroror

**Open Door Lunch – August Break**  
We resume on Wednesday 13th September at 12 Noon

**Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August Only– 2.00-3.30p.m.**  
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**Mini Fete – Many thanks to everyone who supported our mini fete held in July. It raised £376.70 towards our heating costs.**

**Villages Diary August 2023**

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning	41, Colster Way, C'worth
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	1pm onwards	Village Gala	Sports & Social Club/Village Hall
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	WI	Sports & Social Club
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way
<b>September</b>			
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning	10, Meadow Close, C'worth
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall

**Weekly**

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

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