

# In Touch

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

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SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

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Band Night 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
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Christmas Craft Fayre 27<sup>th</sup> Nov  
6pm - 9pm

Christmas Quiz 28<sup>th</sup> Dec  
8pm - 10:30pm

New Years Eve Karaoke 31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
9pm onwards

Christmas Fayre Menu  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec - 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
Two courses £23.95 Three courses £28.95  
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## Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 4 members of the public present. 2 requested to speak and 2 were attending in support of those speaking.

- The first member of the public spoke in support of their application to be Co-opted as Parish Councillor for Gunby and Stainby. They were then invited to stay until agenda item 2023.86.

- The second member of the public introduced themselves as a resident from Gunby and wished to highlight the proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant on land off Gunby Road, near Sewstern. They handed the Parish Council a prepared document of the key points they believe will affect all of the Parishes. Below is a summary of the verbal account that the speaker gave from that document which includes but not limited to the following: -

1. The size and scale of the proposed development.
2. Sewstern Industrial Estate is served by a single carriage road. The Neighbourhood Plan does not consider Gunby a sustainable village.
3. The proposed plant will be on a Greenfield site of 6 hectares. Predominantly feeding into it will be Maize. The speaker went on to list environmental damage to soil and the fresh-water system inhabited by protected species. The tree screening is likely to take 30yrs to reach the height of the plant, 19 meters.
4. The site will be similar to the one in Oxford which was reported to have exploded the previous evening.
5. The resident finished by encouraging all Councillors to attend the Consultations on the 10th and 11th October 2023 at Sewstern Village hall.

The Public Forum was extended to 7.52pm to allow all those present to speak.

Full details of the public forum can be found on the website above.

### **CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

Chairperson Cllr Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting with no remarks of significance.

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

LCC Cllr C Vernon Report: -

1. LCC will receive £10 million for Road Maintenance. The Council will be prioritising how this is spent with having such a large road network in the County.
2. The LCC Volunteer Scheme is taking on projects with local communities. These projects only cost what the materials cost – labour is donated by the CVS volunteers for free.
3. Call Connect service is capped at £2 per journey. Cllr J Clark raised a question on routes and direction of travel which Cllr C Vernon will look into.
4. Earlier that day Cllr C Vernon had spent with LCC Highways Manager Rowan Smith visiting areas of the division. They stressed this was not in place of the High Street issues walk around which they are still pursuing with Rowan Smith.

### **SKDC Cllr D Bellamy Report :**

5. At the last meeting of the new SKDC administration the subject of buying council houses and building some was discussed. Cllr D Bellamy commented that some on Bourne Road Estate are in need of repair.

6. Little Bytham has been awarded £60K from the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund and £100K from LCC Communities Foundation for a new play park.

7. LED streetlights are still being rolled out by SKDC.

8. The new bin depot is being moved to an area near the new Grantham Police Station.

SKDC Cllrs B Green sent their apologies.

9. Cllr B Green could not make the meeting but is promoting the Armed Forces Covenant and urges residents to complete the Council Tax Support Scheme survey.

10. The Clerk will circulate an email from Cllr B Green to all Cllrs regarding the Armed Forces Covenant and the Council Tax Support Scheme survey.

### **Co-Option for Cllr for Colsterworth**

Mrs R Chatterton was unanimously approved as Cllr for Gunby & Stainby

Parish Council Wreath Laying responsibility for Remembrance Day Sunday 12th November 2023. A short discussion took place and Cllr D Bellamy volunteered to lay the wreath with Cllr C Russell being available if required.

Agreed to purchase a Poppy Wreath from Royal British Legion (RBL) up to £20. (S.137 Expenditure). Agreed unanimously with Cllr T Neale offering to make the £20 donation to RBL for the poppy wreath.

Resolved to switch on the Christmas Lights at St John the Baptist Church at 6.30pm on Friday 1st December 2023.

Unanimously agreed to invite 2 local residents who have been generous with their time, various donations and acts of good will to the community.

### **Allotments**

Allotment Tenancy Agreement adopted with no amendments.

Resolved to accept the quotation of £176.98 incl vat to replace the rotten gate post and re-attach the gate at Stamford Road allotments.

### **Updates for Council administration**

The following policies were adopted at their annual review with no amendments.

1. CAD Equal Opportunities Policy
2. CAD Grants Allocation
3. CAD Grants Application Policy
4. CAD Volunteer Policy
5. CAD Employment Policy
6. CAD Nature Trail Constitution
7. CAD Publications Scheme

### **Planning Committee Report - No Committee Report.**

1. Neighbourhood Plan Review update. (Cllr C Russell)

The first meeting to review the Neighbourhood Plan was successful.

A member of the working group has converted the PDF document so that it can be edited.

It was agreed to arrange a second meeting date and time tbc.

### **Finance**

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

### **Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report (Cllr C Hainsworth)**

#### **Ad-hoc report.**

Community Speed Watch (CSW) has re-started with data from sessions already completed submitted to Admin CSW.

The volunteer Co-Ordinator has successfully arranged further sessions. Thank you to all volunteers involved.

Cllr C Vernon added that it was possible to swap volunteers with another village.

Cllr C Vernon confirmed again that the time spent with Rowan Smith that day was in addition to the High Street road safety issues walk about to be scheduled.

### **Environment & Amenities Working Group Report.**

War Memorial Project update (Cllr T Neale) (S Grant – Clerk)

1. The Clerk confirmed that the FCC Grant application Minute ref 5th September 2023.77.4 had been submitted before the deadline of 6th September and an acknowledgement received with a request for further information which has been submitted.

2. Cllr T Neale informed the Council that this would be his last meeting as he was standing down as a Parish Councillor. He thanked Cllr C Hainsworth and the Clerk for the work they had done so far in exploring and making grant applications for the restoration of the War Memorial.

3. Cllr C Hainsworth reported that Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) had submitted an application to the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund and the National Heritage Lottery fund. War Memorial Trust Grant Application (Cllr C Hainsworth)

It was resolved that the Parish Council apply for the War Memorial Trust Grant up to maximum of 50% of eligible costs using the lowest quotation of £27,923.00 excl vat (on a Price-Only basis) – next closing date October 31/10/2023.

### **Nature Trail**

The Nature Trail Tree survey will take place in October /November.

Volunteers continue to give their time to maintain this valuable asset to the village.

## Clerks Report & day to day business.

- 1 Spring Lane, Colsterworth will be added to the Lincolnshire Highways strimming schedule for next year. Three times a year.
- 2 Colsterworth River Witham Restoration Project is all set to commence week beginning 25th September.
- 3 Updates from LCC Rights of Way: - Colsterworth Public Footpath No 3. This path has now been harvested and the landowner reminded of their duties and the width required. Colsterworth Public Footpath No 15. The area at both kissing gates has been cut back. Colsterworth Footpath PF16 The area at the kissing gate has been cut back.
- 4 Allotment inspection & Risk Assessment completed 18/09/2023 by the Clerk and Cllr A Bouvie.
- 5 The Parish Council received a generous donation of 5 lamp post poppies from a resident in Colsterworth.
- 6 The long deep rut on the roundabout at the top of Bourne Road has been repaired by Highways.
- 7 Acknowledgement letter received from Gareth Davies MP in respect of Agenda Item 2023.75 Parish Council Meeting 5th September 2023. Resolved to comment on Planning dispute between a Parish Council and The Planning Inspectorate.

A public consultation process was held on the 10th and 11th October 2023. On the proposal from Ironstone Energy Ltd, to develop a new anaerobic digestion (AD) plant on farmland located to the south of Sewstern/Gunby Road, east of Sewstern village. There is more information about the proposals available on the project website: [www.ironstoneenergy.co.uk](http://www.ironstoneenergy.co.uk)

### Correspondence received.

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

### Planning Applications - SKDC

- S23/1571 - Construction of 2 dwellings and demolition of agricultural buildings. Twyford Cottage, Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LT
- S23/1617 - New highways entrance. Off-road parking and new glamping site. PV panel array. Hill View, South Witham Road, North Witham, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LB
- S23/1672 - Use of land for B8 outside storage (Retrospective). Black Bull Industrial Park, Woolleys Lane, Lobthorpe, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LL
- S23/1717 - Creation of charging zone, erection of EV chargers, erection of canopy, substation enclosure and associated forecourt works. Colsterworth Service Station, Great North Road, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5JJ.

### SKDC Planning Permission

S23/1366 - Single storey side extension. 4 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NR.

S23/1443 - Fell T1 common ash Fraxinus. 55 High Street Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5H

S23/1687 - To vary condition 6 and remove condition 20 of planning permission S15/3028 to remove stone under area occupied by weighbridge and wheel wash. Colsterworth Triangle, Crabtree Road, Colsterworth

### Matters Requiring attention

Cllr C Hainsworth thanked Cllr T Neale for the work he had done whilst on the Parish Council notably leading the project for the Queen's

Platinum Jubilee Beacon lighting on 2nd June 2023 and their proposal to re-start the War Memorial Restoration project.

Cllrs M Childs and C Rowland reported overgrown nettles and vegetation on footpath 7 from Chestnut Grove to Back Lane. The Clerk agreed to investigate this.

\*Post meeting note. On the afternoon of Wednesday 4th October 2023 the Clerk visited Footpath 7, Chestnut Grove to Back Lane and noticed that the Parish Council grass cutting contractors were in the process of strimming back the nettles and vegetation along the footpath.

**The date of the next Parish Council meeting is  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
At the Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.**

### DO YOU NEED HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD ENERGY OR FOOD COSTS?

- ARE YOU A PENSIONER OR IN WORK ON LOW INCOME, STRUGGLING WITH RISING BILLS, AND ARE NOT RECEIVING ANY BENEFITS OR COST OF LIVING SUPPORT?
- DO YOU LIVE IN SOUTH KESTEVEN?

Lincolnshire Community Foundation will be distributing the Household Support Fund on behalf of the South Kesteven, which means you may be eligible to apply for assistance.

**PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE ON ANY GOVERNMENT BENEFITS EG UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

Applications and further details can be found on our website [www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk) or by scanning the QR Code

For further details please contact the Lincolnshire Community Foundation Grants Team on 01529 305825, [info@lincolnshirecf.co.uk](mailto:info@lincolnshirecf.co.uk)

Closing date for applications is March 2024

Registered charity number 1196448

### Katie Littlewood, Lincolnshire Community Foundation, Grants

**Manager for this fund said:** "The Foundation has been invited to continue working with South Kesteven District Council to support people who haven't been entitled to Government's cost of living payments. We understand what a difficult time this is for many and will do what we can to help."

**Head of Service (Revenues, Benefits, Customer and Community), Claire Moses said:** "This fund aims to support those on a low income, have limited savings, and are particularly at risk due to factors such as disabilities or caring for young children. I would urge anyone struggling, even if they are not on any benefits, and who feels they might be eligible and needs help with their application to get in touch with the Community Foundation."

Applications can be made via the Lincolnshire Community Foundation Website [www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk) from 2nd October until 18th March 2024. Those without internet access should contact the Grants team on **01529 305825** or email [katie@lincolnshirecf.co.uk](mailto:katie@lincolnshirecf.co.uk)

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## WI In Touch September Report

!!!\*\* Well, well, who knew when poor Gillian with a small band of helpers, all panicking who we could get to speak at our last meeting when Cross Key Clog and their speaker Laura Wharton cancelled at very short notice; (breathe!) but lo! She did it when she found Tim Stubbs who gave us the biggest laughs from start to finish with his tales of being a retired baker. From helping his family as a young lad he was the delivery boy as soon as he could drive after travelling in the van with his dad delivering to all customers in a radius, first from Castle Bytham before moving to near Bourne. His talk coloured with all the "colourful" expletives you could imagine! But he had us laughing from start to finish. My cheeks ached with so much mirth. He does a talk on his hobby bee keeping. But I don't suppose the bees will provide him with all the snips of conversation which he had heard as he delivered the bread. What a performer. Well done Gillian, top marks! Rachel had the pleasure of thanking him for his most enjoyable enlightening talk. We found out that he bought a public house, from which he has since retired and entertains the customers when the new "boss" lets him, as he sits at the long end of the bar where he has been banished when it's busy. What a character. Rachel told us about the travel arrangements to The Spalding Gentleman's Society museum which we were to visit later in the month. Subsequently, we went a few days after, and it was a most enjoyable, all too short a visit to see everything, with donations from more scientists, including Sir Isaac Newton and foreigners. Sir Isaac Newton had been a member to the society and had sent a telescope, but we didn't see it as it was out on loan. The museum houses a library of some 20,000 books and are in the process of being catalogued by one of the volunteers at the museum. All parish registers are housed there and six volumes of minutes of the society's early meetings. Founded by Maurice Johnson in 1710, a local lawyer. When coffee houses were banned in London, Spalding was chosen to be the headquarters of all learned authors, scientists and so what is known as the society of antiquities of London. Everyone enjoyed the visit and several are to go again to take in everything they had missed or wanted to see again. Lunch was taken at the garden centre at Springfields, a walk away, and of course the shops at the other end. My word, hasn't that place altered over the years, and all the Christmas goodies we "need" to brighten our houses for "the 25<sup>th</sup>" well done Rachel too for all the work she had sorted, especially the transport.

Details were given for the coffee morning to be held at the White Lion on 19<sup>th</sup> October (did you come?). It was in aid of Colsterworth WI and SOLDAS, formerly Boston Women's Aid, supporting victims of domestic abuse throughout Lincolnshire. Two of our members are to attend the Lincolnshire day celebrations, and will have done so by now. To hear a talk on the Lincolnshire "Rising", musical entertainment by a local duo, homemade craft items to buy. (Next time for more details of what we saw and heard). The Federation are hosting the Make and Bake Show and all the entrant's exhibits will be on show. We shall be looking to see our Sandra's entries. Details were given of the trip to the M & S archives at Leeds. Our members who had put their names to go have decided it will be too long a day. Our flower of the month winners were Sandra with Brenda in second place. Winner of the article coloured gold was yours truly with a brooch and Brenda with a bookmark in second place. The date for the anniversary lunch was confirmed Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the menus will be available for members to choose what you would like to eat. So not too much breakfast that morning. We are to have a stall at the Parish Church Christmas event. It will be our usual chocolate/sweets tombola. Items for the event will be most appreciated ready for the ticketing. All donations to me (Dot) please by the end of November at the latest. Since the last meeting we have received an offer of a discount for tickets to see Evita at the next year's productions of the Newark Amateur Operatic Society. We need to order these by the end of November to get the reduced price. Monies won't be needed until January 2024, but bookings must be definite to get the discount otherwise tickets will be charged the difference. In the meantime as we go print we would have looked forward to seeing you at the October meeting in the Sports and Social Club on the 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm. Where of course you would have been able to have that refreshing "cuppa" and the tempting array of refreshments, you know, the "naughties" and other items not so naughty. (You will have missed our Sandra the Speaker talking all things handicraft), and maybe at the coffee morning on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the gala exhibition of "Make and Bake" to be held at Ropsley village hall, Braceby Road NG3 4 BN. It is open for the public too on 28<sup>th</sup> October from 1.15 pm – 4pm following judging, so why not bring your family and friends and I bet that you will be able to get a cuppa and "naughties" too! See you there then (if you get In Touch in time that is).  
*Dot Williams*

### North Witham Village Hall

2nd December 10:00 - 13:00

#### Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

£25 all materials supplied

19th December 12:30

#### Christmas Lunch - £10

*Booking essential for both.*

For more info and to book please call or email Jane on:

**07778 393872, north.witham@gmail.com**

### Remembrance Day Memorial Service Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Sunday 12 November 2023 Temporary Traffic Order

A Temporary Traffic Order (road closure)

- Road Closure - High Street junction B676 to Manor Court, Colsterworth and Back Lane junction Newton Court to Back Lane junction High Street.
  - Diversion Route – Woodlands Drive, Chestnut Grove, Colster Way or Old Post Lane, Colsterworth
- Dates/Times/Duration of temporary TRO: Sunday 12th November 2023 10.15 to 11.30 am

### White Lion Xmas Opening Times

	Opening Hours	Food
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12 - 11pm	12 - 9pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 - 11pm	12 - 9pm
Christmas Eve Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 11pm	12 - 6pm
Christmas Day Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 2pm	No Food
Boxing Day Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 10pm	12 - 6pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 9	12 - 8pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 11pm	12 - 8pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 11pm	12 - 9pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 11pm	12 - 9pm
New Years Eve Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	12 - 1am	12 - 6pm
New Years Day Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	12 - 8pm	12 - 6pm
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	

REOPEN Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 12noon



# NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

A LOOK BACK. The first bulletin was in the November 2006 edition of In Touch. Its aim was to provide a forum for anyone who had an interest in the future of plants and animals in our parishes at a time when local plans were being developed. It had the support and help from Don Wright, head of Biological Sciences at Kesteven college of Education Teacher's Training College during my time there. He was also a leading member of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. The bulletin has never been "my nature diary" (You could check how many times the word 'I' appears in anything except the "to look for" section). The first bulletin begins by thanking the many people who sent interesting sightings.

What has been a pleasant surprise is the number of October records in 2006 which could have been written today:-  
 Collared Doves sitting on nests.  
 High numbers of Red Admiral Butterflies and a good year for Holly Blues  
 Humming Bird Hawk Moths hovering over late flowers  
 Muntjak Deer a hazard as they crossed the A1 into the village.  
 It was not until June 2007 that I included my first line drawing. It was a line drawing of a lichen that the Brownies had discovered on a willow tree just off Old Post Lane. A description was not adequate to convey it to those unfamiliar with lichens. These illustrations have continued ever since, emphasising structure even when colour is now available in the magazine. Many are done with reference to the photos sent in by e-mail or whenever possible from the actual specimens. The 2008 November edition has a drawing of Hornbeam fruits as like this year the trees were laden. Usually now I include two drawings – soon approaching a total of 200!

It would take a booklet to summarise the changes which have taken place since 2006. A few are given here:-

Less involvement of children. More involvement of people who are finally convinced of the value of observations of the every day. More involvement of people new to the village which has included those with special interests. The rise of the internet. It was apparent early on that e-mails were preferred by some people but the importance of personal contact by phone, notes through the door or even calling remains. A conscious decision not to use social media because of the dangers of unverified anonymous or confidential information. Those with the ability to use the internet for identification can be successful. I am no longer 'the fount of all wisdom' but it must be remembered this depends on the reliability of the internet source and that some species can't be identified by this method.

### Plants and animals - gains.

Mature trees – those planted by individuals decades ago and by groups, particularly Tree For Life and British Steel Meadows and Chalk and Limestone grassland which has been managed for Conservation (Work of Nature Trail volunteers and Lincs Wildlife Trust Roadside Verges)  
 Butterflies including establishment and management of Reserves in Twyford Wood and move south of species.  
 Gardens – particularly for Hedgehogs and pond life

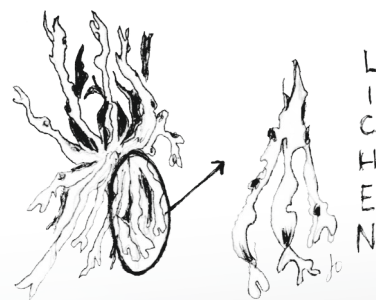
### Plants and animals - losses.

Mature Trees Ash felling due to disease has added to what seems the inevitable result of concerns over health and safety and the demands of an increasing population  
 Insects Populations have crashed in both diversity and numbers. This affects all animals above them in the food chain – ultimately for example, birds of prey.  
 Alien plants and animals. From harlequin ladybirds, to American Crayfish from waterplants to those from bird seed

Migrant birds – No more turtle doves, no more breeding spotted flycatchers, cuckoos and swallows greatly reduced. Disease. For example in rabbits, trees

October 2023. Little space for the interesting records and observations received – Alien plant Indian pokeweed as weed in garden, an unusual and special find of a slowworm in same garden. A new colony of house sparrows in a tall garden hedge. Groups of inkcaps on a lawn. Tree colours changing late this year and effects of heatwave. Tawny owls calling to each other heard from a garden in dark. Large number of squirrels. A rabbit showing signs of disease. Late migrants passing south, high in sky. Emergence of high numbers of ladybirds (harlequins?)

November will bring us so much to observe. I look forward to sharing it with us all via **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465** e-mail [jnostler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jnostler@hotmail.co.uk).  
 Jane Ostler



Ramalina farinacea



HORNBEAM FRUITS

St John the Baptist Church Colsterworth

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
 1:00 - 4:00 PM

BOOKS, CAKES & CRAFT STALLS  
 REFRESHMENTS

DETAILS: HILARY WINSTANLEY  
 01476 861160

ADVANCE NOTICE CHRISTMAS TREE  
 FESTIVAL 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: INTERESTED?  
 RING JACKIE TAYLOR 07535 691136 SHE'S  
 WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU!

### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



### Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership

The Parish Council Community (CSW) Speed Watch team are now up and running. Over the last few weeks our fantastic volunteers have been out and about with speed recording equipment recording the number of vehicle movements and any vehicle observed to be speeding will be reported to the CSW admin team. The police will send letters of advice to the registered keeper of any vehicle exceeding the speed limit.

Thank you to our new CSW Co-ordinator who has been instrumental in organising these CSW sessions on locations around the villages which have been approved by Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Further sessions are planned.

Hopefully we will see a reduction in traffic speeding through the villages. More information can be found on **Speed cameras – Community Speed Watch - Lincolnshire County Council**

If you would like to become a CSW then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Sue Grant by email [clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk) or tel: 01476 861888.

Speed enforcement remains the responsibility of Lincolnshire Police and will continue to be carried out by trained police officers.





# Christmas Trees

**Fresh Cut Trees - Wreaths - Tree Stands  
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Visit our Christmas barn and choose from a superb range of freshly harvested trees or choose your own tree from our plantation

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[www.snowbirdchristmastreefarm.co.uk](http://www.snowbirdchristmastreefarm.co.uk)

## Christmas Tree Festival

We are once again going to hold the annual Christmas Tree Festival in the Church of St John the Baptist, Colsterworth. The event will be held from the 15th December until the 5th January.

Anyone wishing to take part should please contact Jackie Taylor on 07535 691136. Please let me know as soon as you can so that we can plan the layout of the church.

We had a great festival last year with around thirteen trees entered from local individuals, schools and businesses.

We're hoping for an even bigger response this year.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Jackie

## HELEN'S HELPING HANDS

For those that are unaware HHH has had a change in direction at our approach of helping people within our community. Although our coffee mornings have taken a back seat it's given us the time and opportunity to focus on our core mission and that's supporting lonely and vulnerable people within our community.

We have a team of amazing volunteers and we can offer support in a variety of ways.

If you or anyone you know needs help or support please contact us. Email address [billsbanter@live.co.uk](mailto:billsbanter@live.co.uk) or Telephone 01476 861399 A huge thanks to Bob and his team at the White Lion for their continued support and raising £125 to help us continue our work.

## COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION



Monday's evening meeting was a talk by Russell Attwood. On "A Passion for Pumpkins". His presentation covered carving & interesting ways of lighting them when carved, planting and growing, no dig gardening with the use of cardboard/straw/beer mash, cooking with Pumpkin and finally Russell had the members singing to several well-known songs amended to pumpkin songs.

We had several competition entries of carved pumpkins from our club members.

Then our next meeting will be the **13th November** at Colsterworth Village Hall.

### Future Dates:

**13th Nov – Karen Gibson – 365 Days of Colour - Members Competition: Autumn Foliage**

**11th 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".

Rod Young

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### Services for November at Colsterworth church

5<sup>th</sup> November 11:00am Morning Prayer Peter Wheatley, Churchwarden  
12<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday Service at War Memorial 10:30am followed by a service at the Methodist Church 11:45am.  
19<sup>th</sup> November 11:00am Holy Communion Revd Jill Potts  
26<sup>th</sup> November 11:00am Morning Prayer Peter Wheatley Churchwarden

Stoke Rochford All Souls Service 03:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> November

A Service to remember the departed. If you lost a loved one and would like the name read out and a candle lit please contact any member of the PCC listed above, all are welcome.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 10:00AM, WITH COFFEE & CHAT AFTER**

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## COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH November 2023

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Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Peter Sulston	Cheryl Sutcliffe
12 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial followed by service in the Methodist Church led by Rev'd Neil Maynard		
19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Sue Barnes	Lynn Lewis
26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Geoff Cawthorn	Betty Neal

### Open Door Lunch – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12 Noon – 1:30pm

During the Winter months we will be opening over lunchtime and serving soup and a roll plus either a hot pudding or cake plus of course offering lots of chat. We welcome people of all and no faith to join us and of all ages. Our book and jigsaw library will be available for you to browse and borrow from.

### Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November – 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.

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## Villages Diary November 2023

Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon 7:30pm	Coffee Morning Parish Council	29, High Street, C'worth Methodist Church Hall
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	12-1:30pm	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	12-01:30pm	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Thu	23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	Women's Institute Lunch	The White Lion

## Weekly

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