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

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Senior Citizens Meals - Mondays 12-3pm
(Excluding Bank Holidays)

Christmas Tree Festival

All trees for everyone taking part will be put in the Church of St John the Baptist on Friday 15th December.

Sunday the 17th at 6 pm will be the switch on ceremony and this will be followed straight after by a lovely Christmas Carol service.

So please come and enjoy yourselves and stay for a mince pie and drink afterwards.
Look forward to seeing you all there!

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

St John the Baptist Church Colsterworth

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Books, Cakes & Craft Stalls with children's toys.

Books & Games for 0 - 10 years age group

Refreshments

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GRAND SWITCH ON

PLEASE JOIN US AT

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
6.30pm FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 2023

Colsterworth Village Hall

Sunday 3rd December

Reindeer Racing

Tickets £10

(Includes betting slips for races)



The White Lion

Christmas Quiz 28th Dec
8pm - 10:30pm

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Parish Council Report

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Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 7th November 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:

There were 15 members of the public in attendance, a brief summary of the issues discussed is below. Full details can be found on the Colsterworth and District Parish Council website detailed above.

Gunby Brook Flooding: - First to speak was a resident from Gunby who spoke about Gunby Brook and how this should be an attractive feature in the village but over the past 4/5 years it has not been cleared regularly enough and had recently led to flooding events with lots of weeds blocking the brook.

Gunby Potential Anaerobic Digestion Plant (Biogas): - A resident from Gunby produced a model of the proposed Biogas development showing the actual impact in terms of size. They understood that there would be two tanks measuring 19 metres in height. The model showed the scale of the domes and storage units in relation to the terraced houses in Gunby. They expressed their opinion that it will not be about farming but will be a factory industry site not suitable for the village of Gunby.

Blocked drain outside 12 Ramsey Court, Colsterworth: - Action: The PC to write to LCC Highways/SKDC

Old Larkfleet Development/Colsterworth Trust Estates: - Several residents reported that there appears to be some activity on the development site and had heard that building will be starting in the new year. Cllr D Bellamy explained that as far as they were aware there would need to be a new planning application submitted.

Steels Lane, Colsterworth: - A member of the public requested that the tree at the bottom of Steels Lane with the High Street is cut down as it is obscuring the view into the road and is scraping against cars as they come down the Lane. Action The Clerk will visit the area to establish responsibility for cutting back the tree.

Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth Issues: - A resident from Woolsthorpe reported, overgrown vegetation on Woolsthorpe Road, work is planned. Gravel at the junction Water Lane & Old Post Lane preventing water draining into the ditch. Post meeting note: FMS Report made Ref: 478299.

Request that the PC investigate alternative options for displaying the PC Christmas Lights in December 2024 if the Yew Trees at St John the Baptist Church yard grow too big to display the lights in the usual way.

The Public Forum was extended to 8.05pm 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 C Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr L McShane for volunteering to take notes of the meeting in the absence of the Clerk.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report.

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 etc. Full details on the website under "Council Business".

Repairs to Colster Way Play Area Repairs agreed. A total cost of £4,711.60 excl vat.

Grant application from Colsterworth PTFA for £500 towards a shed to store 'Pre Loved' uniform. Unanimously agreed.

Updates for Council administration

Budget and Precept setting deferred to the December PC Meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan Review Update

The updated statistics from the census need to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

Finance - Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report (Cllr C Hainsworth) Report circulated.

Issues on the High Street – deferred to Cllr C Vernon.

Costs for VAS at Stainby to be sought.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report.

War Memorial Project update (Cllr C Hainsworth & S Grant – Clerk) Update to Cllrs circulated.

The outcome of any grant applications are unlikely to be received before the end of the year and with no meeting in January this will be presented to Council again at the February 2024 meeting.

Nature Trail

Awaiting outcome of tree survey. Volunteers continue to give their time to maintain this valuable village asset.

Clerks Report & day to day business.

1. The rotten gatepost at Stamford Road allotments has been replaced and the gate re-attached with a new hinge.
2. £300 cheques received from The Frederick Ingle Charity towards an interpretation board for the Nature Trail.
3. Second report that the hedge on Old Post Lane close to FP 15 is obstructing the footpath. FMS report made and work has now been completed by LCC Highways department.
4. Double sided speed sign removed from Bourne Road by Balfour Beatty builders. Balfour Beatty will re-instate the sign within a few days. Highways informed FMS476772.
5. The Clerk continues to follow up with HillTridant regarding the replacement hinges for the gate at Colster Way play area.

Correspondence received.

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

Planning Applications - SKDC

S23/1763 - Retrospective application for retention of barn erected in industrial park. Black Bull Industrial Park, Woolleys Lane, Lobthorpe, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LL

S23/1916 - T1 Ash Remove to ground level. 19 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NR, S23/1956 - Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice in relation to a maple tree, approx 40ft high, within 3 metres of room adjoining garage and 4 metres of next door's property. (30 Newton Way) Application to fell the tree completely. Location: 26 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NR,

SKDC Planning Permission

S23/1791 - Installation of fixed-line broadband apparatus. The Old Stables 17B Back Lane, Colsterworth.

S23/1308 - Erection of single storey rear extension. Longlands House 45 Woolsthorpe Road, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NU

Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is 2023 Tuesday 5th December. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

A PARISH COUNCIL BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE VOLUNTARY GROUPS, CLUBS, SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKE A "VILLAGE A VILLAGE". A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: A big thank you to Helen Scrorr, Pamela Harrison and their team of volunteers who provide the popular twice monthly Wednesday 'Open Door Lunch', 12 noon – 1.30pm and the also popular twice monthly Wednesday 'Games/Craft & Chat' afternoons 2pm – 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome and more volunteers to help would also be welcome.

HELEN'S HELPING HANDS: Continues to support lonely and vulnerable people within our community, thank you to Steve Bill and all HHH's volunteers.

THE WHITE LION: Bob and Phil took over the White Lion in 2022 and continue to make it the hub of village life. We thank them for the generosity of their time and access to space for various fundraising and community gatherings, we wish them and their staff a successful future.

St. JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH: This year we said goodbye to the Rev'd Neil Griffiths and currently have a vacancy for a Rector. Thank you to Church Warden Peter Wheatley and the PCC members who ensure that the Holy Communion and Morning Prayer continues. Please contact the PCC if you wish to arrange a remembrance service.

Thank you also to those volunteers who carry out various jobs in the Church such as cutting the grass in the Church Yard, Clock winding, opening and closing the Church and keeping the colourful flower displays in the troughs on the railings watered and tendered.

IN TOUCH: As another year is almost at a close it is time to thank all those involved in the preparation and distribution of the monthly village magazine – 1,000 magazines each month. Thank you to Margaret Winn and husband Colin Russell who co-ordinate and sort the 1,000 In Touch copies delivering them to 20+ loyal volunteer helpers that distribute the village magazine through all kinds of weather. A special thank you to the editor Stuart Whitcombe for converting the magazine to colour this year and compiling the layout of the magazine, Life In Pictures for ensuring timely printing and delivery of the Magazines to Margaret & Colin for distribution to the volunteers and of course to our contributors and many advertisers for their continued support.

VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING & MAINTENANCE: A huge thank you to Dave Warden and his son who have worked hard to get to know the various areas of Colsterworth and District and gone over and above to keep the village areas neat and tidy. 2023 saw ideal grass growing conditions with above average growth.

LITTER PICKING: Thank you to our community cleaners Kevin and Mark who help keep our streets free from litter. They also go that extra mile literally to clear litter from village verges discarded by selfish motorists. This year we have seen a particular problem with dog fouling on the footpaths and overflowing dog waste bins. Please clean up after your dog and if the dog waste bins are full, please take your dog's waste home and deposit in your own bin. Thank you also to Graham Keiley who voluntarily continues to litter pick outside the areas that are not covered by Kevin and Mark.

COLSTERWORTH NATURE TRAIL: Our continued thanks go to Maurice and Jackie Taylor and the team of volunteers who spend many long hours improving access to the Nature Trail. Keep the good work up. Thank you to Graham and Doreen for hosting the Summer gathering.

'BAUBLE BOMBING' COLSTERWORTH NATURE TRAIL: Thank you to Hilary Winstanley for organising the annual 'Bauble Bombing' of the Nature Trail with hundreds of Christmas baubles for the festive season. This has become a huge tradition and people are invited to attend and continue to add to the trail during the festive season. King Charles III Coronation – Thank you to Cllr Lorna, former Cllr Terry Neale, volunteers Roy Brocklebank and Steve Grant for putting

out the bunting in the village areas to commemorate this momentous occasion.

COLSTERWORTH FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE (CFoR):

- Thank you to the Founders of CFoR, David and Debi Heath-French and all the members and supporters of CFoR who arranged this year's Festival. Special thanks to the volunteer road marshals, Graham Keiley, John Baker, Kev Wright, Steve Grant and Paul Cox for transporting the numerous road closure frames and signs to the specific locations.

- CFoR War Memorial Restoration Fund Raising: Special thanks go to Jackie Taylor, Caroline Hainsworth and their volunteers for their creative, crafting and baking fund raising activities with a coffee morning in the White Lion and a stall at the Co-op at Bridge End amongst other fundraising opportunities.

- War memorial Gardens - Thank you to Jackie Taylor who tends the gardens several times a year. Thank you also to Ian Haggerty who washes the Tommy bench, planters, Lone Tommy and War Animals figures.

NORTH WITHAM VILLAGE HALL

After a year of hard work by the Village Hall Committee a substantial grant was awarded from FCC Community Foundation to carry out major renovation work to the Village Hall. This is a tremendous achievement for the Village Hall and the army of volunteers who have been hands on renovating the building to bring it up to date but keep its much-loved character and charm.

Thank you to everyone involved ensuring a much-valued amenity continues to provide so much to the community.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH: Thank you to our new Community Speed Watch (CSW) Co-ordinator who has been instrumental in organising the CSW sessions around the villages with speed recording equipment. Thank you to the small team of volunteers, if you are interested in becoming a CSW volunteer then please contact the Clerk Sue Grant.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Thank you to Chris Smith for pat testing the lights, again without charge to the Parish Council and to our team of regular volunteers to ensure that the Yew trees in St John the Baptist Church cemetery were adorned with coloured lights. A big thank you to them all.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE VERNON, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS DAVE BELLAMY AND BEN GREEN:

Thank you for all their work representing the Parish Council at County and District level.

COLSTERWORTH AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Thank you to all of the Parish Councillors who give their time generously and freely for the benefit of the community.

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH FRIENDLY HELPFUL PEOPLE WHO QUIETLY HELP OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS A THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED.

Sue Grant Clerk to Colsterworth and District Parish Council.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

WI October In Touch Report

Our last meeting on 17th October and we managed to capture "Our Sandra" before she took off again on her travels. (We maybe get her to tell us which countries she has visited over the past few weeks). But this time it was a "Something for Christmas" handicraft session. She had made kits for each of us to have a Christmas Tree Decoration. She went from each table for those who didn't have her expertise, having finished with "Domestic Science" lessons way back. But as time went on we began to see the decoration shapes make something we would be able to use and tell the family "Look what I made" that is if they had secreted it away and revealed it on Christmas Eve or Day for the family. When they thought that all we did was sit and listen to someone talking and drinking tea and scoffing cake.

Only two days later we were up to "our necks" in more cake, as we held a very well attended coffee morning at The White Lion (by kind permission of "Mine Hosts") in aid of "SOLDAS" you may have seen MPs wearing white ribbons in their lapels, in support of the charity, but more of that event next time.

We are going to celebrate our 105 th anniversary, although we have been around since November 1917. But we only celebrate the year after, like a baby's first birthday party. So we will be tucking in at The White Lion on the appropriate date. It's back to work again for the Church Bazaar, the chocolate tombola. (At least it won't be too hot for the chocolate to melt like last year in the summer.)

We are looking forward to hearing how Sandra did in the Make

Bake and Grow Festival staged by the Lincolnshire Federation at the end of October. It was a very short time for the public viewing, and it was expected to be very popular.

There is to be a discussion day at Screddington Village Hall on 6 th December "Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife" all parts of the Country campaign and one of the WIs Resolutions which was voted for at the Cardiff Annual Meeting.

We are able to order our tickets for "Evita, Newark Amateur Operatic Society's" production next year. So tell us at the lunch, oh and could you let us have (or Dot) any donations of chocolate and sweets for the tombola please (but no crisps as it is a job to stick the tickets on them.)

Members kept up their competitive spirit by entering the Rose Bowl competition for an item initial "D" and the competition for flower of the month was as popular as ever. All eager for the points as we approach our year ending next spring (AGM Time.)

Our next meeting there are no competitions as we are dining away from home, but you are very welcome to join us in December as a visitor if you let us know beforehand, and we will put an extra tea bag in the pot.

We meet at 2.00pm at the Sports and Social Club. We look forward to seeing you, you will be made very welcome.

Dot Williams

Diary Date

December 19th Christmas Social - Women's Institute at The Sports and Social Club at 2:00pm

Advance Diary Date

January 16th 2024 Sit, Get Fit, Get Healthy - Women's Institute at The Sports and Social Club at 2:00pm



We are delighted to update you on the successful completion of our river restoration project in Colsterworth, immediately south of Stainby Road.

After carefully surveying the river for fish and native crayfish, as well as other wildlife that could be affected, we were fortunate to start work during the continued dry spell at the end of September.

With archaeologists on site daily to monitor excavations, the experienced contractors soon got to work re-creating natural river features such as limestone gravel bars and lowering the banks in some areas to enable the river to freely reconnect to its floodplain in high flows.

They also redirected a spring which was previously running directly into the river, encouraging it to inundate the floodplain and create a wetland area for wildlife.

This wetland along with the new ponds will help to provide additional water storage during times of high rainfall making it available for drier periods and will also help to slow the flow of the river whilst filtering out silt and other pollutants.

The introduction of gravel bars, riffles and woody material have ensured more diverse flow, creating ideal habitat for wildlife including brown trout and numerous freshwater invertebrate species.

Luckily the contractors had completed the works just in time for the arrival of storm Babet which, as I'm sure you are aware, brought with it incredibly exceptional amounts of rainfall across the country.

The interventions held strong as the valley bottom was awash with a month's worth of rain over just a few hours and, as the water subsided, the ponds were filled and the restoration was working as planned, holding significantly more water to help slow the flow downstream and creating a haven for wetland wildlife.

We are very excited to watch the area recover and establish over the coming months and have plans to continue to work with the Wild Trout Trust, the Environment Agency and other partners to carry out further works along the river Witham over time, which collectively we hope will help to store even more water, alleviating flooding pressures and will provide much needed habitat for our threatened wildlife.

Enormous thanks go to our funders the Environment Agency and Anglian Water Get River Positive, and to the landowners Buckminster Estate and their very patient tenant farmer for all their support and for allowing us to carry out the project in this location.

If you would like to find out more about this project or the work we do at EMRT please contact gail@eastmercia.org or visit our website www.eastmercia.org

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

Wet conditions favour fungi. The annual foray in Twyford Wood at the end of October was well attended with 40 people including children from the Watch Group of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. They found 70 different kinds including jelly and coral types which do not have the familiar cap, stalk and gills. We give common names to things we see often and remember them when we know something about their lives. All fungi have a tale to tell, some seem in the realm of fantastic. The mushrooms and toadstools, brackets and other structures we see above ground are only the fruiting bodies. Below the surface is the extraordinary network of threads (hyphae) forming their web of life. This 'mycelium' draws in water and nutrients from the soil and can exchange these with trees. The Oyster fungus is so called for its culinary value. It breaks down lignin in wood. It has an extra ability to obtain nitrates. Its threads trap and digest minute worms. Sulphur Tuft mushrooms are named for their colour and habit of growing in clusters at the base of trees. They are a good source of yellow dye. Some fungi are parasites. The Tinder Bracket emerging from Silver Birch trees is deserting a sinking ship. Its name comes from its ancient use for fires. The common Birch Bracket has anti-biotic properties. Its alternative name is Razorstrap fungus as it was used to sharpen blades. These are just some of the readily identifiable species which were found on the foray.

20 years ago a line of trees was planted on a new estate. The exotic Turkish Hazel appeared two years ago to have gall-like growths on some of its branches. This year the trees have been covered in spiny rosettes of ripe, brown fruits, resembling sea urchins. Their hazel nuts remain tightly enclosed until they drop to the ground. Grey squirrels, so abundant

everywhere this year were foraging them and carrying them away. Interestingly field guides refer to them as not fruiting in this country because it is too cold.



GOLDCREST

On the fungus foray one of our largest land birds, the Raven, flew overhead. Nearby one of our smallest, the Goldcrest, was sitting in a larch tree. At a garden pond it was most unusual to find two visitors, a Kingfisher and a Grey Wagtail. This delighted the creators of this pond which has already provided much interest and value for wildlife. Redwings and Fieldfares were back in numbers by November 1st, feasting on berries and fallen apples on the Nature Trail.

Several people have noted signs of Badgers out and about. They will continue active except in the coldest conditions, their cubs born in the sett and not emerging until May. Unfortunately we have evidence of Badgers most often from roadkills. It is important for several reasons that the whereabouts of their setts is not publicised. Not least because the threat to them (and to hares) is that they are a target for illegal activities called 'sport'. We are fortunate to have a few people who have the interest and patience to look for signs of their activity.

TO LOOK FOR IN DECEMBER At the time of writing (9th November, 2023) reports are coming in of Waxwings on the north Lincolnshire coast, flying south. Perhaps we will have a 'Waxwing winter' as they have settled before in this area, including on the Nature Trail. Fungi will be about until the first hard frosts. Severe weather will bring in wading birds looking for some open water on Witham and surrounding fields. And winter is a time to focus on small things lost in the abundance of other seasons. In leaf litter on branches, under stones how is life surviving? A Great Tit on a sunny day may anticipate Spring with a song. I look forward to you sharing your observations via **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465**, email **jnostler@hotmail.co.uk**

Jane Ostler



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Wed 27 th	12 - 9	12 - 8pm
Thurs 28 th	12 - 11pm	12 - 8pm
Fri 29 th	12 - 11pm	12 - 9pm
Sat 30 th	12 - 11pm	12 - 9pm
New Years Eve Sun 31 st	12 - 1am	12 - 6pm
New Years Day Mon 1 st	12 - 8pm	12 - 6pm
Tues 2 nd - Tues 9 th	CLOSED	

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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



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COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION



Monday's evening meeting was a talk by Karen Gimson. On "365 Day of Colour". Karen has been a Head Gardener at various large gardens during her career over the past 25 years, which included a 12 month spell at our local Easton Walled Garden. Karen covered what to plant to ensure colour all year in your garden / border. We had several competition entries of Autumn Foliage from our club members. Then our next meeting will be the 11th Dec at Colsterworth Village Hall, AGM

Future Dates.

11th Dec -AGM -Quiz & Mince Pies

Jan 2024 - Club Xmas Lunch - TBC

2024 Program TBC

12th Feb 2024, 11th March 2024, 8th April 2024, 13th May 2024, 10th June 2024, 12th July 2024

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 December at Colsterworth Church

3 rd December	11:00am Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
10 th December	11:00am Morning Prayer	Hilary Winstanley ALM
17 th December	6:00pm Carol Service	Peter Wheatley, Churchwarden
24 th December	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley, Churchwarden
	11:30pm Midnight Mass	Revd Jill Potts
31 st December	11:00am Benefice Communion	Revd Jill Potts/Steve Potts Reader

OTHER EVENTS

CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 5th DEC. 10:00AM, COFFEE & CHAT AFTER.

9TH DECEMBER 1:00PM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – CRAFT, CAKE & BOOK STALLS, CHILDRENS TOYS, BOOKS & GAMES 0-10yrs, TEA, COFFEE.

15TH DECEMBER 10:00 – 16:00 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL SET UP DAY.

17TH DECEMBER 6:00PM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL SWITCH ON FOLLOWED BY CAROL SERVICE WITH MINCE PIES & DRINKS AFTER

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

For more information on services, or the church,
please see social media, our website,
www.achurchnearyou.com/St-John-the-Baptist-Colsterworth,
or contact the Church Warden.

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**COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
December 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 or phone 01476 860126 for more details.

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
3rd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Advent Candles
10th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Advent Candles
17th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Geoff Cawthorn	Advent Candles
24th	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight		Advent Candles
31 st	New Year's Eve	No service		

Christmas Eve - Carols by Candlelight 6pm

All welcome to our service of readings, carols, poems and songs.

Open Door Christmas Lunch –Wednesday 13th December 12 Noon – 1:30pm.

For regular attendees of our Open Door lunches, all places already pre-booked.
Our regular Open Door sessions recommence on 10th January.

Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 6th & 20th December – 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.

Used Postage Stamps

We are collecting used postage stamps for the RNIB Open Christmas Stamp Appeal. Please contact Helen to arrange collection.

Remembrance Service Collection

We have sent £147.95 to the Royal British Legion. Many thanks to those who donated.

Villages Diary December 2023

Tue 5 th	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 6 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 13 th	12-1:30pm	Open Door Xmas Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 11 th	7:30pm	Garden Club AGM	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 20 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 15 th	12:45-13:15	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Tue 19 th	2pm	Women's Institute Xmas Social	Sports & Social Club
January 2024			
Tue 16 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club

Weekly

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

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