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

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14th February 2024

Funding approved for the restoration of the War Memorial in Colsterworth.

All residents in the Parishes of Colsterworth and District are set to see the War Memorial on the High Street, Colsterworth restored thanks to a £29,026.48 grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

The money will be used to restore the grade II listed Colsterworth War memorial, as a memorial commemorating all the fallen from this area at the two World Wars.

Ex Councillor Terry Neale of Colsterworth and District Parish Council believes the War Memorial is an important part of the history of Colsterworth and the project to restore it thanks to the Grant from FCC Communities Foundation it will be preserved for future generations. Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) has worked closely with the Parish Council to drive this project forward by fundraising a contribution amount of £3,000 to the Parish Council towards the costs of taking the project forward.

He says: "This project will preserve the War Memorial for future generations of Colsterworth. It's fantastic that FCC Communities Foundation has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our War Memorial being restored over the next few months."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Penny Horne, FCC Communities Foundation grant manager, says: "We're delighted to be supporting the Colsterworth War Memorial Restoration Project and pleased our funding will help restore this beloved memorial for the people of Colsterworth. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that improve local communities and we're looking forward to this one making a difference very soon."

Ex Councillor Terry Neale hopes the War Memorial will be restored by 6th June 2024 which will be the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy.

For further press information please contact Sue Grant, Colsterworth & District Parish Clerk.

Tel: 01476-861888 or email clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

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Parish Council Report

Parish Clerk - 01476 861888
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Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 6th February 2024

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:

Cllr C Hainsworth (Chair) welcomed the five members of the public present.

The first to speak was a member of Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) who summarised CFoR's fund raising, and donations received to date as part of the partnership with the Parish Council for the War Memorial Restoration project which commenced in May 2023. They acknowledged the successful Grant offers received by both CFoR and the Parish Council for the War Memorial Restoration project and stated that CFoR's preferred Grant option was that of FCC Communities Foundation awarded to Colsterworth Parish Council of £33,380.45 to cover the full amount of the contractors' costs. They confirmed CFoR would be contributing towards the Third-Party Contribution of £3,588.40 required to be paid by the Parish Council to accept the Grant.

The second member of the public to speak was a Gunby resident in relation to the proposed Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant. They informed the Parish Council that an action group had been set up in the name of, 'Block Ironstone Energy Action Group' which had created a website to share information with the local community about the potential impacts of the proposed AD Plant. Further information can be found on the Action Group website link <https://www.blockbiogasplant.co.uk>. The group may be contacted with any questions or feedback via the form on the 'Contact Us' page. More details can be found on the Parish Council website above.

The third to speak was a member of CPRE, The Countryside Charity, for the Protection of Rural England. They informed the Parish Council that they had been engaged by the local community to advise in relation to the proposed AD plant at Gunby and would at some point in the future be in contact with the Parish Council.

The two remaining members of the public did not speak and were there to observe.
The public session was extended to 7.50pm to allow all those present to speak.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chairperson Cllr C Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting acknowledging there was a busy agenda as the last meeting was in December 2023.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report.

SKDC Cllr D Bellamy passed on apologies from Cllr's B Green and C Vernon.

SKDC Cllr D Bellamy reported: -

1. SKDC are responsible for clearing the litter on the A1. Any grot spots to be passed to them.
2. The cost of a second green bin has increased by £15. An attempt to reduce the increase closer to inflation did not pass.
3. There had been a meeting about renewable energy planning applications in relation to the Corporate Plan and the potential impact on local areas.

Cllr K Vickers mentioned that many of the purple bins put out for collection that day had been blown over and the contents littered around the village.

Brick Bus Shelters on the High Street and Woolsthorpe Road - The quotations to remove and dispose of the ivy from the brick bus shelters were accepted.

80th Anniversary of D-Day. - Resolved to form a working party to light the Beacon to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Location to be confirmed. (Cllr E O'Neill).

Brick Bus Shelter library swap shop High Street and Woolsthorpe Road. - Resolved to investigate costs including floral baskets and risk assessment. (Cllr E O'Neill).

April Parish Council Meeting – Moved to 9th April 2024.

Updates for Council administration

1. Resolved to appoint the new Auditor provided by Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC) to provide an interim and end of year AGAR sign off at a cost of £280 excl vat. Neighbourhood Plan Review Update
This is work in progress.

Finance

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

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

Vehicle Activated Signs

Resolved to purchase 1 x solar powered Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS) to be sited opposite 22 Bourne Road. Resolved to agree to purchase 2 x solar powered Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS). One to be sited at Stainby Crossroads and one to be sited on the B676 close to Hall Lane, Stainby.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report.

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

War Memorial Restoration Project - The FCC Environment Grant offer of up to £33,380.45 which is 100% of the preferred quotation was accepted. Unanimously agreed on condition of receipt of a formal commitment from CFoR of £3,000 towards the Third-Party Contribution of £3,588.40.

Post meeting note: On Thursday 8th February 2024 a formal commitment and Cheque from CFoR of a contribution of £3,000 was received by the Parish Council.

Post meeting note. On Wednesday 14th February 2024 FCC Communities contacted the Parish Council to advise that the contingency sum of £4,353.97 included in the preferred tender for cannot be funded as they do not fund contingencies. This amount has been removed making a revised grant offer of £29,026.48 which covers 100% of the costs in the priced schedule.

Nature Trail

The volunteers have been busy clearing ivy from the base of the trees behind Woolsthorpe play area. The volunteers have been busy making safe fallen trees after the recent storms.

Clerks Report & day to day business.

1. Footpath 19 from School Lane to Old Post Lane reported to SKDC Big Clean to clear the fallen leaves and moss.
2. Colster Way street name plate junction Chestnut Grove reported to SKDC for repair.
3. Wicksteed Leisure completed repairs to the children's play area at Colster Way on 24 & 25th January 2024.

4. Work is planned again by highways for the deep long rut which has reappeared on the Bourne Road roundabout.
5. Anglian Water have work planned on the collapsed manhole cover on the A1 slip road north on 14th March 2024. A traffic management permit has been granted for the repair.

Correspondence received.

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

Planning Applications/Refusals/Permission – SKDC/LCC
No further planning representations received since those listed in the February 2024 In Touch edition.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 5th March 2024. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

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There will also be boat trips available at the Grantham Canal Society's first event of the year, the Spring Craft Fair, held on Sunday 21st April, 10am-3pm at their Woolsthorpe Depot (NG32 1NY). The society will host a wide variety of local crafters alongside their own fundraising stalls. The Craft Fair was a huge success last year, and was enjoyed by crafters, visitors and volunteers.

For more information about boat trips, upcoming events and the work we are doing to restore and maintain the Grantham Canal, please follow us on social media:

Facebook – Grantham Canal Society

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Nikyla Manners
Committee Member
Grantham Canal Society

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The first meeting of the New Year was an absolute cracker! As the room filled up all was noise and bustle. The tea things were being laid out and very enticing they looked too, the competition tables were set up, the Bring and Buy stall was filling up with interesting items and the chocolate Tombola was getting attention from our more chocoholic members.

As 2 o'clock the bell rang, everybody sat down and Vanessa, our ever-efficient President rose to open the meeting. After welcoming Sue Sang our Trustee from LSFWI, along with the President of the Grantham Early Birds WI and three other visitors, Vanessa introduced our guest speaker Tracy Ferguson of Sit, Get Fit, Get Healthy.

We listened attentively as Tracy explained how and why she set up her business and the ethos behind it. Her warm and engaging manner soon had us nodding in agreement as she outlined the many benefits of regular movement and exercise.

And then the fun began. We shifted our chairs so we were all in a space, the music started and Tracy took us through a series of exercises involving stretching, flexing, lifting arms, toe and heel tapping and much more. She kept a running commentary going to keep us in time, interspersed with funny quips and

anecdotes. It was great fun with members singing along as they exercised. All too soon 30 minutes were up and like the athletes we are, we finished off with a "warm down".

Time for tea and those lovely delicacies that we'd been eyeing up all afternoon. Hostesses Jane, Lynne Rachel and Angela produced a super spread. Between bites of cake, biscuits and fresh fruit the Bring and Buy stall did a brisk trade and the chocolate Tombola was proving popular.

Replete with good food, we sat down again for the final part of the meeting. Competition winners were announced: the item beginning with the letter E was won by Rosemarie with a tin of Earl Grey tea and Brenda was runner up with a very pretty egg cup. In joint 1st place in the flower of the month competition were Brenda and Peggy with Liz in 2nd place. The raffle was called with 7 members being the lucky winners.

Details of the March meeting were read out. It is the annual general meeting with a quiz afterwards. It will be held on **Tuesday March 19th** starting at **2pm** in the Sports and Social Club. If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome.

Our president then closed the meeting and members dispersed into the late afternoon sunshine refreshed after a couple of hours of friendship and fun.

Colsterworth WI

FOCUS GROUP

We have Kurling on a Monday, full of fun, so have a try. Lots of friends you have not met, don't let this chance pass you by.

Starts at 10am, finish at 12 noon, two pounds fifty is the fee. Tea, coffee, biscuits too. Help yourself, just feel free.

What you get for your money, is a good time and quite cheap. So come along you're very welcome if it's friendships that you seek.

J. Hincks

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Festival of Remembrance

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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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HELEN'S HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is here for anyone who needs our help. If you're lonely or isolated, we have volunteers who will sit and keep you company for a couple of hours.

If you or your loved one suffers from Alzheimer's / Dementia, we can sit and chat to give the partner a couple of hours respite. I'm here to help if you're suffering with depression as I can relate to this as I have bad episodes myself. You're welcome to give me a ring on 01476 861399 if you just need to chat on the phone or would feel more comfortable coming to me. I'm also available on line at billsbanter@live.co.uk

Steve Bill - project leader - Helen's Helping Hands

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

A flood water protection scheme is now established on the southern stretch of the River Witham at Colsterworth. It was just in time to prevent the worst flooding during storm Babet. Unable to visit the site myself I was sent a series of photos and matched them up with a plan published in an earlier In Touch. Finally in January I was able to overlook the site from the road. It is exceptional in its design also for nature conservation. In addition to the grassed floodplain and a diversion of the river to slow flow, it provides a great diversity of habitats. It has both deep and shallow edged ponds with gravel bars. There is a riffle which in flood resembles a waterfall. Dead wood has been left and some rushes are already established. The seal of approval has been a snipe seen regularly, recognised by its zigzag flight and characteristic cry when it rises in flight. Let's hope it is heard drumming as it dives to the ground, a sound made by the vibration of its tail feathers as part of a mating display.



SNIPE
a) Display Flight
b) Flight pattern from ground

As Spring approaches there have been more reports of Owls. Tawny Owls are truly birds of the night. You are more likely to hear them as they firmly establish territory with their long call "t-woo" a

warning for others to keep away. The "t-wit" sound is a call which helps them keep in contact with partners. In February the male was heard calling "t-woo" and presumably a female replying "t-wit"! Barn Owls hunt in silence at dawn and dusk. In the shortest days more people are about at these times and Barn Owls have been seen in three separate areas on several occasions, visible by the pale underside of their wings and the white masks of their faces.

A Little Owl hunts by day. Its favoured place a tree, often with ivy at its base where its prey includes insects and spiders. One was seen at the beginning of February, just over the border in Buckminster.



A surprising rarity, seen near the top of a walnut tree by a reliable source, was a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. As small as a finch, but as colourful as the Greater Spotted Woodpecker, its usual habitat is ancient woods. The larger bird frequents a number of our gardens where it seems particularly fond of sunflower seeds. Gardens on estates, often hemmed in by other houses, can become a magnet for birds. The Blue Tit is the most frequent and agile, the only one which prefers to feed upside down. It gives way to the Great Tit, but soon returns. The Coal Tit

waits till the coast is clear of both and Long Tits dash in and out often accompanied by others. From estate gardens come regular sightings of Hedgehogs. Muntjak get over fences and have been seen by the side of roads, Foxes leave evidence of visits. Most unusually a young Hare earlier in 2023, moved through several gardens. New Ponds rapidly become inhabited by amphibians and are visited by herons and on one occasion by Grey Wagtails. There were a couple of records of Butterflies coming out of hibernation In January - A Peacock and a Small Tortoiseshell. Queen Bumblebees were out on sunny days and unidentified Solitary Bees but the Hairy-footed Flower Bee was not reported at the time of writing this. Earlier than usual Sweet Violet was spotted on a verge. It is the only one which has white as well as violet flowers.

TO LOOK FOR IN MARCH - Other species of violet the delicate narrow petalled Early Dog Violet, the Common Dog Violet with a pale, notched spur and the Hairy Violet with longer pointed leaves and hairy leaf stems. Coltsfoot is the next plant in flower in Nature's Calendar and the yellow Brimstone butterfly the true harbinger of Spring. Ponds come to life with the return of Frogs and the breeding season for many birds will have begun I look forward to your observations at **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465**, e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk

Jane Ostler



Colsterworth & District Youth Centre Volunteers Needed

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7:30pm at The White Lion, Colsterworth.**

We will be discussing our plans for events for young people in the village in 2024 and would love more people to join us to help.

We are a small group and need more volunteers to join us to host 'pop-up' events such as a gaming night, silent disco and roller disco.

The commitment is minimal but it would help us support young people in Colsterworth and surrounding villages.

Our AGM will be on **Thursday 18th April 2024 at 7:30pm at Colsterworth Village Hall.**

We are also keen to hear from other village organisations looking for funding for projects or activities for young people. Please come along to the meeting to find out more or contact: lucy@colsterworthyouth.co.uk or **07592509385**

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School, Colsterworth PTFA		01476 860569
South Witham Children's Centre	Claire Hilliam	01572768876
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Women's Institute (Secretary)	Dot Williams	01476 860741

ROLLING STONES (COLSTERWORTH)

New Age Kurling Club

Being an inquisitive sort of person (some would say nose) I often wondered how New Age Kurling came about, so I decided to investigate. Thank goodness for the internet. I would like to share this information with you all, with the hope that you too, may find it as interesting as I do. In 2000 John Bennett was asked by his son to think up a sport that disabled people could all enjoy. It was while watching the Curling World Championships on television that John came up with the idea of New Age Kurling, an indoor version of the existing game. He thought about using a discus with a handle and bearings so it could slide along the ground. He invented pushers and ramps to allow people of all abilities to launch the kurling stones as well as vinyl mats as targets.

New Age Kurling has been used as a part of rehabilitation programs in hospitals because the sport doesn't require any physical fitness to play, but exercises muscles you would not usually use. John wants to encourage more people (as do we) to take up the sport as the benefits speak for themselves. What started as a sporting idea for disabled people quickly became popular with able-bodied persons too, and for the first time disabled people can play with or against able-bodied people on an equal level. As its popularity grew variations of the game were created, including Kurling Kroquet and Kurling Golf. The sport is now played all over the world, with national and international competitions. Indoor Kurling is now enjoyed in 52 countries and John hopes for it to become a Paralympic sport soon. In October 2004 John was named the British Chamber of Commerce's regional Entrepreneur of the Year and shortlisted for the national final. Of course, us in Colsterworth are more interested in having a good game, coffee, tea, cakes fun and laughter. Social interaction is on the top of the list. On the 8th February the new club will be having a lunch at Stoke Rochford Golf Club, following on from a Valentines raffle and an exciting morning of Kurling.

We would also like to welcome our new members, David Knott and Tony O'Regan, both who are thoroughly enjoying themselves (so they tell me). Massive thanks must also to all of our 30 active members who have donated so much to make this Club the success it is. We will also be welcoming another new member on the 8th so a warm welcome awaits Penny. Here's to a happy New Age Kurling with lots of exciting events on the horizon. If interested in joining, either come along on Thursday 10-12pm at Village Hall or contact me on 07931345932. *Christine Cope*

Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association



At the Feb meeting Steve Lovell from Greenspaces gave us a presentation - Lincolnshire Wildlife A Naturalists Paradise, where he took us on a virtual tour around the county, along the coast, then the interior particularly the numerous old gravel pits and finally in the city/towns. The wildlife photos shown had been taken by Steve himself. The monthly competition was Hellebores, 1st Joe, 2nd Vicky & 3rd Rod. We wish to thank both Ann & Natalie, who have both stepped down from the committee, and we thank them very much for their help during the past year.

Future Dates.

11th March 2024

Hannah Sylvester - The Medicine Chest in Your Back Garden.

Competition: Vase of Herbs (don't have to be home grown)

8th April 2024

Rod Young - Considerations for Protecting Archaeology, and Flora and Fauna on a Construction Site.

Competition: Interesting found object found on a walk, beach or dug up from the garden.

13th May 2024

TBA

10th June 2024

Club Outing - TBA

12th July 2024

TBA

August

No Monday Evening Meeting in Aug

24th Aug 2024

Annual Horticultural & Craft Show - Saturday at the Colsterworth Village Hall

We always welcome visitors & new members. So please come along to Colsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on second Monday in the month.

Its £35 to become a member for a full calendar year, or £5 for a visitor. This includes entry and a raffle ticket for the raffle, also refreshments of tea/coffee & cake.

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

Rod Young 07836719496

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
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Services for March at Colsterworth church

3rd March 11:00am Morning Prayer Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
10th March 11:00am Morning Prayer Hilary Winstanley ALM
17th March 11:00am Holy Communion Revd Dr Anna Sorensen
24th March 11:00am Joint Service of Revd Jill Potts
Holy Communion Palm Sunday
31st March 11:00am Easter Communion Revd Jill Potts

OTHER EVENTS

CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 12TH MARCH 9:30AM, COFFEE & CHAT AFTER.

**COFFEE MORNING: TUE 5TH MARCH 10:00AM HOST:
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OPEN DAILY 10:00am – 4:00pm for visitors, contemplation & Foodbank donations.

The Foodbank box is inside the porch. Current shortages: Tinned Soup, Tinned Custard, Rice Puddings, Baked Beans, Tea Bags and Cat/Dogfood, thank you.

Whilst we do not have a resident vicar, we will have regular services as above, led by visiting clergy and lay volunteers with tea, coffee and biscuits after each service. Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Services can also be arranged.

For more information on services, or the church,
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**COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
March 2024**

Our services will be in the church, however we will also be zooming at least 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.

Our services for March are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
3rd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Geoff Cawthorn	Betty Neal
10th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jennie Fyche	Wendy Walsh
17th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Cheryl Sutcliffe
24th	11am	Palm Sunday United Service at St John's		
31st	10:30am	Morning Worship	Ruth Hinch	Margaret Winn

Open Door Lunch –Wednesday 13th & 27th March from 11:45am - 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 6th & 20th March from 2:00pm - 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.

Hall Hire – Our Church Hall is now reopen and is available to hire for meetings, children's parties, fitness classes, etc. Please contact Helen Scrorr on 01476 860126 for more details.

Lent Study Group:

All are welcome to attend this Lent Study Group led by Rev'd Neil Maynard from 1:30pm - 3:00pm on Thursday 29th February, Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March in the Church Hall.

Villages Diary March 2024

Tue 5 th	7:30pm 10am	Parish Council Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 7, Walnut Grove, C'worth
Wed 6 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 11 th	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 13 th	11:45-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 19 th	2pm	Women's Institute AGM	Sports & Social Club
Wed 20 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 27 th	11:45-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 28 th	12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	FOCUS Kurling	Village Hall
	7:15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
Tuesdays	6pm-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
	6pm-7:30pm	Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
Wednesdays	11:45am -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	Rolling Stones 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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