

In Touch

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

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If you would be interested in free defibrillator training please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Sue Grant, email: clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk Tel: 01476861888. Sessions will take place on a Tuesday or Friday evening between 19th February and 26th March 2024.

More info:

LeisureSK is keen to engage and support our communities and with our team of trainers already in place at our leisure centres we've been able to help by delivering a number of sessions in the community based on the Royal Lifesaving Society "Save a Life" scheme. These are free 2.5-3hrs sessions that cover some basic first aid skills, resuscitation and using a defibrillator. The sessions are offered for awareness and practise/ experience and are not a qualification. The sessions have been well received though with feedback from those attending the sessions feeling more confident in how the devices work and how they can respond in an emergency.

Over the last few years there has been a significant growth in the number of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) within our communities. Whilst this offers reassurance to help in an emergency, some in the community did express a concern that they had no experience of cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or how to use an AED – especially as it's likely to be an extremely stressful situation when it's needed.

Sessions run for approx. 2.5-3hrs

Training equipment is provided.

Training Venue to be confirmed at Colsterworth Village Hall, North Witham Village depending on numbers attending. Maximum 12-14 individuals per session.

The sessions are delivered free of charge but those taking part may like to make a voluntary donation to the RLSS.

If you are interested, please contact Clerk to the Parish Council, Sue Grant, email:

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Parish Council Report

Parish Clerk - 01476 861888
clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

There was no Parish Council Meeting on the first Tuesday in January 2024. There will be a full report following the February Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 6th February 2024. This gives us an opportunity to use this month's, "In Touch" to explain a bit more about your Parish Council.

Elected Parish Councils were first established in the Local Government Act 1894 to reinvigorate local communities and give them a voice. Since then, Parish councils have remained largely unchanged. It is not unusual for seats on Parish Councils to be uncontested, and for members to be co-opted where the number of candidates is fewer than the number of seats available.

Currently there are 15 seats on the Colsterworth & District Parish Council covering the villages of Colsterworth including Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, North Witham and Lobthorpe, Gunby and Stainby. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Your Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers who represent the residents of the Parish.

Name		Constituency
C Hainsworth	Chairperson	Colsterworth
E O'Neill	Vice Chairperson	Colsterworth
G Henton		Colsterworth
L McShane		Colsterworth
S Banwait		Colsterworth
K Vickers		Colsterworth
A Bouvie		Colsterworth
C Russell		Colsterworth
C Rowland		Colsterworth
M Childs		Colsterworth
Vacancy x 1		Colsterworth
J Clark	North Witham including Lobthorpe	
D Bellamy	North Witham including Lobthorpe	
R Chatterton	Stainby & Gunby	
Vacancy x 1	Stainby & Gunby	

Sue Grant is the part-time Parish Clerk and is the contact point for all matters relating to the Council. She can be contacted at: clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk Tel: 01476-861888

PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. except in January and August when ordinarily there are no meetings. Before the meeting a public forum is held at which members of the public may speak. Notice of meetings and agendas are posted on notice boards and Minutes will also appear on this website. <https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Clerks Report

1 - Quotations are being sought to remove the ivy from the brick bus shelters on the High Street close to the War Memorial and the one on Woolsthorpe Road just before junction with The Close.

2 - Hard-standing and undercover storage is being sought for one tonne of sand and 100 sandbags offered by SKDC so that local people will be able to protect their own properties quickly. The Clerk investigating storage options. Volunteers are being sought for bagging of the sand and distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Sue Grant by email; clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk or by telephone on 01476 861888.

3 - Sunken manhole reported to FMS Slip road to the A1 north from the Bourne road, A151 roundabout. Advised that Anglian Water is responsible for this issue, and this has been reported to them on behalf of the PC to investigate.

4 - Defective streetlights no 5, 7 & 9 in Stainby, no 54 Walnut Grove and no's 46, 47 & 48 on Ramsey Court reported to SKDC Street lighting and have now been repaired.

5 - Repairs to Colster Way Children's Play equipment scheduled for January/February by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

6 - The Tree Condition Assessment on the Nature Trail was completed by East Midlands Trees Surveys Ltd on 6th December 2023. The cost of the Condition Assessment was covered by the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund Grant. More information can be found further on in this month's In Touch magazine.

7 - Street lights 46, 47, 48 & 75 on Ramsey Court are defective again. These have been reported to SKDC Street lighting for further investigation and repairs. Also 2 defective street lights on Bourne Road, reported to SKDC. Street light 88 on Water Lane illuminated during the day also reported to SKDC.

8 - Damaged Colster Way street name plate junction Chestnut Grove reported to SKDC for repair.

Planning Applications - SKDC

S23/2308 - Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new annexe. Home Farm House, 57 High Street, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5HZ

S23/2292 - Discharge of conditions in relation to conditions 3, 4 and 6 of S21/1328. Riverside Barn, 2A Manor Farm Mews, High Street, Colsterworth.

Planning Permission Refusal - SKDC

S23/1672 - Use of land for B8 outside storage (Retrospective). Location: Black Bull Industrial Park Woolleys Lane, Lobthorpe Lincolnshire NG33 5LL

S23/1952 - Addition of gates and pillars to existing access (retrospective). 33A Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire

SKDC Planning Permission

S23/2330 - Section 211 notice in relation to a Lime tree which needs to be felled due to the tree being a health and safety hazard. Manor Farm, Church Street, North Witham, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LH.

Listed Building Consent Granted

S23/1664 - Replace roof tiles, restore pebble dash to chimney stacks, upgrade roof insulation. The Old Rectory, 14 High Street, Colsterworth. Lincolnshire NG33 5NF

The Parish Council is Responsible for:

Village Maintenance

The Parish Council has the responsibility for parts of the villages' maintenance, such as grass cutting, repairing notice boards and bus shelters in the villages.

Allotments

There are allotments at Stamford Road and Woolsthorpe Road. It is very rewarding when you see your own fruit and vegetables growing – taste the difference! Contact the Parish Clerk on 01476 861888 and see if there is one available or place your name on the waiting list.

Play Areas

The Council maintains the Play Areas at Colster Way, Woolsthorpe Road, Newton Grange and by North Witham village hall.

Old Post Lane Cemetery

The management of the Old Post Lane cemetery includes the provision of burial plots and maintenance.

Defibrillators

The Council maintains the five defibrillators which are located :-
1. Outside the White Lion Public House. 2. Outside Colsterworth Village Hall. 3. Woolsthorpe Road, in the old telephone kiosk. 4. Outside Little Legs premises on Colster Way. 5. Outside North Witham Village Hall.

Finance

The Council has the authority to raise a precept to finance its expenditure.

Traffic and Highways

The Parish Council would like regular contact with LCC Highways to try and resolve speeding, maintenance, signage and other problems (also in consultation with the Police)

Policing and Crime Prevention

The Council is active in working with the Police in reducing and preventing crime in the villages.

Clearing Litter

Two part-time Litter-pickers are employed to keep the villages tidy.

Planning

The Council is a statutory consultee in planning but has no decision-making powers.

Parish Plan

The implementation of the Parish Plan is a high priority.

Footpaths and Rights of Way

The Council is active in having footpaths and rights of way kept open and clear.

Grants

Grants may be given for local groups but are proportionate to the number of people who would benefit.

Seats

The Council will consider the provision of seat that would benefit parishioners.

War Memorial

The Council previously had a project to investigate restoration of the War Memorial and at the December 2022 Parish Council meeting it was agreed for former Cllr T Neale to start a dialogue with Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) to investigate working in partnership to support the restoration of the War Memorial.

Nature & Wildlife

The Council supports biodiversity projects in the Parish and particularly supports the Nature Trail on the old Railway Line. **Lincolnshire County Council** is responsible for maintaining the county's adopted roads and footpaths. You can report a fault on the following website:

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> or if you are unable to report a fault online, call **01522 782070** (8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday).

South Kesteven District Council are responsible for many services including Planning and Building Control, Street Lighting, Bins Street Care and recycling, assisted bin collection service and much more. You can find out more information using the following website address:

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/> or telephone no: **01476 406080**.

The Environment Agency - River and coastal maintenance programmes. The Environment Agency maintains a wide range of flood and coastal risk management (FCRM) assets, which reduce the risk of flooding to people and property. These assets include: embankments, pumping stations & flood gates. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-and-coastal-maintenance-programme> Telephone: **03708 506 506**. Incident hotline: Report an incident on **0800 80 70 60** (Freephone, 24 hour service). Details of call charges can be found on the GOV.UK website.

Grit bins - Reminder

Lincolnshire County Council grit bins are located at strategic junctions for use in icy conditions. The grit is there to be used on public highways and footways it is NOT for private use on householder driveways. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/highways-maintenance/grit-bins-and-snow-clearing/40614.article>

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7:30PM** IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, BACK LANE, COLSTERWORTH.

ROLLING STONES (Colsterworth) New Age Kurling

A new and exciting club has evolved from FOCUS which is now two separate Clubs.

The Rolling Stones meet every Thursday Morning from 10am – 12 noon for a fun packed and exciting game of Kurling. If you have never tried this, and would like to explore new experiences, meet new people, and enjoy a natter, you would be warmly welcomed.

Come along for a taster session which is Free of charge, and meet the members of our warm and friendly club. Tea, coffee and biscuits are always on offer.

Contact Christine Cope for further information.

Christine.cope7@gmail.com
07931345932

**Rolling Stones (Colsterworth) wish everyone
a very Happy and Healthy 2024.**

Christingle on the Nature Trail

10:30am New Years morning. Thank you everyone for beautiful walk with all the decorations sparkling in the bright bright sunshine.
Happy New Year.

Lynne and Richard Patte

Colsterworth & District Youth Centre

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th February 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 of just 4 members currently and need more volunteers to join us. The commitment is minimal but it would help us support young people in Colsterworth and surrounding villages.

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 **07592 509385**.

Lucy Bateson

FOCUS Group

Dear Readers, it is a while since you heard from the FOCUS Group and our New Age Kurling session. We are still going strong and would gladly welcome any new members, so why not come along on a Monday morning to Colsterworth Village Hall, 10am until 12 noon. Its good fun and a great way to meet people and make new friends. We are hoping, in 2024 to reinstate one or two of the add-on activities from previous years, perhaps the odd coach trip or meal out which members always enjoyed. Your first visit (to see if you like us) is free and then there is a joining fee of £5 and a weekly cost of £2.50, not even the cost of a cup of coffee, which by the way, you can have as many teas or coffees as you wish and biscuits, and sometimes we even have chocolate ones!

Look forward to seeing you soon, just come along and you will be made most welcome.

Rosemary Haw

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Colsterworth WI December Report

Our WI Christmas Social took place on 19 December 2023, at our usual venue, the Colsterworth Sports & Social Club. The merriment started with our December birthday members, Liz, Brenda, Sue, Noreen & Helen receiving the groups best wishes. Noreen has the distinction of being born on 25, a very special Christmas present indeed! December is the month we don't have a speaker. Instead, we enjoy getting together to catch up with fellow members & say goodbye to yet another year. Yes, another one that has passed all too quickly. We had an excellent turn out, sadly, our secretary, Dot Williams, wasn't well enough to attend. We wished Dot all the best. The committee supplied the food, refreshments & entertainment. As usual there was a variety of delicious food which of course included a WI favourite, cake.

Entertainment was provided by Rachel who compiled a version of an old classic quiz game 'Call my bluff'. With her credible panellists, Helen & Rosemarie, we battled through 15 bizarre definitions. This was followed by Liz, who had splashed out on a new machine to put us through our paces for a game of bingo. Strange how such a simple game caused so much confusion. So time consuming were our efforts that we only managed one game but no worries, we are all ready for next time.

Along with all the enjoyment there was business to discuss. I was pleased to report that we had raised £73.20 from the Chocolate Tombola at the December Church Bazaar. This will aid our WI funds. Helen, our treasurer, confirmed £24.00 had been raised, over the year, from the members, for our 'Pennies for Friendship' fund, which empowers people living overseas to have a more independent life.

In addition, £170.00, half of the monies raised from our October Coffee Morning, had been sent to Soldas Boston Women's Aid refuge.

We discussed the ongoing work that is being made to the river Witham by East Mercia Rivers Trust. In line with the 2023 National WI Resolution, 'Clean waters for bathing & wildlife', we have offered to help with new planting when required & await more information on the situation. Historically, the WI has been at the forefront of many Campaigns. Our members need to vote, by 11 February, for the 2024 four proposed resolutions, which are:

- 1) Dental Health Matters
- 2) Impacts of Poor Housing Conditions
- 3) Say 'no' Stop Gambling Advertising
- 4) Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System

After the national WI vote, the winning motion will be proposed at the National WI AGM, at The Royal Albert Hall on 5th June. Provided it is accepted, all WI's are asked to see how they can help implement the selected campaign within their communities.

I concluded the meeting by confirming our 'Sit, get fit get healthy' session by Tracey Ferguson on January 16 which will include a 'Bring & Buy' stall. Before the members went on their merry way, the committee wished everyone a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

Our WI is continually evolving & is here for women of all ages & backgrounds. So why not take the opportunity to try something new & make new friends. Come along for an afternoon & join our community, you'll be made very welcome.

On Tuesday 20 February, we are looking forward to a talk on the role & history of the High Sheriff of Rutland. The meeting starts at 2.00pm at the Colsterworth Sports & Social Club.

Vanessa Howley, President, Colsterworth WI

Diary Date: February 20th at the Sports and Social Club at 2pm.

Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Many thanks to all who took part in the Church of St John the Baptist's Christmas Tree Festival. It was a very successful event and we had a fantastic turn out with eighteen trees being put up by local businesses, groups and individuals. The 'big switch on' was followed by a very successful Carol concert featuring drinks and cakes after the service. It was literally standing room only on the night.

We will be holding the festival again during Christmas 2024 and look forward to you all joining us. Put the date in your diary. We're looking for even more creative entries next time! So please come and take part. Happy New Year.

Jackie Taylor

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Nature and location of restriction: Road closure Order - **Woolsthorpe Road** (Between B6403 & a point 50m West)

Period of restriction: **01/02/2024 - 08/02/2024**

(Restrictions to be implemented for 2 days as and when required during this period, signage detailing accurate dates and times will be displayed on site in advance)

Alternative route or access arrangements: Diversion routes and vehicular or pedestrian access arrangements will be signposted. This information is also available in map form at

<https://one.network/> If you have any queries, or require further information, please contact the LCC Customer Service Centre on **01522 782070**.

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

On 1st January 2024 the sun came out briefly and a Queen Buff-tailed Bumble Bee emerged from her nest to sip nectar from the winter Honeysuckle flowers – a rare and premature sign of Spring in the dark, cold and exceptionally wet Winter days. Apart from winter Gnats dancing in the air to attract a mate, insects were hard to discover.

One of you brought inside a twig of Hazel. Its catkins were still unopened. On its branch a single fat Greenfly was discovered. We are used to seeing them in numbers, fastened by their tubular mouths onto some green and growing plant from which they siphon sap. Since they can turn our prized plants into diseased and sticky messes our main concern is to get rid of them – but their ways of reproducing can outwit us. This individual was a female. Without a mate or fertilization produces other females, fully formed in a process which resembles a breach birth. This baby will already bear a new female. Rapidly new daughters are produced in a line behind the original mother. The colonies thus formed are part of an important circle of life.



Textbooks so often take glamorous or exotic examples to illustrate the principles of ecology – Pandas and Bamboo shoots, Lions, Antelopes, and Grasslands. The stories are in our own gardens for us to discover. Aphids, like Greenfly rely on

plant sap. Small birds like Bluetits feed on Aphids and in turn are predated by those higher up the food chain (other birds, mammals). The plant took life from sunlight and air, water, and soil. The treads of Fungi work to break down living matter and, in a healthy soil make essential nutrients available to other life. It is more than a food chain it is the circle of life.

The Crow family can be relied upon to anticipate Spring early. Crows and Rooks beginning to inspect their nesting sites. Jackdaws in pairs on the roofs. Though several people have lamented the lack of birds in gardens they seem to have accumulated in others. Fieldfares and Redwings at first concentrated along the Nature Trail feeding on apples are now dispersed into fields. Goldfinches are returning to feeders. Fat balls and Sunflower seeds attract Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Tits, and Sparrows. Many gardens with a resident Robin and a Wren – both feeding from the ground. One report was of several dozen Bullfinch on a field hedge. Another was of a Bullfinch on yellow Rowan berries. An important sighting which just missed the last bulletin was of Waxwings in a garden on 18th December 2023.

White and Red Deadnettle and Ivy-leaved Toadflax are wildflowers in bloom, but garden flowers are important for bees. One garden has a dozen herbs, shrubs and trees out on January 1st 2024. Winter Aconites are a fortnight earlier this year, but records of Snowdrops can be misleading. The species drawn Galanthus Nivalis, long naturalised in the wild but other species and varieties flower early in December. We have a special place in folklore for the early plants which mark the turning year – Snowdrops and Primroses, Cowslips and Bluebells – all of which to look forward to.



TO LOOK FOR IN FEBRUARY - Bees and Butterflies, Lesser Celandine, the first Frogs.

Still no Laptop and particularly grateful to the couple of regular contributors who took the trouble to write and send their observations. Once again there would be no bulletin without your records and without Margaret Winn to type and email this one for me.

Back online next month from **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465**, email: jnostler@hotmail.co.uk.

Jane Ostler

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For further details please contact the Lincolnshire Community Foundation Grants Team on 01529 305825, info@lincolnshirecf.co.uk

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SOUTH KESTEVEN PROSPERITY FUND GRANT

The Parish Council have been successful in a grant application to the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund of up to £1,200 for a **NATURE TRAIL TREE CONDITION ASSESSMENT**.

The tree Condition Assessment took place on 6th December 2023 by East Midlands Tree Surveys Limited.

The objectives of the Condition Assessment are to:-

- To make an assessment of the trees' condition and identify any faults.
- To provide management recommendations based on the data gathered.

A specialist tree condition assessment was arranged as a duty of care for the Parish Council on the Scout Camp area which is in a woodland setting. Also, the remaining trees surveyed are along the southern side of the old railway line path that runs adjacent to gardens to the south. Colsterworth Nature Trail on which stretches some two miles from Skillington Road, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth eastwards to Bridge End (B6403), Colsterworth.

The purpose was to identify and prioritise those trees which require felling and allow healthy trees to remain.

Recommendations have been made for the removal of any trees at risk and control measures for the existing trees. To assess the trees' condition and identify any faults. To provide management recommendations based on the data gathered. The benefit of the Tree Condition Assessment is so that the Nature Trail can continue to be as safe environment for people to enjoy and encourage wildlife habitats and wildflower meadows.

Further information on the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund can be found on their website at <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/> UKSPF

SKDC UPDATE ON RECYCLING BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

All residents should have received information from South Kesteven District Council about the new purple-lidded paper and card bin. The black bin collection for regular waste will continue each fortnight, exactly as it is now, while the alternative weeks will be split between the silver bin, for mixed, dry recyclables – and the new bin for dry paper and card.

Householders now need to put the right thing in the right bin. If they put an incorrect item in the silver bin for their next recycling collection, SKDC's street scene crews will place helpful advisory tags on any that contain the wrong items, explaining which items are in the wrong bin to help people get used to the change.

From Monday February 5th, the Council will no longer empty any recycling bins with incorrect items in them. You can refer to the "Right Thing Right Bin" leaflet to ensure rejected bins are kept to a minimum. Anyone who remains unsure can request a home visit from SKDC staff for assistance on this.

Any questions should be directed to by email to recycling@southkesteven.gov.uk or call the recycling hotline on 01476 406544.

You can find the collection days at: www.southkesteven.gov.uk/bincollectionday

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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



www.cfor.org.uk

Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association



20 members attended the Club Xmas Lunch at the White Lion Colsterworth in mid Jan, enjoyable lunch was had by all, chatting about garden & allotment plans for 2024. Thanks to Bob & Phil for hosting.

Future Dates.

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| 12th February 2024 | Steve Lovell - Lincolnshire Wildlife A Naturalists Paradise
Competition: Hellebores |
| 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 |

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
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
 Footpath 18 near river
 Stamford Road near allotment
 School Lane where it meets footpath 20



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Services for February at Colsterworth church

4th February 11:00am Morning Prayer
11th February 11:00am Morning Prayer
18th February 11:00am Holy Communion
25th February 11:00am Morning Prayer

OTHER EVENTS

CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 13th FEB. 10:00AM, COFFEE & CHAT AFTER.

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

The Foodbank donations box is now inside the porch, rather than outside as we need to avoid your donations getting damp. Your continued support enables a weekly delivery to the Foodbank, thank you.

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

The church was full for our Christmas Tree Festival Light Switch On and Carol Service, thank you for your support. Thanks also to all who support us throughout the year both financially or with practical help for numerous tasks.

For more information on services, or the church,
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COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
February 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.

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
4th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Gill Senescall
11th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Frances Bailey	Helen Scrorr
18th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jane Wakerley	Lynn Lewis
25th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Cheryl Sutcliffe

Open Door Lunch – Wednesday 14th & 28th February 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 7th & 21st February – 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 has now reopened and is available to hire for meetings, children's parties, fitness classes, etc. Please contact Helen Scrorr on 01476 860126 for more details.

Christmas Eve Service – Thank you to those who supported the collection at our Christmas Eve Service. We have sent £110 to both The Grantham Passage and Medecins Sans Frontieres.

Villages Diary February 2024

Thu 1 st	12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Tue 6 th	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 7 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 12 th	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 14 th	11:45-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 20 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Wed 21 st	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 28 th	11:45-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 29 th	12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	FOCUS 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	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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