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

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Headlines from the Parish Council Meeting 2nd July 2024

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(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 everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the three persons present at the Public Forum.

The first to speak raised awareness of the V E Day 80th Anniversary next year and asked that the Parish Council liaise with the Social Club and Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) to arrange a joint event to celebrate this occasion. Inviting people to take their own picnic tables and picnic to bring all the community together. They suggested the Parish Council runs a V E Day House Decorating competition with the Parish Council giving a bottle of wine to the winner.

The second member of the public spoke about a recent article in the In Touch magazine relating to the *Bowls Club car park and stated that they were a member of the Bowls Club Committee. A short discussion took place with Cllr J Clark stating that this was being discussed as an agenda item later in the meeting and suggested the member of the public stays to observe this.

*Post meeting note. For clarity the area being discussed is the 'community car park' off Colster Way, Colsterworth.

The third member of the public did not wish to speak.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Cllr C Hainsworth (Chair) said they had no remarks of significance.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report

SKDC Cllr B Green Reported: -

- They gave apologies from District Cllr D Bellamy and LCC Cllr C Vernon who were unable to attend the meeting.
- Their campaign for Veterans Council Tax Relief had been voted out by the SKDC Finance Committee.
- St Mary's Church North Witham Roof – A preliminary meeting has been arranged at North Witham Village Hall at 7pm on 23rd July 2024.
- Bin collections– Let Cllr Green know of any issues. They were aware of some missed collections due to the recent road works in Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth and that a Green bin lorry was full before it had completed its round due to the extra vegetation growth.
- They reminded everyone it was important to vote on Thursday.

Updates for Council administration

1. Resolved for the Clerk to have HSBC Business Banking Telephone access.
2. Resolved for the Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee to have viewing access for the Parish Council Bank Accounts.

Agreed to open a dialogue with the Bowls Club Committee. The Bowls Club Committee Member who remained to observe after the Public Forum shared their contact details with the Parish Council.

*Post meeting note. For clarity the area being discussed is the 'community car park' off Colster Way, Colsterworth.

Updates from the Planning Committee Report

1. Neighbourhood Plan Review. On Hold.
2. Resolve to comments on Planning Application S24/0568. Additional Information - Proposed Drainage Plan dated 13th June 2024. Unanimously agreed.

*Post meeting note, Consultee Comments uploaded to the SKDC Planning Portal 3rd July 2024.

Highways & Footpaths Working Group – Report uploaded to the CADPC Website

No report this month. The Clerk gave a verbal update that the Parish Council is still awaiting LCC Highways to install the posts to attach the VAS units to. The LCC Highways Officer is out of the office until 8th July 2024.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report

War Memorial Restoration Project

1. War Memorial Project update (S Grant – Clerk) Uploaded to the CADPC Website and circulated.
2. The Architect visited the site on Tuesday 18th June 2024 and it was agreed to allow the structure to dry out.
3. The Clerk gave a verbal update received from the Architect PPIY the day of the Parish Council Meeting. Further information can be found on the CADPC website on the following link.
<https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/16/colsterworth-war-memorial?downloadID=16>

4. Unanimously agreed in principle for the Parish Council to host a Post Restoration Event on 22nd September 2024.
5. Agreed to apply to the SK Community Fund in Partnership with CFoR for a grant of £2,000.00 (closing date 20th August 2024), to install a Plaque to mark the War Memorial Restoration Project, funders and history on the outside wall of the brick bus shelter adjacent to the War memorial.

Nature Trail

The volunteers continue to work hard clearing vegetation from the trees planted at the West End of the Nature Trail. The volunteers are looking forward to the annual Summer BBQ which has been arranged for a date in August.

Clerks Report & day to day business

1. Houghton's Lane strimmed back on 7th June 2024 by the Grass Cutting Contractor.
2. Footpath 7 from Colster Way to the A1, overgrown with vegetation reported to LCCROW. Ref 218397.
3. On 06/06/2024 a generous cheque for £1,407.35 was received from CFoR towards the War Memorial sent to CFoR 07/06/2024
4. Recent feedback on village grass cutting was fed back to the contractor. An extra cut has been agreed for June.
5. Thank you to the volunteers who cut the grass at the War Memorial Gardens before the 80th D-Day Anniversary.
6. Footpath 19 - Overgrown from the Social Club to Old Post Lane reported to LCCROW Ref 2187758.

- Overgrown bush restricting the footpath from School Lane entrance reported to LCCROW Ref 2187769
7. Damaged Rectory Lane, Name plate at North Witham reported to SKDC for repair or replacement.
8. Footpath 7 - Overgrown from Chestnut Grove to A1 reported to LCC ROW ref 2191946
9. Report of a small area of grass verge no longer being cut by a resident in Gunby. Grass cutting contractor made aware and will cut the area.
10. Agreed with the Grass Cutting contractor and a resident whose land crosses the West End of the Nature Trail that area will only be cut by the resident.

Correspondence received

Council received details of correspondence received relating to speeding vehicles, lack of police presence, fly tipping, litter, damaged grass verges following the A1 closure and potholes.

SKDC Planning Applications

S24/0662 - Conversion of outbuilding to studio, erection of 1no garden structure and reinstate ground floor window. Change further window from single glazed to slimlite double glazed. 2 Water Lane, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5PD.

S24/0568 - Additional Information Drainage Plan. Dated 13/06/2024. Additional Information Site Access and Junction and Signage. Dated 18/06/2024. Erection of an anaerobic digestion (AD) facility and carbon capture, improvement of existing and part creation of new access track, landscaping and other associated infrastructure. Development East Of Sewstern Industrial Estate South Of, Sewstern Road, Gunby, Lincolnshire, NG33 5RD Comment submitted.

S24/099 - Erection of vehicular access gates along with pedestrian access gate at the front of the property (retrospective) Windward, 5 Reads Lane, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NS

S24/1000 - Proposed single storey rear extension, partial garage conversion and porch. Location: 37 Woolsthorpe Road, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NT, S24/0568 - Received 25/06/2024 Additional Information - Additional drawings dated 13th and 18th June 2024. Erection of an anaerobic digestion (AD) facility and carbon capture, improvement of, existing and part creation of new access track, landscaping and other associated Infrastructure.

S24/1049 - New dormers, roof light, chimney, porch and changes to the roof and elevations. 8A Back Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NJ.

S24/1072 - T8 - Tree ref 086L - Pinus Sylestris - Essential Tree works to Crown Lift to a maximum of 3m. St Marys Church, Church Street, North Witham, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LH.

S24/1126 - Ground and first floor extension to existing dwelling Location: York House, 26 Bourne Road, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5JE

SKDC Planning Permission

S21/0701 - Erection of timber double garage, 11 Pasture Close Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NA

S24/1078 - DEAD AND DANGEROUS TREE EXEMPTION Proposal: Section 211 notice to fell the dead trees as follows: 1) 1x Norway Spruce 2) 3x Corsican Pine. 3) 1x Larch tree 4) 4x Scotch Pine 5) 1x Ash tree. Woolsthorpe Manor, 23 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NR

S24/0881 - To prune T4 (Horse chestnut), T5 (Beech), T7 (Beech) and to crown lift T9 (Yew) to 3.5m.- To fell T15 (Sycamore) and to consider felling T13 (Yew) and T14 (Holly). The Rectory 13A Back Lane, Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NJ

Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 3rd September 2024. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

A1 LED improvements



We'll be upgrading the current lighting to LEDs on the A1 between Blyth and Colsterworth.

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Tues 30 July – Two nights - Elkesly Bridge: Northbound carriageway and Southbound lane 2 and Dover Btm exit and entry Slips.

Mon 2 Sep – Four nights – Colsterworth: Southbound carriageway and Northbound lane 2 and B6403.

Fri 6 Sep – Three nights – Colsterworth: Southbound carriageway and Northbound lane 2, B6403 and A151.

Wed 11 Sep – One night – Colsterworth: Northbound carriageway and B6403

Thu 12 Sep – Three nights – Colsterworth: Northbound carriageway and A151.

Access for emergency service vehicles will be maintained throughout.

We'll make every effort to ensure the impact on the local community and travelling public is kept to a minimum. We always aim to work to the programme, however unforeseen circumstances or adverse weather conditions may mean changes.

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Colsterworth WI Meeting 18th June 2024

It wasn't exactly "flaming June" but the sky was blue and the sun was shining as the ladies of Colsterworth WI met for their monthly meeting at the Sports and Social Club. After a bit of moving and shaking from the ever-patient Debbie, the room was set and we were ready to go. At 2pm Vanessa, our President, rang the bell and opened the meeting, welcoming the 22 members present.

Birthday cards and good wishes were given to five ladies, then Vanessa welcomed back Mrs Dorothy Wood whose talk "From Bus Pass to Student Card we were eagerly anticipating. Dorothy was a warm and engaging speaker. She had our attention from the start when she began by saying she had loathed her Grammar School and had left at the earliest opportunity. Dorothy married, brought up three children and worked as a hairdresser. Gradually, over the next 30 years she realised she had a dream, a goal, an ambition. The dream was to go to university. She yearned to be a student, to read student books and study to a higher level. In 2011 she saw that Brackenhurst College was offering a 1 evening a week, 6 weeks gardening course. Dorothy and her husband went along to the Open Day to find out more. Her husband, who was aware of Dorothy's long held ambition showed her information about a Foundation degree in Horticultural Science that he had noticed on a table. He encouraged her to take an application form home where it sat on a table for several weeks while Dorothy talked herself in and out of applying. Eventually, she filled out the form and popped it into her bag whilst she dithered about whether to post it. She posted it and was overjoyed when she received an unconditional offer! Her tutor saying wisely that what she lacked in formal educational qualifications, she more than made up for in life skills.

So, at the age of 62, Dorothy finally became a student. From the start she realised it would take time for the rest of the rather youthful

students on the course to accept her. She was, after all, not just old enough to be their mother, she was old enough to be their grandmother. She decided on some rules for herself: she listened but didn't comment, she never gave advice and she never criticised. Dorothy had to adapt too. When she was a hairdresser, a common question was, "Are you on water tablets?" Now the most common question was "Are you on Facebook?" She assured us the answer to both was no! She was gradually accepted by the youngsters and a highlight of her 1st year was when she invited to go for a pizza and then on to a night club at Christmas. Yes, to the pizza, no to the night club.

Over the next 3 years the students learned soil science, laboratory skills, plant identification, surveying and garden design using the dreaded Computer Aided Design programme which took her weeks to master and cost her many tears of frustration. There were course visits, group projects and individual assignments to be completed until at last she graduated. Dorothy said walking across the stage at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham in front of her family was an absolute high point in her life. The university years surpassed her expectations. Did she enjoy it? Absolutely! Was it hard? Incredibly! But she had, at last, fulfilled her dream and achieved her long-held ambition. Dorothy ended with a wonderful George Eliot quotation - "It is never too late to become what you might have been."

After such an inspiring talk there was plenty to think about during the tea interval. Hostesses Gillian, Kathleen and Rachel had provided a mouth-watering range of goodies. Fruit, cakes and biscuits were accompanied by drinks of tea, coffee and water. During the break Dorothy judged the Item of the Month competition. This month it was 'Wartime Memories'. The table was laden with beautiful and poignant items including, amongst others, embroidered postcards, letters home from serving soldiers a wartime wedding veil and some lovely photographs. Refreshed and replete, Vanessa called us back together for the second half of the meeting, the business section. It was agreed the D-Day tea party, held the previous week had been a great

success. Heather, looking stunning in her 1940s outfit complete with hat, dress and (dare I mention) seamed stockings, took a lot of photographs over the afternoon, one of which will hopefully feature in a Federation newsletter.

Names for the trip to Easton Walled Gardens were noted. This trip is on July 4th to see the sweet peas. Tickets for the annual WI raffle were advertised with some big prizes on offer. We were brought up to date about some Federation trips that are being planned. There is a Decorate-a Pot workshop being held at the Sleaford office on 22nd August and the opportunity to have a ride on the Ropsley Heath Narrow Gauge railway- a privately owned railway on September 6th. Looking further ahead, we were reminded that the annual Make and Bake event is to be held this year at Ropsley on 19th October. There are a wide variety of classes featuring baking and craftwork. Some of our more talented Colsterworth members have in the past entered and been very successful. Helen gave a brief resume of the NFWI annual meeting held in early June at the Royal Albert Hall. Helen attended as an observer. There were over 4000 members present with hundreds more joining in on-line. Over 95% of members voted in favour of the resolution "Dental Health Matters". This will now form the basis of a WI campaign.

The competition results were announced: Wartime Memories was won by Brenda with Rosemarie E in second place. The Flower of the Month was won by Liz with Rosemary H in second place. The raffle was drawn. We have yet to hear our July 18th speaker Anne Lawtey on Hats and look forward to hearing all about "The Magic of Stained Glass" on August 20th from Rosemary Pike. The competition is a Glass Ornament. After an entertaining and busy afternoon, Vanessa wished the members a safe journey home and closed the meeting at 3.50pm.

Colsterworth Women's Institute

Diary Date

Tuesday August 20th Colsterworth Sports and Social Club at 2pm.



Hearty Congratulations are in order for the FOCUS New Age Kurling Group. 30 members were in attendance when Clare, our Treasurer, gave us the excellent news that we had been successful in being awarded a National Lottery Community Grant. Clare had approached the Lottery Funding some time ago to see if we were eligible to apply for any financial help, to her great delight we met the criteria and she set about putting the application together. Clare got the news in the middle of June that she had been successful but could not tell anyone until after the General Election, she was bursting to share the news but it would have put the award in jeopardy had she shared it with anyone. The Grant will enable us to renew our Kurling equipment,

some of which is the original from when the FOCUS Group started 12 years ago.

Our project was made possible thanks to the Lottery Community Fund.

The photograph is by courtesy of the Stamford Mercury/Grantham Journal.



In other FOCUS news, we are starting to introduce some activities outside of Kurling, 19 members and Bobby, (Clare's very well behaved dog, who has become our Mascot) went along to the Wymondham Windmill and enjoyed an excellent Afternoon Tea in their new Events Barn. We are also looking forward to our annual BBQ in August which the club funds for its members. This and the Christmas lunch are always very popular events in our calendar. I'm sure there will be other activities to look forward to in the coming months. There is always a buzz going around the hall on a Monday morning, the friendly chatter and light hearted banter about the game. You'll find us in the village hall 10-12noon every Monday. Come and see what its all about, the age range is from early 40's to 96 so something for everyone. You'll be made most welcome.

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

On 24th June 2024 a list of plants in the Nature Trail Meadow found over fifty in flower. These included many associated with old limestone grasslands like Bladder Campion, Field Scabious and Greater Knapweed. In addition, a photo taken a few days before showed a single flowering spike of Common Broomrape – a parasitic plant not common at all. What is equally interesting is that although surveys have been conducted here for many years (the first comprehensive one in 2006) it has never been recorded, here. It is unlikely to have come in “wildflower” seed. It has a history of being considered an agricultural weed. One strain of it lived on clover and could destroy a valuable component of the hay crop. It was illegal to sell clover seed that had not been “cleansed”.

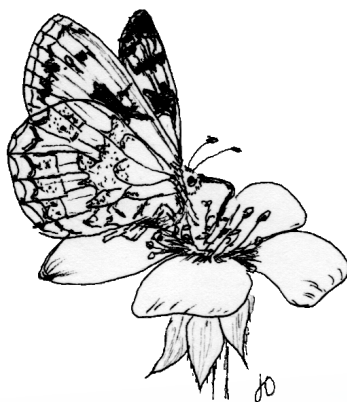
The Broomrapes are true parasites. They have no leaves. Their seeds must find the root system of a plant onto which they fasten and draw enough sustenance to germinate and eventually produce a flowering spike which emerges above ground to develop abundant dust-like seeds. Other plants, found locally, are hemi-parasites – they have some leaves but feed from the roots of others, simply weakening them.



Yellow Rattle

Yellow Rattle weakens grasses and is used as a management tool in the Meadow at the Nature Trail so that other plants can survive better.

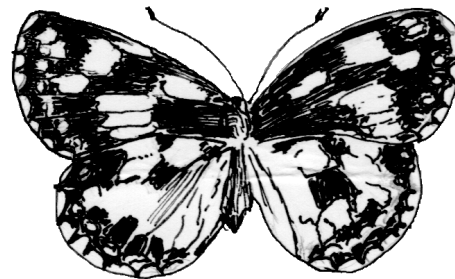
Two other hemi-parasites are Eyebright and Red Bartsia. Small and overlooked, they can in this way, flourish in the poorest of soils and conditions reducing the competition around them. Another plant causing interest this year is the Field Poppy – great swathes, turning the landscape red have appeared in cultivated fields. The seeds can remain dormant in the soil for many years until they are brought to the surface in cultivation when they have a higher rate of germination. This ability is also known in Broomrapes, all the more remarkable considering their seeds are as fine as dust.



MARBLED WHITE

On 24th June at the Meadow the sun came out and with it some butterflies. Meadow Brown, Ringlets, Small Whites, Speckled Woods and best of all the first Marbled Whites. All these butterflies have caterpillars which feed on grasses at night and stay close to their bases during the day. Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns scatter their eggs randomly whilst in flight, whilst Speckled Woods lay them on vegetation one at a time. Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns overwinter as caterpillars forming a chrysalis just three weeks before emerging as an adult.

The Speckled Wood can have several broods in a year, the late one overwintering as a chrysalis. The scatters of eggs compensate for the risky start in life by producing huge numbers of eggs. The parasitic Broomrape likewise produces clouds of dust-like seeds.



The value of regular observations in gardens can't be over emphasised.

In July young (and noisy) Jackdaws took central stage as they made their way in the world – standing up to Woodpigeons and trying everything from finding Leather Jackets in the lawns, to exploring pieces of plastic. Young Greater Spotted Woodpeckers were brought to feeders by parents. A Green Woodpecker landed on a path to feed on ants. A sadder tale is of poor success fledging House Sparrows and Blackbirds, and by the third week in July little attempt at second broods. Finally, Hedgehogs in gardens are a success story with the young out and about.

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Reason for restriction:

Highway maintenance

Nature and location of restriction:

Road closure Order -

Grantham (TTR007908)

A1 Northbound Exit Sliproad (Between A1 & Harlaxton Road)
Wyville Road (Between A1 Sliproad & Westside Avenue)
20:00 23/7/2024 to 06:00 24/7/2024

Little Ponton (TTR007909)

Whalebone Lane (Between A1 & a point 150m Northeast of Valley Lane)

Valley Lane (Between Whalebone Lane & a point 300m East)
Village Road (Between Whalebone Lane & a point 75m North)
20:00 24/7/2024 to 06:00 25/7/2024

Skillington/Stoke Rochford (TTR007910)

Crabtree Road (Between Colsterworth Road & A1)
20:00 25/7/2024 to 06:00 26/7/2024

Colsterworth (TTR007911)

B676 Bourne Road (Between Bourne Road Estate & A151 Bourne Road Roundabout)
A1 Northbound Sliproad (Between A1 & A151 Bourne Road Roundabout)
20:00 26/7/2024 to 06:00 27/7/2024

Gonerby Moor/Allington (TTR007913)

Allington Lane/Gonerby Lane (Between A1 Sliproad Roundabout & a point 1900m West)
20:00 30/7/2024 to 06:00 31/7/2024

Woolthorpe By Colsterworth (TTR007914)

A1 Southbound Exit Sliproad/B6403 High Dyke (Between A1 & a point 100m Northeast)
20:00 31/7/2024 to 06:00 1/8/2024

Bennington Fen/Long Bennington (TTR007918)

Fen Lane (Between A1 & Valley Lane)

20:00 1/8/2024 to 06:00 2/8/2024

Long Bennington (TTR007917)

Marshall Way (Closed Northbound only between A1 Sliproad Roundabout & a point 50m South)

Great North Road (Closed between A1 Sliproad Roundabout & a point 50m North)

A1 Southbound Sliproad (Between Marshall Way & A1)

20:00 1/8/2024 to 06:00 2/8/2024

Period of restriction:

22/07/2024 - 02/08/2024

Overnight only (specific dates/times for each location listed above)

(Restrictions to be implemented for 1 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:

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This information is also available in map form at

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If you have any queries, or require further information, please contact the LCC Customer Service Centre on **01522 782070**.

HELEN'S HELPING HANDS

Exciting news!

HHH is launching a new scheme to help those suffering from dementia/alzheimer's and their families.

We have incredible volunteers who are already doing a wonderful job supporting people within our community.

We can now assist individuals with dementia by providing support and company as well as respite for the carer.

It can be worrying for carers to leave their loved ones even just to pop out for an appointment or do some shopping, and we can step in and provide that peace of mind.

We are also trialing a new project which is aimed to help memory retention for those with dementia/alzheimer's so please do get in touch if you'd like to know more.

We are still continuing to provide support for those lonely, isolated or with mental health problems.

Steve Bill - Helen's Helping Hands - Project Leader

Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association



At the July meeting, Hannah Sylvester spoke on "The Medicine Chest in Your Back Garden" – Hannah a Medical Herbalist was storytelling about wild and garden plant life and trees, and how they can help to restore physical and emotional health. We tasted and smelt various organic hand-blended herbal medicines, also mixed some herbal tea bags for trying at home.

The monthly competition was a Vase of Herbs, with Jo 1st & Rod 2nd & Sue 3rd.

We also had 1 visitor this month.

Future Dates.

August	No Monday Evening Meeting in Aug
9 th Sept 2024	tbc
14 th Oct 2024	tbc
11 th Nov 2024	tbc
9 th Dec 2024	AGM, Quiz, Xmas Pies

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 (pro rata for part 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

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Rolling Stones Colsterworth (New Age Kurling)

Well here we are 6 months down the line with our New Group. What a six months it has been. We have seen our membership grow from just around 20 to an amazing 34 as of today.

Mind you, there is still plenty of room for more enthusiasts to come along and join in with us. If you have a few spare hours, like company, enjoy a natter, and of course a game, come along Thursday morning 10 – 12, Colsterworth Village Hall, and we will happily welcome you and show you the ropes.

Our Social events are expanding, and after two successful lunches at local venues, we have just had a Cream Tea Morning to celebrate Wimbledon Tennis week. This was attended by 27 of our members, who helped themselves to scones, homemade jam (thanks Chris) and of course plenty of lovely fresh whipped cream. This was followed by a Wimbledon themed raffle which was won by Gilbert, Chris, Shirley and Keith.

For the past few weeks we have been also running a "guess the Dog game", with one lucky member winning £10 and the other £10 going into social funds. At the Cream Team two cards were sold and the winners of these were Chris and Roger, well done to all winners. Thanks go to Sally and Steve for organising these events and the money raising ideas, and to Chris for the jam.

We are also ahead of the game as our Christmas Lunch (yes I mentioned it), is booked. Long before that, we will be having a BBQ and an in house Kurling Competition.

Thanks must surely go to all our members, who kindly turn up to help set up, and to everyone who so effortlessly clear away in under 5 minutes. We are so very lucky to know so many wonderful people. To end, I would like to wish a warm welcome to Tom, back after an absence due to a serious injury, and to send our continued best wishes for a speedy recovery to Steve Bill. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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Sunday morning services for August at Colsterworth

4 th August	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
11 th August	11:00am Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
18 th August	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
25 th August	11:00am Morning Prayer	Hilary Winstanley ALM

OTHER EVENTS

CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 13TH AUG 9:30AM, COFFEE & CHAT AFTER. COFFEE MORNINGS 10:00-12:00 TUE 6th AUG – HOST: SIMON JOWITT 16 INGLE COURT, WOOLSTHORPE BY COLSTERWORTH TUE 3rd SEPT – HOSTS: CAROL & PETER WHEATLEY, 29 HIGH ST. COLSTERWORTH

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As we are without a resident vicar our services are led by visiting clergy or lay volunteers, with tea, coffee and biscuits after each service. Baptism, Wedding or Funeral Services can be arranged, please contact Peter, Church Warden.

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

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COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
August 2024

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
4 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Elaine Robinson	Gill Dexter
11 th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Cheryl Sutcliffe
18 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Denhys Lambley	Gill Senescall
25 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jane Wakerley	Lynn Lewis

Open Door Lunch – August Break

We resume on Wednesday 11th September at 11:45am.

Games/Craft & Chat Group – August Break

We resume on Wednesday 2nd September at 2pm.

Mini Fete – Many thanks to everyone who supported our mini fete held on 29th June. It raised £344.46 towards our heating costs.

Villages Diary August 2024

Tue 6 th	10am - 12pm	Coffee Morning	16 Ingle Court, Cols.
Resumes in September		Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Resumes in September		Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 20 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Resumes in September		Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 15 th	12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Resumes in September		Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
September			
Tue 3 rd	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	FOCUS Kurling	Village Hall
	7:15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
Tuesdays	10am	Free Wellbeing Walk (3 rd Tuesday)	Methodist Church
	1pm	Free Chair Yoga (2 nd Tuesday)	Methodist Church
	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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