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CCNO Parish Magazine – from the editors...

Thanks for long service to the Parish Magazine

This is the time to thank Irene Crossley for her long and faithful service to our magazine: next month's magazine will be her last in charge of contributions from Caunton.

No one is quite sure when Irene took up her role as editor of the Caunton section but it was a long time ago! Each month she encouraged individuals to get their copy in on time, followed up the late contributors, checked the content, and then passed it on to the general editor. All this was done with great good humour and enthusiasm. As a result everyone was able to keep informed about what had happened in Caunton and what was going to take place in the future.

We really appreciate all that Irene has done and are very sad to see her step down but quite appreciate that it is time for her to do so.

And it wasn't just Irene. For many years her husband, Jim, did the desktop publishing of the magazine. So we thank them both most sincerely. It is people like Irene and Jim who are the glue that keeps communities together.

Elizabeth Jones
Executive Editor

Chris Senior
General Editor

Somewhere there will be a successor for Irene. To make sure there isn't a big gap for Caunton please get in touch with Irene or Chris Senior on ccnoparishmagazine@gmail.com

We need your help!

We continue to need a community-minded volunteer to look after advertising for the parish magazine in succession to Susan Twells.

If you value this publication and appreciate receiving it for free this is something you should consider – an opportunity to give back yourself or to recommend to someone looking to make a contribution. Come on people, let's be hearing from you!

Please contact Executive Editor Elizabeth Jones on 01636 636365.

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Beck & Trent churches update

February

For some February is likely to be a quiet and at times lonely month. In contrast, for others, particularly those in the Health Services it is likely still to be a demanding and frenetic time. The church year continues regardless of the state of the world. This continuity is a reassurance as we follow in the footsteps of the Christians who have gone before us for nearly two thousand years.

For the church February is a month of contrasts. It starts with Candlemas on 2 February (do read what Clare Tyack has to say about it in From the Church) and the Christmas season finally comes to an end. Two weeks later it is Shrove Tuesday with its excuse to eat pancakes as a reminder that the next day is Ash Wednesday which is the start of Lent, a time of reflection and penitence. We are suggesting that we can use Lent as a time to deepen our own understanding of the Christian faith. To help us with this Chris Perrett will be leading a study group each Thursday morning in Lent starting of Thursday 18 February. For details of these please see the separate notice.

If you need information or help of any kind at the do contact the parish administrator email: admin@becktrent.org.uk or telephone: 01636 555 082; or contact your own churchwardens.

It is now possible to give to your church online. Go to www.becktrent.org.uk/giving or use the QR Code:
It's very easy and we really would appreciate anything that you might feel able to give.



Lent Bible Study

I think it would be good to hold a Lent Bible Study, each week concentrating on a Gospel reading of key incidents in Jesus' life and ministry, appropriate to the season. This would be preceded by a short time of worship, all facilitated online on Zoom.

This will be on seven Thursdays, beginning at 10.30 am on 18th February until 1st April (Maundy Thursday), available to all who are interested.

Please let Heather Sirrel, the Benefice Administrator, know if you would like to join in, by the Monday before each date. She will then send you a link for the bible study*.

I do hope that you will be able to join us.

Chris Perrett – Reader, Beck and Trent Benefice

*Email admin@becktrent.org.uk (please note, the Beck & Trent administrator works Monday and Thursday mornings so she will reply with the Zoom link then).

Beck & Trent churches update *(continued...)*

CHURCH SERVICES

All services in our church buildings are suspended until further notice.

At the time of writing the Government has chosen not to suspend public worship in England. However the Church of England and our Diocese have decided that the choice of whether or not to continue with “in-person” public worship should be made at local level.

As we are currently in vacancy and rely heavily on the help of retired clergy and other volunteers to facilitate services, our churchwardens and PCCs have made the decision not to continue with “in-person” public worship for the time being, out of concern for the health and well-being of all involved.

This decision will be under constant review and updates posted on the Beck and Trent website www.becktrent.org.uk when the situation changes.

In the meantime we continue to explore ways of enabling us to worship together. There are various online alternatives that you might like to join in with while our buildings are closed:

- **On Sunday 7 February at 10.30am there will be a Benefice service on Zoom. There will be more details about the service on the Beck and Trent website which will include information on the contact for an invitation to join. It would be lovely to see as many as possible from across the Benefice.**
- The Potting Shed Church offers family-friendly services via Zoom at 4pm on Sundays, see <https://www.thepottingshedchurch.org/whats-on> for more information.
- Revd Georgie Hadley of the Riverside Parishes leads Sunday services via Zoom, often using familiar Common Worship liturgy and prayers. See <https://www.riversideparishes.co.uk/services.htm> for more information.
- Southwell Minster and other churches across the Diocese are providing regular online services, see <https://southwell.anglican.org/churches-livestreaming-services-2/> for a full list.

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Norwell	Elizabeth Jones 636365	
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From the church

‘A light to my path’

By the time you read this we’ll be well into Lockdown Three. Over the past months we’ve learned a whole new vocabulary as we navigated a way through the uncertainties of living in a pandemic. ‘What Tier are you in? ‘Have you got a support bubble?’ – these became familiar questions for many. Uncertainty can be difficult to live with day after day, as we’re discovering. And so it’s profoundly reassuring to know that even when things might feel chaotic in the world around, God’s story brings hope for now, and for all eternity.

At the beginning of February the Church keeps a special Feast – the ‘Presentation of Christ in the Temple’ – or Candlemas, as it’s often called. Candlemas marks the time when the infant Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the Temple in Jerusalem, in obedience to Jewish Law. It’s a wonderful story and can be found in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2 verses 22-40. In the Temple Jesus was recognised as the bringer of salvation and ‘a light for revelation to the Gentiles’ – that is a light for all people, even people outside his own nation, Israel.

As a curate I took part in a special service for Candlemas called ‘The Rockings’ at St Mary’s Church, Blidworth. It reflects the story of Jesus going to the Temple, and every year in the parish the search was on to find a baby boy born as near to Christmas as possible, to be the Rockings’ Baby. My memory is of a service filled with light and joy as the baby is welcomed and rocked in a little wooden crib which is decorated with white and yellow flowers. It’s a service that acknowledges Christ the Light of the world – the guide for all people on our journey through life.

The seasons of the Church’s Year remind us of the overarching purposes of God – that he is with us – even in all the strains and sadnesses of the pandemic. The psalmist says ‘Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path’. At Candlemas we turn from the celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany towards the journey through Lent, leading up to Good Friday and Easter.

May the light of Christ shine upon your path this and every day, bringing strength and peace for the journey.

Clare Tyack, Retired Priest

Videos to enjoy!

To brighten up our locked-down winter days you can find the best sort of Christmas leftovers at www.becktrent.org.uk/videos. Not only the enchanting virtual Crib service from Norwell but also:

- Michael Morpurgo’s wondrous story On Angel Wings rendered with authentic agricultural panache by Nigel Spraggins
- Delightful performances of Christmas carols and songs by the pupils of Norwell School
- The magnificent early 19th century barrel organ at Ossington church knocking out ‘While shepherds watched’ in great style.

A special message from Bishop Paul

Dear Friends,

As we continue to live through a further period of lockdown I want to assure you of my prayers in this very difficult time, recognising that alongside your everyday responsibilities you will have friends and family that you are concerned about and seeking to care for.



When reading Psalm 3 recently God spoke to me afresh through verse 3: "But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory and the lifter of my head". These words are spoken at a time when David is living under intense pressure, seeking to trust God in the midst of huge uncertainty about the future for himself and the people of God he was called to shepherd. The phrase that particularly struck me was the Lord as 'the lifter of my head'.

We know what happens when someone's head drops, particularly when we think of this in terms of a race - whether due to exhaustion, despondency or an unwelcome change in the conditions and terrain. We easily lose heart. All of us will have had moments like this especially since the pandemic came along.

You may have sensed your head dropping when the Prime Minister announced the further extended lockdown. For each of us, the more personal cost of this pandemic will be different: the challenges of home schooling; concern for a family member working in healthcare or key services; living on our own; caring for someone who is vulnerable or needing to shield again; coping with increased stress; grieving for someone.

We know we should focus on counting our blessings but God understands our struggle and how easily we lose heart. This is why I give thanks that he is 'the lifter of our heads'. Whatever challenges you face this New Year I am praying you know that God will be the lifter of your head and a shield around you.

There will be ways we can all draw support and encouragement from one another over the coming weeks, though for the time being this is likely to remain online. We will also be praying particularly for all who are working in our hospitals and healthcare across the region, including those involved in distributing the vaccines, and the many other key workers. For now, I would like to share every blessing for you, your friends, and your families as you move through the challenging weeks that lie ahead.

With love and prayers.

*The Rt Revd Paul Williams
Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham*

From the registers

Funerals (between 15 Dec and 14 Jan)

St Andrew's, Caunton	Charlotte Coleman	16 December 2020
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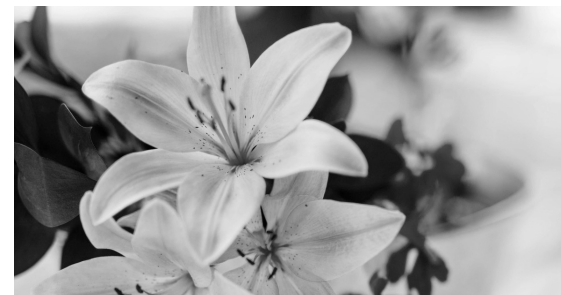
St Mary's, Carlton-on-Trent	Dennis Barker	18 December 2020
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Verse of the month:

*The Lord will fight for you;
you need only be still.*

Exodus 14 v14

Life can be very busy (even in lockdown) and times are challenging for different people in different ways, but whatever our situation, a few moments of stillness can bring a sense of peace and calm.



Where to go for help

With the continuing serious coronavirus situation and the third lockdown of the pandemic, it was reported that Nottinghamshire County Council have reminded all residents that anyone who is vulnerable, has additional needs, or requires support should contact them by emailing enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk or by calling 0300 500 8080.

Help can include accessing sustainable food supplies and deliveries, collecting and delivering medicines, personal and social support (e.g. dog walking, collecting newspapers), transport needs, and advice on physical, emotional and mental health.

Newark and Sherwood District Council is of course the official source of local coronavirus information. NSDC will be providing regular updates on current guidance and the local situation on their website (www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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Thursday 11th March

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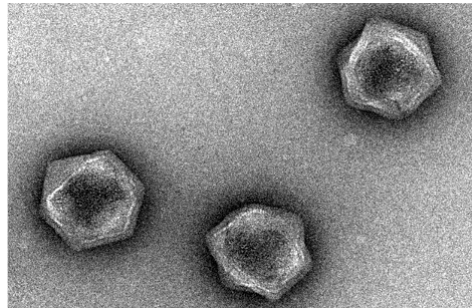
Contact office@thepottingshedchurch.org for the codes

NATURE *Watch*

Pathogens, or disease-causing microorganisms, are the main factors that drive the ecology and evolution of their hosts in natural ecosystems. Humans have evolved as social animals that live in close proximity with one another and this provides pathogens with the perfect opportunity for transmission.

Viruses – a type of pathogen – are non-living, as they don't carry out all life processes. Viruses can only replicate inside a host cell, therefore must hijack the cell and use its protein-producing machinery to manufacture virions, or immature viruses. In doing so, viruses integrate their own genetic material into their host's DNA, changing its genetic makeup and acting as an important driving factor in evolution. Almost 10% of the human genome is comprised of viral genetic material which has accumulated over millions of years.

Our knowledge of viruses continues to develop and new discoveries are constantly being made; one of these was the discovery of giant viruses, so called as they are approximately ten times the size of an average virus and are a fifth of the size of a red blood cell. Giant viruses are much more complex than their normal-sized cousins and are baffling scientists, as these viruses contain genes for metabolic processes, something previously thought only 'living' organisms can carry out.



Individual virions of the Brown Tide virus, a giant virus

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BIRD *Watch*

Mid-December to mid-January has been a time of constant, if not spectacular, activity.

More pink-footed geese have been seen, including one large party of about 200 birds, flying in three arrow-head skeins and heading north-west. Pink-feet do move about when they have settled after migrating but normally in short journeys from roost to feeding grounds. It is unusual to see large numbers flying at heights which suggest that they were travelling a long distance, and for them to be reversing the normal direction of migration. The most likely explanation is that, for unknown reasons, they were moving from east coast roosts – possibly on the Wash or Lincolnshire coast – to a more northerly ground such as the Solway Firth or Dee estuary.

The excitement at the sighting of a Great White Egret was slightly deflated by the news that there are now so many of this species in the country, including a number in Nottinghamshire, that they are no longer classed as a rarity.

A Norwell resident asked if others had noticed that small garden birds had suddenly stopped coming to feed points and we had noticed the same absence in the garden. With equal suddenness, about a fortnight later, the feed points were busy again and have continued to be. One credible explanation is that there have been so many stubbles left uncultivated this year that small birds in numbers have been feeding on spilt grain on the fields. With harder weather they have come back to the comparative shelter of gardens. One morning I saw several fieldfare on a cotoneaster bush full of berries; the following morning there was not a berry left on the shrub.

Another welcome sight was of a mistle thrush, appropriately near a livestock building. This handsome bird with its upright stance and distinctive fluting song used to be widespread but has suffered a serious decline in numbers.



*Mistle thrush
(image from
rspb.org.uk)*

Last year we were given a nuthatch nesting box which we sited about three metres from the ground on the bole of a large horse-chestnut. We did not expect it to be used for a year or two, though we have seen the odd nuthatch in most years. Shortly after Christmas we looked up from breakfast to see a nuthatch on the feeder attached to the kitchen window and it has reappeared every day since. These are shy birds and we were surprised to find that our visitor was not alarmed by movement in the room. We hope the nesting box might be occupied this year.

Peter Geldart

petergeldart@btinternet.com



*Nuthatch
(image from
rspb.org.uk)*

Caunton church news

Well, here we go again! God willing, things might start to get back to what feels like a bit more normal as residents begin to receive the much-longed-for vaccine. Till then we just have to do our bit and adhere to the government restrictions. The more we do that, the sooner this nightmare will end.



On a brighter point, how was your Christmas and New Year? Ours was very quiet though we did manage to see the grandchildren and their parents for five minutes on Christmas morning (living just two minutes away has its benefits). We were lucky! There must be others who haven't seen their families or friends for months and will be missing them enormously. Hopefully it won't be too long before they can meet again and to have the ecstasy of a much-missed hug. We hold you all in our prayers.

By nature, we humans are social beings and it is hard to have to keep distance between us but we must resist doing the same with our Lord. He doesn't want us to be distanced from him; rather he wants us to take our fears and prayers to him.

At the moment of writing, all church services are suspended though St. Andrew's remains open for private prayer.

Irene Crossley

Caunton magazine editor

No one has yet come forward in response to my request for a new editor for Caunton's section of the parish magazine. As stated, it's my intention to step down after I've edited the next magazine (March).

If someone would like to take it on once restrictions start to ease, then I'm willing to hold off for a month or so. If not, then I'm afraid there won't be an editor for Caunton after the March magazine.

Please contact me either by email irenecrossley50@gmail.com , mobile: 07814 709969 or 639123.

Many thanks,

Irene Crossley

Church Cleaning

Sat 30 January – Sharon & Andrew
Sat 13 February – Cathy & Wendy
Sat 27 February – Bo & Charlotte



Caunton community news

Caunton WI

With lockdown No. 3 in full swing, and no prospect of gathering our members together in the near future, it was decided to try and hold a Zoom meeting in January.



Paula and Steve volunteered to host the evening and, much to our amazement, it all went remarkably smoothly. 23 members logged on to hear Paula and Steve give a really interesting and useful talk on winter plants in bloom at the moment and show how they can be used to make a stunning arrangement, adding some wonderful colour to our homes during these long dark winter days.

Members who were able to join us were so pleased to be able to see and chat to friends and acquaintances, some of whom they hadn't been in touch with for some months. Many thanks to Paula and Steve and we're hoping this is just the first of our Zoom meetings as we plan to continue with this format for as long as we need to and if we can arrange suitable speakers.

Our committee arranged for pots of bulbs and Christmas cards to be delivered to all our members during early December and several ladies expressed their thanks. Some members were keen to show how they are enjoying seeing their bulbs come into bloom, giving us all hope that Spring is on its way and life is going to get better.

We wish everyone a healthy, happy and hopeful new year.



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Caunton community news (*continued...*)

Caunton Parish Council - notes from 13 January meeting

The Parish Council meeting was conducted via Zoom and included both our district and county councillors.

A verbal report under public speaking informed councillors of a meeting of local residents and a representative of the local flood team which had been instigated by a resident concerned about flood water and drainage in the vicinity of Amen Corner. Any further correspondence will be shared with the Parish Council.

A resident's letter regarding fireworks causing distress to animals and young children was discussed. It was noted that these concerns had been expressed by a number of villagers over the festive season. Households planning fireworks are requested to be considerate to other residents and animals in the type and noise levels of the fireworks and to give advance notice on the Caunton community Facebook page.

Proceeds from the village Christmas Lights Walk have been deposited with the Council for village improvements.

Requests will be made to clean up the silt deposits from the floods on Ford Lane and to attend to the blocked gully at the junction of Ford Lane and Mill Lane.

The next meeting will be 10 February at 7.30pm. Any representation to the Parish Council should be made to the Clerk at parishcouncilcaunton@gmail.com

Chris Jagger, Chair

Caunton Improvement Group

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Caunton community Christmas lights evening in December! Special thanks to those who created the fabulous illuminations and to the organisers for the trails and refreshments. You all helped raise almost £300 for the CIG which will help us buy plants for the spring/summer displays and keep the village looking colourful.

Look out for the date of the next planting session in a future edition of Parish News.

Caunton Improvement Group

Margie Asker

Steve Routledge

Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School



It is fair to say that we did not have the start to 2021 that we had hoped for as a nation. For schools, businesses, families and individuals up and down the country that meant a lot of last minute adapting to the latest lockdown.

As a Headteacher I give huge thanks and appreciation to the staff team at Dean Hole for their dedication to getting our remote learning provision up and running promptly while continuing to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to the children of key workers in school.

A huge thanks also to our families who are working so hard to support their children with remote learning. For many people this is in addition to juggling their own job commitments and brings with it an abundance of challenges as well as rewarding times.

I have found the children to be a great source of inspiration. Their enthusiasm for learning never fails to lift our spirits, and it is wonderful to observe the joy that being able to see and talk to their classmates brings through the wonders of Zoom/Teams in our live lessons.

Their keenness to help other has been recognised by the Newark Foodbank. We received a thank you email for the collection we had in the run up to Christmas. The collection weighed in at 78.9 kgs!

Our Caunton 10 20 30 initiative was up and running (no pun intended!) in January with large numbers of you joining and raising money for the school while staying active. We weren't able to have families doing a daily mile in the school grounds like we did last year but you found creative ways to reach your 10, 20 or 30 mile targets. Brilliant!

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Cromwell community news

Cromwell Parish Meeting

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Slip-road Traffic

The proposal to restrict parking of HGVs on the eastern side of the slip-road between the A1 and the service station is still proceeding despite the unexpected expenditure incurred by NCC in the pandemic.

Next Parish Meeting

It is impossible to estimate when the next parish meeting will be called. If anyone has a problem which needs parish action they should contact cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com.

Dave Swift, Chairman



Cromwell Messenger

To share news and information with the village please contact Tracy Koefoed who runs the Village Messenger service: tracykoefoed77@gmail.com or 07788 313620.



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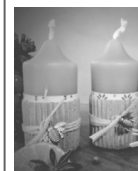
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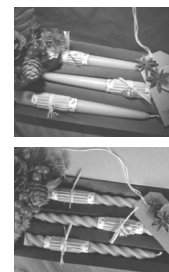
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Norwell church news

What a strange Christmas. We had prepared for some problems. We knew we wouldn't be able to hold a Crib Service so we had planned an alternative to go online. Thanks to some entertaining writing and professional filming by David Purveur, and some inspired knitting by Jane Drury of Ossington, The Angel, the Donkey, the Lamb and the Camel made their debut. If you missed it you can still see it by going to www.becktrent.org.uk/videos.



What we hadn't prepared for was the escalating numbers of people affected by Covid-19 and the appearance of the very transmissible new variant. This was discussed with the retired minister who was to take the service and together we regretfully decided to take the cautious path so we did not hold the Christmas Eve service. Numbers affected by the virus were still rising rapidly (exponential curves are very alarming things) by 3 January when our next service was scheduled. We had time to prepare for this and Alison Jones led an encouraging and peaceful service on Zoom. We are hoping there will be another on Sunday 7 February.



We have now decided across the benefice that we won't be holding services in church until circumstances improve and we'll be reviewing this regularly. There are alternatives. Please go to Beck and Trent update for all the information about them. There is also information on the Beck and Trent website www.becktrent.org.uk

At the moment we are still able to open St Laurence's on Sunday mornings between 11am and 1.00pm for quiet reflection. You are very welcome to drop in but please follow all the guidelines to ensure that it is Covid safe.

PANCAKES!!

Shrove Tuesday is on Tuesday 16 February. Sadly, we shall not be in the Plough this year, but we encourage you to make pancakes at home and remind yourselves that this marks the start of Lent the next day. However, those of you who have been to one of these gatherings in the Plough will know that there is usually something light-hearted to do after the meal. So here is something for this year...

Please translate the following and identify the language it is in. NO PRIZES. Just the satisfaction of doing it.

Patro nia, kiu estas en la ĉielo, sanktigata estu Via nomo. Venu Via regno. Fariĝu Via volo, kiel en la ĉielo, tiel ankaŭ sur la tero.
Nian panon ĉiutagan donu al ni hodiaŭ. Kaj pardonu al ni niajn ŝuldojn, kiel ankaŭ ni pardonas al niaj ŝuldantoj. Kaj ne konduku nin en tenton, sed liberigu nin de la malbono.
Ĉar Via estas la regno kaj la potenco kaj la gloro eterne. Amen.

That was easy! Now try this in the same language – every word, please!

Tiam Jesuo estis kondukita supren de la Spirito en la dezerton, por esti tentata de la diablo. Kaj fastinte kvardek tagojn kaj kvardek noktojn, li poste malsatis. Kaj la tentanto venis, kaj diris al li: Se vi estas Filo de Dio, ordonu, ke tiuj sxtonoj farigxu panoj. Sed responde li diris: Estas skribite: Ne per la pano sole vivas homo, sed per cxiu vorto, kiu eliras el la busxo de Dio.

Clue: Lent encourages us to remember that this was the time when Jesus went into the wilderness.

Please remember that we are all here to support each other. Don't hesitate to ask if you need help with anything or if you would just like a chat on the phone. This can be a very isolating time.

Elizabeth Jones 636365 emjones.norwell@btinternet.com

Norwell Food Bank

Please help tackle local food poverty

Norwell Woodhouse have been collecting for six weeks for the Food Bank at Lifespring Church in Ollerton which serves villages across north Nottinghamshire. Since March 2020 they've delivered 107,000 meals across Bilsthorpe, Boughton, Clipstone, Edwinstowe, Forest Town, Ollerton, Rainworth, Walesby and Warsop.

Norwell has now started to contribute to this. A box has been placed just inside the driveway at Holly Cottage (the house that had the big Christmas baubles, opposite the turn off to the village hall) and also in the bus stop/library near the allotments.

The foodbank likes to provide "complete meals" so tinned meals (chilli, spaghetti bolognese, Irish stew, tinned pies and so on) are requested, however all non-perishable food or toiletries are always really welcome. These goods will then be delivered to Father Mike Phillips at Ollerton.

Organisers are worried that they won't be able to help everyone who contacts them in the coming weeks as Lockdown 3 bites and families are at home 24/7.

This will be an ongoing collection so let's all do our bit if we can: every item makes a difference. Collectively we can make a BIG difference to those in need. Thank you for your support.

Norwell community news

Norwell Village Hall Monthly Draw

We need your support!

Your Village Hall has not had any rental income since March last year and it is unlikely that the situation will change any time soon! We have been successful in securing a couple of small grants but these will be nowhere near enough to cover the fixed costs which are incurred even when we cannot open the hall, for example insurance, ongoing repairs, fire safety, electrical and general maintenance. Since our popular fundraising events cannot take place the monthly draw is our sole source of income at present.

Just £10 a year will buy a number in the prize draw, giving you the opportunity to win our monthly prize of £10 and, even better, possible winnings of £75 in June and December. There is no limit on how many numbers you can purchase and there are lots of numbers available at present.

To show your support for your Village Hall during these unprecedented times, use your online banking or banking app to set up an annual standing order. The details you will need are given below. Alternatively pay with cash at the shop. If you are a new supporter contact Brenda to allocate or choose your number(s).

We want the hall to be ready to open as soon as Covid restrictions allow, so please help us to make sure that you have a safe and well-maintained hall to come back to.

Our thanks go to all of you who currently hold tickets and we wish you the best of luck in future draws!

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Lucky number winner – December

Number 75 was the big prize-winning number for December.

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Sadly due to the current restrictions this event will no longer be taking place.

Norwell Primary School



What a month January has been! It was certainly not the return to school after a lovely Christmas break that we had all hoped for! The children and their families have been amazing and we are all so proud of them with the challenge of another lockdown. January has been a steep learning curve as we learn to use TEAMS to help us with our lessons! Lots of the children love meeting up in the morning for a virtual register! With lots of shouts of 'You've got your mute on!'

The snow was a welcome sight for the children who loved playing in it and felt short changed because we didn't get at least three feet of snow which would have closed the school completely!

Thankfully we have lots of ways of staying in contact with all those learning from home but if you need any help or advice please get in touch with the school. The important thing is to keep safe and healthy until we all get back together again!

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Norwell Parish Heritage Group

February 2021

Conventionally February has been the start of the year for Norwell Parish Heritage Group. We held our first meeting in February 2006 when local resident David Gregory spoke about the Mills of Norwell. This became the inspiration for our third Heritage Booklet, Norwell Mills. Since then we have held our AGM every February. We are now intending to hold our 16th AGM on Wednesday 10 February 2021. It will be different as it will be a zoom meeting.

The short AGM will be followed by a presentation by Peter Hammond on Potions, Lotions and Cure-alls. It promises to be both interesting and fascinating. We have all heard of Boots the Chemists. But what about the many other chemists that also flourished a hundred years ago? And what did they sell? What ailments did people suffer from?

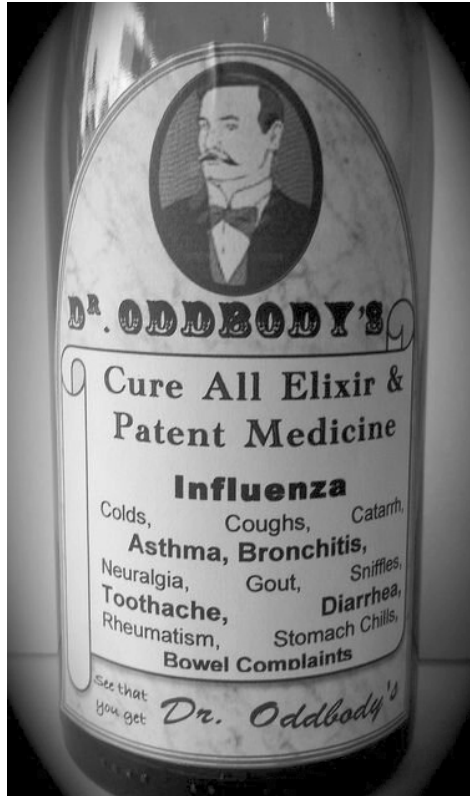
Anyone who is interested is invited to join us for this 'experimental' meeting. Please contact Elizabeth on 636 365 or emjones.norwell@btinternet.com so that you can be sent the Zoom link to join.

Some of you will remember the highly entertaining meeting at which Peter Hammond encouraged us to participate in the old-fashioned schoolroom – I am still smarting (mentally) for getting an answer wrong.

March 2021

We hope to arrange another meeting for March. The intention is to have a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 10 March at which there will be a presentation on Orchards and apples in the history of Norwell. This will be a preliminary pulling together of some material collected in preparation for the heritage booklet Norwell Natural Heritage. If you have any additional information to share about your old fruit trees in Norwell, particularly if you know which variety they are please let me know as soon as possible.

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Ossington community news

From the Church

Looking back, the Reverend Clare Tyack took a very nice Christmas morning service, with the Church being almost full to its socially distanced capacity. Unfortunately the service on 17 January had to be cancelled due to the current lockdown. The next one is scheduled for 28 February but will only take place if the lockdown has been relaxed by government at that time. Please check with the Benefice office or online beforehand.



Parish Meeting

Ossington held its Parish Meeting for the first time by Zoom on 11 Monday January. Going online went very smoothly, with a comparable number of residents attending as to a 'normal' meeting. The main business was to discuss the parish precept for 2021-22, and it was agreed that it should remain at nil.

Food Bank Collection Points at Norwell

The Food Bank at Ollerton serves a large area of the county and has provided many thousands of meals for families in need since last March. Collection points have recently been established in Norwell at the bus shelter and outside Holly Cottage (opposite the Old Chapel). If you are able to support this important initiative, the food bank would be especially grateful for donations of tinned food (particularly complete meals) and toiletries. For further information please see the Norwell section of the magazine.

Farming Update

Although winter and coronavirus are here, farming never stops – the work merely changes with the seasons. Currently most livestock are now housed to give them shelter, warmth and better nutrition during the colder months. This also allows the pastures to be rested, or possibly reseeded in the spring.

Farm assurance inspections for Red Tractor certification continue throughout the year, and one or two farms locally have recently had their annual visit. The inspection covers the whole enterprise and/or farm, and covers animal welfare (if applicable), food safety, traceability and environmental protection. What this means in practical terms is a thorough assessment of animal health, veterinary medicines used, waste management, plant and equipment, housing space allowance and vermin control, in the case of livestock. The process is similarly thorough for arable enterprises. Assessments also include inspection of all records and discussion with the farmer about his farming system and administration.

The annual inspection can take many hours, and causes some stress on occasion (particularly if the visit happens to coincide with unavoidable farming jobs such as calving, lambing etc!). Nevertheless, the process means that food marked with the Red Tractor logo is fully traceable, safe for human consumption and that the crops and livestock involved are well cared for. Behind every carrot, pint of milk or steak is a farmer doing his or her utmost to produce the best food they can, and demonstrating this to the farm assurance inspector!

There is always hope...

The new year has brought hope that things should change for the better over the coming months, with many millions of people receiving their vaccinations. Desmond Tutu said that 'hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness', and it is an emotion that has been much written about down the centuries.

The English poet, playwright and politician Joseph Addison (1672–1719) gave some thought to it in his short but inspiring poem (below). As his contemporary the poet Alexander Pope remarked - 'Hope springs eternal'!

Hope

Our lives, discoloured with our present woes,
May still grow white and shine with happier hours.
So the pure limpid stream, when foul with stains
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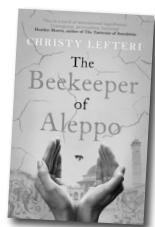
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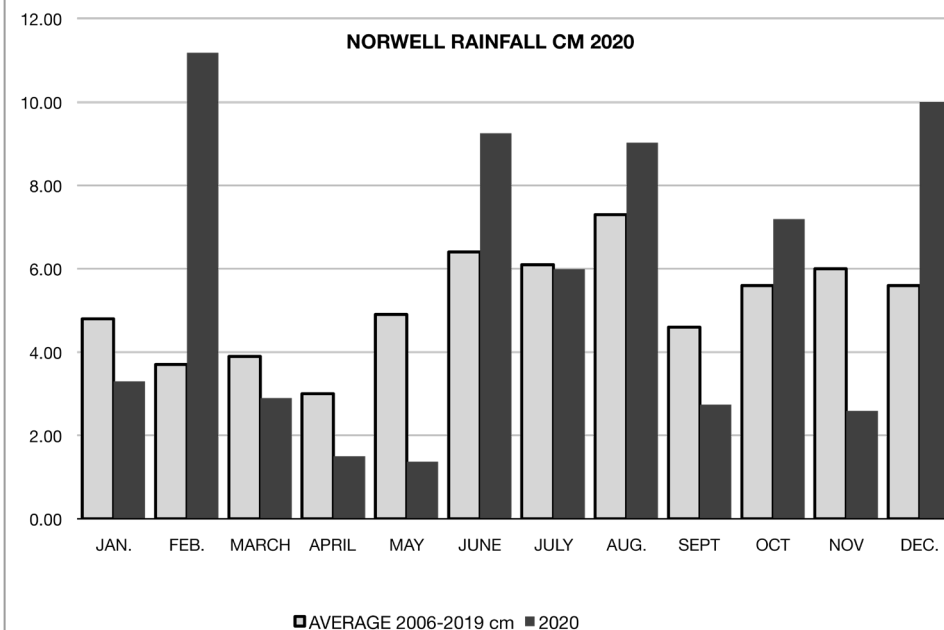
RAIN Watch

After a dry November, December was notably wet with light flooding to a property in
Norwell and the more predictable flooding to Lower Woodhouse Road by the allotments.

10cm of rain fell in the month (3.9 in) which is 178% of that expected, making it the
second wettest December in 15 years.

So what of 2020 as a whole? Of course things other than rain have consumed our
thoughts in the past 12 months but our spring lockdown was blessed with warm and dry
weather: both May and November were the driest months in 15 years of recording in
Norwell. However February was the wettest month in 15 years and, when combined with
other notably wet months, meant that 2020 was 10% wetter than average with 67cm
(26.4 in) of precipitation against an expected 61cm.

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Homeschooling the grandchildren by Zoom – again

Winter Zooming: a skiddy start but not downhill all the way.

Monday 4 January 3pm – the grandchildren are getting ready for term starting the next day: uniforms out; school bags cleared of the stray Christmas cards that never made it out of the bag onto the mantelshelf; bags shaken; the dust suitably sprinkled on the floor; chatty plans being made about seeing friends and swapping tales of Christmas presents.

Monday 4 January 5pm – bags back in the cupboard; uniforms folded away; children glum; schools closed. Another lockdown.

Tuesday 5 January 11am - strange happening at our house. The dining room curtains are closed really tight – can't have Jason, the postie peaking in: Simon and I are dancing to loud techno music (something we commonly do at 11am on a Tuesday morning!?). Yes, we are zooming again!!

This has taken us absolutely by surprise. Why didn't we see it coming? Anyway here we are again zooming two or three times a day. Déjà vu or Snap? Snap I think: our daughter and son-in-law continue working from home – there is loads to do in their 'day' jobs. The grandchildren are homeschooling; families only have so much stretch; something might SNAP. How can we help? 'Let's zoom again like we did last summer', you know the tune.

So far we have some very clear jobs.

1. Reading. A quick online order set us all up with copies of the same books and for about 30 minutes every day we take it in turns to read out loud. Currently we are reading *There's a Yeti in the Playground* by



Pamela Butchart with one and *The Midnight Guardians* by Ross Montgomery with another. Good choices; their choices.

2. School Maths. We are accessing the school learning website every day and follow the Maths alongside the virtual granddaughter. Big giggle day 1, the teacher announced the lesson focus: Invisible Numbers. 'New fangled Maths' we thought. 'Whatever can that be? We just couldn't see it?' 'Pause the video' went up our cry, giving us a moment to check with the 8 year old what was going on. She knew of course, divisible numbers, we just hadn't heard the 'd', and, promise, we were really listening really hard.

3. Dancing. It's not on the Maths website but every Maths lesson finishes with dancing (definitely granddaughter's choice. I even tried suggesting other bits of music: techno bashing is not quite our thing. But no, 'Techno gives you the best moves, Glammie'. OK, we knew that really.)

So far we have managed to squeeze in a bit of colouring, the same pictures of course, here and in London and are sowing the seeds for some shared number games next week. The children are talking about us all playing a game they got for Christmas, 'Fill

Your Pants'. Sounds like that might need the blinds down and the curtains pulled!

Anyway we are doing our best to lessen the pressure at home, to have fun with the vgc (virtual grandchildren) and to give them choices about their time with us. Their preferred choice would be to go to school and see their friends and teachers but they can't do that so being given other choices is important. (Anyone who wants to know more about that might like to read about the importance of 'Locus of Control'.)

For the rest of us let's dwell on one of the delights of lockdown. When asked what he thought about Brian Cox' Secondary school Science input the grandson replied, 'I got popcorn'. Lockdown and food: strong link.

Does this all sound a bit rosy? Early days! We have eavesdropped through the walls and, perhaps like your house, have heard: 'I hate homeschooling. I'm not doing that.' 'I'll dance but nothing else. It's all boring.' 'Mummy and Daddy need to work now.' 'Please, I'll get you some toast.' 'Hurray, I've finished, it's choosing time.' We like that bit too. Tough times for everyone.

Caroline & Simon Wyatt



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