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CCNO Parish Magazine – from the editors...

Community-minded?

For several months and in a variety of ways we have highlighted the urgent need to find a successor to Irene Crossley as editor of the Caunton pages of the magazine after very many years of loyal service to the community in this role.

On page 12, as she makes one final request for help, Irene confirms that she will cease as Caunton village editor at the end of September.

We share Irene's disappointment that, despite several invitations for someone to step forwards, absolutely no one has done so.

We believe the magazine makes a valuable contribution to community life. We hope there are others who share that view and would like to play a part in ensuring that the magazine continues to prosper by volunteering a few hours a month to edit the material provided by villagers about activities in Caunton.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Chris Senior, General Editor

Elizabeth Jones, Executive Editor



Caunton beck in the summer sunshine

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Beck & Trent churches update

Beck & Trent Parishes

Services August 2021

Sundays:	St Andrew's Cauntton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first</i> 1 August <i>Trinity 9</i>	10.30 a.m. Holy Comm- union					3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second</i> 8 August <i>Trinity 10</i>			10.00 a.m. A special service for St Laurence		11.30 a.m. baptism service	11.00 a.m. Holy Comm- union
<i>third</i> 15 August <i>Trinity 11</i>	1 p.m. baptism service			10.30 a.m. Holy Comm- union		3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth</i> 22 August <i>Trinity 12</i>					10.00 a.m. Holy Comm- union	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fifth</i> 29 August <i>Trinity 13</i>		10.30 a.m. Benefice Service Holy Comm.			(1 p.m. wedding)	

Churches will be following Covid-19 guidance. Contact details for churchwardens can be found on page 6.

The pattern of services

We seem to be establishing a pattern of services in which most churches have one service of Holy Communion each month. That of course depends on someone who has been ordained being available to take the service. This is always difficult in August so we hope you will understand if that is not possible.

In addition PCCs make their own decisions on whether or not to have additional services which are likely to be lay-led. The nature of those services will vary from church to church. Please do consult the table of services above but also check what is happening. As always, we wait for guidance from the Church of England and the Diocese about the running of the services and you may still need to book in.

Looking ahead

We are in a period of consultation around the way forward for ministry in our parishes. It has been a difficult year in so many ways and it will be lovely to be able to look ahead with confidence.

The Benefice in the summer

As things gradually open up it is possible for us to be a little more imaginative in what we are able to do and how we meet. Do look out for things in your parish and remember that you are always welcome to attend services wherever they are taking place.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM

Our Diocesan Bishop – Bishop Paul Williams, the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, came to the Benefice on Sunday 27 June and led the Benefice service in Norwell.

It was lovely to have people from all the six churches of the Benefice meeting together for the service. The Bishop preached and showed his understanding of the difficult times we have been through.

He also encouraged us to look forward with confidence to the future. Rural parishes are always a challenge, many of them have Grade 1 listed churches of venerable years, and small congregations to manage the buildings and maintain their spiritual presence in their communities.

Below is an extract from his sermon:



Texts: Lamentations 3:22-23; Mark 5:25-end.

It is not without reason that our first reading comes from a book with the title Lamentations (a sorrowful lament). We are led into the depths of Jeremiah's anguish over the spiritual state of the nation, of God's holy people, and his own personal suffering.

While the prophet trudges through the valleys of deep and desperate despondency, there are moments when it feels as though he is propelled to a mountain top, which is why Lamentations contains one of the most fortifying verses in all Scripture: 'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'

Many of us have found this to be true in such testing times over the past 18 months, especially while we have been living through the storm of a pandemic. But there have also been personal storms that some of us could not have anticipated 18 months ago.

Then there will be some among you who have faced the storm of a challenge in your work, or someone you love who has struggled with mental health, as well as for those who have been painfully bereaved. And of course, that includes all who mourn the death of such a dear servant of God, Chris Perrett, especially for Celia and the family. There will be many others who have encountered storms of various kinds in recent times or long ago.

What we learn in the storms of life, with our face in the mud, is rarely forgotten. For the prophet Jeremiah the struggle and pain seemed unremitting and though he would not see the restoration that he was convinced God would bring about, his hope remained undiminished, though stained with blood sweat and many tears.

Jeremiah could still say: '...for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'

It is one thing to say this on sunny days of the soul, quite another when your soul seems altogether lost. Here is the rock on which we can keep standing through every storm – including the greatest of all: the storm of death itself.

No morning contained more mercies than the resurrection morning when angels announced 'He is not here, he is risen!' I know we may not be in the Easter season but we are Easter people. And Jeremiah was a prophet who glimpsed something far greater than then restoration of the temple – his vision is far-reaching.

How he would have marvelled to see and hear the events that Mark unfolds in his Gospel. Here is the promised Messiah, turning over the apple cart in much the way that Jeremiah would have admired. But most significantly here is the Son of God healing the broken, setting people free from sin and oppression, bringing good news to the poor and powerless, establishing a new kingdom with the King of love on the throne for ever.

Our Gospel reading confirms the scope of his saving grace – whether you are a respected figure in the community, like Jairus, or someone people try to avoid because of the stigma of your need, like the woman who touches the hem of his garment. Jesus is not only restoring health he is healing souls for eternity.

He is also inviting his disciples to fully participate in this life-giving enterprise. Through the Holy Spirit we share this commission today in Cauntton, and Cromwell, Sutton-on-Trent, Ossington, Carlton-on-Trent and Norwell.

A complete text can be found on the Beck and Trent website – becktrent.org.uk

From the church



On retirement from ministry in Richmond, North Yorkshire as Rector and Area Dean, it was a joy for Liz and I to return to our home county. After three years of retirement I was then delighted to accept Bishop Paul's invitation to take on the role of Area Dean. This was not the retirement I had planned but of course life has not been as we planned for all of us over the last eighteen months. It seems a time when nothing can be taken for granted, which actually is not necessarily a bad thing. At difficult times of change we are encouraged to ask questions about our own lives and revisit what is most important. So perhaps writing about the word "joy" may seem a little mistimed.

In John 17:13 Jesus said 'But now I am coming to you and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.'

Joy. I want us to think about joy this month. Jesus prays that the disciples will have it. So let's begin by asking the question 'Are Christians more or less joyful than non-Christians?'

I am guessing that if we were to ask people in our villages, 'What are the characteristics of the Christian?' they would probably come up with a whole range of descriptions. I am also guessing that very few would say that Christians were joyful. Christians are sometimes thought of as people who believe in the Trinity – not a three in one God but three words – THOU SHALT NOT! If you enjoy it, it is a sin! Well the good news from Jesus is that Christians are supposed to be joyful people.

Joy is described in St Paul's letter to the Galatians in the Bible as a fruit – it is not something to be pursued, it is rather a consequence of the Christian life, a product. Joy isn't so much about happiness as the source of our happiness. Joy comes as we learn to trust in God and place our futures into his hands. Joy is about seeing the wide perspective, so Joy sustains us through life, as we recognise that 'all will be well.'

I pray that you will be able to feel that joy in your lovely Beck and Trent group of villages. I look forward to experiencing that joy with you as I get to know you better.

Canon John Chambers
Area Dean of Newark and Southwell

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www.becktrent.org.uk/giving or use the QR Code:



Verse of the month:

*The Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.*

Psalms 128 v 8

God is always with us and will always love us, no matter what.

From the church *(continued...)*

Help, support and contacts

We want to assure you that even though we have no vicar at the moment the church is here to help, support and advise you.

- For baptisms, weddings and funerals contact the Benefice Administrator, Heather Sirrel. Ring 01636 555082 or email admin@becktrent.org.uk
Heather works on Monday and Thursday mornings but will respond to all messages left as soon as possible.
- For local support and booking for services contact your churchwardens:

Caunton Irene Crossley 01636 639 123 / Caroline Harvey 01636 636 298

Cromwell Sarah Clark 01636 821 943 / Nicola Creasey 07737 545257

Norwell Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365

Ossington Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840

Also in the Benefice

Carlton on Trent Contact Benefice Administrator

Sutton on Trent Steve Hall 07772 468836



- For Safeguarding contact the Safeguarding Co-ordinator via the Parish Office 01636 555082 safeguarding@becktrent.org.uk.

See the Beck and Trent website for more contact details www.becktrent.org.uk.

From the registers

Funerals

St Andrew's Caunton (then Low Marnham)	Caroline Ann Burton	21 June 2021
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Interment of Ashes

St Laurence's Norwell	Christine Waite	10 July 2021
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Weddings

St Andrew's Caunton	Alex Lloyd Broster and Laura Clementine Christy	25 June 2021
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Baptisms

St Andrew's Caunton	Willow Ciara Handley	4 July 2021
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NATURE *Watch*

There is a variety of different freshwater habitats – from running waters such as rivers and streams, to standing waters like lakes and ponds. These are dynamic habitats as they are influenced by the weather, land shape, and soil chemistry and can change throughout the year.

There are many unique challenges faced by the organisms that call water their home. It is denser than air and the oxygen concentration is much lower (1% compared to 21%). Despite this, water boasts a wide range of micro-habitats, providing a home for many types of specialised aquatic plants and animals.

Your garden pond is its own unique ecosystem and studies have shown that ponds support two thirds of invertebrate species, more species than rivers! Ponds are also home to a greater number of rare animal species, such as the glutinous snail and the tadpole shrimp (pictured).

Furthermore, ponds provide a natural habitat for many specific species that are less likely to be found in rivers such as water beetles that live towards the margins of the pond as well as frogs, newts, damselflies and dragonflies. These species prefer the still water over the turbulent flow of a river.

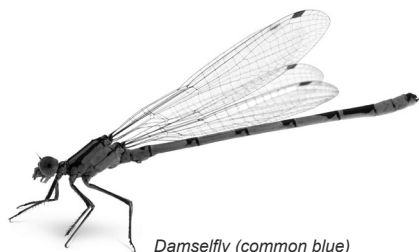
If you're looking for an aquatic adventure this summer, visit the Freshwater Habitats Trust website for their PondNet survey, which provides instructions on how to ethically complete a variety of different pond surveys, regardless of experience!

Adam Breslin

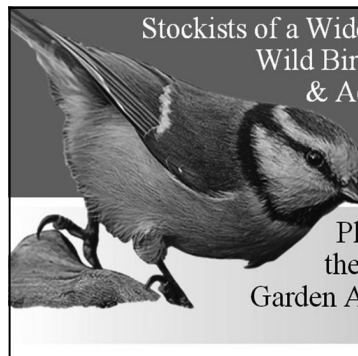
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Tadpole shrimp, *Triops cancriformis*



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BIRD *Watch*

A few of the missing small garden birds which were not in evidence during late May and June are beginning to come back to the feeders, though in low numbers. Perhaps it is no coincidence that jays and magpies are now constant visitors to the garden and both these will take eggs from the nest.

Wood pigeon are becoming more of a nuisance in the garden and their clumsy attempts to build scrappy nests in clematis and rambling roses have caused a good deal of disturbance to plants. Fortunately they are such prolific and careless breeders that we really do not feel any guilt at dismantling the nests before eggs can be laid.

There have been more reports of barn owls quartering fields during the day and though they are not exclusively night hunters, daylight raids can indicate a shortage of available prey and do, of course, make the owls more vulnerable to buzzards.

Pheasant hens have the reputation of being careless mothers, but the one which is sitting on eggs in the middle of rows of peas in a raised bed has sat tight through the open day of the garden, thunder storms and heavy rain, let alone my interference when picking pods around her. We feel rather protective of her now, though we wait with interest to see how, if her clutch hatches, she will transfer her chicks from the nest nearly three feet to the ground. Some duck species, including mallard, occasionally nest in trees and to watch downy ducklings float like miniature parachutes to earth is an amusing sight.

It now seems certain that at least one pair of red kite has nested locally, though for good reasons the location is not publicised. This year's brood will be well grown when they are first seen and the difference between them and their parents might not be obvious.

Peter Geldart
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Jay, magpie, pheasant (hen)
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Caunton church news



Cake Sale

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported the recent cake sale which was held in June for the Rainwater Goods appeal. The final total was a brilliant £543. Thank you for your generosity and also to the bakers for all your hard work.

HARVEST

All things being well, we plan to have a Harvest Service on Friday 24 September at 6.00pm. As yet details are a bit sketchy but we are confident the school will be joining us. One thing that has been confirmed: the new Area Dean John Chambers will be taking the service and he will be accompanied by his wife Liz. So please make a note of the date in your diary and full details will be in the September magazine.

Church Cleaning

Sat 31 July - Irene & Pat
Sat 14 Aug – Sharon & Andrew
Sat 28 Aug – Cathy & Wendy

Flowers

Sat 31 July – Irene
Sat 4 Sept – Bo

Caunton community news

Caunton Local History Society

It will be really great to get back to meeting members again and hearing interesting talks from our invited speakers. We fully intend to resume our indoor meetings on 14 September with a talk by Dave Mooney on “Folklore and Customs in the East Midlands”.

Unfortunately the school is having refurbishment work done and we will almost certainly not be able to use the hall in September and probably for the 12 October meeting too – Stephen Flinders’ Curious Objects quiz. We are negotiating for an alternative meeting space. Members and friends will be notified of the arrangements nearer the time by email and in next month’s magazine.

Our autumn talks will be free to those who paid membership in 2020. Visitors £2.00.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Brian Robins - Treasurer

Caunton community news

Caunton WI

Manners Please Dearest! The Dos and Don'ts of Victorian Etiquette were the subject of our speaker in July. David Allen caused great amusement as he introduced us to the extraordinary world of Victorian etiquette! He guided us through the minefield of strict rules and regulations – the Dos and Don'ts of the Victorian 'well to do'.

We had been invited to attend a Victorian Finishing School for Young Ladies where we discovered the Dos and Don'ts of courtship – how to walk, sit and talk; calling cards, dinner party etiquette, and the mysterious language of the fan. It was great fun as members were asked to perform practical exercises to become genteel young ladies, acceptable in Victorian polite society.

Certainly a very different sort of Zoom meeting!

We are looking forward to hopefully resuming 'normal' meetings in August, at the usual time and place – the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at Floral Media.

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Caunton Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting was held at Floral Media on 14 July.

Both our district and county councillors were present and briefed the meeting about possible delays at A46 Farndon Roundabout due to roadworks lasting into Spring 2022. Also the implementation of a 40mph speed limit on A616 through Little Carlton for a one year trial commencing 19 July.

The county drainage team has met the Parish Council and visited areas of Caunton most prone to flooding. This will be followed up with investigative work on the condition of the installed drainage in these areas and recommendations for potential improvement works.

The Council considered and supported a planning application for external insulation and render at Gates Garth, Mill Lane.

Support was given to the ongoing initiative for residents and businesses to register for a Government Gigabit Voucher Scheme for Ultrafast Fibre Broadband in Caunton.

The next meeting will be at Floral Media, Norwell Road on 8 September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Any representation to the Parish Council should be made to the Clerk at parishcouncilcaunton@gmail.com

Chris Jagger, Chair

Caunton community news *(continued...)*

CAUNTON GARDEN SOCIETY

Like so many Clubs and Societies nationwide our Society is hoping to come to life this late Summer/Autumn.

While some uncertainties remain as to what will and will not be allowed and seen as sensible in future months we do expect to have our first get together since February 2020 on the afternoon of 18 August at Floral Media.

Since the School is unlikely to be available until at least the beginning of November we cannot hold our Autumn Show at the School at the beginning of September or the meetings there later that month and in October but we will try to have meetings in some form and somewhere during those months. Hopefully we can return to the School in November.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Monday 9 August	
Gates Garth (Mill Lane)	10.20-10.40
BT Exchange	10.45-11.00
Deans Close – Council Houses	11.05-11.15



CAUNTON EDITOR

I have put in a plea for someone to come forward to take over the editorship for Caunton's contribution for the magazine in numerous editions, but have had no response and I feel saddened that there hasn't been at least one person to offer to take over the reins!

I didn't seriously push the issue due to Covid and the following lockdowns but I must now state that as of 1 October I will definitely step down regardless.

If you feel you would be able to take over, or would like more info, then please contact me on 639123, 07814 709969 or at irenecrossley50@gmail.com

Irene

Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

The final few weeks of school are always very busy and despite, another summer disrupted by the Covid pandemic, the school pressed ahead with as many exciting activities as we could squeeze in!

We may not have got away for a residential this summer but instead KS2 enjoyed a fun-filled sleepover in school with pizza, games, hot chocolate and marshmallows, very noisy air beds, and very little sleep!

We enjoyed an 'opposites day' when the KS2 children taught the teachers; treat activities for Year 6 leavers and Year 2 pupils who will be moving up to KS2 in September; a sports day; KS2 class performance; a Leavers' service; and a whole school trip to Rand Farm. Phew!

The school is also about to have a new heating system installed. This has been a long-planned project by the local authority and has finally been signed off and funding secured. The project is set to last for about 14 weeks with some inevitable disruption for a short while but well worth it in the long run.

As my final write-up for the Parish Magazine in my role as Executive Head at Dean Hole Primary I want to take this opportunity to say thank you.

Thank you to the pupils for being such wonderful children and the very heartbeat of our school.

Thank you to the amazing staff team whose hard work and commitment every day means that our children access a caring, nurturing learning environment where they are supported and challenged to be the best they can be.

Thank you to the governors, parents, church and wider community for your ongoing support for this fantastic and unique small school, and for welcoming me into the role four years ago. This is a very special place and I will always cherish the memories of my time here.

In September the school will welcome new Headteacher – Mr. Andy Liles. I know that he is very keen to get to know the community and, as Covid restrictions ease, to welcome the community back into the school building as soon as possible. I am sure that you all join me in wishing him the very best of luck as he settles into his new role.

Wishing you all a lovely summer.

Marie Thompson



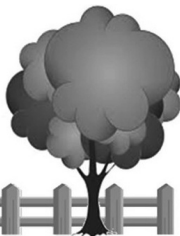
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Cromwell community news

Cromwell Parish Meeting

Recent planning decisions:

- 21/00954/house Garage with office space above, in the front garden at Althorne, Norwell Lane. Approved by N&SDC.
- 21/00861/ful Removal of the 11 month occupancy condition on 5 lodges at Milestone Caravan Park. Approved by N&SDC.
- 21/00993/ful Construction of two 3-bed semi-detached dwellings on the garden to the south of Holly Farm. Refused by N&SDC.

New Application:

- 21/01468/rma This is an application to finalise the demolition of the workshops etc at Norwell Motors, and the details of the four dwellings to be constructed on the site. Consultation is currently underway and a decision is expected on 31 August.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will probably be some time in the Autumn when the current surge in Covid cases has died down a bit. If anyone has something that requires a parish response please do not hesitate to contact cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com.

STOP PRESS Local History Talk: A sideways look at the history of Cromwell

Mr Richard Dolman has kindly offered to come up to Cromwell to present an informal talk on the history of our village. Richard, who is in his 80s, is the grandchild of Rev William, the last Rector of St Giles to have lived in The "Old" Rectory in circa 1918! The talk will focus on the lives of past members of our community along with a wider history of both rectories in the village.

4th September 2021 Cromwell Village Hall, doors open at 7pm, talk will start at 7:30pm. Admission is free and the cash bar will be open. For further information contact grantfcreasey@gmail.com



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VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM

Bishop Paul Williams, the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, came to Norwell on Sunday 27 June and led our Benefice service. It was lovely to welcome our Bishop to Norwell as well as people from every congregation in the Benefice. See Beck and Trent news (page 4) for more about his visit.

STRAWBERRY TEA PICNIC IN A BOX

Thank goodness our weather is changeable! At one o'clock on Saturday 3 July it was pouring with rain. At three o'clock the sun was shining and by quarter past the weather was perfect for a picnic – almost too hot! Strawberry tea in a box was most enjoyable and most successful. Some took their boxes home to enjoy in their gardens, others stayed in the beautiful surroundings of Norwell Nurseries and had a relaxed tea sitting at well-spaced tables. This imaginative event raised about £520 for St Laurence church. There are so many people to thank: Helen and Andrew Ward for generously hosting it; all those who made the scones, collected the strawberries and put together a most delicious box of goodies; and to all those who came. It was an event that lightened our hearts after some dark days.



MAKING HAY

This is the time of year when the areas in the churchyard which we have managed for plant and animal diversity have to be cut, raked and cleared. It's hard work, but we follow the good tradition of cutting the grass, leaving it to dry and drop seeds for a few days and then making hay. We are getting together on the morning of Saturday 7 August meeting at 9.30am for this now traditional event. Please come prepared with gloves, hats, old clothes, rakes, wheelbarrows, secateurs, strimmers – and anything else you think will be helpful. Please let Elizabeth know (emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or 01636 636365) if you think you might be able to help. The more the merrier and we should be able to provide refreshments this year.

CELEBRATING ST LAURENCE

St Laurence is the patron saint of Norwell Parish Church (his statue is over the porch) and his day is celebrated on Tuesday 10 August. Our service on Sunday 8 August at 10.00am will focus on St Laurence when we'll find out just how he got his priorities right – but sadly was martyred for it.



St Laurence's Tears

Every year we optimistically hope to see St Laurence's tears. This is the name given to the shower of Perseid meteorites which always occurs on or near St Laurence's Day. The best night to see them this year is 12/13 August. Don't worry if the sky isn't clear on that night, more shooting stars than usual should be visible between 16 July and 23 August. It is best to find a place where there is very little artificial light. A deckchair and a glass of wine is recommended.

PET SERVICE??

We're thinking about it. Let's see what happens!

Norwell community news

Norwell Parish Council

I'm pleased to report that the village recently had a visit from Via East Midlands. This was in connection with the efforts of the Parish Council to get action taken to reduce the risk of flooding in the village. They did work on the drains and also identified other work which needs to be done. The Parish Council is in dialogue with them to ensure it comes to the top of their priority list. In addition we have had the ditch on the allotment dredged which Via also believe will help.

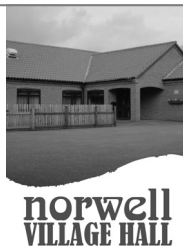
John Hobson,
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johnhobsonnorwell@btinternet.com

Norwell Village Hall - Lucky number

The winning number for the big £75 June draw was number 13. Congratulations Brenda!

Every month there is a chance to win £10 and twice a year the prize is £75! Please buy a number and support our Village Hall in this fun way?

Numbers still available to buy at Norwell Village Shop.



Norwell community news *(continued...)*

Norwell Open Gardens

The Village Garden open on Sunday 27 June and the evening of Wednesday 30 June was a great success. In spite of the continuation of some Covid restrictions which curtailed numbers our six beautiful gardens and the interest of the allotments attracted 252 people on Sunday and 102 on Wednesday. This made nearly £1,800 for the cancer support charities to which the National Garden Scheme contributes and £950 for Norwell Village Hall through the sale of the delicious teas. These absolutely wonderful totals means that Gardens opening in Norwell have now raised over £50,000 for these charities. My thanks go to all the openers, helpers and garden visitors, past and present, who have made this feat possible.

Planning for next year's opening always starts unbelievably early so that details can be published in the garden open book. Please consider joining our band of gardens opening next year in late June: being one of many gardens opening in a village takes a lot of the pressure off and all openers would agree that it is a very satisfying and rewarding experience. If interested I need to know by late August, please, but just phone or come to the nursery to chat over the possibilities.

Andrew Ward 636337

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Norwell Educational Foundation (NEF) is registered under the Charities Act (Reg. No. 528193). Its purposes are:

'To promote in such ways as the Managing Trustees think fit, the education, social and physical training of children and young persons under 23 years of age who are attending or have attended Norwell School, and also in promoting the education, including social and physical training of those who are pupils or ex-pupils of Norwell School, to support the further education of such young people and to support the social and physical activities of young people living within the Parish or who are involved in Village Clubs or activities which meet in the Parish'.

During the last financial year June 2020 to May 2021, the NEF donated £2,800 to pupils to support their home schooling activities during the lockdowns and a further £4,462 to Norwell CofE Primary School for teaching programmes and activities.

Any person or organisation which may qualify and is in need of assistance please contact the Clerk / Treasurer at richard.j.ward@outlook.com

*Richard J Ward
Clerk/Treasurer/Trustee*

NORWELL UNITED CHARITIES (NUC)

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The Norwell United Charities (NUC) Scheme permits to 'provide support to those in the Parish who are considered to be in need and vulnerable'.

At the start of Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, a 'Buddy Scheme' was set up in Norwell to deliver groceries, medicines and the like to parishioners who needed to self-isolate. NUC obtained a grant from Notts County Council (NCC) Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) which it used to pay the Buddy Scheme's communication, insurance, and some PPE costs. Everyone who volunteered made the Scheme a great success before it was wound up in April 2021. NUC also used the LIS to provide support to any parishioner(s) suffering financial hardship or other loss.

Accounts to 31 December 2020 registered with the Charity Commission (CC):

Receipts	£2,053.01
Expenditure	£757.35
Surplus on the year	£1,295.66

Bank accounts on 31 December 2020:

Current	£2,514.14
Reserve	£1,235.25
Assets	£3,749.39 plus land owned at Claypole.

The Norwell United Charities (NUC) Scheme was registered with the CC on 18 December 1906 (Reg. No. 226878). It was formed from the merger of a variety of historic endowments - Thomas Sturtevant (from 1727), Mary Sturtevant (from 1768), Robert Marsden, Mary Wilkinson, and John and Mary Green (from 1733), and Samuel Wood and Leonard Esam (from 1782).

The nominated Trustees were, and remain, three 'ex-officio' (Vicar of Norwell and the two Norwell Churchwardens) and five 'representative' (three appointed by Norwell Parish Council and one each by the Parish Meetings of Norwell Woodhouse and Carlton on Trent, the latter in 1906 being part of Norwell Parish). Due to local personnel changes (resignations, deaths, re-locations etc) there are only two Trustees currently registered with the CC.

Richard J Ward
Clerk/Treasurer/Trustee

Norwell CofE Primary School



These last weeks of school have been so different for all the staff and children. Normally we would have had joint Kite Federation Sports Day with the children and families from St Matthews cheering their children on. Unfortunately, ongoing restrictions meant we had to organise our own small in-house versions. However this year we were lucky enough to be able to have parents come and watch in socially distanced bubbles, which was lovely for the children!



The Year 5 and 6 children have had their DARE graduation after completing the programme through which they have learnt many life skills that will benefit them as they grow up. Congratulations to them all!

Year 4, 5 and 6 have also completed their Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award and even made it into The Advertiser with their daisies in support of the Newark Bereavement Centre. It is amazing to have such a positive end of the term given the year the children have had!

At this time in the year we say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move onto the next stage in their education at Tuxford and Magnus Academies. It has not been the usual smooth transition for them however we know they will settle well and we wish them all good luck. I am sure we will hear all about how they get on!

From all the staff and governors we wish all our families a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Thursday 2 September. INSET day is on Wednesday 1 September.

*Best wishes
Kathryn King*



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Norwell Parish Heritage Group

We wandered round Willoughby deserted village in June, now in July we are off to Wellow for our annual 'walk and talk' visit. We are starting at the schoolroom which has been fully restored by a lively group of enthusiasts with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. We look forward to finding out about another of our neighbouring villages and I'm sure we will have an opportunity to visit the maypole, even if we don't dance round it. Wellow also has a pinfold, and we always like to compare pinfolds with Norwell's very special one. We might learn more about Jordan Castle but will probably not be able to visit it – it's a fair step from the centre of the village. We'll report back next month.



The Beck in Norwell

Finding out about the Beck is revealing some fascinating information. We know that there are still trout to be seen; on quiet sunny days shoals may move lazily near the surface. In the 11th century Norwell had its own fishery, providing an important source of food particularly in Lent. Even half a century ago our little river was sufficiently full of fish to tempt children to go out with their rods. Vivid in many memories are eels which lurked in dark, deep pools. They could be caught in wicker baskets or with rod and line. Some were large and the writhing coil round a wrist is not easily forgotten. Sadly, eels are now an endangered species and unlikely to be seen. Any more memories about the Beck would be much appreciated, please contact emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or ring 636365.



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Sunday	CLOSED

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From the Church

The monthly service schedule continues with Canon Alan Haydock taking this month's service at 10.30am on Sunday 15 August. All are welcome. (Please remember to check on the current Covid arrangements before attending).

The church wardens continue to meet with the Archdeacons in the mission to reshape the Beck and Trent and Riverside benefices, also including the Potting Shed.

Open Gardens

Ossington House and Hopbine Farm House opened their gardens for the National Garden Scheme to raise money for nursing charities last month. Rain held off, flowers bloomed, and we were delighted to welcome many local friends as well as garden lovers from all over the county.

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High summer observed by John Clare

High summer is now upon us and John Clare captures the joys of the natural world with the observant eye of a true countryman (N.B. 'mare blobs' are marsh marigolds). Here is what he wrote in 1841 (as ever with his trademark lack of punctuation):

I love to see the summer beaming forth
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north
I love to see the wild flowers come again
And mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain
And water lilies whiten on the floods
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes
And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes
I like the willow leaning half way o'er
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings
To summer winds and insects happy wings
That sport about the meadow the bright day
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play

FARMING *Watch*

The warmer weather of last month has helped later drilled crops catch up somewhat, with oilseed rape and winter barley likely to be harvested in the first half of the month, weather permitting. Sadly it is doubtful that some cereals will recoup their growing costs, and indeed one or two fields in the vicinity have already been harvested early and sent for anaerobic digestion, to make energy rather than food.

Meanwhile, livestock farmers have learnt that plans to demolish Newark Livestock Market have been passed and a long chapter in the district's agricultural history will draw to a close. There are discussions about the possibility of the market starting again on Newark Showground but these are only in the early stages. In the meantime farmers have to take or send their animals out of the county to Melton Mowbray, Selby or Bakewell as there is no other livestock market in Nottinghamshire.

Another type of auction took place locally last month when a 'farm sale' was held on site. A farm sale in this context is not the sale of the actual farm (which may have already taken place) but that of the live and/or deadstock (i.e. machinery, building and fencing materials, miscellaneous items etc). It is a popular occasion for farmers from an area to catch up on news and gossip, especially if occurring at a less busy time in the farming calendar or if the weather isn't too promising! Farmers attending also hope literally to pick up a bargain (although the pandemic has seen an increase in online farm sales).

A farm sale can also be a poignant occasion, particularly if the farmer is retiring or the sale is not entirely voluntary. It is quite possible that more farm sales may take place as the farming industry holds its collective breath whilst waiting for the details of the new financial arrangements and grant schemes that will replace the current Basic Payment Scheme.

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk

Round and About...

TRAFFIC NEWS

Farndon Road/A46 Junction

Notice has been received from Cllr Sue Saddington that on the 19 July Highways England are to begin the long-awaited improvements to the Farndon Road/A46 Junction. This extensive programme of work includes re-alignment, new drainage, new surface, new traffic islands, new lighting, new footways and cycle tracks, and new signage.

This work is likely to continue into 2022. During the work, traffic flow is to be maintained through narrower lanes. There may be overnight closures. Access to dwellings and businesses will be maintained and any necessary diversions signposted.

It all sounds like an area to avoid if possible.

RAIN *Watch*

Due to computer problems I was unable to give comparisons to previous years for April and May which were quite exceptional months weather-wise, however I can now rectify this.



April was sunny, very cold at night, and exceedingly dry. As I have often said, April is the driest month historically in Norwell and 2021 has continued this trend: we had 0.2 cm (0.09 in) of rain which is just 8% of a typical April and the second driest April in 15 years (April 2011 is the closest we have ever come to a completely dry month with 0.05 cm or 0.02 in).

After a dry March and April, May helped refill the reservoirs with 8.3 cm (3.3 in) or 79% more rain than expected. This was the fourth wettest May in 15 years.

To bring us up to date June was another exceptionally dry month with just 25% of the expected rain falling (1.7 cm or 0.7 in.) – the second driest June in 15 years. This means that up until the end of June it's been a normal year with the dry months cancelling out the wet ones.

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Sunday 15th

Meadow Farm, Laneham, Retford DN22 0NF 11.00am-4.00pm

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SEPTEMBER

Sunday 12th

Oak Barn Exotic Garden, East Markham NG22 0SA 1.00-5.00pm

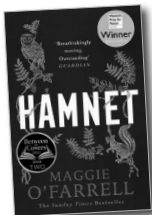
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Broadlee, East Drayton, Retford DN22 0LF 2.00-5.00pm

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Book Club

The Book Club doesn't meet in August but anyone looking for a great summer read could try *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell, our choice for September.



Hamnet was William Shakespeare's young son, but the novel is not about the playwright – who is never mentioned by name – but about love, loss and family relationships. Highly recommended.

Information about the Book Club from *Helen* 636337

Round and About... (continued...)

Home Start Newark

The last fifteen months have been hard for many people, not least of all young families. With uncertainties around finances and reduced support services many families have reached out to organisations who have been able to offer a listening ear and helpful advice during these uncertain times.

One such charity is Home Start Newark. Throughout the pandemic their volunteers have continued to offer friendly support to young families struggling with a range of issues including isolation and concerns about their children. During the past year children have not had the opportunities to socialise and develop skills as they normally would, leaving parents worried and unsure of how to cope with their children's anxieties as the UK starts to open up again. This along with the financial impact, stresses on family relationships and increased sense of isolation means many families need support now more than ever before.

Sara Grant, manager at Home Start Newark told us "We had to adapt our services during the last year, in line with restrictions. This was hard for families but we were able to continue a level of support with regular phone calls and zoom. We are now seeing an increase in referrals with families struggling with a range of issues as



lockdown eases and we need more trained volunteers to keep up with the demand"

Fortunately, Home Start Newark have been able to secure funding to ensure their vital service can continue in Newark and surrounding areas.

Home Start Newark offers a unique, confidential befriending service to parents of children under the age of five, by carefully matching them with volunteers who have been parents themselves to offer understanding, non-judgemental support. To meet the demand for this service as restrictions are eased, more volunteers are needed. Home Start Newark also offers family group support which also has volunteering opportunities.

With a volunteering training course starting in September, anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Home Start Newark on 01636 705011, email info@homestartnewark.co.uk or find us on social media.

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