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CCNO Parish Magazine – from the editors...

Thank you to Irene Crossley

On page 16 you will find an au revoir from our friend and long-standing Caunton Editor Irene Crossley.

As Irene explains she has been responsible for editing the Caunton pages for no less than 20 years! As a month-in-month-out voluntary commitment this is impressive by anyone's standards.

Congratulations Irene on your staying power, and a hearty 'thank you' on behalf of all the magazine's readers for your continued service to the community.

We are grateful that you will continue to provide news about events at Caunton church and we continue to hope that in God's good time someone may be inspired to step into your shoes as editor of the Caunton pages overall.

Elizabeth Jones, Executive Editor
Chris Senior, General Editor

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Beck & Trent churches update

By the time you read this some churches will have celebrated harvest, others will have services arranged for the beginning of October. Every church celebrates harvest in its own way, but we all recognise that we do need to give thanks for all those who work so hard throughout the year to provide food for us. It is so easy to take our daily bread, breakfast cereals and much else for granted. As we see loads of straw and lorries of grain moving through our villages we are reminded that it is also a time when people work together. The opportunities to get the harvest in are limited by time and weather and it requires a mighty effort to get everything done. It is not unusual to hear people working in the fields well into the evening when the light has gone. So, thank you to everyone who works the land.

Harvest is followed by the preparation of the land for the future. We are much at that stage in the Benefice. Consultations and discussions continue about the way ahead. We wait for the outcome of the deliberations. The uncertainties about the future have not stopped the churches holding their regular and much appreciated services, but some are also beginning to introduce new ways of worshipping. As before we do thank all the retired clergy who so generously give their time to take services for us.

November is the month when we think about Remembrance. The Group Council is already planning for Remembrance Sunday on 14 November and will make sure that each church is able to gather in a way that is familiar for them.

Beck & Trent Parishes

Services October 2021

Sundays:		St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first</i>	3 Oct. <i>Trinity 18</i>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion			6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival	10.30 a.m. Joint service with Methodists – chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second</i>	10 Oct. <i>Trinity 19</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church Community centre	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion – Harvest
<i>third</i>	17 Oct. <i>Trinity 20</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	<i>Fri 15 Oct.:</i> 7 p.m. <i>Memorial service</i>	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth</i>	24 Oct. <i>Last after Trinity</i>			10.00 a.m. Service of Praise		10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fifth</i>	31 Oct. <i>4th before advent</i>		10.30 a.m. Group Service Holy Communion			3.00 p.m. Harvest Festival	

Churches may still be following Covid-19 precautions. Contact details for churchwardens can be found on page 5.

From the church



BLESSED ARE THE GENTLE

St James, in his epistle to the 'twelve tribes of the Dispersion', describes the human tongue in the following terms: 'With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God' (James 3.9).

What St James says about our tongue is equally applicable to every other form of human communication: the letter, the telephone, the email, the internet, and so on. They are powerful means of spreading both love and hatred.

The rise of social media over the past couple of decades has lifted this potency to a new level, particularly with regard to its negative possibilities. More and more people are now emboldened to 'curse those who are made in the likeness of God', often under the protection of anonymity, and to share their torrents of abuse with all and sundry. Celebrities, politicians and just about anyone in the public eye, as well as ordinary people, can soon become both victims and perpetrators of this madness. The standard of political debate, in particular, has degenerated to a deplorable level. Angry tweets have replaced serious discussion.

In this fraught and frantic culture we need to take heed of Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount and St Paul's teaching in his Letter to the Galatians. St Matthew records Jesus' words, 'Blessed are the meek' (Matthew 5.5), while St Paul encourages the Galatians to seek the fruit of the Spirit, which includes 'gentleness' (Galatians 5.23). Indeed, the Greek word for both 'meek' and 'gentle', *praos*, occurs a number of times in his epistles. St James also tells his readers, 'Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom' (James 3.13; see also verses 17-18).

The link between gentleness and wisdom is an important one. The first is a fruit of the Spirit. The second is a gift of the Spirit. If we cultivate the gift we will be able to produce the fruit. There is no wisdom in either the individual life or the communal life which promotes the denigration and humiliation of those with whom we disagree or whose worldly 'success' we envy. Such behaviour pollutes the environment in which we and everyone else has to live.

If, to use a well-worn phrase, we want to 'make the world a better place' we must pursue the wisdom of gentleness. We must ensure that this wisdom of gentleness governs all our forms of communication, whether spoken or written. By this we will help to create an environment in which we all can be valued and respected. After all, as Jesus says, it is the gentle people who will inherit the earth.

Jim Wellington, retired priest

It is possible to give to your church online. Go to
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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	Evelyn Margery Tranter	6 Sep 2021
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Weddings

St Andrew's Caunton	Warren Spike Sellers and Catherine George	4 Sep 2021
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Verses of the month:

'Above you are God's overshadowing wings.'

Psalm 91 v 4

'Beneath you are God's everlasting arms.'

Deuteronomy 33 v 27

Thank you, Heavenly Father.

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WHY WORSHIP?

12/9 Introduction: Tuning Up
19/9 Why Worship?*

26/9 Who We Worship*

3/10 RISE & SHINE CELEBRATION: HARVEST

10/10 Where We Worship 1: Together*

17/10 Where We Worship 2: On Our Own*

24/10 How We Worship: All the Time + Everywhere

31/10 RISE & SHINE CELEBRATION: LIGHT

7/11 Worship and Intimacy*

14/11 Worship as Surrender*

21/11 Worship as a Weapon*

28/11 RISE & SHINE CELEBRATION: ADVENT

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19th Nov
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NATURE *Watch*

Parasitoids are distinguishable from parasites as they deposit their eggs on or within a host, consuming it before eventually killing it. Parasites on the other hand require the host to remain alive so they can continually extract nutrients from it. Parasitoids were featured in last October's edition of Naturewatch and I have received a number of reports of these fascinating critters lurking throughout local villages, so they feature again!

I received report of a *Dolichomitus imperator* female (pictured) found lurking on a bee house. Although the adults feed on nectar, the same can't be said for their larvae. Females feel around on the bark of trees, tapping and listening for movement and vibrations of the beetle larvae which she seeks, often deep within. She then uses her long ovipositor to drill a hole into the tree with all the precision of a hypodermic syringe, before injecting her eggs into the larva. Once her own eggs have hatched, her larvae will consume the beetle larva.

Another report I received was of one the largest of parasitoids in the UK, *Callajoppa exaltatoria*, found lurking in a bathroom. The host is the rather large caterpillar of the privet hawk moth, which is food for the growing larvae. When the caterpillar pupates, the larvae emerge, preventing the metamorphosis to a moth, killing their host. Although harmless to humans, they have been known to use their ovipositor to sting their assailant, so beware if trying to handle one!

Adam Breslin adamnaturewatch@gmail.com



Dolichomitus imperator female with a long ovipositor.



Closely related and often confused with *Callajoppa exaltatoria*, this is a *Callajoppa cirrogaster* female laying at the moment she is laying her eggs in a Lime Hawk



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BIRD *Watch*

As if to confirm that at least one pair of red kite has bred locally I recently saw an immature bird over Ossington. Not only was the kite noticeably smaller, but the fork in its tail was shallower than it would be on a mature bird: it seems that the fork becomes more deeply indented as the bird grows.

People are expressing concern that the number of raptors of several species is growing to a worrying level and buzzards and sparrow-hawks are the most frequently seen taking prey. Raptors do have their place and are remarkable birds for their beauty, speed and agility. They, too, must feed and, in general, their prey species will be able to breed at a rate which ensures that the raptors do not reduce populations to unsustainable levels.

Problems arise when raptors are seen to prey on birds which are particular favourites or which are genuinely on the list of birds at risk. A buzzard was seen to take a grey partridge chick recently and, though these are enjoying a real growth in numbers, they are still vulnerable. In severe weather or during a failure of food sources, both of which can reduce populations, particularly of the smaller prey species, there can be real concern about levels of predation, but even then it is likely to be dangerous only where the number of predators has grown to exceed the food supply.

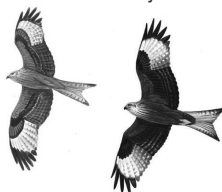
The control of predators is an emotive and difficult issue but, where one predator species is breeding so successfully that its numbers are an existential threat to other species, it is an issue which has to be faced.

After a few months of apparent absence there has been a number of sightings of little egrets near these villages, or perhaps they have become so numerous that they are not thought to be worth reporting?

We are now waiting for the Autumn migration to begin and are keen to see what unusual visitors it might bring.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

Red kite: juvenile and adult



Buzzard



Grey partridge juvenile



Little egret



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FARMING *Watch*

The nights are beginning to draw in quite noticeably and it is hoped that after a 'stop/start' harvest most crops are now safely harvested. The 2020-2021 growing season has been difficult from start to finish with wet and dry weather arriving or continuing at all the wrong times. There are crucial weather 'windows' during the growing year when all farmers hope for the optimum weather to aid germination, growth and ripening. Unfortunately, these periods have been few and far between so there will be no record yields this year!

Crane flies have been more abundant than in some years. Otherwise known as daddy long-legs, they can be a significant pest if in large enough numbers. The daddy long-legs flying haphazardly into houses are the adult non-feeding stage of the life cycle. In the late summer and early autumn they emerge from the soil to mate before dying after only 10-15 days. The eggs are often laid in moist grassland (or lawns!), with the pupal stage (a greyish larva also known as a leatherjacket) causing damage to roots of grasses and cereals over winter and particularly in the early spring. If a significant number are present they can cause bare patches in fields and lawns. Crane flies are difficult to control but biological methods are being trialled.

Autumn cultivations continue in order to get seed safely into the ground. Hedge cutting is also well underway, so there may well be slow tractors with drivers concentrating on the hedge 'line' to watch out for!

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk



RAIN *Watch*

August is historically the wettest month of the year in Norwell (7.4 cm, 2.9 in), but not this year.

That's not to say we had beautiful weather. Although it was dry especially in the east, it was wetter in the west, and generally cool and very grey for weeks.



We had 3.7cm, 1.5 in which is exactly half the expected amount of rainfall. This means that the year to the end of August is 2% drier than normal – the very wet months have been counterbalanced by the very dry.

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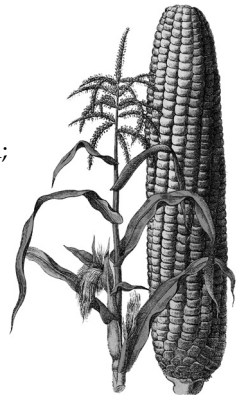


Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.



Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.



Caunton church news



As I'm writing this the much-needed rain is steadily falling and the parched earth is happily soaking it up. Luckily, farmers have been able to harvest their crops and bale the straw and are now busy preparing the earth for next year. We can now see that autumn is in full swing – the days are shorter, nights are drawing in and there's a distinct chill in the air. And yes, if you want to start your Christmas shopping, shops are now filling their shelves with festive produce!!

We are looking forward to having the Harvest Festival service and supper in church, and I'll let you know how it went in the November issue.

October is a quiet month in the church calendar and it gives us time to plan for the build up to Christmas and the New Year. As yet services, dates and timings haven't been confirmed so look out for them in November's issue.

We will be having a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 14th November but, as yet, no time has been agreed. Again, look out for November's issue.

St. Andrew's relies on volunteers who are willing to keep the interior of the church looking as good as it does. But we could always do with more help to join our teams of cleaners, readers and flower arrangers. If you would like to know more, please contact me on 639123, 07814 709969 or irenecrossley50@gmail.com

October rota – St Andrew's church

	READER	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE	FLOWERS	CLEANERS
Sat 2nd				Pat	Mike & Mary
Sun 3rd 10.30am	Caroline	Irene	Pat & Irene		
Sat 9th					Joy & Dave
Sat 16th				Irene	Joy & Dave
Sat 23rd					Pat & Irene
Sat 30th					Pat & Irene
Sun 6th Nov				Irene	Sharon & Andrew

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Monday 4 October

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Deans Close – Council Houses

10.20-10.40am

10.45-11.00am

11.05-11.15am



Caunton community news

Caunton Diary

Mon 4th	10.20am	Mobile library **
Tues 5th	7.30pm	WI at Floral Media **
Tues 12th	7.30pm	History Society meeting in school **
Wed 13th	7.30pm	Parish council meeting at Floral Media **
Fri 15th	2.30pm	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in school **
Fri 15th	3.30pm	School Half Term commences
Sat 16th	10.30am	School Stew Day **
Wed 19th	TBC	Garden Society meeting **

*** Details elsewhere in magazine*

Caunton Local History Society

It was really great to meet up again as a Society after 18 months of closure, even if other circumstances meant the attendance was somewhat reduced. With the school hall out of action, we held a meeting on 14 September sitting on the chairs in the church.

We heard the shocking tale of the affray in 1851 involving desperately poor local men who had hungry families to feed and so formed a gang to do a bit of poaching near what is now The Limes café, Bilsthorpe, part of Rufford Park back then. The owner of Rufford, John Lumley-Savile, son of the Earl of Scarbrough (that's how it was spelled) got wind of what was planned and organised a party of gamekeepers, armed with flails that can cause severe injury. At least one of them had pistols. After a running battle, several men were arrested and tried in Nottingham. Scores of witnesses were present and wished to swear that at least one of the men could not have been present, but the judge did not allow them to testify. He virtually directed the jury to find the defendants guilty and they were sentenced to 40 years transportation.

Our entertaining speaker was Sam Millard, who used to be Head at Dean Hole School a number of years ago, who illustrated the talk with a wealth of pictures and objects. Afterwards we enjoyed refreshments provided by Pat and Irene.

All being well we should be back in the school Community Centre for our next meeting on 12 October when Stephen Flinders will present us with a lighthearted quiz, "The Old Curiosity Box". Free for members, £2 for visitors.

Brian Robins - Treasurer

Caunton community news *(continued...)*

Caunton Parish Council – Notes from 8 September meeting

Both our district and county councillors were present together with several members of the public.

Under public speaking the meeting was briefed on the latest plans for a new dwelling at the Bothy and members of the public outlined the detail of their submitted objections.

Feedback to our county councillor on the new 40mph speed limit on the A616 questioned why it started at the top of the hill at the turning to Kelham rather than closer to Little Carlton boundary sign.

The chair reported that he had met with Andy Liles, the new headteacher at Dean Hole C of E Primary School. It is hoped that community use of the School premises could be reinstated in the next few months.

The Council considered seven planning applications and supported five of them with no comments being recorded for amended building plans for Plot 2, Norwell Road and for a new dwelling at The Bothy, Mill Lane.

An allotment open day and hog roast is planned for Sunday afternoon on 26 September.

An additional village entrance sign on Norwell Road and a new greenhouse at the allotment site are being progressed.

The meeting thanked Penny for refurbishing and painting the telephone kiosk and post box.

The next meeting will be at Floral Media, Norwell Road on 13 October 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

Chris Jagger, Chair

The Garden Society

The Society had its first meeting since 18 February 2020 when 28 members gathered in the gardens of Floral Media on 18 August. It was a truly great experience to be able to meet together as a Society once again. Paula and Steve looked after us really well as they walked us around their splendid gardens, explaining about the planting and their plans for the future. We then had tea and cakes and the opportunity at last to resume past friendships. Paula demonstrated how to make a super hand-tied flower arrangement which was then raffled for charity. All in all it was a terrific afternoon and one that we will all remember for a long time to come.

We're hoping to meet each month in some shape or form from now on and by the time you read this we will have had our September meeting – a get together at Norwell Nurseries. We have yet to organise anything specific for October or November but we hope to be back at the School for the latter date.

Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

The new school year is upon us and children have returned to our school. It has been heartening to see our pupils so happy to see one another again; and now that bubble restrictions have been lifted, our younger students have been able to mix with their younger counterparts far more regularly, especially at break times. We have been able to resume whole-school assemblies in the hall, including a lot of singing practice, which has brought a skip in children's steps and smiles on their faces!



Keeping everything crossed that we are able to remain open, the staff and I are excited to be reinstating some of our traditional dates for the calendar that had to stop because of the pandemic – including the Harvest festival and Christmas services. We are also working with the church to organise additional visits to the church and take advantage of this most beautiful learning resource in our village.

At Caunton Dean Hole we have begun Delightful Disciple, a new weekly award for which children in the junior classroom identify potential winners from the infants and vice versa. This has really helped our children see the best in one another and allows them to reflect on our school values being put into action.

I urge you to keep up to speed with all of our goings on by visiting the Caunton Dean Hole Primary School Facebook page, on which I post a video update each Friday!

I am in the process of meeting colleagues from the village's various groups and societies and am hopeful that the school can play an increasing part in the life of the village. It will be good to hear from you over the coming months about how you may like to get involved yourself.

Andy Liles

~ Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Stand Up To Cancer and Cake Sale ~

School is delighted to be hosting this year's Macmillan Coffee afternoon, combined with a cake sale, on Friday 15 October. It starts at 2.30pm until 4.15pm.

Please come along if you can to support this worthy cause.

Stew Day

You'll be happy to know that on Saturday 16 October, Sharon (school cook) will be providing a two course meal of Beef Stew (vegetarian option) with dumplings and mashed potato plus apple crumble – both courses for £7.50. They will be placed in foil containers with lid, to be collected by 10.30am.

It's very important that you book, and payment to be made at the time of booking, either by cash or cheques made payable to Caunton Dean Hole Primary School. Contact Sharon 636641 or Pat 636523 to book and to indicate if there are any dietary needs.

FAREWELL

Well, my time as Caunton editor of the Parish mag comes to an end on 1 October after 20 years.

When I took it over from Mary Elston, it consisted of one A4 sheet folded to make four pages. Over the years it has evolved into the brilliant booklet that falls on our, as well as Cromwell, Ossington and Norwell's, doorsteps every month, and I feel privileged to have been a part of that transformation.

There are so many people who, over the years, have sat down to write articles for you all to enjoy, and I wish to thank them all – they are too numerous to name individually.

Thanks also to Elizabeth Jones and Chris Senior for your help, encouragement and patience. Also, very special thanks to David and Susan Twells.

As churchwarden of St. Andrew's, I shall continue to do the church news and rotas, but as no one has come forward to take on the role of Caunton Editor, future articles need to be sent to Chris Senior (ccnparishmagazine@gmail.com) who is the general Editor. Having to send things over to Chris will undoubtedly add to his workload and I feel so sad that there isn't one person who has stepped forward, even to make an enquiry!

So, for the last time, I'm signing off as Caunton Editor.....

Irene

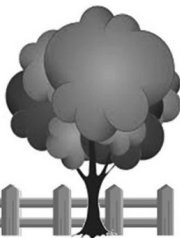
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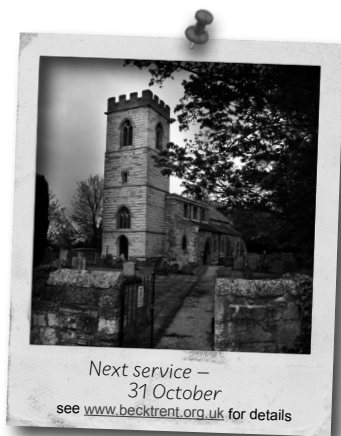
On Monday 4 October there will be a Parish Meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Parishioners may raise any topic of local importance for discussion. All are welcome to attend, speak and, if necessary, vote. Wearing of face masks is no longer compulsory but may be advisable.

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ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH IN OCTOBER

The year moves on. We had our Harvest Celebrations at the end of September which can mark the end of the farming year. Also, the school have had their harvest service in church. It is lovely to be able to welcome them back to the church after such a long time when it was not possible. Some of the new ones will not have been there before and it is always such a pleasure to see the expression on their faces as they look up amazed by the height of the roof.



There will be two services in Norwell in October:
Sunday 10 October at 10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 24 October at 10.00am Service of Praise!



PRAISE!!!

The service at the end of October will be more informal and will focus on favourite hymns and choruses of praise. We'll be finding out what inspiration was behind them and how they link up with passages in the Bible. This is not something we have done before. If you have a favourite hymn or chorus do let us know and we'll do our best to include it. The service will be suitable for all ages and will be very relaxed.

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH IN NOVEMBER

This really is an advance notice. Remembrance Service is on Sunday 14 November. We are planning for our usual start at 10.45am. The Act of Remembrance will be at the War Memorial at 11.00am. We are delighted that the Last Post and Reveille will be played. As always this will be a joint service with Ossington and this year Cromwell may be joining with us as well.

Norwell community news

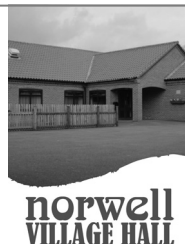
Norwell Village Hall

Monthly Draw

The winners for August were Kris and Adam Grief with number 86.

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

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



Norwell Parish Council

There was no Parish Council meeting in August so instead we met a couple of times to discuss priorities for the Council. These are not 'business as usual' issues but projects that we hope will make a difference to the quality of life for residents. We are interested in your views and will have a face-to-face meeting where we can discuss the suggestions. In the meantime, please send me your comments and suggestions by email and if you would like to get involved, please do let me know.

The priorities we came up with were:

- Road safety and speeding
- Reducing crime
- Creating and improving accessible green spaces, including the playpark
- Establishing a regular village fete/festival
- Restoring the phone box in Norwell Woodhouse that houses the defibrillator
- Green issues: Establishing some green car charging points and a Facebook page promoting green issues
- Safeguarding village assets
- Improving the bus service.

John Hobson,
Chair, Norwell Parish Council
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Norwell community news *(continued...)*

NORWELL UNITED CHARITIES (NUC)

Registration no. 226878

A brief history

The Charities' assets at the end of 2020 consisted of £3,749.39 in cash and some land at Claypole from which we receive a small annual income. This overall sum may seem small by comparison with today but in times gone by would have been considered huge. In 1906 the NUC was formed by amalgamating several local charitable bequests explained below.

Thomas Sturtevant

This is the earliest recorded charity. In 1727 Thomas endowed the school with four acres of land at Holme, £3 from this income being paid to the Schoolmaster as an annual stipend for teaching six children elected by the Trustees, and a further 10 shillings (now 50p) to the Vicar for preaching an annual sermon. The Trustees were probably the Vicar and the two churchwardens of the day.

Robert Marsden, Mary Wilkinson and John and Mary Green

In December 1733 money bequeathed by the above benefactors was brought together to buy the land at Claypole. Initially £1.10 shillings (£1.50p) from this income was paid to the Overseers of the Poor, with the remainder being carried over to the school account.

Mary Sturtevant

In 1768 Mary made two endowments. She bequeathed the interest from £100 of her savings to buy blue cloth for coats and hats for the poor boys and blue material for gowns for the poor girls. These twelve boys and twelve girls were known as Foundation Scholars and were educated in the Charity School. They received their clothing every year on Easter Sunday and the practice only ended in 1931, less than a century ago.

Mary also bequeathed £60 to provide 15 penny loaves to be distributed every Sunday to those poor of the Parish who attended Divine Service and a further £25 to be invested. The income from this used to provide flax for five poor widows from the Parish to spin.

Leonard Esam

Also, in 1768 Leonard Esam's Charity provided £1 per year to be distributed amongst the poor of the Parish on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday).

Samuel Wood

In 1782 Samuel made provision from his Charity to educate four poor boys, two from Norwell and two from Norwell Woodhouse at the Charity School.

Following the amalgamation of the charities in December 1906, 75% of the net yearly rent from the land at Claypole and £2 from the Samuel Wood Charity was paid to the Norwell Educational Foundation who had with the Diocese (CoE) been the Managers of Norwell School. This management responsibility was largely removed by the Education Acts of 1902, 1944 and 1996. The 'new' school opened in 1966.

The remaining income is to be disbursed to the poor of the Parish as the Trustees see fit. This covers clothing, linen, bedding, fuel, tools, medical aids, food or other articles in kind or as a temporary relief in money by way of a loan or otherwise.

Richard J Ward Trustee/Clerk/Treasurer

Looking ahead

The arrival of autumn seems to be the time for looking forward and planning for the coming year. So, in a spirit of optimism, we are planning a programme for the rest of 2021 and the beginning of 2022. We are anticipating we'll be able to meet face to face in the Village Hall as usual but, failing that, it will be back to Zoom.

We are meeting on **Wednesday 13 October at 7.30pm** in Norwell Village Hall when Julia Davies will be talking to us about the **History of Brackenhurst: hall, gardens and inhabitants**. The history of the Hall is long and fascinating; it has been much more than a campus of Nottingham Trent University (interesting though that is in itself).



Brackenhurst as a military hospital in WW1

On **Wednesday 17 November** Natalie Braber from Nottingham Trent University will be introducing us to **East Midlands accents**. We are hoping it might help to explain some of the strange spellings we encountered when we were transcribing Norwell Town Book.

It is too early to be thinking properly about December and Christmas. But we are having thoughts for a Christmas party and?? ! on Wednesday 8 December.



Below: Re-enactment of the distribution of Mary Sturtevant's penny loaves (see article on page 22) when the Festival of the Beck took place in 2005.



Norwell CofE Primary School



It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school. It has been a very busy start to the new school year and it looks like we will be continuing with many exciting events in the lead up to Christmas.

Already this term the children have participated in Harvest Festival celebrations at St Laurence church. It was lovely for all the children to be able to celebrate in the church again. Parents and carers were very generous with all proceeds going to Beaumont House – thank you everybody!



We had our first school trip in September when the children travelled to Murton Park in York to take part in a Roman-themed day to complement their topic subject in school. We were all excited to be taking part in a school trip again and all the children had an exciting day!

We are especially pleased to be able to welcome visitors back into school! We were able to host our Macmillan Coffee Morning and treat our parents and families to a cup of coffee and a slice of cake in school. The children and staff all really appreciate the "return to normality" and the opportunities it offers. We look forward to sharing with you all the exciting Christmas events we have planned at a later date.

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From the Church

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Dog Fouling in the Churchyard (and elsewhere)

During the Ride and Stride event involving Holy Rood last month, many people walked their dogs through the churchyard during the day and did not pick up after them. Apart from the health hazard, the churchyard is consecrated ground and should be treated with respect. This goes for other areas too – it is particularly unpleasant for those people mowing the car park and verges. Please would all dog walkers therefore take note and pick up after their pets. Thank you very much.

A village parson in the 1930s

Whilst our group of parishes remains in a long interregnum waiting for a new vicar, it is interesting to reflect how different the life of a parish priest was 85 years ago. Newspaper cuttings have come to light concerning the Reverend Ronald Frank Baker who was the incumbent in 1930s Ossington.

The first is an article in a national newspaper of 1937 concerning 'the three poorest parsons' in the country. (The other two were at Thoresby and an inner city parish in Oxford). The author, Anthony Cotterell, writes:

'Expeditions to Ossington start from the market town of Newark. There is a bus, but its proprietors make Garbo look like Barnum in their reticence to advertise the day and hour it starts.

Still I managed to beat a track to the village and meet the Rev. Ronald Frank Baker, a round-faced, middle-aged man who keeps interjecting 'don't you know' into the conversation.

His official stipend is £117 a year [£5572 at today's value], but as he has very little work to do – "You can't make me out a working man, I'm not". Maybe this isn't so bad.

And actually he gets £500-£600 a year, for he is also chaplain to 87 year old Lady Elinor Denison, the local lady of the manor.

Every day Mr. Baker pays a call on Lady Elinor, and a visit to the school, which has about 20 pupils. He also goes visiting in the village, but it doesn't take long to do all the visiting there is to be done with one hundred people.

Most of the rest of the time he studies Braille with the idea of helping the blind. He plays a lot of golf in summer.

Don't think he is an idle man by nature. He used to work at Beckenham which meant a lot of work and less money.

He likes a lot of work, but he had three children to educate, and needed the extra money. One has now left school, but educating the other two eats up half his income.'

The second article confirmed Rev. Baker's nomination to the perpetual curacy of South Ascot in Berkshire in early 1938 from Ossington. In fact, Rev. Baker had led a varied life before arriving in Ossington. He was born on Christmas Day 1893, and during the First World War he served as a private in the Public Schools' Brigade and was promoted to R.S.M. in the 2nd Battalion. Later he was commissioned in the Wiltshire Regiment, promoted captain in France where he was wounded in 1915. Subsequently he served in North Russia. After the War he went to South Africa, where he took holy orders, being appointed Rector of Jagersfontein and Vicar of St Peter's, Capetown.

Ossington was his first experience of an English country parish, and must have been a huge contrast. Nevertheless, in 1935 he was also appointed organising secretary of the Church of England Incorporated Society for providing relief for Waifs and Strays for the Dioceses of Southwell and Derby. This organisation was founded in 1881 to house destitute children (subsequently in 1946 it became known as the Church of England Children's Society and simply as The Children's Society from 1982). By 1905 it was running 93 homes with 3,410 children in its care. Fundraising and publicity would have taken up quite a lot of Rev. Baker's time. Nowadays The Children's Society works within the community rather than running children's homes.

By 1938 Rev. Baker had left the village, and so did not witness the huge changes to Ossington as a result of the building of the RAF airfield. The life of a country parson was never to be the same again, and has continued to change significantly ever since.



The west front of Ossington Hall, c.1910 (home of Lady Elinor Denison). Photo from nottshistory.org.uk

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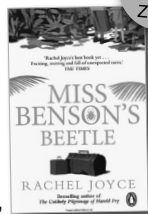
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Book Club

Our reading choice for October is "Miss Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce. It's the story of an unlikely friendship between two very different women as they journey to New Caledonia in the 1950s in search of a rare golden beetle. Said to be adventurous, funny and poignant, we will discuss it on Wednesday 27 October.

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