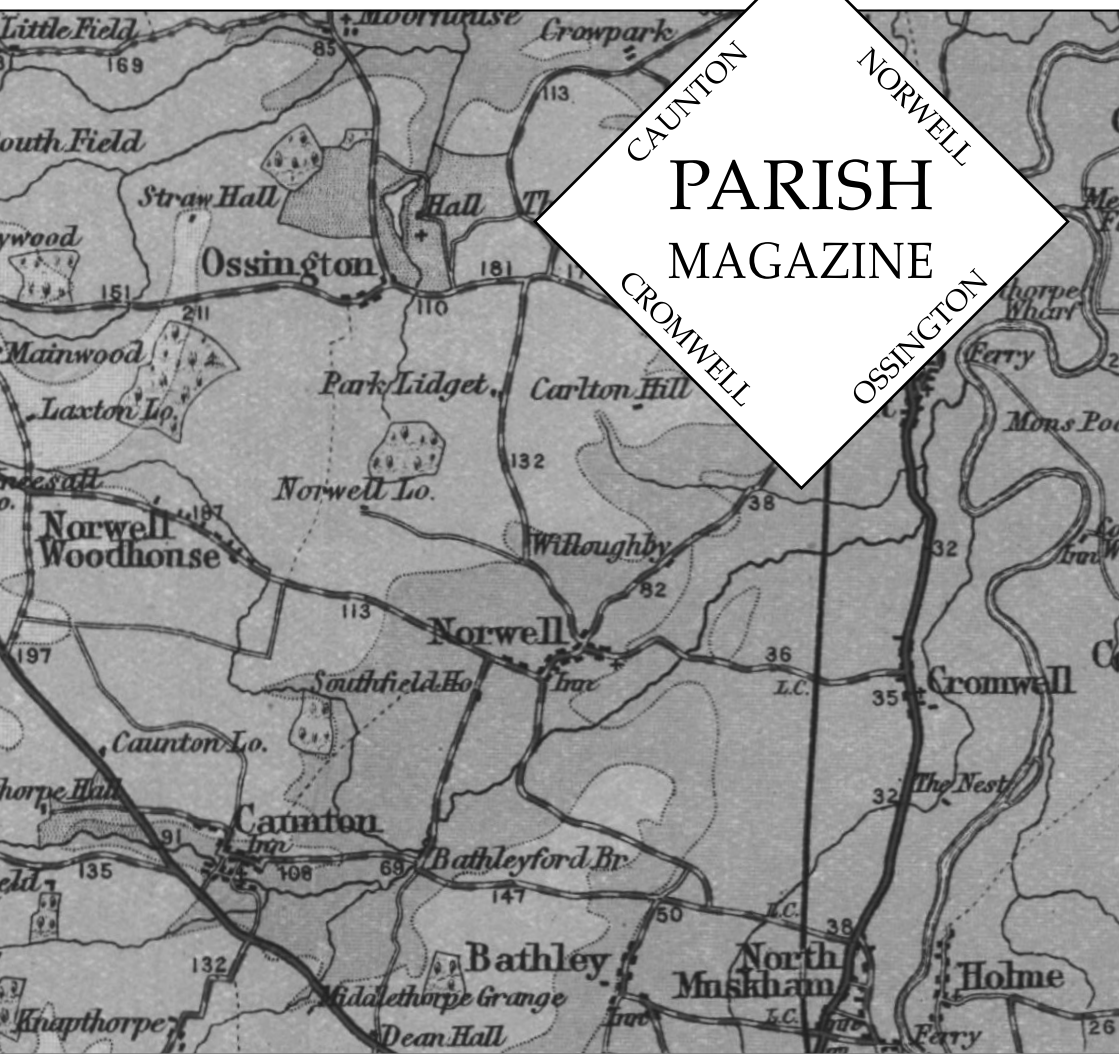




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Beck & Trent churches update

It is not often that we find ourselves remembering Christmas and starting to plan for Easter in the same month. But this is what happens in a February magazine.

The start of Lent

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday which is on 22 February. This is when traditionally we are encouraged to reflect on the life of Jesus as he prepares for his ministry and leads up to Easter when we remember his sacrifice on the cross. Do read the message from the church which helps us to think about Lent as a journey and gives us some guides to follow. It's more than just giving up chocolate!

Services in Beck and Trent churches

Services continue in the Beck and Trent churches. We have our regular pattern of services, thanks to the retired clergy who make this possible, but please always check that it hasn't been necessary to modify the times. Also look out for additional services like the service on Ash Wednesday in Carlton on Trent.

REAL EASTER EGGS

The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. Find out more by going to www.realeasteregg.co.uk or ring 01925 877004. It is good to have a reminder of the reason why we celebrate Easter.

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		St Andrew's Cauntton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
first Sunday	5 Feb. <i>3 Before Lent</i>	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
second Sunday	12 Feb. <i>2 Before Lent</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		9.00 a.m. Breakfast Church at Methodist hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
third Sunday	19 Feb. <i>Next Before Lent</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion		3.00 p.m. Evensong
Wednesday	22 Feb. <i>Ash Wednesday</i>						6.30pm Ash Wednesday service
fourth Sunday	26 Feb. <i>Lent 1</i>					10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong
first Sunday	5 March <i>Lent 2</i>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong

Verse of the month:

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness”* *Lamentations 3 v22-23*

It is good to be reminded that God is eternally merciful and renews His love for us now and every day. Don't lose hope.

Safeguarding in our churches

Ensuring that children, young people and adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about Safeguarding contact:

In the Diocese:

Julian Hodgson, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer / Lucy Grimsey, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer:
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From the church



God – our refuge and strength

It could almost be a headline in one of today's newspapers – 'The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved'! In fact these words come from Psalm 46 in the Bible and were written in ancient times. However, despite all the upheaval of nations and kingdoms and peoples, the writer knows in whom to trust and where our true security lies:

'God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.'

In our world today we see trouble and turmoil in abundance. Millions of people have had to leave homes and loved ones because of war. Climate change, hunger and oppression mean that thousands go in search of food and shelter. And yet the writer of this psalm assures us that God is with us. He is present in all the situations where people stand up for right and justice and peace and where people make a difference for good. We can see hope and change coming in projects supported by the Christian Charity 'Tearfund', for example, whose work includes setting up Peace Champions in Burundi, working with the Shanti Foundation in Nepal to rescue victims of sex trafficking, and providing agricultural help in Yemen.

February marks a change of focus for the Church as we leave the Christmas and Epiphany seasons and turn towards the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. Lent is a great opportunity for us to be more attentive to God and his will in our lives. Sometimes people give up something that they really enjoy – such as chocolate (or, in my case a few years ago, cheese coleslaw!), and doing this reminds us to put God's will before self. But this year why not take on something new, as well? In this way we can support work going on in the wider world – in our community, nation or abroad. We could commit to making time each day to pray for a specific project or charity, supporting people who are bringing God's loving presence into dark and difficult situations.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world
Be with all who work for justice, mercy and peace.
We pray for... *(name those for whom you pray)*
May your strength sustain them, your love inspire them.
May your kingdom come, your will be done.
Amen.

With blessings now and for the Lenten journey,

Clarey Tyack

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.

Churchwardens:

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

Cromwell Sarah Clark 01636 821 943

Ossington Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840

Other contacts:

Norwell Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365

Also in the Benefice:

Carlton-on-Trent contact PCC Secretary Edith Crowther via
edithtamworth@gmail.com

Sutton-on-Trent contact the Administrator (see below)



- For Safeguarding contacts please see page 3
- For baptisms, weddings and funerals contact the churchwarden or the administrator, Lorna Caddy, on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232, or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com
- Deanery Administrator paula.carlin@southwell.anglican.org 01636 817988

Beck and Trent website: www.becktrent.org.uk

From the registers

15 December – 15 January

Funerals

Holy Rood, Ossington

Peter James Cook

21 Dec. 2022

All Saints' Sutton on Trent

Sylvia Shakeshaft

6 Jan. 2023

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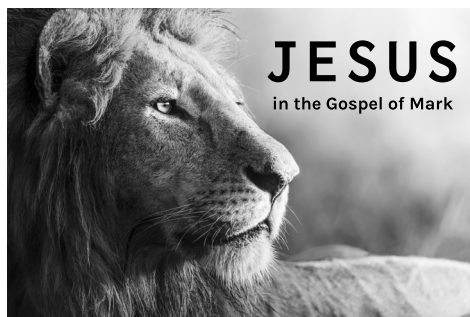
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8 February
22 February
8 March
22 March



JESUS
in the Gospel of Mark

Also coming up...

On Sundays in February we're looking in-depth at the gospel of Mark and the portrait it paints of who Jesus is.

All welcome! Come and join us at Norwell Village Hall! Tea, coffee and homemade cake from 3:45pm.

With Potting Shed Kids group for Primary-aged children most Sundays. / 5 February we are All-In! with something for all ages, all learning styles, and lots of fun!

Mothering Sunday – 19 March

A joint service with St Laurence's church at Norwell Village Hall, 10:30am – more details next issue!

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NATURE *Watch*

With the days getting ever so slightly longer, now is as good a time as any to set aside a place (and time) for wildlife. Wildlife often travel between different gardens and for ground-dwelling creatures like hedgehogs, having access points are important (see Naturewatch February 2020).

A little hole in a fence at ground level or a small gap in wire, provide such pathways. Hedges are also excellent corridors between different habitats and are naturally high in biodiversity, due to the sheer variety of niches they create. At ground-level the loss of leaves provides habitats for worms which attract hedgehogs and moles and the branches attract mice, birds and squirrels.

Our gardens are the perfect environments for attracting different bird species. Bird feeders are relatively cheap to buy (although beware as squirrels are masters at destroying them!) and, if you're looking for a weekend or school holiday activity with the children, online there are plenty of tutorials to make home-made bird feeders. By varying the food sources you provide you will attract different species. Smaller species such as goldfinch prefer small seeds like nyjer, greenfinch like sunflower hearts and seeds and if you're wanting to attract woodpeckers, starlings and tits, peanuts are irresistible. Make sure you regularly clean the feeders and tables to ensure they are kept free of disease and place the feeders in open areas in your gardens, so birds feel safe and can scan for predators.



*Homemade Bird Feeder made from
lollipop sticks, stillnomore.org*

Keep a bowl of fresh water out, especially during the hottest (and coldest) times, as the birds, hedgehogs and squirrels will be thankful. In summer, place a few stones in the bottom of the water bowl as this will reduce evaporation during the hottest days.

If you have the space, create a compost heap in a corner of your garden. You can then add everything from grass clippings, hedge trimmings and leaves to your waste fruits and vegetable. The heap will need turning about once a month to aerate it, especially if you have accumulated a big pile. You will soon attract a variety of invertebrates such as woodlice, earthworms, centipedes and spiders. Between six months and two years later you will have a nutrient rich compost to spread on your borders!

After encouraging wildlife into your garden, try and identify the species you have spotted. A great website and app is iNaturalistUK that helps you identify what you have found. You can upload photos to share your findings with others who will also help you identify the species. The information is then uploaded to a national database to help map species distribution around the country. The charity Butterfly Conservation's Garden Butterfly Survey is another great way to share your findings of the colourful aerial acrobats and, for the amateur ornithologist amongst us, there is the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. Make 2023 a year for wildlife!

Adam Breslin adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

BIRD *Watch*

As if to cheer us in the post-Christmas and gloomy days of January the birds are putting on a show and, for the first time in many months, there are several interesting and encouraging reports. However avian 'flu continues to affect wild birds, principally those which form large flocks, making the virus more easily transmitted.

There are obviously local areas which are attractive to lapwing, since parties of 100 or more birds have been a regular sight and at least one farmer has entered a parcel of land into a scheme to encourage them to nest. Sadly there is now clear evidence that the omnivore badger forms the greatest threat to the eggs and chicks of lapwing.

Five is the magic number of the month with one report of that number of red kite together over Caunton and, more unusually, a family of two adult and three smaller little egret feeding in a wet field near Ossington. This was probably a family with the young of last year which had bred locally, though there have been no reports of nests found. Late December saw a substantial "fall" of woodcock, the term for the arrival of numbers of migrants from Scandinavia and Russia. At the same time, some woodcock which bred here last year fly west to winter in Ireland, swelling numbers there substantially.

A local pond has attracted a gadwall, a species of duck which though not rare, is not often seen here. Of similar plumage to the female mallard, the gadwall is slightly smaller and has a blackish bill and black rear end. It is a bird of coastal wetlands and marshes which visits inland ponds and reservoirs during winter. From the same pond also comes a sighting of a snipe, the second local report of a bird which is widespread though seldom seen in the lowlands nowadays. Numbers of snipe have declined and their main populations are in Scotland and the North.

That most handsome of birds, the cock bullfinch, has been visiting one or two gardens as well as being seen occasionally along the hedgerows.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

FARMING *Watch*

As winter continues, wet and cold weather makes field work ill-advised if not impossible. Most livestock are housed for their welfare and that of the soil. Animals left out can cause 'poaching' damage, particularly on heavy clay. If severe, this can kill grass and certainly delay its growth in the spring.

Supplementary feeding is necessary for outside livestock to maintain health and body weight. Feeding and bedding of livestock brought inside can also be tedious and hard work but is essential for the same reasons. As spring gets nearer, animals need to be on a rising plane of nutrition if it is planned for them to give birth in the early months of the year. As always with livestock, observational skills are key to their health and wellbeing.

On the arable front, the sugar beet harvesting campaign is drawing towards its close. Apart from catching up on any outstanding fencing and hedging, there is likely to be dyke and drainage maintenance work to be done, together with gutter and other building repairs. Just as with a house, these problems are more easily spotted during rainfall. Beyond these tasks, every farmer looks forward to lighter nights and warmer temperatures!

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk

RAIN *Watch*

December

December was a slightly drier month than normal with 90% of the expected rainfall being received – 5.4 cm (2.1 in) instead of 6 cm (2.4 in). In fact it was a month of two halves with a very cold and dry first two weeks and then during Christmas more typical westerly, unsettled airflows bringing the rain.

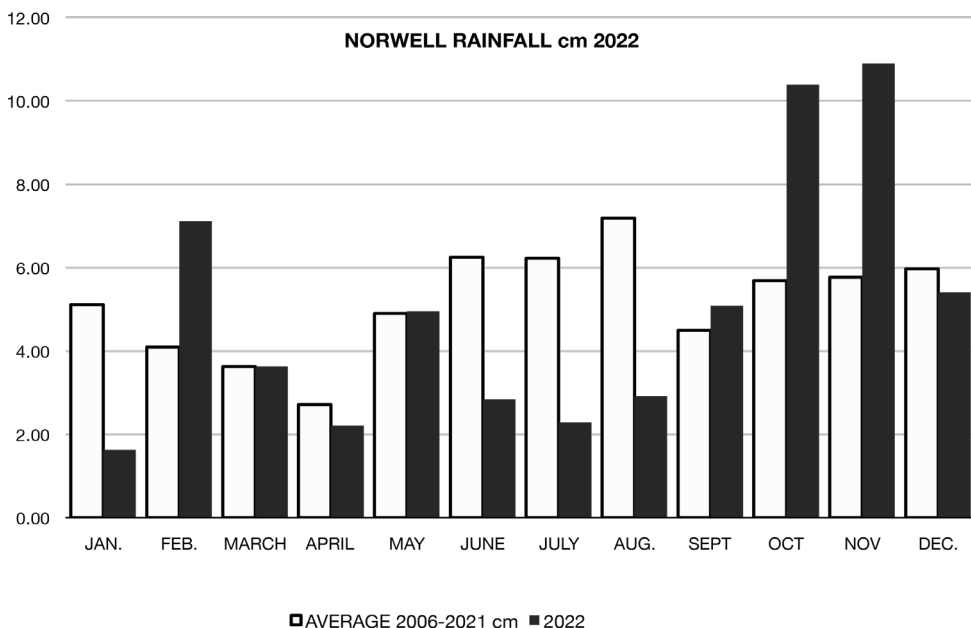
A review of 2022

2022 will be remembered climatically as the year when the 40°C UK record was broken and the heat of those few days was a sobering experience. This record temperature occurred within the three summer months that each saw rainfall of less than 50% of the long-term Norwell average and both July and August were drier in 2022 than on any occasion in last 16 years. In addition January was exceptionally dry and April reasonably so.

You might therefore conclude that the year would be one of the very driest but this was not the case: because February, October and November were exceptionally wet we had 95% of expected rainfall – 59.4cm (23.4 in) compared to a long-term average of 62.2cm (24.5 in).

With 59.4 cm of rain, 2022 was the driest year since 2015 however 2010, 2011 and 2013 were drier and, of these, 2011 was the driest in the 16 years I have been recording (41.4 cm). The wettest year was 2019 (89.1 cm).

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Caunton church news



Our traditional Christmas service of lessons and carols was well attended and our thanks go to the readers and Brian our organist. After the service, refreshments of mulled wine and stollen went down a treat.

Many thanks to Charlotte and Lucy for organising the Crib Service on Christmas Eve – it was really well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It always amazes me that no sooner have we enjoyed the beautiful season of Christmas with the birth of Christ, than we are now approaching the time of his death! The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 22 February. For Christians, Lent is a time of reflection and preparation, reflecting the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning

Sat 28 Jan & 4 Feb – Mike & Mary
Sat 11 & 18 Feb – Joy & Dave
Sat 25 Feb & 4 March – Irene & Pat

Flowers

Sat 28 Jan & 4 Feb - Bo
Sat 11 & 18 Feb - Pat
Sat 25 Feb & 4 March - Irene

Refreshments

Sun 5 Feb - Charlotte
Sun 5 March – Irene & Pat

Caunton Parish Council – Notes from 11 January meeting

There were two planning applications for consideration. An extension to Broome Cottage, Mill Lane, and a detached garage at The Old Post Office, Newark Road. Both were supported.

The play equipment annual inspection report was reviewed noting that in general all the play equipment at the village playing field remains in a safe and good condition with only minor issues needing attention.

The budget and precept for 2023/24 was considered and it was agreed to apply for a 3% increase to the precept funding.

An open meeting for residents will be convened by the chair over the next few weeks to consider an appropriate village event on Sunday 7 May to celebrate the King's Coronation. Volunteers will be sought to form a committee to take the plans forward.

To increase their visibility, residents are reminded to wear high-vis or brightly coloured clothing when walking through the village especially in locations where there are no pavements and when it is dark.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 February at 7.30pm in the Village Room at Dean Hole School. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

Chris Jagger, Acting Chair



LIVE AND LOCAL (VILLAGE VENTURES)

Sunday 5 March – The exquisite voice and piano playing of Daisy Chapman with Sue Lord on violin, two very talented ladies. If you want to listen to Daisy's incredible voice then just Google 'Daisy Chapman and Sue Lord' and follow the links.

Saturday 1 April – Blair Dunlop is a guitar playing folk singer/ songwriter with a lovely melodious voice. Again you can Google him by just entering his name.

Both shows commence at 7.30pm and tickets will be £12 adults and concessions £9 for over 60s.

Ticket price includes refreshments but you'll have to bring your own drinks and glasses. Contact Pat on 636523.

BINGO

The next session will be on Friday 10 February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, at Dean Hole School.

Caunton Local History Society

Our first full meeting of 2023 is on February 14 at 7.30pm at Dean Hole School when we welcome Caunton's own Jim Crossley for a talk about Henry Pelham-Clinton, the 6th Duke of Newcastle.

Between 1857 and 1859 the then Lord Clinton sat as Member of Parliament for Newark but his political career was cut short when, in 1860, his taste for gambling led him to flee the country to escape his debts. Jim will no doubt tell us what became of him. Everyone is welcome.

If this will be your first visit to the Society there will be no charge. Returning non-members will be charged £3 (£4.50 including refreshments).

This is the first talk of what promises to be a very interesting programme this year. Future topics will include striking waitresses in 1908, a taste of Tudor Ilkeston, women's suffrage in Nottingham and a foray into the darker side of Nottingham. All great stuff.

There will of course be trips in the summer which anyone is welcome to join, so watch this space to find out when and how you can book to come along. We're also planning a mid-summer evening walk and talk around Caunton. This will be a unique opportunity to hear stories you've never heard before and learn interesting facts about Caunton. You may even have a story of your own. A must for all our new and old residents alike. In the meantime we look forward to seeing you on the second Tuesday of each month at Dean Hole School.

Lynn Thompson lynn1485@gmail.com

Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

We celebrated Christmas with multiple events in December. The children enjoyed their Christmas Party in school and also got to go and see the Panto at the Theatre! The younger children also performed a Nativity and our KS2 children treated us all to a ukulele performance!

The children also performed at the Christmas service in the church. A very busy run up to Christmas but an absolute joy to watch our talented children sing and share so well.



Looking ahead we are so pleased to be hosting Little Seedlings at our school. Please do come and join us. The events are open to parents, carers, babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Thank you so much to the wonderful team at The Potting Shed for running this lovely event.

As we reflect on the beginning of a new year at Caunton Dean Hole Primary School we have been thinking about the message shared in the New Testament:



See page 7 for more details!

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." 2 Corinthians 4 v7.

Dear Jesus

We thank you for new beginnings.

We thank you for your grace that is always so generously available to us.

We welcome you into our new year and into our hearts.

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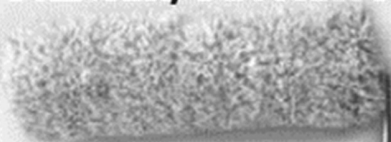
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Cromwell community news

Cromwell Village Hall

It seems like a long time ago now, but Happy New Year to everyone!

This year will see the Village Hall getting back into full swing. We are putting together a calendar of events for you all to enjoy and socialise at!

Our first event will be the annual AGM which will be held in the hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22 February. Everyone is invited to attend. The Village Hall is owned by the villagers so you have every right to have a say in how it is run, to help organise events or to use it yourselves for private functions. If you haven't seen inside the Hall and admired all the facilities, then please do come along.

The Hall can also be used for meetings, conferences, workshops etc. If you have any queries please contact Claire Davies on 07796 133656.

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Cromwell Parish Meeting

On Monday 9 January there was a Quarterly Meeting held in the Village Hall.

Plans to extend the current Cemex quarry southwards and open a new quarry northwards are all halted while being considered by Notts CC. Similarly, the 20 EV charging facility proposed for the OK Diner site is also held up due to objections from the Highways Department who remain dissatisfied by the access arrangements from, and back onto, the A1.

The application to build a two storey extension to the house and a similar extension to the office/garage at Althorne on Norwell Lane has been approved.

Parishioners are warned that break-ins and burglaries are continuing in this area. The latest was at Cromwell Lakes when a store was broken into and equipment and machinery stolen.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be the AGM and it will probably be held on 17 April in the Village Hall. The accounts for the year will be presented and parish officers for new year will be elected. There is a particular need for someone to take over the post of Chairman.

David Swift, Chairman



To subscribe to the Cromwell Messenger please sign up at cromwellvillage.org.uk/messenger.html

To share news and information with the village please contact Tracy Koefoed on 07788 313620.

Cromwell Village WhatsApp group

Anyone wishing to join a Cromwell Village WhatsApp group should contact Jo Myers 07711 177194 or jo.myers66@yahoo.co.uk

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Dates: 13, 20, 27 April & 4 May Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Tea and coffee included.
Venue: Norwell Village Hall

Apiary sessions: Following the course, there will be daytime & evening sessions to enable candidates to have hands-on, practical experience with live bees.

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Happy Times

Many people were feeling down at the end of 2022 but we had some very happy times in St Laurence's. The church looked brilliant. Thank you so much to all the organisations and individuals who came up with such imaginative decorations for their 'space'. So many people commented on how much they had enjoyed wandering round and looking at them. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols allowed us to enter into the true spirit of Christmas. Thank you very much to the nine readers and to Jenny who led the service and to Brian who played the organ. And a very special thank you to Village Voices who not only sang two beautiful carols on their own but inspired everyone else to sing out and rejoice in the descants. Village Voices also made a major contribution to singing carols round the village, in the Pinfold and then in the Plough. Thank you for that as well.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve was joint with the Potting Shed Church. What an inspiration to us all. The church was full, not quite to bursting, but young and old participated with enthusiasm. We followed the nativity through the eyes and ears of the inn keeper's wife – a different slant, but Mary obviously talked to her quite a lot! It was lovely to share with the Potting Shed church in this way. Thank you to everyone involved.

To round it all off we had a quiet and refreshing Christmas Communion later on Christmas Eve.

Epiphany

Our first service of the year was for Epiphany when we remembered the coming of Three Wise Men bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The service was taken by Rev David Milner who reminded us of the journey made by the Wise Men and encouraged us to travel but suggested we should saunter to give ourselves time to reflect and then act. Good advice for us all. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed their gifts of tins and packets for Newark Foodbank. The box for gifts will stay in the porch, all contributions will go to the Foodbank.

Remember: there is also a box in the church for recycling old spectacles. See the message of thanks from David Tranter – page 20.

Tower ladder

We have had to have the ladder from the bell chamber to the tower roof replaced. The old one was very unsafe. It was a very difficult to design a ladder that avoided the bells and a medieval beam as well as meeting modern health and safety regulations. It has been made in pieces, raised to the bell chamber, put together and fixed. This has all cost £3,300. We can reclaim VAT and we have a grant of £750 from Notts Historic Churches Trust. If anyone feels able to make a contribution towards the ladder we shall be more than grateful.

February Service

Our regular service of Holy Communion will be on Sunday 12 February at 10.00am. We are delighted that David Milner will be taking the service for us again. The service is for everyone and there is no expectation that you will wish to take communion. We serve tea and coffee after the service so you are welcome to stay afterwards and have a chat.



PANCAKES AT THE PLOUGH

This year Shrove Tuesday is 21 February. Anyone who has been before will know that Pancakes in the Plough is an enjoyable way to spend an evening with a fantastic range of savoury and sweet pancakes, bread, salad and chips. We start at 6.30pm and tickets are £10.00. Please contact Elizabeth on 01636 636365 or email emjones.norwell@btinternet.com to reserve a seat and mention any dietary requirements e.g. gluten free, vegetarian. Book by 15 February. Numbers are limited. All are welcome. It is a way of reminding us that Lent starts the next day.



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Norwell Parish Council

Solar Farm Application

The Parish Council held a Parish Meeting on 9 January to discuss the construction of a solar farm with associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure on land at Foxholes Farm, Bathley Lane (22/01983/FULM). There has been considerable concern expressed in the parish that the solar farm, if approved, would adversely affect the Norwell Conservation Area, heritage buildings and historic landscape, have a negative impact on the character of the area, could lead to an increased flooding risk and would cause significant traffic and road safety issues.

The meeting was very well attended and led to the formation of a Steering Group, chaired by Adrian Anderson. The group will coordinate Norwell's opposition to the proposal and lobby decision makers to refuse the development.

Any villager who wishes to keep up to date with the Steering Group's activities and/or become involved in the campaign is invited to email the Group's Secretary, Lynne Johnson, on lynne@gajohnson.co.uk.

The Group will occasionally post on Facebook and the village noticeboards, but email will be its main medium of communication, so if you do wish to be on the circulation list and receive regular updates, do get in touch with Lynne.

Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council is turning its attention to the celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles III which will take place across the long weekend of Saturday 6 to Monday 8 May. We want to bring Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse together to mark this historic occasion with a real bang! Councillor Ashleigh Robertshaw is leading the planning on behalf of the Parish Council and is hoping to put together a Coronation Committee to plan a weekend to remember. If you'd be interested in joining the Committee please email Ashleigh on ashleigh.overton@outlook.com.

New email address

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Norwell CofE Primary School



This term is a busy term with lots of wonderful opportunities planned. On Wednesday 8th February we are holding a Breakfast writing café for parents so they can see how writing develops over the different year groups. We have chosen 'Dreams' as a focus for our poetry writing and the children are loving the opportunity to be very descriptive and imaginative!



We are also looking forward and practising hard for Young Voices, the largest school choir in the world, which is going to be held at the Sheffield Arena in a week. All three schools (Norwell, St Matthews and Dunham) will take a choir of children and it promises to be a wonderful event. The opportunity to sing with thousands of other children is too good to miss! We had a practice concert for families of those children taking part and all the children sang their hearts out.

We have lots of exciting events happening after half term including celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 1st March where children come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that on Friday 10th February, Norwell School is closed for an INSET day.

Best wishes
Mrs King

Holly Wreaths supporting Beaumont House

Thank you to everyone who donated foliage and purchased wreaths this year. I didn't make half the amount that I usually do but thanks to various other projects I amassed £650 for Beaumont House.

Well done everyone!
Sue

Book Club

Our choice for February is "The Confession" by Jessie Burton whose previous novels include "The Miniaturist" and "The Muse", both of which we enjoyed.

This one is about three women from different generations and the results of the life choices they make. It's part mystery, part coming of age story. We shall meet to discuss it on Wednesday 22 February.

More information about the Book Club from *Helen* 636337.

Norwell Parish Heritage Group

The NPHG meeting on Thursday 16 February at 7.30pm will begin with our 18th AGM. It's hard to believe that it is 18 years since the first meeting when a talk on the mills of Norwell was given!

The short AGM will be followed by a talk by Dr Chris King on the historic buildings of Southwell.

Dr Chris King is a building archaeologist specialising in medieval and early modern architecture who has written articles on timber framed buildings in Southwell.

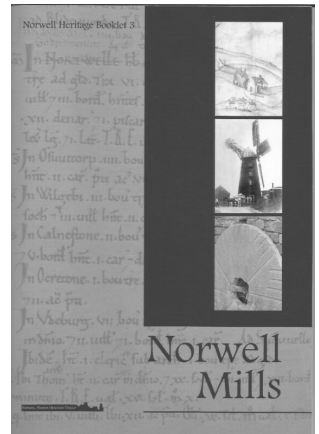
The recorded history of Southwell goes back to the Roman Empire and so it is hardly surprising that Southwell has such a rich and interesting past. Many of its buildings and landmarks suffered during the time of the civil war but it still has an abundance of historic buildings. The magnificent Norman Minster, Regency houses on the Burgage and the Victorian workhouse being a few obvious examples. We are looking forward to learning more about some of these buildings at the meeting.

Visitors and guests always welcome.

Above: Norwell Heritage Booklet 3: Norwell Mills

Right: The Saracen's Head in Southwell

Bottom: Southwell Workhouse





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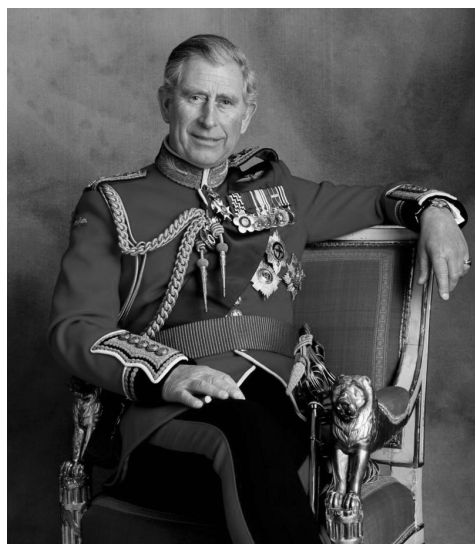
Our next service is on Sunday 19 February at 10.30am and will be taken by the Rev Alison Milbank.

At the recent Parochial Church Council meeting, the plan for events during 2023 was discussed. The Easter Vestry meeting is to be held on Monday 27 March and, looking further ahead, the annual Garden Party will take place on Saturday 8 July. Please put the latter date in particular in your diary. This is an important fundraiser for Holy Rood but also a great opportunity for residents from the village and beyond to meet up!

Please also note that you may sometimes hear the church bells being rung on a Thursday evening. The band of ringers from Norwell and Cauntton have decided to include Holy Rood occasionally in their rota of practices. All bells and towers vary – the weight of the bells, the way they are hung, the length of the rope from bell to rope end, the size of the ringing chamber all differ from church to church; familiarity with these differences helps to improve ringers' individual abilities in bell handling as well as 'ringing the changes'!

Parish Meeting

We were pleased to welcome District Councillor Sylvia Michael to last month's meeting. There were two main items for consideration, the first being the resubmitted plan for a house on land at Post Office Farm. After discussion the meeting voted unanimously in support of the application. The second item was the annual parish precept. After explanation and consideration the meeting voted in favour of continuing not to precept the village. This does however mean that any potential project within the village that requires financial support will require a fundraising effort.



Coronation Celebration in Ossington

It has been confirmed that the Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May, with an extra official Bank Holiday to allow the nation to celebrate on Monday 8 May. A suggestion was made during the Parish Meeting that it would be good for the village to come together in celebration. If you have any suggestions or ideas for a coronation event please contact Janet Carr (01636 821265 / jecarr@live.co.uk). The beginning of May is not very far away, so please get in touch as soon as you can!



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Be a good citizen!

As we approach the coronation, there is likely to be a push to have our country looking its best. There are various ways we can all contribute particularly with regard to our local environment:

1. Litter picking outside or near your home is a good way to help out especially before the spring growth starts.
2. Fly tipping is becoming more prevalent with some larger items having to be removed from our parish in recent months. If you spot rubbish it makes sense to report this immediately. Leaving litter or rubbish merely encourages others to think they can do the same.
To report fly tipping please go to the relevant section on www.newark-sherwood.gov.uk website or call 01636 650000.
3. Potholes are the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council. According to the Council's website all adopted roads are inspected at least once a year and potholes must be at least 40mm deep in the road or 20mm deep in a footway to qualify for investigation and repair. Anyone can report potholes, road or pavement damage, or a pavement pothole by visiting the www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk website.
Taking a photograph and/or making a note of the location by using the 'what3words' unique address (download the app for free) is a good idea to help the relevant team to find the damage.

Shrove Tuesday

In modern times the most celebrated day in February is almost certainly St Valentine's Day. However Shrove Tuesday, popularly known as Pancake Day, is not far behind. In 2023 this day is celebrated on Tuesday 21 February. Shrove Tuesday always falls immediately before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent in the Christian calendar.

Before this 40-day period of abstention and fasting commenced it was customary for Christians to confess their sins and for them to be thus absolved or 'shriven'. This is where the word 'shrove' comes from, being derived from 'shriven'. Shrovetide in the 16th century involved up to a week of finishing up food before Lent started. Butter, eggs and milk in particular had to be eaten up, so pancakes became a very convenient way of doing this! Parishes would ring their church bells at noon as a signal to begin cooking pancakes. This ringing became known as 'Pancake Bells' and still happens in a few places today. Other Shrove Tuesday traditions include pancake races (running whilst flipping a pancake in a frying pan), and football games (with origins in 12th century 'mob football').

With the current uncertain egg supply, it may be wise to purchase earlier than normal if intending to maintain the pancake tradition this year!

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Page Turners Reading Group, 6th and 20th 10am-12 noon, £2 per session.

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Tai Chi, every Monday, 7-8pm. Weeks 1 & 3 £5 with instructor. All other weeks £1 with instructor video. No need to book, just come along.

Rummikub, 6th and 20th 2-4pm. Keep the mind active with this fun board game. £2. No need to book, just come along. **URGENT - MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THIS ONE GOING.** If you can't make these dates then please contact Margaret Eley on 07792 787219 to give your preferred day/s of the week.

Craft Group, 7th and 21st, 10am-2pm. Bring your own project and work alongside friendly crafters or just join us for a coffee and chat. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide the drinks. £3. No need to book, just come along.

Sew Inspired Sewing Classes, 8th and 22nd, 7pm-9pm. £3. Ring Ann for further details 01636 822010.

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You can sign up for free and take part by walking, jogging, running or employing any form of movement you fancy and, crucially, ask people to sponsor you in your efforts. It's that simple! Every penny in sponsorship that you raise will support the work done by Framework with local homeless and vulnerable people.

To find out more and sign up go to www.frameworkha.org/events/framework where you can also download a fundraising toolkit with links to more resources.

If you would like to discuss this challenge in more detail and how your group might like to participate, please email fundraising@frameworkha.org

Spectacles for Africa

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have left their redundant spectacles in either Norwell or Cauntton churches or in the bag on my front door at Beckside House.

As a result I will shortly be sending around 200 pairs to be processed and find their way onto noses to improve sight in African countries. This is a wonderful response!

The boxes and bag will remain in place, so do keep the specs coming.

David Tranter

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Have your say!

You have until Sunday 12 February to let Newark and Sherwood District Council know your views on a proposed kerbside glass recycling service.

To take part in the survey visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/kerbsideglass.

There are only five questions so it should take you no more than three minutes.

If you have difficulties completing the survey online, or would prefer to complete a paper copy, please call 01636 650000 or email customerservices@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.

The response to the survey will be used to inform the decision on whether a kerbside glass collection service is introduced in the district.

You can find out more at the start of the survey or by visiting www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/latest-news/2023/january/kerbside-glass-recycling-plans.

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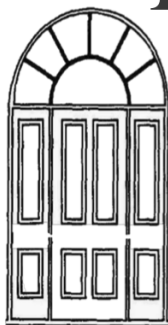
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