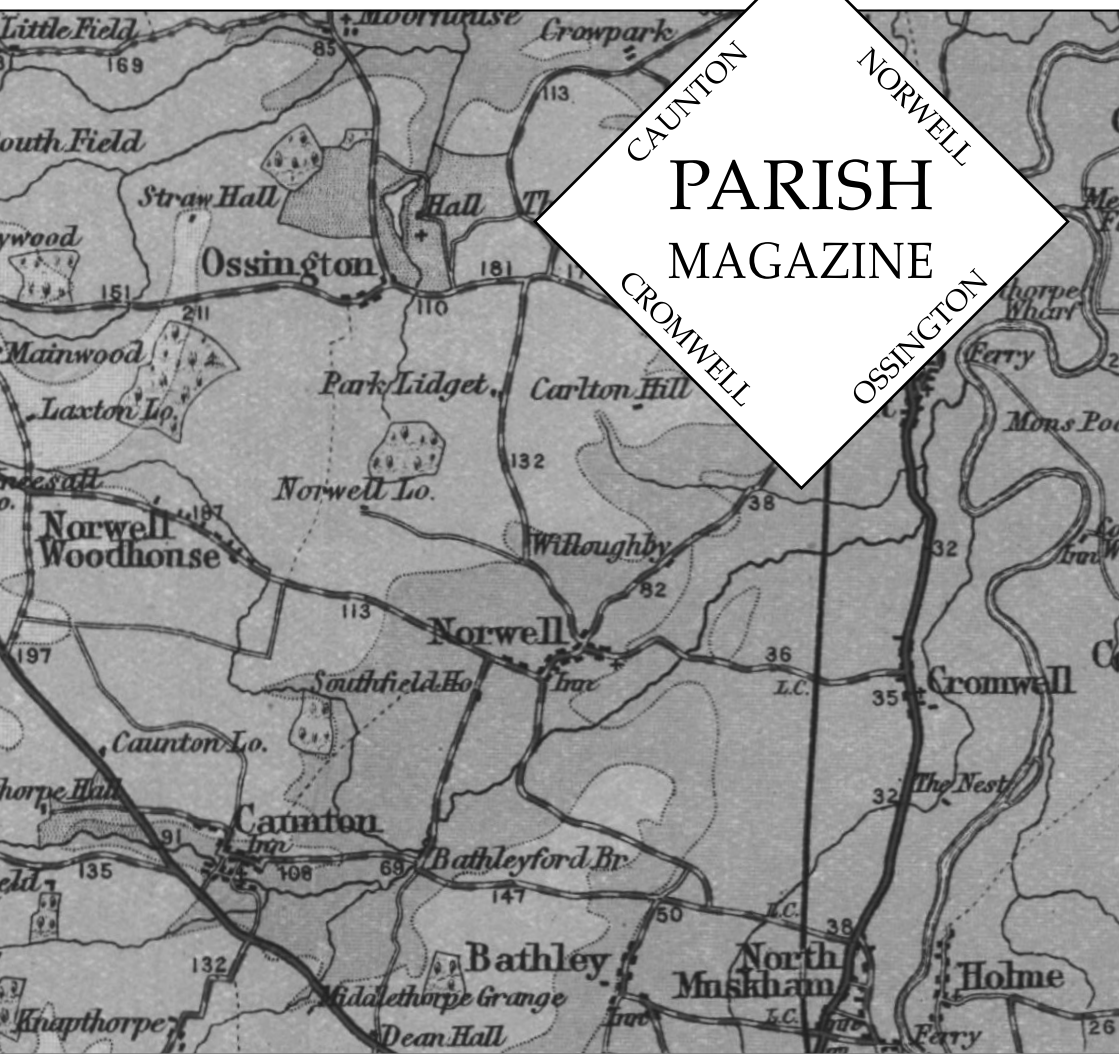




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Beck & Trent churches update

As we look back on 2022 we pause to thank the clergy, the churchwardens, the organists, the bell ringers and all the others who keep our churches running. We are very grateful indeed.

Now that we are entering a new year we inevitably wonder what it will bring. For many 2022 will have been a difficult time and the hope is that 2023 will bring signs of improvement. None of us knows what the future holds but we can all pray that we will be willing to step forward boldly, and that we will not just look to ourselves, but will look to others and work positively for the common good.

It is particularly appropriate that Sunday 29 January will see the churches of Beck and Trent and Riverside joining to worship together in St Andrew's Caunton at 9.30am. We gain strength from each other by coming together in this way and invite you all to come.

We also start a new year with prayerful optimism as we move forward in the appointment of a new vicar for our parishes. We have every hope that an advertisement will be appearing before too long. All of us hope that the right person will come forward and that there will be a resident vicar again. In the meantime, the vicarage has been refurbished and will be available for a short let.

Many of us will be only too aware that this time of year can be a challenge to our health. We extend our sympathy to those whose loved ones have died recently. We also offer thanks to the clergy who have taken funerals in our churches.

And so, as we start 2023 we pray for new beginnings and for the faith to move forward with optimism.

		St Andrew's Cauntoun	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
first Sunday	1 Jan. <i>Christmas 2</i>					10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
second Sunday	8 Jan. <i>Epiphany 1</i>	9.30am Plough Service with Holy Communion		10.00 a.m. Holy Comm- union		9.00 a.m. Breakfast Church at Methodist hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Comm- union
third Sunday	15 Jan. <i>Epiphany 2</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Comm- union		3.00 p.m. Evensong
fourth Sunday	22 Jan. <i>Epiphany 3</i>		TBC 4.30 p.m. Holy Comm- union			10.30 a.m. Holy Comm- union	3.00 p.m. Evensong
fifth Sunday	29 Jan. <i>Epiphany 4</i>	9.30 a.m. St Andrew's Cauntoun Joint Service with Beck and Trent and Riverside Group Churches Holy Communion					

Verse of the month:

“Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me.”

Revelation 3 v 20

Truly a verse for the New Year, but it is up to us to open the door; it is Jesus who is knocking.

It is possible to give to your church online. Go to
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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:

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From the church



In the autumn I planted some spring bulbs. I'm sure many of you have done the same thing. I always find it a strange thing to do. The autumn season brings summer flowering to an end, with all its colour and vitality along with unmanageable growth that runs away from you when you take your eyes off the garden or go away on holiday!

Autumn brings the last burst of colour but then the dying back of plants, flowers and shrubs until the following year. We enter the season of dormant quietness; stillness in the garden and no need to mow for a while! But in this season we plant spring bulbs. I was late this year and the bulbs went into already cold earth. As I was planting I was looking forward to what these new flowers would bring with memories of last year when out of my study window I noticed the first shoots of spring flowers. The joy and hope they bring – spring is on its way!

In the Bible the prophet Isaiah tells his listeners that God is at work in His creation doing new things: Isaiah 43:19 –

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

*I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*

In the darkest of times, when things feel bleak and hopeless, he points to the action of God in the world.

One of my favourite children's films is WALL-E. It's an animated film about a future earth that has been abandoned by humans which they have destroyed with their toxic waste. WALL-E is a robot tasked with clearing up the mess and he is joined by EVE – another robot whose job is to search for signs of life. If earth can sustain any life, then humans can return. It's a wonderful, hopeful and challenging film and, like the book of Isaiah, I think it has a prophetic message. At one point WALL-E and EVE find a small shoot, a sign of hope and it sets them on a grand adventure.

God has not abandoned his world. He is doing a new thing. Even when we are experiencing difficult times He is at work. Our prayer is that our communities will experience that new season of life and we look for those new shoots, signs of His work among us.

All blessings for the year to come.

Archdeacon Tors

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

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Other contacts:

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Also in the Benefice:

Carlton-on-Trent contact PCC Secretary Edith Crowther via
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- 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 November – 15 December

Weddings

St Andrew's Caunton	Joshua Hart & Faye Wiltshire	10 December 2022
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Funerals

All Saints' Sutton on Trent	Judith Lavinia Ward	21 November
All Saints' Sutton on Trent	Olga Greaves	22 November
All Saints' Sutton on Trent	Sandra Mason	9 December
St Andrew's Caunton	Jonathan (Jonny) Mayfield	12 December
All Saints' Sutton on Trent	Joshua Atkin	14 December
All Saints' Sutton on Trent	Peter Moffoot	15 December

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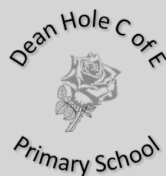
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NATURE *Watch*

With areas of wilderness shrinking ever more rapidly and with changing climatic conditions, our gardens are an increasingly important haven for wildlife.

There are approximately 16 million gardens across the UK. Whether you have a window ledge, a balcony, a yard, or are lucky enough to have an expanse of grass, there are many ways that you can help wildlife while also re-connecting with nature. This is the first of two articles on ways to increase biodiversity in our outdoor spaces.

Making your outdoor space more wildlife-friendly is not as difficult as you might think and doesn't need acres of rambling weeds and a messy, unruly lawn. Wildlife requires a number of habitats, so by adding different dimensions to your garden you can attract a variety of species while also encouraging you to spend more time outside:

- Wildflower borders are an easy way to encourage bees, butterflies and other pollinators and will add a splash of colour to a patch of your garden. If you don't have a lawn, a wildflower window box or plant pot will be more than ample. Wildflower seeds are readily available, although make sure you buy seeds of flowers that are native to the UK and have been legally collected.
- Planting climbing plants like clematis against walls creates an interesting contrast and provides additional habitats for insects and attracts birds.
- If you have the space, fruit trees are a welcome addition to any garden. Besides the tasty treats you can harvest, the trees are nesting sites, the flowers attract pollinators, and any fruit left behind will be consumed by birds and insects and also decomposes. If you don't quite have the space for larger fruit trees, smaller, fruit-bearing shrubs like Victoria plums and currants are equally good.
- Log piles mimic the natural presence of fallen tree branches in woodlands, and these often attract fungi, provide nesting sites for birds and mice, as well as spiders, moths and butterflies. If you're short of space, you can buy insect hotels that can easily be stuck to a wall space.
- If you're attracting resident moths, then bats will appreciate these tasty morsels and offer you entertainment at dusk. Bat boxes will provide a nesting site and a much-needed refuge for these nocturnal predators.



Insect Hotel (Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust)

Our wildlife needs us now more than ever and if we each make small adjustments to our outdoor space we can make a big difference to ourselves and our native species. There you have one New Year resolution that is definitely worth keeping!

Adam Breslin adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

BIRD *Watch*

December began as a time of waiting: waiting for the blackbirds and fieldfares to start to fatten on the crab apples; waiting for some of our winter migrants, whose arrival has been delayed by the mild start to winter; and waiting for more seasonal cold weather to set in.

So far there has been no information about whether a colder spell will reduce the spread of Avian 'flu or whether it might have the contrary effect of promoting the virus, as seemed to happen with Covid.

The garden birds continue to come to the feeders constantly, and the ever present blue tits and occasional coal and great tit are being joined by long-tailed tits, sparrows, robins and dunno. This is usually a sign that the food available in the fields and hedgerows is not so plentiful, though there are still many berries to be found.

Pink-footed geese are still migrating and large parties have been seen and heard, mostly heading south-east. There are encouraging numbers of lapwing locally and after a few months in which their absence was noted, more buzzard are flying and it is now clear that red kite are firmly established as local residents. Goldfinch and bullfinch are with us, but in variable numbers.

As this article is being concluded in mid-December, fieldfare have started to arrive, though not in the large flocks which we expect to see as winter deepens, and a few redwing are flocking with them.

Let us hope that 2023 sees a healthier climate for birdlife and the return of more those migrants – swallows, house-martins, warblers and finches which have made our springs and summers so enjoyable, and which have become an eagerly awaited and much-loved part of our lives.

Peter Geldart

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RAIN *Watch*

November was the wettest month of the year so far and the second wettest November in 16 years.

We got 10.9cm (4.3 in) of rain which is nearly double (197%) the Norwell long term average.

By the end of November we had had 87% of the rain expected for the year, so the wet months of both October and November have nearly made up for the dry summer.

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FARMING *Watch*

While most of the nation has sanctioned the cutting down or digging up of trees for Christmas, farmers and their contractors have been busy with hedge planting, 'laying', and trimming. The aim is to do all necessary works during the dormant winter period.

Hedge laying is a countryside skill that has been practised for centuries, mainly in the United Kingdom and Ireland, with many regional variations in style and technique. It involves partially cutting through and then bending the stems of a line of shrubs or small trees, near ground level, without breaking them, so as to encourage them to produce new growth from the base and create a living 'stock proof fence'.

Hedge laying developed as a way of containing livestock in fields, particularly after the acts of enclosure. Today hedges are laid to contain livestock without the need for artificial fences, maintain biodiversity-friendly habitats, promote traditional skills and for the pleasing visual effect of a laid hedge. An experienced hedge layer can tackle up to 20 to 25 metres in a day, so it is not a quick (or cheap) option, but does mean that the result can last for decades with proper care.

Tree planting and hedge trimming also take place in the winter months before the sap starts to rise and birds begin nesting in the spring. General maintenance of hedges and boundaries is an important and sometimes underrated activity which continues over the winter, whenever the weather allows.

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Caunton church news



Village weddings are always special and our congratulations go to Fay and Josh who were married in St. Andrew's on what was a very cold but beautiful sunny day. It was lovely that the church was full of their family and friends. The society Christmas trees, along with other decorations, certainly added to the ambience of the occasion.

The village was shocked and saddened when we heard of the sudden death of Jonny Mayfield. At the time of writing, we are preparing to gather in St. Andrew's for his funeral and to say farewell to someone who had lived so much of his life in Caunton. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Tracey, their families and friends as they try to come to terms with life without Jonny. He will be sadly missed. R.I.P Jonathan Mayfield

A reminder that there will be no service on 1 January but our Plough Sunday/Holy Communion service will take place on 8 January at 9.15am.

There's a group Holy Communion service in St. Andrew's on Sunday 29 January at 9.30am and it's hoped members of the Riverside group will be joining Beck and Trent. Rev Georgie Hadley will lead the service accompanied by Rev Alison Jones.

We at St. Andrew's along with St. Laurence's in Norwell are so lucky to have such a dedicated band of bellringers headed by David Tranter. They ring bells for services when able to, ring at weddings, funerals and other occasions. Think back to when we were in lockdown and the bells were silent for some time! To have them ringing now is such a joy. Thank you all for your dedication to our churches. By the way, have you ever wondered who keeps an eye on the church clock as well as hoisting flags up the flagpole – well, that's down to David as well.

If there's anyone who thinks they could help out with the running or upkeep of the church or churchyard, or indeed can come up with other ideas, then please contact Irene: details on page 5.

CHURCH ROTAS

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Sat 31 Dec & 7 Jan - Wendy & Cathy

Sat 14 & 21 Jan – Charlotte & Bo

Sat 28 Jan & 4 Feb – Mike & Mary

Flowers

Sat 31 Dec & 7 Jan – Irene

Sat 14 & 21 Jan – Charlotte

Sat 28 Jan & 4 Feb - Bo

Refreshments

Sun 8 Jan – Pat & Irene

Sun 29 Jan – Mike & Mary

Sun 5 Feb - Charlotte

Please can society Christmas trees be removed from church before 6 January. please. Once again, thank you for brightening the church over the festive season.

Everyone at St. Andrew's wishes you all a Very Happy New Year.

Caunton community news

LIVE AND LOCAL (VILLAGE VENTURES)

Details for the two acts we are hosting in spring are as follows:

Sunday 5 March – Daisy Chapman and Sue Lord

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Saturday 1 April – Blair Dunlop

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 (NOT £15 as in last month's magazine) with concessions £9 for over 60s.

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The next session will be on Friday 6 January, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Dean Hole School.



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Caunton Local History Society

Happy New Year to all our members, friends of the society and those we've yet to welcome to our talks in 2023.

On 10 January at 7.30pm we will meet for our AGM. If you have any ideas for future programmes please do come along. All are welcome.

Our next full meeting will be on 14 February at 7.30pm at Dean Hole School when we'll welcome Jim Crossley for a talk about the 6th Duke of Newcastle. This will be the first of what promises to be a very interesting programme of talks for the new year. 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. We look forward to seeing you on the second Tuesday of each month at Dean Hole School.

Lynn Thompson

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Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

The end of term is fast approaching and is always an extremely busy time in our schools with festive activities, parties, performances and pantomimes in addition to the usual routines and activities.



How wonderful to see the school looking all festive at the start of our Advent season. In collective worship we have been discussing Christingle and 'Advent' – the time of preparation and impending celebration of the birth of Jesus. The decorations in each class and the tree in the hall along with our little tree in the entrance (decorated by their own fair hands) have certainly brought a degree of excitement for the children.

Each of our children designed and made their own Christmas baubles to decorate the "Dean Hole tree" for the Christmas tree festival at Newark Parish Church before it is placed in St Andrew's.

The whole school had their Christmas Jumper Day on 8 December to raise money for Save the Children. The school was awash with brightly coloured snowmen, reindeers, sparkly tinsel and musical jumpers; a big thank you to everyone who participated in the day to raise money for a worthy cause.

We are now gearing up for our Nativity performance on 19 December and will finish the term with our Christmas service at St Andrews on the 21 December.

We are excited to announce that in January, The Potting Shed Church will be relaunching their toddler group Little Seedlings at our school! Little Seedlings ran successfully at The Potting Shed's barn near Caunton pre-Covid and was attended by many families from the rural area. Dean Hole's pre-school and reception cohort also regularly came along and enjoyed joining in with the play, songs and Bible stories.

Little Seedlings will run once a fortnight starting 11 January, 8.45-10.15am. It will be a simple time of play, refreshments, snacks, stories and songs. Parents/carers and their babies and toddlers and pre-school children are all welcome, whether or not you have a child at Dean Hole. We can't wait to get started!

Your village school needs you!

Dean Hole is a lovely school to be part of and we are keen to strengthen our partnership with different groups in the village and beyond. While we enjoy our community lunches and the fact that the school is a 'resource to be used and treasured', we are 'small' and we need to grow.

Help us reach out to new families who can join us and benefit from the wonderful facilities here at Dean Hole as well as immerse their learning through the 'forest school experience' with our qualified forest school leader.

Perhaps you live in the village and do not have children of 'primary age': could you support the school in other ways such as becoming a governor? There are governors willing to talk to you about what the role entails. Do you have a particular skill that you would be willing to share with the children to help broaden their interests and knowledge of the world around them? If the answer is yes please get in touch.

As always if you have a question about the school, please get in touch with a member of the staff team and you are welcome to visit, please ring the office to arrange: 01636 636219.

From all at Dean Hole Primary School, we wish you a very Happy New Year!

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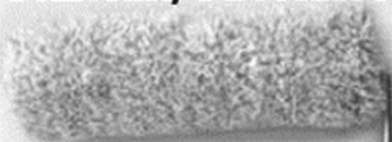
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Cromwell Parish Meeting

A house on Norwell Lane was broken into and items stolen. The thieves broke through the back door while the householders were at work. Alerted by an alarm, the residents called the police who attended as quickly as possible but no arrests were made. All parishioners are warned to be particularly careful about security at this time of year.

A planning application for the construction of a solar farm at Foxholes Farm on Bathley Lane, North Muskham has been received. It would use 75ha of grade 3a & 3b land and provide almost 50MW of power under ideal conditions.

The next quarterly meeting will be on Monday 9 January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are most welcome to attend, speak and vote.

To subscribe to the Cromwell Messenger please sign up at
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To share news and information with the village please contact
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Initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals should be made to the Benefice Administrator, Lorna Caddy on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232 or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com

The end of 2022

This is being written early in December when all the Christmas celebrations are still in the future. Nothing seems certain this year when there have been so many challenges, but we can be certain that on 25 December we shall be celebrating the birth of Christ. Imaginative decorations are already appearing in the church. Thank you so much to all the organisations who have willingly given up their time and have taken hold of the theme for this year 'The holly and the ivy'.

All being well, there will have been time to chat and enjoy mulled wine and have a look at the decorations. There will have been time to sing carols in church at the service of nine lessons and carols; time to sing carols round the village with Village Voices, then in the Pinfold and then finally in the warm and welcoming Plough.

We are waiting for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve full of anticipation. For the first time this will be done jointly by St Laurence's and the Potting Shed Church. It promises to be quite an occasion. Will Christmas night be clear and frosty or dull and gloomy? Whatever it turns out to be it will be one of the special services in the year as we join together for the Christmas Communion.

We do apologise that it was necessary to cancel the evening of Festive Medieval Music. Perhaps lighter evenings when there is not so much competition with other events might be a wiser choice of timing.

ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY 2023

THE GIFT OF FOOD

In Epiphany we remember the wise men and the gifts they brought to Jesus. Our first service here in 2023 is on Sunday 8 January at 10.00am so we'd like to encourage people to bring a couple of gifts of food (tins or packets) for Newark Food Bank. We'll put a box in the church porch so even if you are not coming to the service you might like to donate something. The service will be taken by the Rev David Milner who will be known to some of you as he was formerly Area Dean for Newark and Southwell.

At the end of January, on Sunday 29 at 9.30am in Cauntton church, there will be a joint service for the Beck and Trent Benefice and the Riverside Churches. You will all be very welcome.

Norwell community news

Norwell Parish Council

Happy New Year from the Parish Council!

In January we're all focused on new beginnings. 2023 will see us working more closely with the villages of Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse to carry out our work which falls into three main categories:

- representing the local community
- delivering services to meet local needs
- striving to improve the quality of life in the parish.

We meet every month (except August and December) in Norwell Village Hall. If you have questions, concerns or ideas about how we can meet these objectives, please come along and talk to us.

Our first meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 25 January will include a discussion about how the two villages can come together to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty The King on Saturday 6 May. We'd really like to hear from as many parishioners as possible about how we can make this a weekend to remember so do, please, come along and have your say.

We plan to use our page in the parish magazine to introduce our councillors: some of our faces will be very familiar, some less so! First to face the spotlight is our Chair, Heather Moreno.

Heather has lived at Moat Farm, Norwell Woodhouse for 27 years. Married to theatre producer Chris, she was born in Leek, Staffordshire and was very well travelled before settling in the village, having lived in Australia, Germany and Belize.

A familiar face on the roads and tracks around the villages (sometimes more, sometimes less in control of her mount!) Heather grew up with horses and ponies. She's a qualified riding instructor and competed for many years in showing, dressage, show jumping and eventing. As well as horses, Heather's menagerie includes dogs, cats and swans.

Heather has been a member of the Parish Council for more than eight years. Thanks to her tenacity, Norwell Woodhouse became a safer place to live with the implementation of a 40mph speed limit and the installation of the defibrillator in the refurbished telephone box was completed during her tenure.

Heather was elected Chair of the Council in November 2022.

Putting up the poppies with granddaughter Percy.



Norwell Parish Council

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Norwell Village Hall

We are pleased to announce our next fundraising social event which will be taking place at Norwell Village Hall on Saturday 4 March from 7.00pm.

We have booked the **Comedy Funhouse** through Spiky Mike, whom some of you will know from The Final Whistle or Saracen's Head in Southwell. We booked him pre-pandemic and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The evening will consist of a light supper, served at 7.15, followed by routines from several comedians. There will be a couple of short intervals during the evening before the event finishes at 10.45pm.

It's always a very popular event so remember to book your tickets early! Please consult our website post-Christmas for details of how to book and pay for tickets on www.norwellvillagehall.co.uk.

We request that you forward the list of guests names and their dietary needs at the time of booking so as to avoid the double bookings that occurred at our October event.

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Ann Gibson
Chairperson

Final lucky number draws

The £10 winner for November was Lorraine Pilgrim.

The £75 winner for December was Carol Dear.

The lucky number draw will no longer take place. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Village Hall over the years by buying a number.

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The children in Year 3 and 4 will also be starting their Forest School mornings at Perlethorpe after the February half term and Year 5 will start their NICAS climbing wall award at the Mill Adventure Centre in Mansfield. These sessions will provide wonderful opportunities for the children to develop skills such as perseverance alongside teamwork! Let's hope the weather is kind to them or they may have to learn to develop resilience also!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 4 January.

Best wishes
Kathryn King

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Book Club

On Wednesday 4 January we will discuss Anne Brontë's novel *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*.

Our choice for Wednesday 25 January could hardly be more different – David Diop's International Booker Prize winner *At Night All Blood is Black*. It's told by Alfa, a Senegalese soldier fighting for the French in WW1 who descends into madness after seeing his friend die. Said to be short, powerful and poetic.

More information about the Book Club from Helen 636337.

Christmas party

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Royal Connections Christmas party but, hopefully, we will be able to hold the party in January.

2022 was another busy year for the heritage group and it was good, once again, to hold actual rather than zoom meetings.

Our talks included Bess of Hardwick, Bomber Command and the history and language of coal mining.

A Heritage roadshow was held in June and also our 'walk and talk' to the village of Egmanton.

This year the heritage group have a variety of speakers; meetings to look forward to include, Eakring's secret oil field, historic buildings of Southwell and the Easter bunny!

There is no NPHG meeting in January but we meet in February for the AGM on Thursday 16th February when Dr Chris King will be talking about Historic buildings in Southwell.

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AWARDS FOR TWO NORWELL BUILDINGS

Norwell is proud of its buildings. They are part of the heritage that we value so much. Over the years we have been pleased to see buildings being 'saved' when it looked as though they could be lost through neglect and the passage of time.

On Tuesday 6 December **Auld Cottage** was presented with the Harry Johnson Award 2022 for the Best Conservation Project in Nottinghamshire. This is awarded by CPRE and the Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust. In addition, **The Old School** on School Lane was one of two projects commended.

Many of you will be aware that the condition of Auld Cottage had been a cause for concern for many years and that attempts to save it had been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Architectural Heritage Fund, Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust and SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings). However it was only when Peter Morgan and Lorna Glanfield purchased the property that the building was saved. They are to be congratulated on the sensitive and imaginative way in which they used old techniques and materials to restore the main features of the cottage and transform the small timber-framed building from the 16th century into a warm, inviting and authentic property which continues to stand in Main Street.*

The Old School is now also a building of which we can be proud. Not many villages have three school buildings standing in such close proximity and there was a real risk that the Victorian School would not remain. It was restored with great flair by Matt Wells. It is completely recognisable as the Victorian School building: the inside is stunning, yet it still preserves some of the original features of the school. Graham and Lynne Johnson live in the school now and thoroughly appreciate its restoration.

Norwell is a Conservation Area and other properties in Norwell have also been, and continue to be, restored to ensure that the character of the village is retained. Well done, everyone. We can be proud of our conservation record.

**It is a delightful holiday cottage as visiting members of our family discovered. Ed.*



Auld Cottage



The Old School



From the Church

We hope everyone had a happy Christmas and send all good wishes for the new year. We had the DIY carol service on the 18 December, and our thanks must go to those who decorated the church. We unfortunately lost Ossington resident Peter Cooke at the end of November, his funeral being conducted by Rev Tony Tucker on 21 December. Christmas communion was taken by the Rev Vaughan Sweet.

Our next service will be the monthly communion on Sunday 15 January at 10.30am and will be taken by Rev John Smith.

Condolences

Village resident Peter Cooke sadly passed away at home on 30 November aged 63 years, leaving his wife Ann and daughters Dawn and Angela. Peter and Ann married at Holy Rood in 1986 and Peter remained exceptionally fond of Ossington for the rest of his life. Following his funeral he was laid to rest in the churchyard as per his wishes. The village extends condolences to Ann and their family and friends at this very sad time.

Quiz Night fundraising

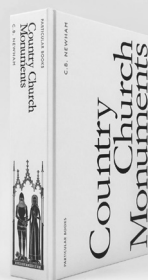
Warmest thanks to those who came to the Ossington Quiz Night and whose generosity allowed us to send £200 to Dementia UK.

Auction Collection Days at Home Farm

Following the second (online) auction of tractors and spare parts at Home Farm, the allocated days for collection will be Friday 13 and Saturday 14 January. As most of the lots are physically much smaller than the first auction, the transport required is likely to be smaller in size too. However this is just to let everyone know that there is likely to be more traffic through the village on those days.

Are you interested in memorials in churches?

A new book by CB Newham has just been published entitled *Country Church Monuments*. It is richly illustrated with pictures of many fascinating memorials. These include naked corpses and pious children as well smartly dressed individuals who must have enjoyed successful lives. It covers 365 different churches across the country. The church of the Holy Rood, Ossington has its own mention. You are always welcome to visit the church but will need to contact the churchwardens for access.





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Thoughts on the New Year

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) was an American Congregationalist clergyman, social reformer and speaker, known for his support of the abolition of slavery, his emphasis on God's love, and his 1875 adultery trial!

Beecher was the son of Lyman Beecher, a Calvinist minister who became one of the best-known evangelists of his era. Several of his brothers and sisters became well-known educators and activists, most notably Harriet Beecher Stowe, who achieved worldwide fame with her abolitionist novel 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'.

In 1847, Beecher became the first pastor of the Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. He soon became famous on the lecture circuit for his novel oratorical style using humour, dialect, and slang. The following paragraph is an extract from one of his sermons written whilst he was in Brooklyn.

'Every man should be born again on the first of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle, if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but, on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take interest in the things that are and are to be, and not in the things that were and are past'.

Or, as Oprah Winfrey put it more succinctly: 'Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right'.

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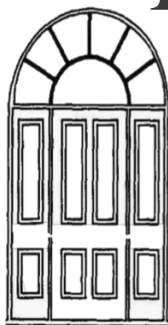
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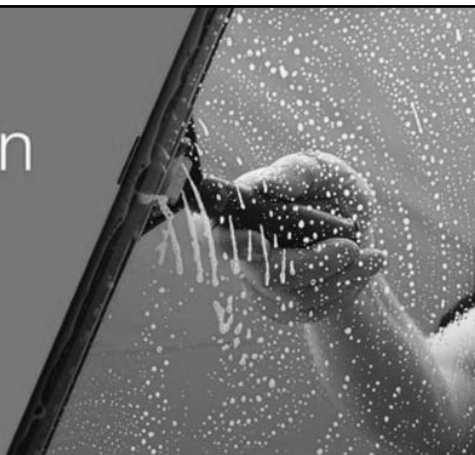
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