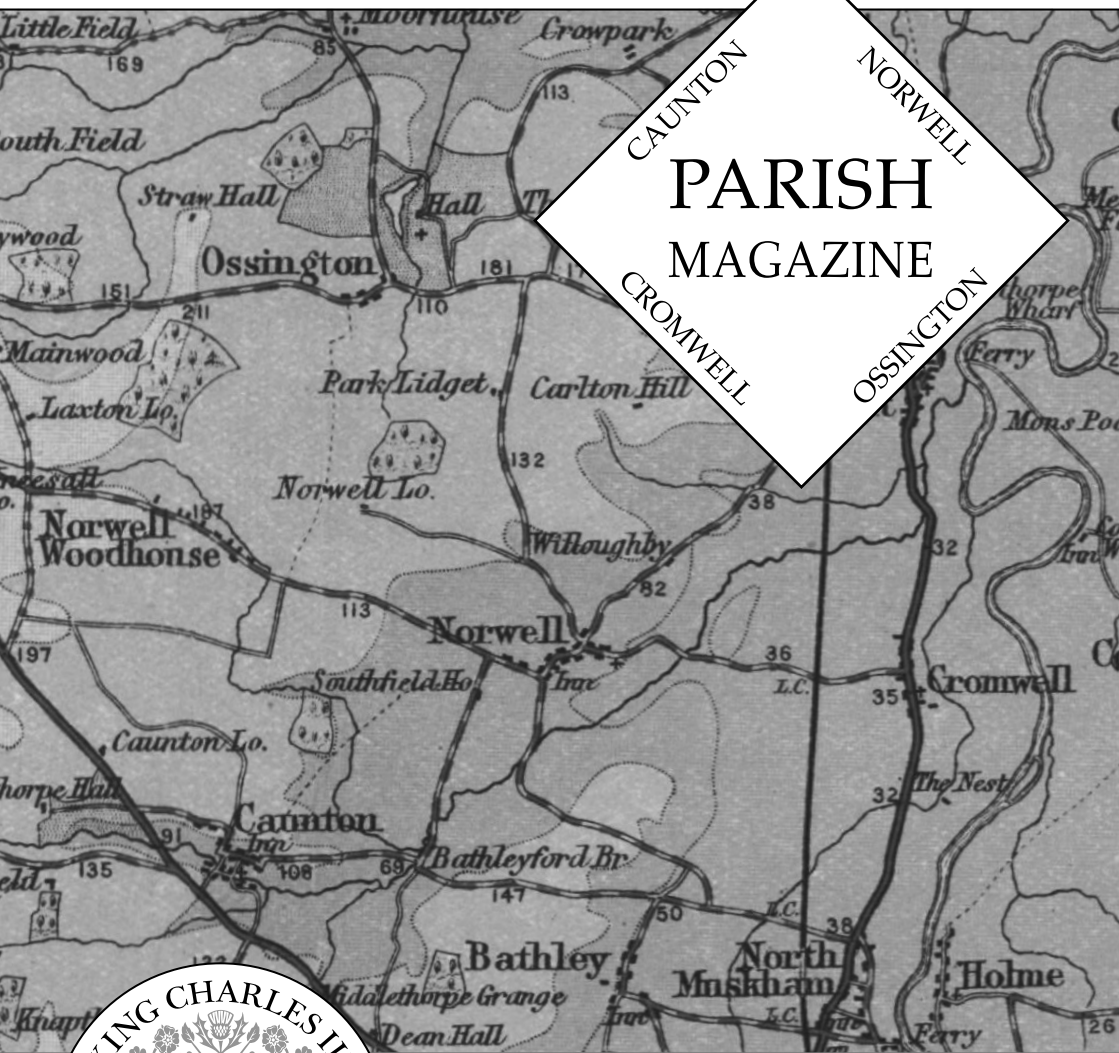




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Beck & Trent churches update

There is reassurance in having our lives measured out by the seasons of the church. On Easter Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus following his death on the cross. After his time on earth he ascended to heaven; this we remember on Ascension Day on 18 May. His disciples were not left bereft because his ascension was followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit, now the great feast of Pentecost on Sunday 28 May.

Locally we can also be reassured that the Beck and Trent Group of churches is not being forgotten by the Diocese. In March the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham came to Sutton. In April Sutton is being visited again, this time by the Archdeacon of Newark on 23 April. There will be a report about this in next month's magazine.

In May we have the very special event of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on 6 May. We pray for them both as they commit themselves to a life of service to God and the nation. Our churches are celebrating the Coronation in different ways so do look out for the things that are happening in your village.

Many of us are interested in what was going on in our churches several hundred years ago. We can find out more on Wednesday 10 May at 7.30pm in St Laurence's church, Norwell when Professor Nicholas Orme, author of the best-selling book *Going to church in Medieval England* will talk about *Going to church in Medieval Nottinghamshire*. Professor Orme is very committed to the importance of the parish church in our parishes today. There will be lessons to learn from the past which may help us now. All are welcome (admission £3.00 on the door).

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		St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	7 May <i>Easter 5</i>	9.00 a.m. Coronation service Holy Comm- union		10.00 a.m. Coronation Service of celebration		10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second Sunday</i>	14 May <i>Easter 6</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Comm- union		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Comm- union
<i>third Sunday</i>	21 May <i>Easter 7</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Comm- union		3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	28 May <i>Pentecost</i>					10.30 a.m. Holy Comm- union	3.00 p.m. Evensong

Verse of the month:

“When the day of Pentecost arrived they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”

Acts 2 verses 1-4

Christians celebrate Pentecost to remember the gift of the Holy Spirit sent to assure Christ's followers that they were not alone after He had ascended to heaven. The Holy Spirit still comforts and inspires now.

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:

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In the Diocese:

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From the church



Nuts in May, nuts in May,
Here we go gathering nuts in May,
On a cold and frosty morning.

A bit odd gathering nuts in May! This is the refrain of an old children's game and is a corruption of "Here we go gathering knots of may", referring to the old custom of gathering knots of flowers on May Day. Many old rhymes and customs are disappearing.

The Coronation of our King will be full of pomp, ceremony and customs that go back through history. Someone even wants to revive the custom of herb strewer at the Coronation. This was definitely needed years ago because of unpleasant smells but the King is adopting a slimmed down approach.

At the beginning of May our focus will be on the Coronation as we celebrate with His Majesty King Charles. At the end of May our focus shifts to another king with what used to be called Whitsuntide but is now known as the Spring Bank Holiday. In days gone by factory and mill workers looked forward to stepping away from the workplace for some well-earned rest. Gradually it became a tradition to go to the seaside for the day.

For the church Whitsun is also Pentecost which also has its roots in the past – the celebration at the beginning of harvest: in Palestine there were two harvests each year and the early harvest came during May and June. Christians celebrate Pentecost to remember when the Holy Spirit was given to the church: you can read all about it in Acts chapter 2.

Pentecost was a momentous event for Christians. The Holy Spirit transformed the disciples and all who received the Spirit. The church grew that day. This "Pentecostal" experience allowed the apostles direct communication with God, which signalled a major shift in the religious landscape and laid the foundation for what would become Christianity. This is now part of the Christian year and celebrated around the old Whitsuntide holiday.

We will celebrate so much during May. Take time to enjoy all that is on offer, to slow down and perhaps deepen your knowledge of some of these traditions.

So much of what we celebrate and how we celebrate is part of our history or traditions and can give us a sense of who we are. Many traditions and customs have their roots in the Christian faith however in our multi-cultural society we have gained knowledge and understanding of other traditions and how they enrich our lives too.

All blessings.
Georgie Hadley

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
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 March – 15 April

Funerals

All Saints' Sutton-on-Trent	Benjamin (Benny) Dabrowski	31 March 2023
St Andrew's Caunton	Geraldine (Gerry) Barthorpe	13 April 2023
All Saints' Sutton-on-Trent	Michael Longmate	14 April 2023

Interment of ashes

Holy Rood Ossington	Judith Lavinia Ward	26 March 2023
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NATURE *Watch*

Insects are the most diverse lineage of animals on earth and make up the largest proportion of all life in the world. Having survived and proliferated during previous mass extinction events there are over a million different species of insects, comprising more than half the world's living organisms.

Insects play a crucial role as food sources. Underpinning many food chains they pollinate the majority of the world's crops and are biological pest controllers. Insects are therefore hugely important to our environment and food security.

Recent years have seen dramatic declines in the number of different insect species. In the UK alone, studies have shown that in the past 20 years the flying insect population has reduced by as much as 60%. These losses are attributed to a variety of factors including habitat loss and an increase in intensive agriculture, pollution, pesticide use and, more recently, climate change.

Insects are ectotherms, meaning their level of activity is affected by the outside temperature, so initial theories suggest insects will proliferate at higher global temperatures but this may not be the case. Studies have shown that insects are not easily able to adjust to changes in temperature and rely on previous exposure to certain temperatures to acclimatise them. Previous exposure causes physiological changes within the insects body including changes to the cell membranes of cells and the activation of heat shock proteins. These proteins prevent other proteins within cells from misfolding or clustering, inhibit cell death and ensure cell signalling pathways function as normal so necessary processes in cell survival can still occur. Young insects have a greater ability to carry out acclimation and therefore it is thought that there are critical windows in an insect's life where experiencing a heat wave may adapt the insect for adulthood. Adults that haven't previously been exposed to such temperatures are sensitive to extreme temperatures.

Climate change is affecting us all. There are ways however in which we can reduce our own impact on the climate. Whether it be by reducing our consumption of meat and dairy products or turning down our heating by a couple of degrees, to simply turning off lights and appliances when we aren't using them. Most importantly talk about the changes you've made with others - it's these everyday small changes that have the biggest impact.

Adam Breslin

adamnaturewatch@gmail.com



Adonis Blue Butterfly, Polyommatus bellargus

BIRD *Watch*

It is being reported from around the country that the populations of greylag geese are growing, whereas the formerly uncontrollable numbers of Canada geese seem to be reducing. That might be the result of positive action being taken against the Canadas or, possibly, that their tendency to flock in large groups has made them more vulnerable to avian flu. Certainly there are now greylag on the Lake field at Ossington where there used only to be Canadas.

The first swallows are always welcome, but somehow they have been more keenly awaited this year as bringers of more positive news about bird life. The earliest reported were from Norwell in late March and a pair was seen near Moorhouse on 4 April. We will gradually discover if numbers of swallows are recovering and if, after a very lean year in 2022, house martins are seen again over all the villages.

A rare photograph came from Laxton of a goshawk on its pigeon victim, taken on a lawn in the village. These are rare raptors locally and are normally birds of extensive woodland and woodland edges.

The goshawk can be mistaken for a sparrowhawk though they are much larger – almost buzzard size – with distinctive barred chest feathers and a white eyestripe. The classic sighting is of a gos flying at speed and with great agility in and out of trees along a woodland ride.

A great white egret was reported from one of the lakes at Cromwell and the little egret is now a regular sight. The great white egret is spreading gradually.

A welcome return to our bird feeders was a nuthatch which we had not seen for two years. We have a nuthatch nest box, but this bird is notoriously picky about its nesting sites and ours remains empty.

A lesser spotted woodpecker has been seen and though we hear them drumming in nearby woods we have not seen one since 2020.

The first chiff-chaff have arrived and we now wait to see what this year's main Spring migration will bring.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

RAIN *Watch*

March was a very wet month, the second wettest in 17 years in Norwell – 7.7 cm (3 in) compared to our average of 3.7 cm (1.4 in). This is more than double (213%) what we would normally expect.

In spite of the waterlogged gardens and fields, due to a very dry February, the first three months of 2023 have still been drier than normal – 21% of the year's rainfall total compared to an average of 23%.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

FARMING *Watch*

Last month finally saw the lifting of housing requirements for poultry that were put in place to counter the ravages of avian (bird) flu. This will come as something of a relief for poultry farmers with outdoor flocks and will mean that their produce can be once more labelled free range. However bird flu hasn't gone away and so producers must remain vigilant as the disease is still circulating in wild birds.

The month of May not only sees most livestock turned out to grass, where possible; it also marks the start of the traditional agricultural show season. Over the years agricultural shows have tended to diversify away from a 'general' model and have specialised in particular areas of farming such as dairy, sheep, cereals, machinery and business innovation.

Newark Show, or Nottinghamshire Show to give its correct title, is one of the earliest county shows of the year and is rightly famed for the quality of its livestock classes, including cattle, sheep, heavy horses and rabbits. This year the Show is going back to its roots – showcasing food producers and the countryside way of living.

The Show takes place on Saturday 13 May and tickets (adults £11, children aged 16 and under have free entry) can be purchased online at www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com.

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Caunton church news



Easter celebrations

It was encouraging that we had twelve early risers to our 6.00am Dawn Service on Easter morning. The Reverend Vaughan Sweet officiated at this lovely service and afterwards we enjoyed toasted hot cross buns and cups of tea, and everyone went away with small chocolate reminders of the morning.

The Easter flowers looked lovely and many thanks to those who gave donations towards the flowers and to Paula.

RIP

Sadly, just four days after Easter Sunday relatives, friends and neighbours gathered in St. Andrew's for the funeral of Geraldine (Gerry) Barthorpe. Gerry died on 23 March after a long illness. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers are with Steve, Jennifer, Caroline, her grandchildren and family members at this sad and difficult time. RIP Gerry.

It was the greatest sadness to hear of the death of Elizabeth (Betty) Seal who died peacefully on Friday 14 April in Lancaster Grange care home. Betty was such a special person and a great supporter of St. Andrew's and also the farming community. If you could call Betty your friend then you were truly blessed. Our thoughts, condolences and prayers go to Edythe and Ray, Rosemarie and James, her three grand daughters, as well as her extended family and friends at this sad and difficult time. RIP Betty.

Celebrating the Coronation

Like many others we are looking forward to the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May. While nothing is happening

in our village on the day, Sunday 7th will begin with our service in church at 9.00am and the Coronation will have some part in the service. Then later, we'll enjoy the bring-your-own picnic down at the school field.

Monday 8 May is the King's Volunteering Day and we are so looking forward to welcoming as many volunteers as possible to help with the sprucing up of the churchyard. We might even get a chance to have a go at the interior of the church. There'll be lots to keep everyone busy, and we'll need some willing enthusiasts to go into the beck (no, NOT the pub) to try and address the problem of shrubs/tree saplings that have started to grow on the bank-side. Meet in the churchyard at 10.00am. Sausage cobs and homemade cake, washed down with plenty of tea/coffee, will be provided free of charge.



APCM

A reminder that the Annual Parochial Church Meetings will take place in church on Tuesday 9 May at 7.00pm.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning

Sat 6 & 13 May – Joy & Dave
Sat 20 & 27 May – Pat & Irene
Sat 3 & 10 June – Sharon & Andrew

Flowers

Sat 6 & 13 May – Coronation flowers
Sat 20 & 27 May – Bo
Sat 3 & 10 June - Pat

Refreshments

Sun 7 May - Charlotte
Sun 4 June – Mike & Mary

Dean Hole - a village community space

Live and Local

While this year's Live and Local programme is at an end, next year's programme has already been put in motion, so as soon as we hear anything we'll let you know, though it won't be for a couple of months yet!

The organisers would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us on the two occasions this year (and in previous years) that we have been involved. We look forward to seeing you next season.

We are looking at the church as a possible venue to present artists which might work better in that environment.

Bingo

Friday 12 May 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Irene Crossley

Caunton Parish Council – Notes from 12 April meeting

A planning application for a single storey porch extension at Orchard Lodge was supported.

The Tour of Britain will be coming to Nottinghamshire again: the route and date isn't clear yet but our yellow bikes are at the ready.

There were no reports from County or District Councillors as they prepare for the election on 4 May.

The King's Coronation celebrations will include a bring your own food and drink 'big picnic' from 12.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday 7 May on the village playing fields supported by the School facilities. Entertainment will include music by Brad, head dress making, a village stocks, and skittles.

A royal-themed scarecrow competition during Coronation week to be judged on Friday 5 May.

On Monday 8 May from 10.00am there will be a King's volunteer day for a community clean up of the Church, with light refreshments.

More details on these events will be circulated.

The next meetings will be on Wednesday 10 May commencing with the Open Parish Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council Annual General Meeting 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

Steve Routledge Chairman

Caunton community news (continued)

Caunton Local History Society

Our meeting in April was the final one of this year before our summer break and annual trips. This year we will explore a variety of fascinating destinations: everyone is welcome whether a member of the society or not. Please note the deadlines for booking and payment of your tickets.

The first of our summer coach trips will be on Tuesday 13 June to the wonderful Derby museums. Entry to the museums will be free; the coach ticket is £20 or £21 depending how many people book.

The Museum of Making has a collection which charts the progress of Derbyshire's interesting manufacturing history and the people involved. It also tells the story of the world heritage site, Derwent Valley Mills.



The Museum and Art Gallery promises a maze of historic architecture and intriguing collections and Pickford's House, built by Joseph Pickford in 1770, focuses on middle class life in the 18th and 19th centuries. Everyone is welcome.

Please call Wendy by 14 May to reserve your seat and arrange payment:
Tel 01636 636157 or mobile 07771 725073

Look out for details of additional trips to the Richard III museum, the Guildhall, Derby and to Nostell Priory, Wakefield in the June edition of the parish magazine.

Also, on 24 June there is an opportunity to explore Victorian Caunton at

A Slice of Rural Victorian Life
A guided walk followed by a talk, music hall entertainment
and afternoon tea
24 June, 12.45-5.00pm. Tickets £7

Meet at Caunton Community Centre (Dean Hole School) and discover what happened when the village chemist mistook tincture of rhubarb for something far more lethal and how the closure of Caunton brickworks reflects changes across Victorian society. Learn about the far reaching social impact of the enclosures and discover the harrowing story of Caunton's residents sent to the workhouse. The afternoon's highlight will be a Victorian afternoon tea, music hall entertainment, and a presentation about the history of the afternoon tea by Milly Freeman. All welcome. Contact Lynn 01636 636718 or 07999 352633 by 30 May to reserve your place and arrange payment.

Lynn Thompson lynn1485@gmail.com

Caunton Garden Society

Our winter season of monthly meetings at the School has come to an end but meetings will resume on 19 September. We now look forward to our summer activities.

Looking back, we have had eight successful and enjoyable meetings over the winter with six speakers covering a variety of topics. One other meeting was our AGM and a social evening, and in December we met up with Caunton History Society at Floral Media for a splendid Christmas dinner. In addition to our monthly meetings we held two shows – in September and April.

Looking forward, we will meet at a garden in Radcliffe on Trent on 6 June, and members and friends will gather again at Floral Media on 20 June for our Annual Rose Show and Summer Supper. We have yet to arrange anything for August but we can confirm that we will have a coach outing to the RHS Garden at Harlow Carr on 18 July. **Please note this date as in last month's magazine the date was incorrectly given as 25 July.** We are sorry for any inconvenience this change has caused but there are still a few vacancies for any friends who would like to join us. The cost of the outing is £25 which is very reasonable as it includes entry to the gardens. If you are interested please contact either Tony Johnson on 01636 816235 or Trevor Plumb on 01636 636725. We had a most enjoyable day out at Harlow Carr last year and (with a different coach company) the gardens should, weather permitting, look great and rather different in July.

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Caunton: Dean Hole Primary School

At Caunton Dean Hole Church of England Primary School we did so much to celebrate Easter!

Easter Crafts

Our wonderful PTA have been at it again! The children got to enjoy a mega craft session after school one Tuesday. They decorated cakes, decorated cake boxes, painted, coloured in... they have produced some lovely Easter decorative items and had a great time doing it!

Thank you again to our fantastic parents. Thank you for the way you selflessly serve our school community.

Easter Service

The Reverend Vaughan Sweet joined us for our Easter Service in school. He spoke about the different coloured stoles that he wears in church and what they symbolise and represent.

He also presented children with the 24 Acts of Lent certificates. Thank you so much to everyone who has participated.

Easter Egg Hunt

The amazing PTA struck again!

Thank you to everyone who came into school to organise a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Everyone had a great time!

The grown-ups were also treated to another rendition of the classic song 'Spring Chicken' which was sung at the Mother's Day Service.

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Lee Harrison, Acting Headteacher
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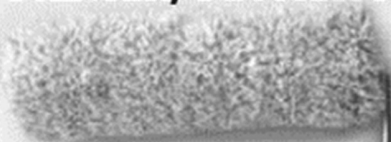
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The church is here for the parish. The PCC will provide help, support and information. For the present, Elizabeth Jones will continue to be a first contact on emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or 01636 636 365.

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

We are moving into a busy time at St Laurence's. The dates for May and the key dates for June are included here.

St Laurence's diary for May

For the Coronation

Saturday 6	The church bells will be rung in the morning before the Coronation service in London
Sunday 7	10.00am Service of celebration for the Coronation
Monday 8	10.00am to 3.00pm Drop into the church and/or churchyard for The Big Help Out (see opposite)
Wednesday 10	7.30pm Going to church in Medieval Nottinghamshire: talk by Nicholas Orme (see opposite)
Sunday 14	10.00am Service of Holy Communion
Mon 22	Start 10.00am Help clean the church (if needed)
Wed 31	6.30pm Pies at the Plough for Pentecost (see opposite)

Key dates in June

Sat 3-Sun 11	Love your Burial Ground & Churches Count on Nature Week
Sun 11	10.00am Service of Holy Communion
Sat 24-Fri 30	Exhibition of Landscape Photographs
Sun 25	Open church. Arrangements using local foliage (see opposite)

For more information please contact Elizabeth Jones on emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or 01636 636 365.



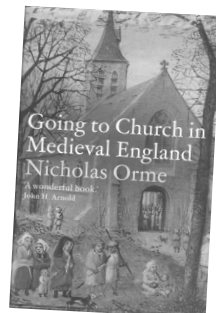
THE BIG HELP OUT

Please bring secateurs and old knife (for pruning and ivy), hoe, yard brush and/or a strimmer for the churchyard; duster, polish, brushes if you would like to help in the church. Anything you think will help. Stay as long as you like. Refreshments will be available.



GOING TO CHURCH IN MEDIEVAL NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

This is organised by Norwell Parish Heritage Group. All are welcome. Free for members of NPHG, visitors' charge of £3.00 for others. Professor Orme will be using the church to illustrate his talk. He is a well-known historian and has recently published the popular book *Going to church in Medieval England*.



PIES AT THE PLOUGH FOR PENTECOST

We remembered the start of Lent with Pancakes at the Plough. Pentecost is on 28 May so you are invited to the Plough on Wednesday 31 May when steak and ale pies, chicken pies, and vegetable lattice, all with chips and peas will be on offer. You will need to order your choice by 24 May with Jenny on 07903 503788. Tickets £10. This is a firm booking as the pies are ordered in advance. As usual there will be an activity to keep you entertained!

USING YOUR TALENTS FOR THE CHURCH

We are all encouraged to identify our talents and use them. To keep the church going we need people with a range of skills. It will be clear exactly what we need after the Annual Meetings at the end of April but the church building, the churchyard, the services and the administration all need people to keep them going. Please think hard about what you can offer. Would you be willing to be the treasurer? It would be a shame to lose our Parish Church.

ST LAURENCE'S IN JUNE

There will be more details next month but there is definitely a natural theme for the events planned.

Advance notice: Foliage

Last year people were wonderful at providing flowers from their gardens for arrangements in church when it was Open Gardens in Norwell. This year we are planning to do arrangements just with foliage from gardens. We'll be looking for all colours and types of foliage so please look round the garden and see if you will have anything that would be useful.



Norwell community news

Norwell Village Hall

Village Hall Committee Report following a meeting on 20 March 2023.

Norwell Village Hall Committee was approached by the Parish Council in October 2022 to give an opinion regarding the suitability of Norwell Village Hall Committee room or the car park for a village shop following the closure of Brenda's. Our role was to analyse the practicalities of these suggestions and advise the trustees of our ideas. The trustees are responsible for all decisions that affect the use of the hall. In view of our findings the option of Norwell Village Hall as a venue was left off the Village questionnaire.

Following recent meetings held by the Village Shop Steering Committee the issue of using the Village Hall in some capacity was raised again so we held an urgent meeting with them, the Trustees, Harvey Brown and Stuart Batty, together with a representative of The Plunkett Foundation, a charity that advises on setting up community businesses. This meeting was held so that we could give a statement to the Parish Council at their next meeting.

All the practicalities surrounding the use of Norwell Village Hall were discussed at length, and a decision was reached by all parties that the hall was not the right location for the following reasons:

Norwell Village is a registered charity and has a restrictive covenant dating back to 1954. After investigating the charitable status of the hall and the covenant (through Deeds, Land Registry and The Charities Commission) the trustees did not feel that they wanted, even if in the unlikely event it were possible, to change the use of the hall.

The Plunkett Foundation confirmed that, from their experience, a business

and charity are not compatible in the same location. Safeguarding obligations, for children's activities, and practicalities of running functions like funerals, mean that amenities like the toilets and kitchen could be not shared with a shop on the site.

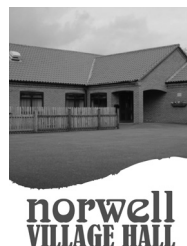
The Village Shop steering group explained carefully that in order for a village shop to be financially viable there needed to be enough space for a café and they considered there wasn't on the Village Hall site. There is insufficient space for a portacabin or extension to be sited, of the size required.

The Village Hall Committee, responsible for the maintenance of the hall, recognised that a community-run business would need to operate independently in respect of all costs, light, heating, water, insurance etc.

Here is a statement read out at the Parish Council Meeting:

Following a meeting with the Village Hall Committee, the Village Hall Trustees, the Village Shop Steering Group and the Plunkett Foundation, the following points were noted, which the Village Hall Committee would like to pass on to the Parish Council.

The Village Hall is covered by a restrictive covenant, which states that the building and land is for a Village Hall (i.e. for meetings and other social gatherings) for the use of the inhabitants of Norwell and no other purpose. The Trustees of the Village Hall, unanimously supported by the Village Hall Committee, are not in favour of challenging the covenant,



even should this be possible, which they believe unlikely.

To address specific questions raised at the recent Village Shop Steering Group open meeting, with regards to locating a shop on the Village Hall site:

- To re-affirm, the village hall meeting room (one proposed location of the shop) is used on a regular basis. Any permanent use of the shop in this room would compromise this usage.
- The container in the corner of the car park is currently full and used on a weekly basis.
- Car parking space would be significantly reduced should space in the car park be built on, particularly if you consider the space required to re-site the oil storage and the existing container.
- The fenced in play area immediately in front of the village hall, which is an important health and safety feature, is used for children's parties.
- The Plunkett Foundation confirmed that, from their experience, a business and charity are not compatible in the same location.

For all these reasons, The Village Hall Committee are in unanimous agreement with the Trustees that this is not a suitable location for the village shop.

Our next event is a Wine Tasting with local vintner Ann et Vin from Newark on Saturday 22 July. There will be a fun foodie/wine quiz and a light supper. Details will be on our website: www.norwellvillagehall.co.uk

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Norwell Garden Club

Spring Show

Norwell Garden Club held its Annual Spring Show on Saturday 1 April in the Village Hall. The members put on an excellent show of 127 exhibits. The golden daffodils provided a wonderful display to confirm the arrival of Spring even if the tulips struggled to make a strong appearance.

We were delighted to receive entries from two village schoolchildren, Elda and Jack Warren. Five year old Jack took third prize in the Informal Spring Flower Arrangement – an Open Class, so a wonderful achievement.

Other prize winners were Sheila Davenport for most points both in the Daffodil section and the Show, Janet McGill for Best Tulip, Magz Guy for Best in Show for a stunning Easter Cake, Kris Grief for most points in the Baking Section and Roy Pilgrim for Best Bloom.

Our grateful thanks go to judges Paul Beech and Sally Adamson.

*Right: All the prize winners and Elda and Jack Warren
Below: The Best in Show cake from Magz Guy.*



Visit to Capability Barn

The Club will visit Capability Barn in Hoveringham on Thursday 25 May at 2.30 pm.

It is an imaginatively planted large country garden with wisteria, magnolia, rhododendrons and apple blossom to greet us at this time of year. Tea and cake (£4.50) complete an interesting afternoon. If you would like to join us please contact Roy Pilgrim, Fauna Follies 01636 639048.





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Norwell Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION, THURSDAY 4 MAY

Election of Parish Councillors for the PARISH OF NORWELL Statement of Persons Nominated

Notice is hereby given that:

A poll (if contested) will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023 between 7am and 10pm.
The number of Parish Councillors to be elected is 7.

The following people have been or stand nominated for election as a Parish Councillor for the above Parish. Those who no longer stand nominated are listed, but will have a comment in the right hand column.

Candidate name	Address of candidate ¹	Description of candidate	Names of subscribers to the nomination (Proposer and Seconder listed first)	If no longer nominated, the reason why
ANDERSON, Adrian James	School House, School Lane, Norwell, Newark, NG23 6JP		Graham Anthony Johnson(P), Lynne Johnson(S)	
DEWBERRY, Joanne Elizabeth	Scotts Cottage, Bathley Lane, Norwell, Newark, NG23 6JS		Graham Anthony Johnson(P), Lynne Johnson(S)	
HUNT, Christine	Gable End, Main St, Norwell, NG23 6LF		Philip G Hickling(P), John F Sparrowhawk(S)	
JOHNSON, Lynne	The Old School, School Lane, Norwell, Newark, NG23 6JP		John F Hobson(P), Pauline M Hobson(S)	
MCQUILKIN, Penny	Jack's Barn, Norwell Woodhouse, Newark, NG23 6NG		Heather M Moreno(P), Ashleigh Elizabeth Robertshaw(S)	
MORENO, Heather Mary	Moat Farm, Norwell Woodhouse, Newark, NG23 6NG		Penelope A McQuilkin(P), Ashleigh Elizabeth Robertshaw(S)	
ROBERTSHAW, Ashleigh Elizabeth	4 The Old Nurseries, Norwell, NG23 6NA		Penelope A McQuilkin(P), Adam P McQuilkin(S)	
SOUTH, Richard Wentworth	Trent Farmhouse, Norwell Woodhouse, Newark, NG23 6NG		Penelope A McQuilkin(P), Heather M Moreno(S)	
WHATE, Lucy	The Holt, School Lane, Norwell, Notts, NG23 6JP		Heather M Moreno(P), Ashleigh Elizabeth Robertshaw(S)	

¹If a candidate has requested not to make their home address public, the district in which their home address is situated will be provided.

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All Parishioners are invited to attend Hustings ahead of the Parish Council election. These will take place on Tuesday 2 May at 6pm at the Village Hall and are an excellent chance to learn more about the nine candidates and ask questions of them.

The event will be moderated by former Chair of the Parish Council, Dick Ward. Questions will be taken on the night, but please also feel free to email questions to Dick ahead of the event on richard.j.ward@outlook.com.



Pottery Open Studio

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 May, 10.00am-4.00pm – Baytree Cottage, Main Street (next to the Plough)

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Where did the Easter Bunny come from?

At our last meeting on Easter Tuesday we started with tea. It had an Easter theme with simnel cake, gingerbread bunnies and chocolate bunnies. This was followed by a talk which was lively, enthusiastic, entertaining and fascinating.

Naomi Sykes has spent her career as a zoo-archaeologist looking at animal bones, in particular at the way in which they are associated with humans. She explained the introduction of brown hares, rabbits and, for good measure, chickens into this country. The significance of these animals seems to have changed from veneration as deities to food for the rich and then for everyone – from being cherished to being hunted and butchered! The link to Easter has developed over time with the first historical mention of 'Easter bunny' recorded in Germany in 1682.



May meeting

This is on Wednesday 10 May in St Laurence's church at 7.30pm.

Professor Nicholas Orme will give the talk entitled 'Going to church in Medieval Nottinghamshire'. More details in Norwell Church News on page 21.

Looking ahead

Walk, talk and eat!!

On Thursday 13 July we'll be going to Moorhouse for our annual Walk and Talk. This will be followed by a meal at the Dovecote, Laxton. Places are limited for the meal but not the Walk and Talk. Please let us know if you would like your name down for either or both. For the meal, priority will be given to members of NPHG but all are welcome. Names to Elizabeth emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or Kate xkns@aol.com.

Book Club

Our choice for May is the novel *Postcards From a Stranger* by Imogen Clark. The postcards of the title are discovered in an attic by Cara and they begin to reveal mysteries about her family she had never suspected. Much more original than it appears at first sight and compulsively readable. We will meet to discuss it on Wednesday 31 May.

More information about the Book Club from Helen 636337.

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From the Church

May sees the return of the usual pattern of services for the group which means that the next service at Holy Rood will be at 10.30am on Sunday 20 May. Everyone is most welcome.

Ringling for the King

All over the country, church bells will ring out to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has requested that all churches with ringable bells should take part in this once in a generation event if at all possible. The bells at Holy Rood will definitely be rung at some point over the Coronation weekend although the exact time has yet to be arranged. This is because bell ringers, like vicars, are becoming something of a rare breed and so have to spread their resources ever more thinly. It is estimated that there are only about 30,000 bell ringers in the whole country now, and the average age is increasing.

If you have ever been curious about how church bells are rung and/or would like to have a go, you will be made very welcome at All Saints at Sutton on Trent on any Wednesday evening (7.30pm practice start time). There you will find a number of very experienced bell ringers who will be more than happy to literally 'show you the ropes'! Further details from Margaret Martin on 01777 870022.

Coronation social

Unfortunately there has been very little interest in coming together as a community to celebrate the Coronation so the proposed event will not take place.



Commemorative tree planting at Laxton

On 15 April an oak tree donated by Thoresby Estate was planted on Main Street, Laxton just below Step Farm to commemorate the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II (1952-2022). The planting was undertaken by Emeritus Professor John Beckett, a lifelong supporter of the Laxton Open Fields farming system and the Laxton community. Also in attendance were most of the Laxton Village Centre trustees, a number of villagers, and Sir John Starkey of Ossington, who is Chairman of the Trustees.

Perhaps a tree planting in Ossington to commemorate the Coronation might find more favour than a tea party?

Home Farm – auction arrangements

The third and largest auction of Caterpillar and other vintage tractors, plus spare parts, will take place at Home Farm over two days on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 May. This time it will be an onsite auction as well as online, with a viewing day on Thursday 18 May (10.00am-4.00pm). Immediately following the sale days there will be a collection period from Sunday 21 May through to Friday 26 May inclusive.



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Group"

It is intended that entrance and exit to the sale site will be strictly via the field entrance on Cook's Hill (Carlton Road). Collection of purchases will be controlled by timed slots and traffic is likely to be heavier through the village during the sale and collection period. If the weather is inclement it may be necessary to make use of the Home Farm entrance. We will be doing our absolute best to keep traffic flowing throughout this time, but would like to apologise in advance for any unintentional inconvenience to residents and visitors.

'In Affectionate Remembrance'

Anyone wishing to access the 'new' churchyard at Holy Rood has to make their way over headstones laid to make part of the pathway. Possibly not much notice is taken of the individual grave markers used in this way. However the headstone that remains legible following this 'use' begins with the wording 'In affectionate remembrance'. As its current position seems less than affectionate it is perhaps still worth remembering those to whom it is dedicated.

Thomas Pearson was an Ossington villager born and bred. He was the son of Thomas and Anne Pearson and was baptised at Holy Rood on 20 December 1789. On 5 June 1826 he married Elizabeth Read of Tuxford by licence at Ossington. They soon started a family and Elizabeth gave birth to at least five children, all of whom were baptised at Holy Rood. Sadly both their sons died very young – William in 1831 aged two and Thomas at less than a month old in February 1832. Both are buried in the churchyard.

All three daughters were living at home at the time of the 1851 census with Charlotte, the eldest, marrying a farmer in 1853 and going to live at Cleveland Farm, East Markham. She and her husband Samuel Scott had at least five children together. Mary Ann, Thomas's middle daughter remained at home looking after her father. She never married and eventually went to live in Tuxford, dying at more than 80 years of age. Very little is known of Sarah the youngest.

Thomas initially worked as a wheelwright but in time became a blacksmith as well. In 1852 his house and workshop at Hall Farm were knocked down by the estate and Thomas and his household went to live in premises at Home Farm just down the lane. Sadly, on 2 July 1860, Thomas' wife Elizabeth died at the age of 70. In 1861 Thomas is described as a wheelwright, blacksmith and farmer of 29 acres, employing a blacksmith and a wheelwright. Interestingly there was more than one blacksmith in Ossington at that time but as the population that year was recorded as 231 persons it is not surprising that more than one blacksmith was necessary. Later that year, in November, Thomas died and was buried in the churchyard. Although Charlotte died in 1873 aged only 45 years, it is likely that she and her sister Mary Ann jointly erected the headstone to their parents that now lies horizontally as a pathway rather than vertically to mark their father's grave.

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk

Wellow Maypole Celebrations

Bank Holiday Monday 29 May from 12 Noon

This year's Maypole Day at Wellow marks 100 years of recorded history of the village's maypole celebrations. In 1923 the Marchioness of Titchfield crowned the village May Queen however in 2023 there will be two crownings during the month of May – King Charles III in London and the new May Queen in Wellow.

Come to Wellow for some great family fun and enjoy traditions old and relatively new (our mischievous Wellow Jack and the Bogies first appeared in 2009 and have now become firm favourites).

There is something for everyone – stalls, crafts, exhibits, live music and

entertainment, children's swing boats, Morris dancing, ice cream, hot and cold food, and our famous home-made cake stall.



The highlights of the day are always the children's procession, the crowning of the May Queen and the ever-popular maypole dancing. Wellow Maypole Day is a unique and much-loved tradition in Nottinghamshire: come and be a part of the celebrations, buy a souvenir programme, have a flutter on the raffle or tombola, and maybe take home some delicious cake!

Safer Neighbourhoods Group

There was a meeting of the group on Thursday 13 April in South Muskham Village Hall where, once again – and ironically, the combination to access the key-box had been changed without notice. Good security but a cold welcome!

In Blidworth and in Rainworth there have been night-time thefts of GPS systems from farm vehicles. These cost thousands of pounds to replace. Please phone 101 if any suspicious vehicles or lights are seen.

There were fewer reports of aggressive peddling but police still warn against buying from strangers at the door and they ask you to report any such occurrence on 101.

There are now additional regulations covering the operation of speed watch groups. They include the use of warning signs(!) placed 100m on each side of the group, high visibility jackets, and

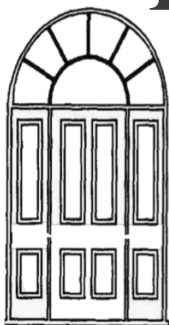
insurance. PCSO Richard Dunn is the police representative and he should be contacted for setting up a group and training etc.

Egmanton reported strangers hunting with dogs. The police responded quickly and broke-up the hunt. The police now have a wild-life/reacher unit with "all terrain" vehicles to respond to this crime and we are asked to include as many details as possible with any report. The target of choice is now turning to deer. The oldest stag on the Thoresby estate was recently killed and the head taken as a trophy. Elsewhere, a butcher was found with several venison carcasses in cold storage for which he had no paperwork.

In Kneesall there was an escape of animals onto the main road which had to be closed for the herd to be returned to their field. Some were surprisingly reluctant to cooperate.

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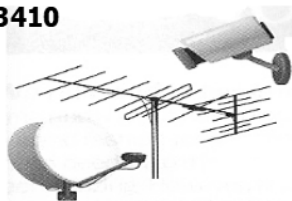
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