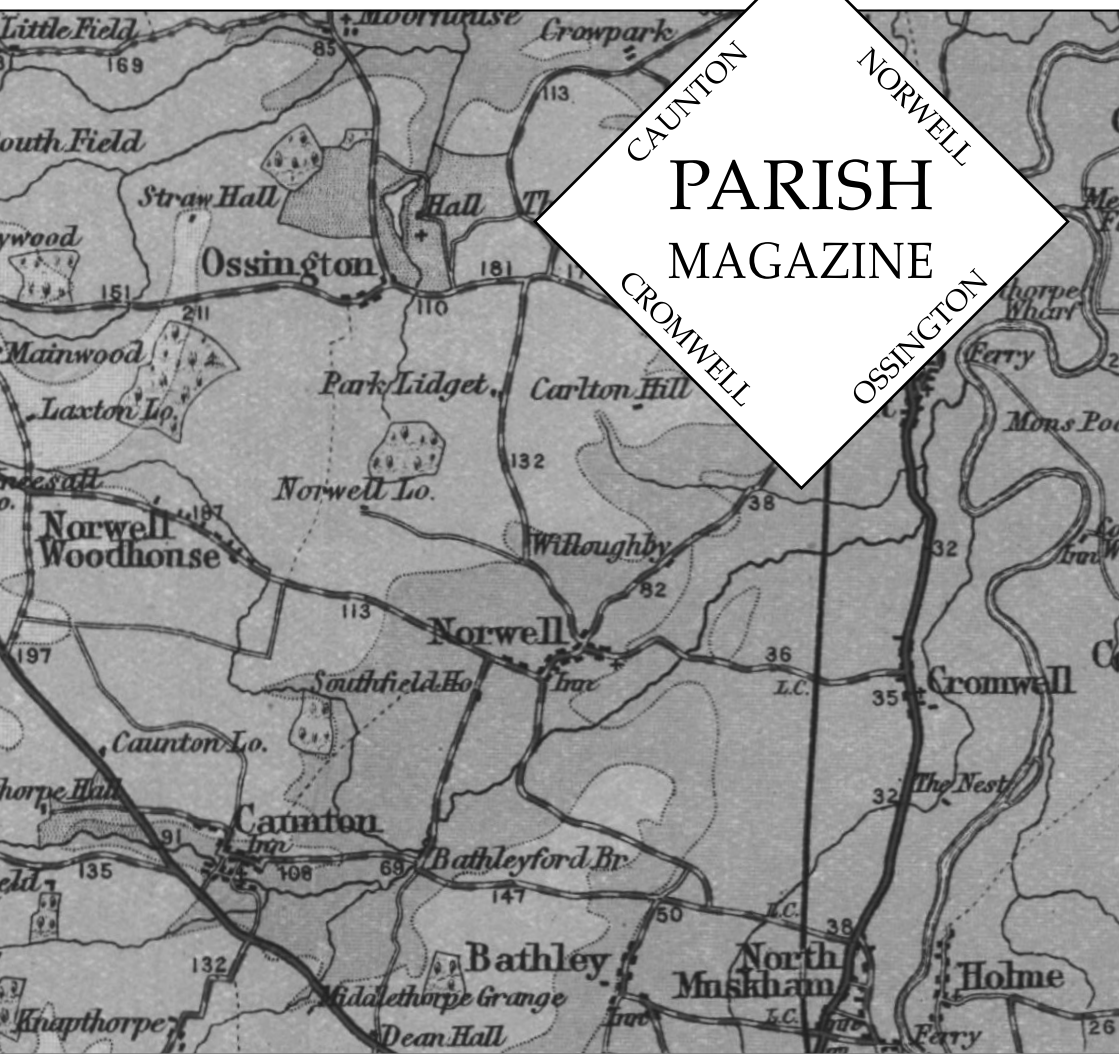




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Beck & Trent churches update

Our churches are part of our villages. Most of them we see regularly even if we don't go into them. They all need a lot of looking after and those responsible for their care must look out for any deterioration. Crumbling stonework, leaks in heavy rain, failing electrical systems and more are not cheap to put right. We are very grateful to all those who give regularly (that really helps us budget) and to those who support events so generously. Summer is the time for garden parties and fairs. We do thank those who contributed in so many different ways, particularly those who worked really hard to get everything organised and running smoothly. If you didn't manage to get to them but would still like to contribute it is never too late!

We are also reminded that when work needs doing there are grants to be sought out. Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust frequently supports our churches with grants. Next month there is an opportunity for you to support them in the **Ride and Stride** on Saturday 9 September. You get sponsored to ride (usually by bike, although horses are fun) from church to church. Half of the money raised goes to your church, half to the Trust. Most churches get far, far more in grants than they ever manage to contribute. Do find out more by going to the website <https://nottshistorichurchestrust.org.uk>.

At the time of writing this (mid-July) we are waiting expectantly and prayerfully. The post of **Priest-in-Charge** of the Beck and Trent churches and the Riverside churches is being advertised. No one has applied so far but our prayer is that the right person is called to serve here.

It is possible to give to your church online. Go to
www.becktrent.org.uk/giving or use the QR Code:



		St Andrew's Cauntton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	6 August <i>Transfiguration</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	
<i>second Sunday</i>	13 August <i>Trinity 10</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	11.00 a.m. Patronal Festival Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	20 August <i>Trinity 11</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion		
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	27 August <i>Trinity 12</i>					10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	
<i>first Sunday</i>	3 Sept. <i>Trinity 13</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong

Verse of the month:

*“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence
there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.”*

Psalm 16 v11

We pray that God will bring restoration, peace and love in the heart of each of us.

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 Deanery:

Paula Carlin, Deanery Safeguarding Officer: 01636 817 988, paula.carlin@southwell.anglican.org

In the Diocese:

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



Dear all

I've been invited to write this letter for your parish magazine as an honorary prebendary of one of the historic prebends of Norwell.

I'm currently sitting in an office in Southwell with a view of the Minster churchyard. I've just started a secondment to the Minster, at the suggestion of the bishop and the invitation of the Dean, whilst the Canon Precentor (who carries the 'musical brief' at the Minster) is away on sabbatical.

One of the things that the Minster does really well is to keep a constant rhythm of public prayer, with morning prayer at 8:30am and evening prayer (often evensong, sung by a choir on behalf of us all) on weekdays. There is something very special about keeping this rhythm of prayer with others, gentle prayers using well used and hallowed words that become familiar as we use them regularly. The bible is read as part of the prayers — we just listen to the stories — no sermon — we let them sink in to our consciousness and rest there for a moment or two.

I am aware that your parishes are currently in vacancy, and that the absence of a priest, visible in the community as well as in the Sunday services, can be disconcerting — a break in the pattern of things that brings its own insecurities. Can I encourage you to treasure and support the retired clergy and the lay leaders who are offering you support? A vacancy can also be a time in which a benefice reinforces or perhaps gains a new identity. Can I also encourage you to revisit and rediscover some of the things that you have found helpful in the past, or perhaps take some time to look afresh at some things that you are currently sustaining? You could, for example, do some work together on sustaining patterns of prayer, similar to those I mention above — you don't need permission to do these things!

In my own deanery next week I am leading some quiet hours — a gently reflective time spent with God. Here is the blurb:

Quiet hours - Water in John's Gospel

Two hours in quiet reflection on the presence of the Spirit with us beginning with the story of the woman at the well, to feeding and feasting, and ending with the festival of shelters. Quiet; three ten minute talks; plenty of space for reflection; and a sharing of what we have found.

All are welcome! Bring a friend.

If you would like me to come and offer these hours in your benefice, just ask!

Wishing you all the best for these summer months!

Canon Stephen

*The Rev'd Canon Stephen Hippisley-Cox
Rector of Willoughby, Wysall and Widmerpool
Area Dean of East Bingham*

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 June – 15 July

Funerals

St Mary's Carlton-on-Trent	George Vere-Laurie	23 June 2023
St Andrew's Caunton	Sheila Reeves	11 July 2023





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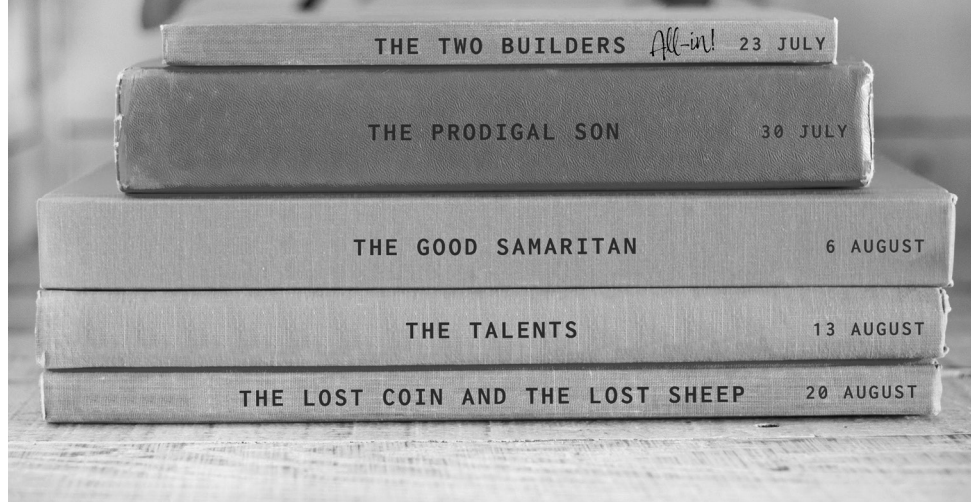
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Coming up this month at the Potting Shed we're looking at some of the...

Stories Jesus told



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(No meeting on 27 August.)



NATURE *Watch*

When the weather has reached its perfect summer peak, the barbeque is out, the party has been planned and your guests are soon to arrive, you can almost guarantee that this will be the day winged ants have their annual swarming event. This is the first of two articles on the antics of ants.

Aptly dubbed 'flying ant day', it was once assumed that ants swarm on a specific day every year, it has since been understood however that the day changes every year and is entirely dependent on the weather. Studies have shown that ants only ever swarm on warm and humid days, with low wind speeds, typically between June to September. The most significant indicator as to whether a swarming event occurs, is based on changes in the temperature and the wind speed from the previous day. The underlying mechanism behind how ants from many different colonies all synchronise swarming on a particular day is not fully understood, but it is thought that once some ants take to the skies, they release a pheromone that causes other ants close by to also fly and the swarm is formed. The heat makes it easier for the ants, who aren't the strongest fliers, to be able to fly and the humidity softens the ground to allow for the new queen to construct a new nest.

The flying ants or alates you are most likely to encounter on spawning day are black pavement ants, *Lasius niger*. These ants are queens and males who have left their birth colonies and travel to mate. An advantage of such large swarms is to optimise the likelihood of finding a



Lasius niger queen with wings.
Wildlife Gardening Forum

non-related mate, minimising energy consumption and such large numbers provides a degree of protection against predators.

Once mated, often in mid-flight, the new queen stores enough sperm to fertilise eggs for the remainder of her life, which can be up to 15 years. She lands and then proceeds to bite off her wings, utilising the energy from them to rear her larvae as she will then not eat for between 6-8 weeks. The queen then burrows to excavate a chamber into the soil, forming a nest in which to raise her larvae. The males' fate is somewhat less glamorous, as after mating with the female, exhausted, he has completed his sole mission in life; to reproduce. He then dies shortly after. A modern-day Romeo and Juliet with a twist, don't you think!

Adam Breslin
adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

BIRD *Watch*

There are some highs and lows to report this month. On a positive note, although we do not have house martins, several pairs have bred successfully within the villages, and reports suggest that the population of swallows is a good deal higher than for some years. Sadly, the swallows in the adjacent crew-yard here were prevented from returning to their nest after the door to the stall in which it was built was inadvertently closed for two or three days.

Some years ago, we reported that barn owls were being preyed on by buzzards when a scarcity of small mammals forced the barn owls to hunt by day, making them vulnerable to larger raptors. Within the last few days, a buzzard has been seen taking a barn owl in daylight and though the owl is not a small bird, its bulk is largely composed of feathers, its body weight being only about 300 grams. It is possible that the combination of heat and drought this year has resulted in there being fewer voles and field mice, the principal diet of the barn owl.

Many people who have well-used bird feeders leave them empty for a couple of months during the height of the bird breeding season, believing that the adult

birds should be able to find plenty of natural food at this time of the year and that the young should learn to hunt or search for their food. There are pros and cons for this regime. There can be shortages of some kinds of food at any time, particularly during periods of drought or unusual cold, and parent birds need extra nutrition to carry them through the exertion of feeding their young, once hatched. On the other hand, food near nests can send extra signals to squirrels, magpies and other nest raiders. The general advice comes down in favour of continuing to feed throughout the year.

We are now seeing families of blue-tits, chaffinch, dunnoek and robin and the bird feeders are starting to need to be refilled, so some of our residents have had a successful breeding season.

Finally, and most surprisingly, a cuckoo was heard in a local garden in early July. The earliest tracked birds are already back at their wintering grounds in Africa and this must have been a migrating bird. This is the only report of a cuckoo being heard here for at least two years.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

RAIN *Watch*

June was dry, but it was exacerbated by the fact that we had no rain from 15th May to 19th June! We then did get a reasonable amount in a short space of time. But the 4.4 cm (1.7 in) was just 73% of the expected June rainfall. So far in 2023 we have had 3% less rain than expected.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

FARMING *Watch*

It does seem to be true that our weather is becoming more extreme. A record-breaking period of hot dry weather in June was followed by a very wet July. The torrential downpours and unseasonably strong winds are definitely not what is required so near to harvest. The ripening grain is easily dislodged so close to combining, and crops can become 'laid' due to wind damage and the weight of water in the crop. At the time of going to press, many farmers are frustrated by the inability to begin harvest, with combines prepped and ready to roll. A more settled period of weather for August would be very advantageous!



Yet again, there have been reports of suspicious vehicles in and around the village, especially after dark and appearing to target farms and farmyards. If you see or hear anything concerning, please report to the police by dialing 101. Information of this sort helps the police to build a picture, and possibly a case, regarding suspicious vehicle movements. Please be vigilant.



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Caunton church news



Summertime is pretty quiet in the life of the church, but that doesn't mean that St. Andrew's isn't there for anyone who wants to come and spend some quiet time, both inside and outside of our lovely church.

I was quite saddened to read a comment in our visitors book from someone who had come along to visit her mum's grave complaining about the state of the churchyard. We do our best with the limited resources we have and I only wish that the person concerned had contacted me so I could have explained the situation. It's very sad that people are only too quick to judge before they know the actual facts.

If you're heading off on holiday or just spending time with your family during the school break, then please have a wonderful time and maybe take a minute or two to just stand and look at the wonders of God's creation.

We are once again saddened by the loss of two of Caunton's parishioners. Sheila Reeves passed away on 21st June and Jo Handley sadly died on 27th June. Both had lived in Caunton for a number of years – Sheila down Chapel Lane and Jo up at Knapthorpe Cottages. Sheila and Jo will be greatly missed by their families and friends and we at St. Andrew's offer our prayers, thoughts and condolences to them all as they try to come to terms with their loss.
R.I.P. Sheila and Jo.

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Sat 29th July & 5th August – Irene & Pat
Sat 12th & 19th August – Wendy & Cathy
Sat 26th August & Sat 2nd Sept – Bo & Charlotte

Flowers

Sat 29th July & 5th August – Pat
Sat 12th & 19th August – Irene
Sat 26th August & 2nd September – Charlotte

Refreshments

August – Mike & Mary



Dean Hole - a village community space

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Caunton community news

Caunton Parish Council – Notes from 12 July meeting

Dean Hole School: once again the overriding topic this month was the school. The consultation will be running into stage 2 from 23rd July. It has been published by the Senior Pupil Place Planning Practitioner, Strategic Pupil Place Planning, Children and Families, Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall.

Dean Hole Church of England Primary School is a small, Local Authority maintained primary school serving the village of Caunton in the Newark and Sherwood District.

The stage one consultation is primarily being run in response to the falling numbers on roll at Dean Hole C of E Primary School over recent years and the inability to secure a headteacher or other suitable leadership solution. The stage one consultation document can be found on Nottinghamshire County Council's consultation hub:

<https://consult.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schools/pre-publication-consultation-stage-1-dean-hole-chu/>

If you would like to respond to the consultation there is opportunity to do so at the link above, alternatively please email responses to place.planning@nottsccl.gov.uk or write to the address below:

FAO: Pupil Place Planning
County Hall
West Bridgford
Nottinghamshire NG2 7QP

Can we urge anyone with a view on this to follow the consultation process into its second stage

A petition is being run by the PTA and a campaign to save the school is imminent. The future of the school and village facilities is in danger so please fill in the survey or write to the relevant addresses above.

On a positive note, the Tour of Britain will be coming through Caunton. Our yellow bike displays are at the ready for approx. 1pm on Wednesday 6th September.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th September 2023 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

Steve Routledge Chairman



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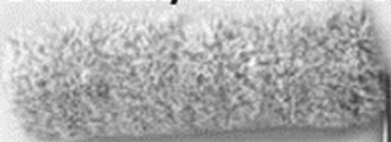
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To share news and information with the village please contact Tracy Koefoed on 07788 313620.

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

Cromwell Parish Meeting

A Quarterly Meeting was held on Monday 10th July in the Village Hall.

It was reported that the annual audit has been successfully completed thanks to Mrs Marjorie Goss, treasurer, and Mr Darrel Pointing, internal auditor.

The planning application by Cemex Ltd for a further extension to their existing quarry southwards to the parish boundary with North Muskham has been approved by NCC (ES4441). This will prolong the life of the quarry by a further 18 months while 550,000 tonnes of aggregate is mined and processed. Current working practices will remain unchanged throughout, and eventually the land will be returned to form part of a nature reserve.

There was no progress to report about the Cemex planning application for a new quarry to be located between Cromwell and Carlton-on-Trent (ES3953). Similarly, the solar farm proposed at Foxholes Farm on the North Muskham, Norwell, Bathley and Cromwell border is still undecided in the face of very strong opposition from Highways, Conservation, Rail Track, NCC, and Norwell Parish.

The EV charging unit at the OK Diner still awaits a planning decision, as Highways want more information from the applicant.

There has been a road traffic accident on Norwell Lane which involved a fatality. A young man, a resident of North Muskham, lost control of his motor cycle when he swerved on Norwell Lane. The reason for the swerve has not yet been established but police investigations are continuing. Our sympathies go to the bereaved parents.



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Adrian Anderson: andersonassociates@btopenworld.com and 07542 638 748

Elizabeth Jones: emjones.norwell@btinternet.com and 01636 636 365

Initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals to the Benefice Administrator, Lorna Caddy on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232 or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com.

Good News

Following our appeal in the Parish Magazine, volunteers have come forward to help secure the future of St Laurence's Church. We have a new Treasurer, Secretary and lead volunteers for managing the building and churchyard and for grants and fundraising. We do, however, still need more volunteers to help us to maintain the building and churchyard and work with us to secure grants. Please contact Adrian Anderson (07542 638748) if you would like to get involved and help us to safeguard the future of St Laurence's.

Stop Press

Although small in number, our congregation is welcoming and friendly. Everyone is welcome to join us for our next service on Sunday 13th August at 10.00am.

Open church at the end of June

It was lovely to have the church open when gardens were open around the village. There were arrangements in the church made using only leaves – some were really imaginative, and there were photographs of landscapes on display in the north transept. But, most people came in to get cool!! We had more visitors than usual and many commented on how perfect the temperature was. It is a wonderful old building and the thick walls kept out most of the heat.



Strawberry Tea

Thank you to everyone who made this a great success and raised such a magnificent sum for the church. Read all about it in Norwell News.

St Laurence in August

St Laurence is the patron saint of our church. His saint's day is on 10 August. We are celebrating that by having **Lasagne for St Laurence at the Plough** on Wednesday 16 August at 6.30pm. There will be a choice of meat or vegetarian lasagne. Tickets are £10. Contact Jenny on 07903 503 788 for more information and to book a place. These evenings are relaxing and enjoyable – at this one you will find why Laurence thought people mattered more than things - in a slightly unusual way!

St Laurence's tears

When can we see these in 2023? If the sky is clear on nights between 17 and 24 August you may be able to see this meteor shower.. Also known as the Perseids these meteors are named after St Laurence because they can be seen every year on or near his day. Find a dark place away from lights, let your eyes adjust and you could see shooting stars.



Wildlife in the churchyard

Plants and animals thrive in the churchyard, but we do apologise that the growth of the grass has got the better of us this year. We are really pleased that Graham and Rhona Price are taking over the responsibility of caring for the church and churchyard and you will soon see a difference.

“Hay Day” in the church yard

We will be holding our Annual Hay Day in St Laurence's Church yard from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday 5 August (reserve day 12 August).

All help is greatly appreciated. Please bring rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves and a sun hat... as the sun WILL be shining !! (Drinks will be available).

If you would like to help maintain the churchyard on a more regular basis, please contact Rhona or Graham Price for further details
Palis Hall, Bathley Lane
07768474457

Birds in particular appreciate the churchyard even though the kites can be seen regularly circling overhead. It was amusing to see that a robin was nesting under the oil tank. Robins are always imaginative in their choice of nesting place. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to new bird boxes. They are being made and will go up in the autumn. We hope that they meet with the approval of a range of birds.



Coming up in September

Save the afternoon of Saturday 16 September for the **Norwell Antiques Afternoon**. Come to the church to hear a talk about antiques, have a special antique valued or just have afternoon tea. See details in the poster (overleaf).

Norwell Antiques Afternoon



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Gardens open June 2023

Oh, the vagaries of British weather! Our main opening on Sunday 25th June was one of the hottest days of the year so far and muggy with it, perhaps this is why numbers were down on some previous years. Then on our follow up Wednesday evening opening heavy thunderstorms rattled round and I'm sure dissuaded some from coming. In spite of that we had 308 visitors over the two openings (248 and 60).

A huge thanks, as always, to all those who help out, the individual garden openers, including 'pop up' openers and Parish Garden plot holders. Janet Brown has masterminded the teas for many years and is sadly stepping down. Her band of merry, and by the end of the afternoon, weary, bakers and servers have made the selection of sweets and savouries a major draw in their own right. Thanks to you all. This year £ 976.50 was made for the village hall from the teas which, as ever, will help to subsidise the cost of hiring it to parishioners by helping to pay for maintenance, upkeep and utilities etc. We also made £1961.50 for the National Garden Scheme, this money gets divided up between mainly cancer support charities, so in 2021, for instance, nationally the garden scheme gave over 3 million pounds shared predominately between Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, The Queen's Nursing Institute and Parkinson's UK.

As ever I am looking for a few new or returning gardens for 2024, I have to know by September so that entries can be made and the book can be printed, why not join a fantastic village day, supporting local and National Charities and meet lovely people who only want to admire your garden. Come and chat with Andrew and Helen at the Nursery.

NORWELL GARDEN CLUB

We will be holding our Autumn Show on Saturday 9 September in the Village Hall. Staging is between 11 am and 12:30 pm and public access with tea and cake is at 2:30pm, all welcome.

There are classes for vegetables and flowers. All entries welcome. Schedules of all the classes and further details are available from Lorraine Pilgrim at Fauna Follies or 01636 639048



Norwell community news (continued)

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

We have remained busy since the last magazine submission. Jayne Saunders, who has been acting as our locum clerk since March, has now formally accepted the position and will become our permanent clerk from 1st August 2023. Jayne has been a brilliant asset so far, and we are thrilled that she has agreed to remain with us. All of our newly elected councillors have undergone training, and are looking forward to getting stuck into parish matters.

At June's meeting we agreed to begin the process of organising a 'Community Governance Review,' in conjunction with Newark and Sherwood District Council, in order to formally amend the name of the parish council to reflect both Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse. Part of this will require agreement from parishioners, therefore councillors will canvas door to door in Norwell Woodhouse, and Norwell. Villagers are encouraged to lodge any objections via the parish council email address, Facebook message, or by writing to the clerk. Handwritten objections can be dropped at 4 The Old Nurseries, Norwell marked for the attention of the clerk. Please note that there is no charge to the parish for any of the work required in undertaking the review.

We are pleased to confirm that the Parochial Church Council has accepted the Parish Council's request to hold alternate monthly meetings in the spring/summer in St Laurence's and the village hall. We hope that this is a welcome way for the Parish Council to help support St Laurence's.

At the time of writing we are eagerly anticipating the Friends of Norwell School (FONS) Summer Fair. We wish the organizing team luck,; this is a great way to raise funds for our lovely village school.

Throughout the remainder of the year, we have some lovely village events to look forward to.

- In September, as our village once again plays host to the 4th leg of the Tour of Britain on Wednesday 6th September. We hope to arrange some festivities/ decoration of the village, and ask any parishioners with ideas to get in touch with us.
- We are planning to host another village Christmas Party, following the success of last year's inaugural event – look out for further information!
- Look out for events organised by the Village Hall, St Laurence's, FONS, and evenings at The Plough. All of our village resources need our support, so please do attend where and when you are able to.

As we approach the harvest season, we urge all parishioners to remember that large farm machinery will be travelling through the village and surrounding areas. Please ensure that cars are parked sensibly on the roads to allow for the movement of machinery, whilst respecting the pavements and ensuring vehicles do not obstruct or hinder the safety of pedestrians. We are proud to be a rural parish, and we hope everyone is able to enjoy the sights and sounds of the harvest season, whilst remaining safe.

Finally, the Parish Council do not convene in August, but things will be running in the background to ensure that the village is ready for the Tour of Britain. We remain contactable and welcome any comments from parishioners.

Have a lovely Summer!

Cllr Ashleigh Robertshaw
Chair of Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council
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Norwell Village Hall

Wine Tasting Evening

This fundraising evening was cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales, and the fact that it clashed with other events in Caunton and Newark.

We organise events to provide social opportunities as well as raise funds to maintain Norwell Village Hall.

In order to plan future fundraising we would like to find out what types of events our community would be willing to support. Please would you find the time to fill in a simple form and deliver it to Ann Gibson, the Norwell Village Hall Committee Chairperson

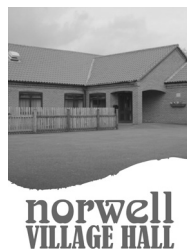
Which of these events would you be willing to support?

1) A Wine tasting	Yes/ No	5) A Burns Night	Yes/ No
2) A Comedy Night	Yes/ No	6) A disco	Yes/ No
3) A Murder Mystery	Yes/ No	7) A quiz	Yes/ No
4) Easy listening music	Yes/ No	8) A games night	Yes/ No

We would happy to receive any other ideas or suggestions too.

Please drop off your response to Rose Cottage, Main Street, Norwell, opposite The Plough.

Thanks, Ann Gibson, Chairperson norwellvillagehall@gmail.com



Norwell community news (continued)

VILLAGE VOICES CHOIR

CONGRATULATIONS... to Norwell's Village Voices Community Choir for their Charity Concert at Newark Town Hall on 10 June. A sell out concert of 115 tickets and donations on the night raised £910 for the Newark EMMAUS Trust. A huge thank you to all those who supported us... we all enjoyed performing our repertoire in the beautiful Ball Room.

Our community choir has now been singing for 8 years and we continue to grow in confidence and musical ability thanks to our music director Mr Peter Higgins.

Following our fun day "Singing In The Rain" at the Strawberry Tea in July, we will be taking a summer break. We start again on Tuesday 5th September at 7 pm in Norwell Village Hall. New members are always welcome – there is no audition! You just need to be able to laugh a lot and enjoy a good sing! We meet every 2 weeks.

For further details please contact:

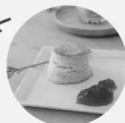
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Norwell Strawberry Tea 2023

The setting was wonderful. Thanks so much to Andrew and Helen Ward who so generously hosted the Strawberry Tea in Norwell Nurseries.

But, it poured on the morning of 8 July. Village Voices rehearsed 'Singing in the rain' - in the rain. But no one was deterred. Tables and chairs came out and gazebos went up and everything went ahead. By the afternoon the rain was reduced to showers and the sun came out – sometimes!

Village Voices still sang 'Singing in the rain' and many other songs as well. Most importantly the now famous strawberry and cream teas were served. For those who weren't able to be there boxes were taken home. The tombola and raffle were as much fun as usual and guess the weight of the cake caused much interest. The cake was amazing (thanks, Magz) and was won by Sue Bell who cut and shared it.

Was it all worth it? It most definitely was, £886 was raised for St Laurence's Church Funds. Heartfelt thanks to all the many people who helped – too many to name, but each one appreciated for their contribution and their enormously hard work.



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Norwell CofE Primary School



We all hope you are having a lovely summer break with your families! We can't wait to hear what you have been doing when we return to school. We reopen to children on Wednesday 6th September 2023 which is also the day the Tour of Britain goes through Norwell. We will walk the classes down to see the cyclists come along Main Street – however the children do seem to like the police on motorbikes who sound their sirens for them just as much as the cyclists!



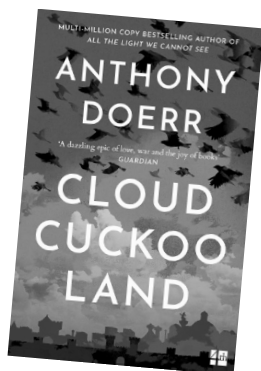
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for the very successful Summer Fete organised by Friends of Norwell School (FONS), held on 16th July. It was lovely to see so many people come from the village and the weather kept fine for most of it! The support of local businesses was brilliant; thank you so much for helping to raise much-needed funds for the children in school. We would like to thank Maloney's, Go Active Falconry and Milestone Brewery for their continued support.

Our biggest thanks goes to the FONS committee; consisting of parents of the school, for their hard work and organisation of such a successful event!

Finally, we wish all our Year 6 children all the best as they start secondary school!

We are looking forward to having a wonderful Autumn Term and can't wait to see you all in a few weeks.

Best wishes
Kathryn King



Book Club

No meeting in August, but it gives us time to get ahead with the September choice – *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. It's said to be five stories in one novel all linked by an ancient Greek tale.

The Times reviewer said it was a serious novel, but great fun... We have until Wednesday 27 September to decide what we think about it.

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

Norwell Parish Heritage Group

JULY MEETING

Walk, talk and eat!!

Perhaps we should apologise! There wasn't much of a walk, but there was a very enjoyable talk and eat!

We met at Moorhouse Chapel which is virtually in the farmyard of Church Farm. Because the ground was dry we were able to park immediately outside the church, so no walking! Michael Jones explained why the church was where it was and it was easy to see its position at the eastern end of Laxton open field. There had been a church nearby since 1240 when it was founded by Robert de Lexington (Laxton), prebendary of Norwell Palishall and one of Henry III's senior judges. After it fell into disrepair a 'new' church was built in its present position in 1860 by John Evelyn Denison, Speaker of the House of Commons, 1857-1872, to a design by Henry Clutton, a noted church architect. Decorated throughout in French Gothic style and painted in aquamarine with carvings on the pulpit, font, reredos and bosses picked out in white and red it is unique in Nottinghamshire. The church is still in use although the services are infrequent. Its bell – the second oldest in Nottingham (c. 1240) – rescued from the previous chapel, sits securely in a small belcote.

After a wander around the church it was off to the Dovecote in Laxton to eat a most convivial meal. Perhaps we should have walked more but we certainly all enjoyed talking and eating! A walk, talk and eat is already being planned for next year.

Looking ahead

We have a summer break in August and September but our autumn meetings will then take us up to Christmas.

Heritage Booklets - just a reminder

We have produced nine of our Heritage Booklets about Norwell. If you don't have all or any of them and live in Norwell or Norwell Woodhouse you are entitled to a free copy of each. If you want extra copies or live outside the parish you can buy them at £4.00 a copy (reduced to £3.50 if you buy three or more) from Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365 or emjones.norwell@btinternet.com).





From the Church

Our next service will be on Sunday 20th August at 10.30am. Rev Alison Jones will be conducting the service. As always all are welcome.

Annual Garden Party

The garden party at Ossington House last month was well attended despite the threatening weather. The rain in the morning made things more challenging for setting up, but happily there was very little rain during the garden party itself. The Parochial Church Council would like to thank Georgina Denison for allowing use of her beautiful garden once again, and the volunteers for their help. Many thanks also for all the raffle prizes, cakes, bric-a-brac and plants donated by supporters, with the proceeds of £650 going to funds for Holy Rood.

Ossington Open Gardens

The weekend prior to the Garden Party saw the annual combined opening of the gardens at Ossington House and Hopbine Farmhouse, under the auspices of the National Gardens Scheme. This event was also well attended, helping to raise funds for the NGS's chosen charities.

Farewell

The two events above are key points in the life of the gardener at Ossington House, but sadly this year Terri Hodson-Walker was not present, having just moved on to pastures new with her partner Gavin Smith. During their five years in Ossington they got involved with community life, with Gavin putting his practical skills to good use (the village noticeboard was designed and made by him). We wish them well in their new life in Shropshire.

History Walk and Talk with Adrian Gray

The previously advertised walks with Adrian this month have proved so popular that both are now fully booked, with a waiting list as well! There is a possibility that the walk may be repeated again in September. If so, details will appear on the village Facebook page, on the village noticeboard and be circulated via the village email list. If you aren't already on this list but would like to be included, please email Janet Carr on jecarr@live.co.uk.

Tour of Britain 2023

It has now been confirmed that the 4th stage of the Tour of Britain will take place largely in Newark and Sherwood. The route shows that Ossington will again witness the race on Wednesday 6th September. The organisers are always keen for communities along the route to show their support, so hopefully the bunting and Union Jack can come out again. The yellow bikes held at Home Farm have escaped the scrap bin so can be put out along the route once more! It is hoped to have refreshments again in the Hut after the peloton has gone through. Further details in next month's magazine.

Janet Carr

jecarr@live.co.uk



Facebook: Search for
"Ossington Village
Group"

Thomas Hardy (1840-1928) is famous as a novelist but less well known for his poetry, despite the fact that he wrote only poetry in the latter part of his life. Here he muses idly about the insects that we all encounter at this time of the year when windows stand open...

An August Midnight

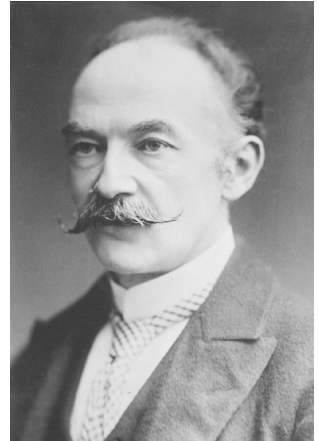
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A shaded lamp and a waving blind,
And the beat of a clock from a distant floor:
On this scene enter—winged, horned, and spined—
A longlegs, a moth, and a dumbledore;
While 'mid my page there idly stands
A sleepy fly, that rubs its hands...

II

Thus meet we five, in this still place,
At this point of time, at this point in space.
—My guests besmear my new-penned line,
Or bang at the lamp and fall supine.
"God's humblest, they!" I muse. Yet why?
They know Earth-secrets that know not I.

(N.B. In this context 'dumbledore' has nothing to do with Harry Potter (!) but is a Dorset dialect word for bumblebee. It is however quite possible that J. K. Rowling borrowed this and 'Hag-rid' from Hardy, as they both appear in 'The Mayor of Casterbridge')



Carlton Village Hall

Tai Chi, every Monday, 7.00-8.00pm. Weeks 1 & 3, £5 with instructor. All other weeks £1 with instructor video. No need to book, just come along.

Craft Group, 1 & 15 August 10.30am-1.30pm. 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. £4. No need to book, just come along.

Film Club Sunday 13 August 2.00pm *5th Estate*

The story of the news-leaking website WikiLeaks and its editor-in-chief/founder Julian Assange, with Anthony Mackie and David Thewlis appearing in the film. Free entry. Turn up five minutes early for refreshments.

Museums of Tuxford

Come to the museum and find out more about riding side saddle. Or, in the Walks of Life Museum see milk prams which were used to deliver milk and have a look at a range of milk bottles. A new project is exploring the history of the house in conjunction with Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust and Nottinghamshire County Conservation Officers. Volunteers will be able to learn new building skills.

The Walks of Life Museum is open from 11am to 4pm on Thursdays and Saturdays other dates by arrangement contact Diane 0177872776 dianehunt08@btinternet.com

The Museum of the Horse is open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 2 pm on Saturday.

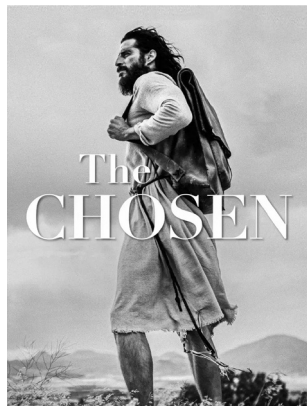


THE CHOSEN

You are invited to come and see The Chosen, a television drama (eventually to be released in seven seasons of eight episodes each) based on the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of those who knew him. It is set against the backdrop of the oppression of the Jews both political and religious in first-century Israel. We shall be viewing the first three episodes (one per week) and chatting together about them afterwards.

If you are interested, you would be very welcome to come and join this informal group in the benefice which will be meeting in Cromwell Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd August, Wednesday 30th August and Wednesday 6th September.

If you have any queries please contact me (Shirley Marlow, Recognised Lay Minister) on: 07935089746, or email me at: sm70.marlow@gmail.com





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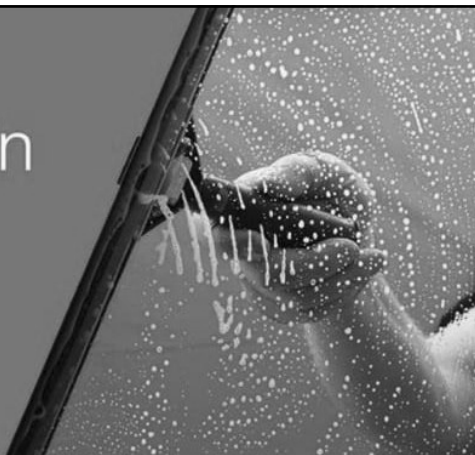
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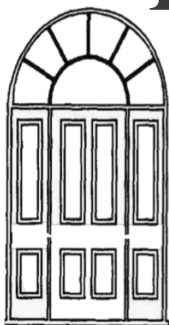


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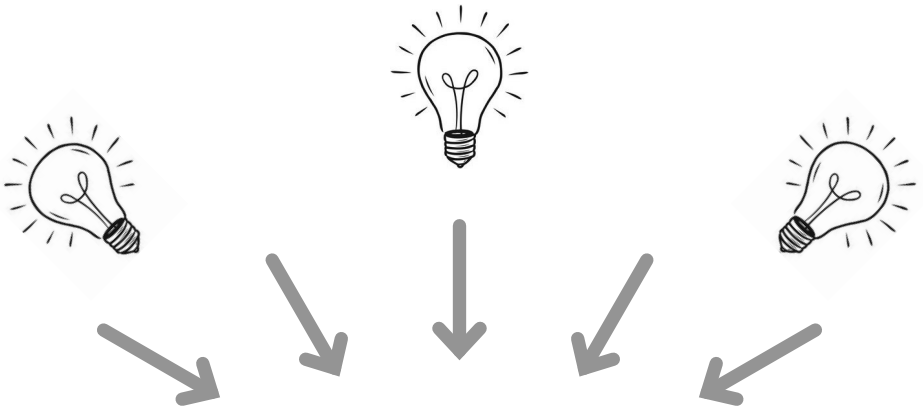
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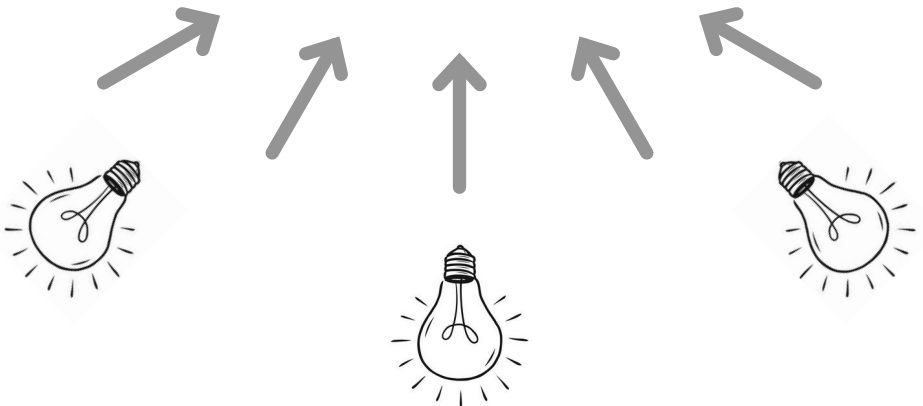
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