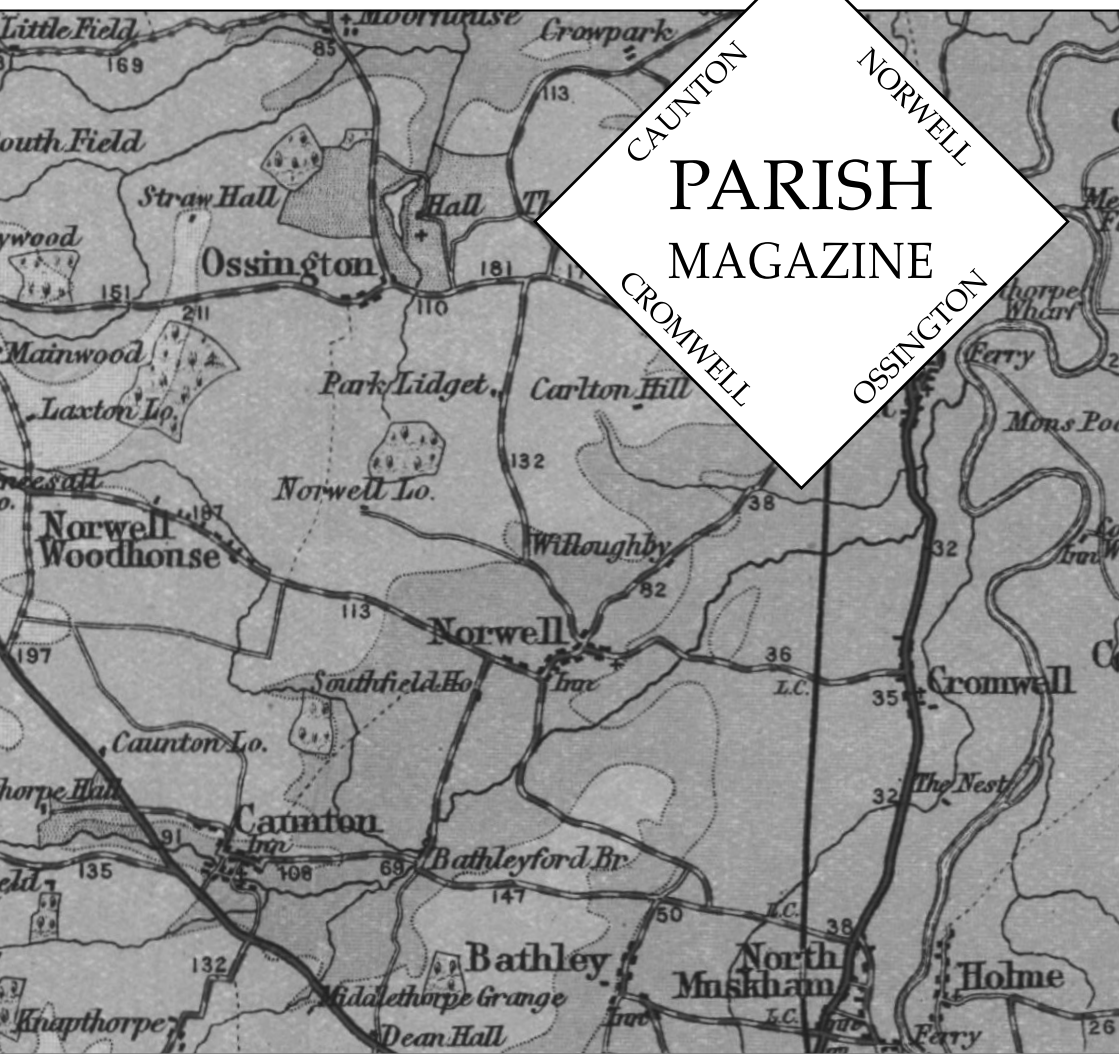




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Beck & Trent churches update

In our churches we experience all human emotions. There is the joy of welcoming a new member of the church in baptism, and the excitement of two people coming together in marriage. But there is also the sadness of a life ended.

During this last month we have mourned the death of Col. George Vere-Laurie of Carlton-on-Trent after a life of service to St Mary's church and to the village. Carlton-on-Trent also remembered the death of Mrs Val Harrop. Both gave their time and commitment as churchwardens.

Across our parishes there will be many other people experiencing loss and remembering those no longer with them. Each parish church is there to serve its parish in its need, and for that we thank God.

Service to the community continues even when we have no Priest-in-Charge. It is at times like these that lay-members of the church step up and take on new responsibilities. We are very grateful to those who help in so many different ways. We are moving forward in looking for a new Priest-in-Charge as the post is being advertised shortly. We pray that the right person will come forward.

We are entering the season of garden parties, summer fairs, strawberry teas and more. Do look out to see what is happening. These events are always lovely opportunities for communities to come together. It is also when schools break up and people go on holiday. This is a time for physical, mental and spiritual refreshment in lives that are often so busy. We all need to find that space in our busy lives.

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		St Andrew's Cauntton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	2 July <i>Trinity 4</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second Sunday</i>	9 July <i>Trinity 5</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	16 July <i>Trinity 6</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion		3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	23 July <i>Trinity 7</i>					10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fifth Sunday</i>	30 July <i>Trinity 8</i>		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion				

Verse of the month:

*“Let all that I am wait quietly before God,
for my hope is in Him.”*

Psalm 62 v 5

When we take time to rest in God, taking a physical break, we gain hope and acquire strength to face the challenges of life.

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

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From the church



FROM FEAR TO FAITH

COVID, the war in Ukraine, and the resulting energy and financial crises have exposed the fallacy of a worldview based on self-determination and a prevailing expectation of uninterrupted progress. Much of what we thought reliable has slipped out of our control; for many people, life itself threatens to overwhelm.

In all this there remains one certain truth – God’s love and salvation. It’s no protection against the challenges of our human existence but is the promise of an everlasting relationship with a loving God that transcends even death itself. All that is good – family, loving relationships, generosity, humility, compassion – flow from this eternal promise.

In our Sunday worship we will soon come to the story of Jesus walking on the water. The disciples were in a state of great uncertainty – in a small boat, far from land, battered by the wind and waves, in the dead of night. When all seemed dark and hopeless they see a terrifying sight. As they cry out in fear Jesus speaks the key words: ‘Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.’ Recognising Jesus, Peter gets out of the boat and walks on the water. But as soon as he takes his eyes off Jesus and notices the waves and the wind he begins to sink. Jesus holds out his hand and rescues Peter. They both get into the boat and the storm stops.



Just like those disciples we need to recognise that Jesus ‘comes to us’, not when all our problems and troubles are over but right in the middle of them and right where we are. When we appear to have nowhere to turn, Jesus offers to do for us what he did for Peter: he will ‘hold out his hand’ and speak those words ‘Do not be afraid.’ We simply need to recognise that Jesus is there; in fact he has been there all the while!

It is so easy to be like Peter. We take our eyes off Jesus and try to cope on our own. That is when we sink and fear overwhelms us. When things get too much we simply need, in prayer, to hand it all over to God. It is then, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we find Jesus ‘standing next to us’.

You can read this in St. Matthew 14:22, or better still come along on 13 August to St. Laurence’s Norwell at 10.00am or St. Mary’s Carlton-on-Trent at 11.00am and hear about this story in person. You will be very welcome.

The Revd. Prebendary Vaughan Sweet

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 May – 15 June

Weddings

All Saints' Sutton-on-Trent	Ryan Gaskin and Lucie Shipman	28 May 2023
St Giles' Cromwell	Richard Navin and Kathryn Grant	1 June 2023

Funerals

All Saints' Sutton-on-Trent	Michael Butt	31 May 2023
Holy Rood Ossington	Christopher Mollart	8 June 2023
St Laurence's Norwell	Kathleen (Kate) Nichol-Smith	14 June 2023



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16 July – the world says, "worry about tomorrow!"

Jesus says, "**trust God today!**"

On Sundays 23 July, 30 July and throughout August –

We'll be looking at some of the **Stories Jesus Told** during His time on earth.

And on weekdays...

Tuesday mornings – prayer gathering via Zoom from 7am

Tuesday 11 July – Potting Shed Voices – for anyone with a passion for singing worship and gospel songs!

Wednesday mornings – Little Seedlings – see below!

Wednesday evenings – Rooted Youth – for young people in school years 6 and upwards – a chance to hang out, eat together, have some fun and explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning.

Wednesdays and Thursdays – Life Groups – a great place to support and encourage each other in our journey of faith.

Saturday Breakfast – for encouragement, prayer and catch up over coffee or breakfast.

For more details please see www.thepottingshedchurch.org/whats-on

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NATURE *Watch*

Social behaviour is an evolutionary strategy adopted by many animal species. There are numerous advantages including predator defence, reproduction, cooperative hunting and division of labour.

Some animals can learn from others within their group. This 'social learning' is found throughout the animal kingdom, from black rat mothers teaching their offspring how to efficiently strip pine cones, to red squirrels learning how to open nuts. Animals that learn new techniques are therefore capable of transmitting knowledge to their conspecifics, meaning animals have their own culture – something previously assumed to be only found in humans. Cultural learning was initially observed in a small number of vertebrate species such as birds, primates and whales, however recently the humble bee has surprised scientists by exhibiting their own culture.

The most famous example is seen in the 'waggle dance' of the honey bee, when a foraging worker bee can indicate to other workers in the colony a multitude of information about a source of nectar, pollen or water. The dance was initially thought to be innate, with baby bees born with an ability to dance, however recent studies have identified that baby bees learn this from returning foragers. This is determined by the direction of the waggle dance from gravity, which indicates to the observer the direction of the food source from the sun. The distance of the source is conveyed



Bumblebee demonstrator teaching observer how to open sucrose source. Alice Bridges

by the length of the dance, longer dances indicate further sources. The quality of the source is determined by the vigour and speed of the dance.

A more recent study on bumblebees also showed cultural transmission of knowledge. By presenting buff-tailed bumblebees with numerous challenges including learning to open containers containing a tasty sucrose solution, 'demonstrator' bees that initially opened the container by trial and error were watched by 'observer' bees opening the container. These bees then copied the exact same method, opening it much faster. This opening 'taught' method was then adopted by the entire colony, showing the behaviour was culturally transmitted.

I wonder what other secrets the animal kingdom will reveal to us in the future!

Adam Breslin
adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

FARMING *Watch*

There is no separate farming article this month. For the story of the Caterpillar tractor and a unique piece of local history see Ossington news – p29.

BIRD *Watch*

The Editor of this magazine raised two most interesting bird queries for this edition. The first concerned a Cromwell resident who spotted a red kite cruising over the village and called it with what was described as a “bird of prey call”. The kite swooped to investigate and gave the observer a close view of its detail. Are birds inquisitive? Perhaps the kite thought that it heard the call of its own species or, in the same way that a stoat will investigate someone imitating the distress of a rabbit, it might be that the kite thought it heard the cry of some potential food prey. Since the same person has been able to befriend robins it could be that they just have an affinity with birds.

The second question posed by Chris concerned the changing pattern of distribution of cuckoos. Nowadays they are heard very rarely in this part of the world and then only in passage, whereas they are present if not common in northern counties and in Scotland. The continuous live broadcast of sounds at the rewilded Knepp estate in West Sussex – <https://wilding.radio> – recently contained numerous cuckoo calls. This raised the suggestion that the absence of cuckoos is due to lack of suitable habitat, much of which has been restored at Knepp. This is one half of the equation, the other being that lack of suitable habitat means the absence of the cuckoo's most common host species,

including meadow pipit, dunnoek and spotted flycatcher. These are now found in greater numbers in the less intensively cultivated and populated parts of northern regions. A lot of research is being conducted into this phenomenon.

We have not had swallows nesting in adjacent barns for six or seven years now, but we were delighted to see them return and build this year. This coincided with the neighbouring crew-yard being used to house cattle temporarily and occasionally, and there is no doubt that where there are beasts, there are more insects and we and the swallows are enjoying that. Sadly we have seen no sign of house-martins this year. However, after many reports of the lack of swifts, comes the welcome news of a pair seen near Moorhouse.

Our grey wagtail put in an early appearance but is not nesting. However the pied wagtail spends much of the day admiring himself in my wing mirror and leaving a good deal of evidence.

Can anyone suggest a solution to the conundrum of four white eggs of goose size being found in an Ossington garden, with one smaller sky blue egg in the middle of the clutch? Suggestions please to me by email.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

RAIN *Watch*

After the deluge of March and April, May started damp but the tap was turned off on the 15th of May and the drought started. We received 2.3 cm of rain (0.91 in) in the month of May which is just less than half (47%) of what is expected.

Early June continued in a similar fashion so, based on the long term average for Norwell, it seems surprising that we have had exactly the expected average total rainfall for the year so far.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

Caunton church news



There will be a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 2 July.

As reported in last month's issue, we'll definitely be continuing the church clean-up on Saturday 22 July from 10am–2.00pm. It just so happens to be on the same day as the Wine Walk but as cleaning will be done in plenty of time, there will still be time to get ready and relax knowing it's a job well done...

CHURCH ROTAS

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Sat 1 & 8 July – Mike & Mary

Sat 15 & 22 July – Dave & Joy

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Dean Hole - a village community space

Bingo 7 July – 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Date for your diary: Following on from our last successful night, we've organised another quiz for Friday 13 October, taking on the same format as our last one. Details to follow in later editions of the magazine.



Caunton Parish Council – Notes from 14 June meeting

The overriding topic this month was brought out into the open by Cllr Sue Saddington (district councillor). See below. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

The following has been published by the Senior Pupil Place Planning Practitioner, Strategic Pupil Place Planning, Children and Families department at Nottinghamshire County Council:

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 online consultation hub:

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

You can respond to the consultation using the link above. Alternatively please email responses to place.planning@nottscc.gov.uk or write: FAO Pupil Place Planning, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire NG2 7QP

We urge anyone with a view on this matter to follow the consultation document and fill in the online survey or write to the above. You are also welcome to make a similar representation to the Parish Clerk but your survey response needs to be made by you before Sunday 23 July.

The future of the school and village facilities are in danger so please fill in the survey or write to the relevant addresses above.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 July 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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Supporting Dean Hole C of E Primary School &
St Andrews Church, Caunton

15th July 2023
10am - 4pm



Caunton community news (continued)

Caunton Local History Society

Visit to Nostell Priory – Tuesday 8 August

Splendid National Trust house and gardens. Admission free to NT members of course.

I hope you will have told Wendy if you intend to come on the visit. If not, there may still be a limited number of seats on the bus, so please let Wendy or me know promptly and we'll try to fit you in.

It is now time to pay me for the bus! £22.50pp. Cash or cheque to Caunton Local History Society. If you wish to pay by BACS, let me know by email or ring 01636 636321.

Brian Robins brian_robins@btinternet.com



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Saturday July 22nd 2023

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 Right – Cauntton church



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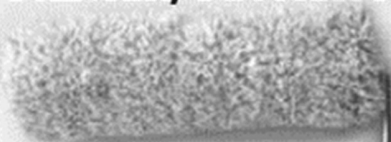
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<http://cromwellvillage.org.uk>

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

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

Cromwell Village WhatsApp group

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

Cromwell Parish Meeting

The application by Cemex to further extend their existing quarry south to the parish boundary at The Ness has been approved by NCC. This will extend the life of the quarry by approximately 18 months. After this time the close-down work, including land restoration, will resume. The working conditions etc will remain the same as they are at present with the same restrictions on the HGVs to avoid the village.

There has been a road traffic accident on Norwell Lane involving a fatality. The police have launched a thorough investigation which is continuing.

The next Parish Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Monday 10 July at 7.30pm in the village hall.

David Swift, Chairman



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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.

THE FUTURE OF ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH

Many of you will be aware that we are looking hard at the current situation for St Laurence's church. The challenges are many. A meeting was held at the beginning of June when the main focus was looking at the way in which involvement in particular tasks could be shared. It was more than encouraging to find that there were people who were interested in doing this. There may well be others who were unable to attend this meeting and who feel that they have something to offer. Please do contact Adrian Anderson, lay chair of the Parochial Church Council on 07542 638 748 or email andersonassociates@btopenworld.com to find out more.

We are feeling more positive about the future than we were a month ago and thank all those who have been supporting St Laurence's so prayerfully. It is only by working in this way that the future of St Laurence's can be ensured.

ACTIVITIES PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

A new venture in June was **Pies at the Plough for Pentecost**. This was a novel way to get together for a very enjoyable meal, but also to be reminded in an entertaining (we hope!) way that Pentecost is all about the Holy Spirit. We have ideas for another event in August. Building on this we are planning for **Lasagne for St Laurence at the Plough**. This would be on Wednesday 16 August. St Laurence was a remarkable man with a wonderful story to be told. Contact Jenny on 07903 503788 for more information.

Services in church are central to the life of the church. We continue with our regular service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month at 10.00am, so our next service is on **Sunday 9 July**. For those who are interested in finding out about the Christian faith more informally do look out for what is happening at the Potting Shed Church; at present they are meeting in Norwell Village Hall each Sunday.

The main event in July will be the **Strawberry Tea**. It will be on Saturday 8 July at 3.00pm. At the generous invitation of Helen and Andrew Ward the tea will be at Norwell Nurseries. Looking forward to seeing you; all profits are for St Laurence's church.

LIFE IN THE CHURCHYARD

There is no doubt that there is life in the churchyard this year! The grass has been growing faster than ever. We do our best to manage this wonderful haven of peace but apologise that the areas which should be kept respectfully tidy have sometimes defeated us despite regular mowing and with a working party earlier in the year. Even those areas which are managed for wildlife have grown much more than anticipated. Thankfully we still have bee orchids and yellow rattle.



Sponsoring a new owl box

Last month we invited someone to sponsor a new owl box to replace the existing one. We are delighted that several people have offered to do this so we have extended what we are planning to do. There are other boxes for smaller birds which also need replacing; we have taken advice on this and will also hope to introduce a new type of open box which would attract spotted fly catchers. With a fund like this we might also be able to have bird feeders.



Norwell community news

Kate Nichol-Smith 1953-2023

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Kate Nichol-Smith.

We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

Kate was committed to her family and gave them so much to cherish and to remember – but also so much to miss. Her contributions to Norwell were many and varied. As editors of the Parish Magazine we express our thanks for her tireless and enthusiastic work, and for her humour and enthusiasm.

In gratitude for a life lived well and to the full.

Elizabeth Jones Executive Editor

Chris Senior Editor

NORWELL ANTIQUES AFTERNOON

Saturday 16 September, 2.00-4.00pm

St Laurence's Church

(In aid of the church)

ALL WELCOME

John Leatt from Golding & Young, Lincoln auctioneers, will be giving a short talk on antiques and is offering to value small items (excluding jewellery) followed by afternoon tea.

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Norwell Village Hall

We held our AGM on 5 June and said a fond farewell to Fiona Mountford who worked tirelessly for many years organising Village Hall events, Burns Night in particular, and undertook the Treasurer role. We thank Fiona for her organisation and commitment.

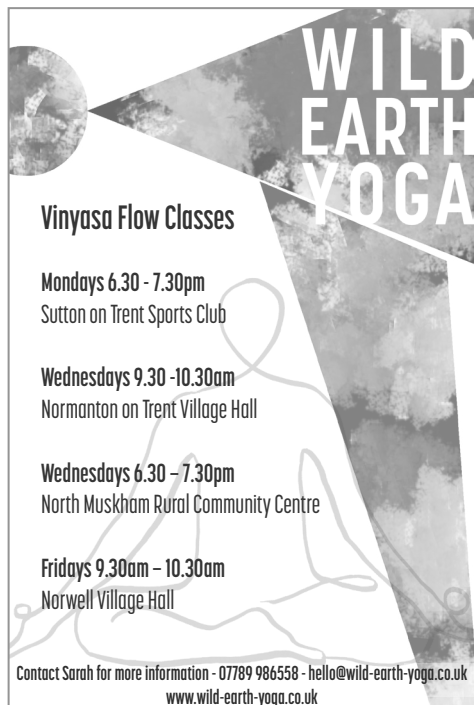
Adam Grief took over from Fiona and has now passed the Treasurer's role to new member Pauline Hobson. In addition Joanna Benson and Graham Price joined the Committee and we welcome all three on board.

Our next Fundraising event is the Wine Tasting on 22 July, organised and presented by Ann et Vin, Vintners from Newark. Ann is full of enthusiasm and it will be a lively evening! There will be eight wines to taste, a fun quiz and light refreshments. Tickets costing £25 are available from Jayne Bingham on annetvinnorwell@gmail.com

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Norwell community news (continued)

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

As we leave election season behind us, the newly installed councilors have been busy within the parish.

Parish Council email:

norwellandwoodhousepc@gmail.com

Cllrs Moreno and South have kindly taken on the responsibility of overseeing the play park and will report back to the council monthly. Furthermore, they have given up an additional day to undertake a training course on play park management. We are very thankful to them for this and would encourage any parishioners who have improvement suggestions for the play park to get in touch with them via the parish council email address.

We have had Parish Council representation at meetings of various village organisations which we hope will continue to help build and foster a greater sense of community.

Saturday 10 June saw the trial run of our first surgery for parishioners. Cllrs Robertshaw and McQuilkin were pleased with the response to the surgery and we are thankful to those parishioners who attended. We hope that the surgery will become a monthly fixture for the parish council and will be attended by two different councillors each month. We would encourage parishioners to attend, particularly if they are unable to come to the Parish Council meetings.

In addition, the decision has been taken to move Parish Council meetings to the 4th Thursday of each month. The schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2023 is as follows:

June	Thursday 22nd
July	Thursday 27th
August	Recess – no meeting
September	Thursday 28th
October	Thursday 26th
November	Thursday 23rd
December	Recess – no meeting

Finally we would like to remind parishioners of the upcoming events:

Friday 7 July	Village Hall Party organised by Norwell Community Shop Group
Saturday 8 July	Strawberry Tea in aid of St Laurence's Church
Sunday 16 July	Norwell Summer Fair organised by the Friends of Norwell School
Saturday 22 July	Wine Tasting in the Village Hall.

We encourage all parishioners to keep an eye on the noticeboards in the village or follow us on Facebook (where possible) to ensure that you are up to date with everything the Council is doing. We are also available on email at norwellandwoodhousepc@gmail.com

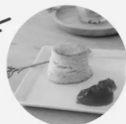
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We cannot believe that this is our final article before we break up for the summer holidays. The year has flown by and the children are looking forward to their summer break.

The KS2 children had a wonderful time on their residential visits where they made new friends with children from St Matthews and Dunham-on-Trent. It was lovely to see them all getting on so well.



The last day of school is Tuesday 25 July when we say goodbye to our Year 6 cohort of children who continue their education at their chosen secondary schools. We wish them well and hope they make the most of all the opportunities offered at their new schools.

The first day back in the summer term is Wednesday 6 September. The school is closed on Tuesday 5 September for INSET day training for the staff.

From all the children, staff and governors at the school, we hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting year.

If you are still looking for a reception or pre-school place we do have a few spaces left. Please contact the school office on 01636 636244 or office@norwell.notts.sch.uk and we would be happy to show you round.

Best wishes
Mrs King



Book Club

In July we will discuss the best-selling novel *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.

It's the nail-biting story of Lydia and her eight-year-old son Luca as they try to escape a brutal Mexican drugs cartel and make their way to the US.

Some readers have said it opened their eyes to the stories behind migration; others that the author has exploited the situation. We shall find out what the Book Club thinks on Wednesday 26 July.

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

In Memory

The untimely death of Kate Nichol-Smith is a great loss to Norwell Parish Heritage Group. She was an enthusiastic member who willingly took on the position of secretary. We shall be reminded of her absence at meetings and on trips. She still had so much to give and it is with great sadness that we remember her and extend our condolences to her family and friends.

Eakring's Secret Oil Field – the personalities

David Ives gave us a wonderful insight into the establishment of the oil field in Eakring in the Second World War. The British were desperately short of oil. The Americans had knowledge and the machinery drills for exploiting the high quality oil beneath Eakring.

David identified the Americans who came here to extract the oil. Forty four Americans

were based in Kelham Hall Hostel and worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week to get that oil flowing. All was nearly halted by the inadequate food supply. Duke's Wood was the most productive of the drilling sites and nodding donkeys can still be seen there. Oil from Eakring made a huge contribution to the outcome of the war. A most interesting evening.

JULY EVENT

Walk, talk and eat!!

On Thursday 13 July we are 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





From the Church

The normal schedule continues with the monthly service at Holy Rood on the third Sunday of the month – 16 July. At the time of going to press, the vicar who will take the service is unknown but, as ever, all are welcome.

Ossington Open Gardens – Sunday 2 July

The gardens at both Ossington House and Hopbine Farmhouse will once again be open to the public on this day between 2.00pm and 5.00pm as part of the National Gardens Scheme (In 2022 the Scheme donated £3.11 million to its chosen charity beneficiaries). The combined adult admission for both Ossington gardens is £6, with homemade teas served in The Hut.

Ossington Garden Party – Saturday 8 July

In aid of Holy Rood, Ossington's Garden Party at Ossington House is the annual fundraiser for the church, but also a rare opportunity for village residents to socialise. Come along and try your hand at traditional garden games such as hook-a-duck and bowls. Browse the bric-a-brac and plant stalls, buy some raffle tickets and take home some homemade cake!

The organising committee would appreciate donations of raffle prizes, bottles (for the bottle stall), plants, bric-a-brac and cakes on the day. Any help to set up or clear away afterwards would also be welcome.

Christopher Mollart

Following his untimely and sudden death at the age of 67 years, Christopher's funeral took place at Holy Rood on 8 June. Although no longer resident in Ossington following his retirement from farming, Chris maintained a strong interest in the village. His parents Geoff and Brenda came to Broadwaters Farm in 1949, and both Chris and his older brother Richard were born and brought up there, with Chris continuing to farm after his father's retirement. Chris now rests in the churchyard at Holy Rood, and condolences are sent to his family in their sad loss.

Date for your diary – History 'Walk and Talk' in August

In August Ossington will be the destination for local historian and published author Adrian Gray, when he conducts a history walk and talk in and around the Church of the Holy Rood. Adrian's book 'People and Places of Newark and Sherwood' was published in 2021. He is also a member of Nottinghamshire Local History Association. Adrian will lead the walk peppering it with stories and anecdotes of the area, having an interest in the Cartwright family as well as the Denisons who followed the Cartwrights in ownership of the estate.

The walk will be conducted on the mornings of Saturday 5 August, and be repeated on Saturday 12 August. There is a charge of £7.50 per person (with £1 of this donated to the church). Booking is essential as numbers are limited. Please contact Adrian's admin helper Maggy on 07950 167821 to book your place(s). Further details in next month's magazine.



Messrs Holt, Best....and Wilson

With the third and last auction sale having taken place at Home Farm in late May, the era of antique Caterpillar tractors (and their predecessors) at Ossington has sadly come to an end. However the story of how the Caterpillar tractor company came to be regarded as the premier manufacturer in America and why there were eventually so many in Ossington is worth telling.

The Caterpillar company was formed as a result of the amalgamation of two strongly innovative and competitive companies. Benjamin Holt incorporated the Holt Manufacturing Company in 1892 after it began life as the Stockton Wheel Service in Stockton, California in 1883. By the early 20th century Holt was the leading manufacturer of combine harvesters in the US, as well as producing steam tractors. These were extremely heavy and often sank into the earth of the San Joaquin Valley Delta farmland surrounding Stockton. The problem was eventually solved by a set of wooden tracks bolted to chains, with the name Caterpillar being trademarked in 1910.

At the same time, Richard Hornsby & Sons in Grantham, Lincolnshire developed a steel plate-tracked vehicle which it patented in 1904. From 1905 to 1911 the company demonstrated the machine's capabilities to the British Army unofficially but the Army failed to recognise its potential and the company received no orders. Disillusioned, Hornsby sold his patents to Holt in 1911. Ironically, when WW1 broke out, Britain had to purchase Caterpillar tractors from Holt to tow the army's heavy guns and

the designers of the tank had to start from scratch, basing their ideas on imported American machines.

The Holt Company's primary competitor was the C.L. Best company but this business had focused on the agricultural market during WW1 rather than military. Both Holt and Best were badly affected by the depression of 1920-21. They had also spent 1.5 million dollars (equivalent to about 25 million dollars today) in legal fees fighting each other in various lawsuits since 1905. On the advice of investors the two companies merged in 1925 and have never looked back, becoming the world's 229th biggest company by 2010 and the first in its industry.

Little wonder then that Allan Wilson could see the potential of these immensely powerful yet low ground pressure machines on the heavy clay of Ossington. His first Caterpillar was purchased after WW2, eventually going into contract work off the farm in forestry as well as agriculture. His son Robert furthered the business by also restoring and rebuilding pre-1960 Caterpillars, as well as sourcing parts and tractors for clients nationally and internationally. Along the way he acquired examples of Holt and Best machines, often restoring them from 'scrap' condition. The auctioneers considered it to have been possibly the largest crawler collection in the UK, the likes of which will not be seen again at auction...or Ossington!

Janet Carr

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Page Turners Reading Group, 3, 17 and 31 July, 10.00am-12 noon, £2 per session. If you are interested in joining pop in to one of the sessions for more information.

Craft Group, 4 & 18 July, 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. £3. No need to book, just come along.

Rummikub, 10 & 24 July, 2.00-4.00pm. £2. No need to book, just come along. Keep the mind active with this fun board game.

Sew Inspired Sewing Classes, 12 & 26 July, 7.00pm-9.00pm, £3. Ring Ann for further details 01636 822010.

Museums of Tuxford

Current exhibits reflect the history of leather craft and how it continues to influence our lives today.

What is thought to be the largest exhibition of side saddles is on show at the Museum of the Horse until the end of September – 35 side saddles from 1780 to the 20th century, including many rarities and special features.

There is a chance to sit on a side saddle if you contact the Museum in advance. Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am-4.00pm; Saturday 10am-2.00pm. Email sally@dogart.com or phone 01777 838234.

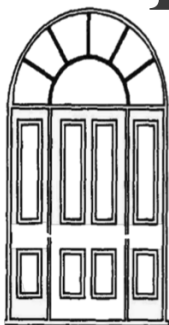
The Walks of Life Museum celebrates the late Dorothy Harrison's fascination with hand carts and the lives of the tradespeople who used them including those in the leather trade. The museum is open on Thursday and Saturday 11.00am-4.00pm. Enquiries: diane.hunt08@btinternet.com or call 01777 872776.



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