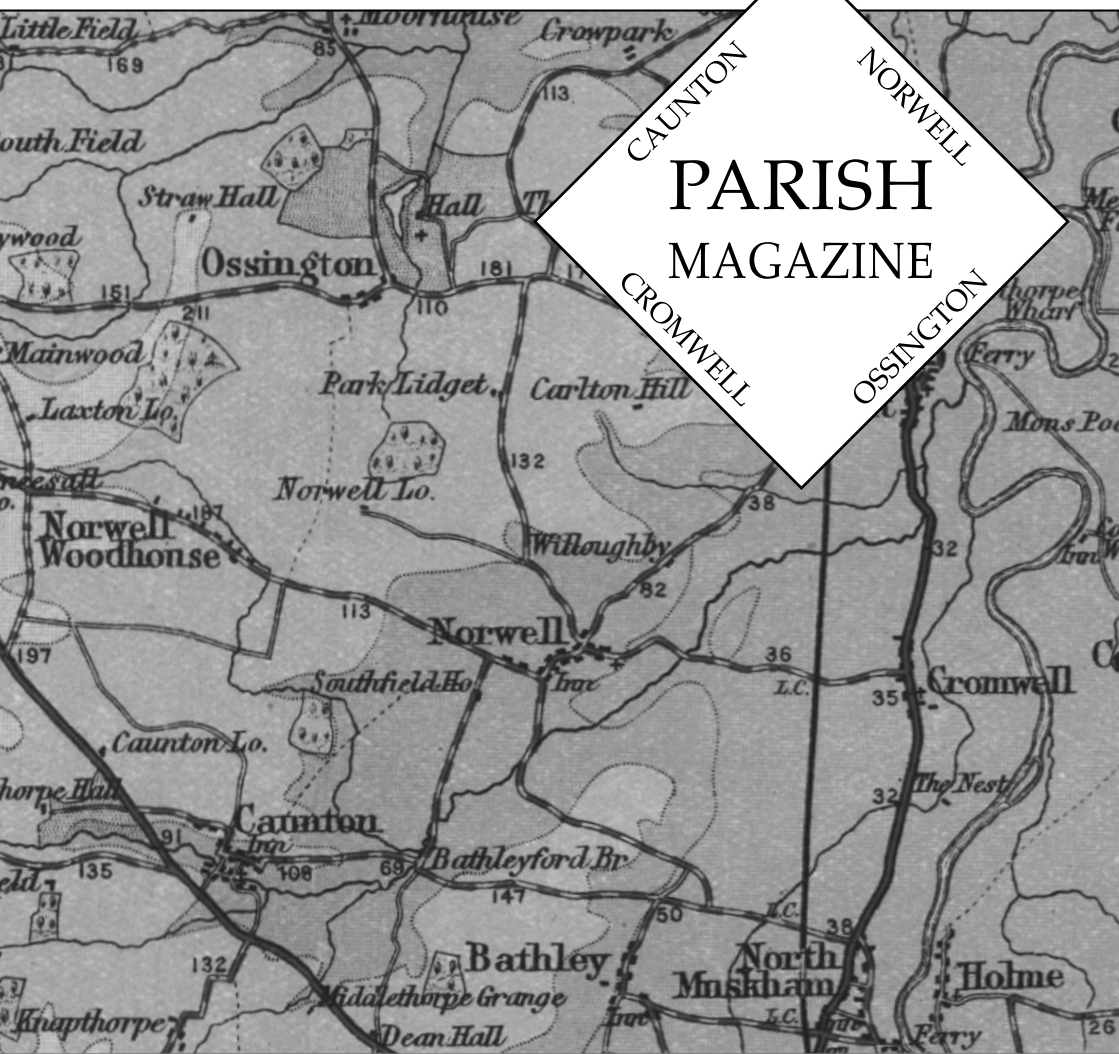




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Beck & Trent churches update

It is encouraging to know that we haven't been forgotten by the bishops. They are a bit like buses – you don't see one for ages and then two come along together! On Sunday 8 October Bishop Paul was in South Muskham for the 9.30am service and at 6.00pm Bishop Andy was in Ossington for the Harvest Festival. We sometimes feel that the challenges facing rural churches can be forgotten. It was good to listen to their inspiring sermons but it was equally good to be able to chat informally to them after the service.

In our churches we experience almost every aspect of life. It is a privilege to share in the bubbling joy of baptism as a child is welcomed into the Christian family. It is equally delightful to witness the happiness of a couple and their families at a wedding. We also offer comfort and hope at funerals whether it is the loss of someone at the end of a long life lived well, or the tragic loss of someone younger taken far too suddenly.

It would be difficult to organise these services without the support of Lorna Caddy who makes all the arrangements and ensures that all the details are checked. Often the most difficult aspect is to find clergy who are able to officiate. Thank you, Lorna, for all you do for us.

The tradition of the Christian church is that the end of October and the beginning of November is a season when we remember all those who have died. This is why 31 October is known as All Hallows' Eve. It precedes All Saints' Day (1 November) when we celebrate the memory of the saints of the church both

known and unknown; then, on All Souls' Day (2 November), we remember the innumerable company of ordinary faithful people who have died, including those whose memories we treasure – whether we lost them recently or who died many years ago but are still dear to us.

The focus of this season has now been overwhelmed by the pumpkins, tricks and treats, ghosts and witches of Halloween so it is appropriate that we continue to mark this solemn season. Please read the message from our new Area Dean who shares his thoughts on the significance of All Saints' Day (page 4); you can attend a special service for All Souls' Day on 2 November at 7.00pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Kelham.

The season of remembrance continues on Saturday 11 November and Sunday 12 November when our churches and villages will hold Acts of Remembrance for those who have died in conflict – a tradition begun after the First World War but continued to remember all who have died in the service of their country. Everyone is welcome to join in these moving events. Please read Janet Carr's detailed explanation of the origins and significance of these occasions (page 5).

At this unsettled time when there is so much strife and killing across the world we give thanks for the security of our lives here and pray for those people who are experiencing the loss of relatives and friends and are living in fear of what the future holds. May the Christmas message of 'Peace' come quickly.

		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>	5 Nov. <i>Fourth before Advent</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>	12 Nov. <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.15 a.m. Remembrance Service		10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service joint with Ossington	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service at Norwell	9.00 a.m. Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	6.30 p.m. Remembrance Service
<i>third Sunday</i>	19 Nov <i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion		3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	26 Nov. <i>Christ The King</i>		10.30 a.m. Christingle Service			10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>first Sunday</i>	3 Dec. <i>Advent 1</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion		4.00 p.m. Christingle Service		10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Children's service, joint with Sutton Methodists

Other services in nearby villages:

Please see table on page 6.

The Potting Shed church is currently meeting in Norwell Village Hall every Sunday at 4 p.m., see pages 8-9.

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



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:
 01636 817200 or email: safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org

Out of Hours for Children & Adults:

Nottinghamshire: 0300 456 4546

Nottingham City Council: 0115 876 1000

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From the church



What family do you belong to?

On the face of it, that's such a simple question – but in a world where so many move house, job or community so often (however enthusiastically or reluctantly), where we find 'home' or 'family' is an increasingly complicated thing to ask. November is a special month in which to ponder these things.

Many people will gather in our villages and churches again for Remembrance. This is the opportunity to remind ourselves of women and men who gave their lives for our ongoing peace – or who continue to offer themselves for service, both at home and abroad. Some are perhaps known to us personally; others are from our wider communities.

However in the Church's calendar the season of remembering begins slightly earlier than this. All Saints' Day (1 November) is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves of all those – throughout time and across the world – in whose lives the Church has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. Sometimes that has been in extraordinary circumstances; sometimes in the very ordinary or everyday. Perhaps you have known such 'saints' in your own experience. Many of our churches may be marking special 'Memorial Services' as opportunities for us to remember those who have especially borne something of God's kindness to us in our lives.

Put together, all these 'rememberings' remind us of a truth that the Christian tradition has long taught us: through faith in Jesus Christ we become members of a company of believers – we might call it a family – who belong to one another, even through death. Of course remembering can bring us sadness but it can also offer hope as we think on those who've given themselves to the Lord's work in life or for our freedom in death. It can remind us that there is much beyond the world we can merely see – a life beyond death. And this points us beyond this month of remembrance to what we celebrate next month – the coming of God into this world he made and the true reminder of the hope we're offered: forgiveness for past wrongs, hope for a better future, and (in the meantime) a welcome into the greatest family of all. The Bible tells us that Christian people are 'adopted' as God's own children – and that's where we find our true home.

All blessings in remembering.

James Halstead
Newark and Southwell Area Dean



Verse of the month:

*"How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings."*

Psalms 16 v 7

A place of refuge is so important.

November – A Time for Remembrance

Ever since the Armistice was signed on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, signifying the end of hostilities in World War I, November has become a time when we remember all those who have served and died in the cause of freedom. The outbreak of war in the Middle East and the continuing battles in the Ukraine make this time all the more poignant.

The scale of loss after the First World War was vast in comparison to anything that had gone before. An official decision was made not to allow the repatriation of the dead from conflict zones because of logistics, health considerations, and the demoralising effect that this would have had on the population as a whole.

The Imperial War Graves Commission (which subsequently became the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) was established in 1917. Quite remarkably, by 1918 the Commission had identified nearly 600,000 graves and recorded over 550,000 casualties for whom no burial place was known. During the 1920s over 2,000 cemeteries were laid out in France, Belgium and other conflict zones, where the bodies could rest in peace together regardless of rank. Memorials were also commissioned for the hundreds of thousands of men who could not be identified.

There was a strong feeling in most communities in this country that there should be local memorials raised for the sake of those having to deal with the loss of loved ones without a grave to act as a focal point for their grief. They would also serve as a reminder of the contribution made by men and women during the conflict lest future generations should forget. Hence around 70,000 war memorials were raised during the 1920s in nearly every community. From the Cenotaph in London to the wayside shrine in Ossington, each was personal to their community. Laurence Binyon's famous lines summed up the feelings of those left to mourn:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk

From the registers		15 September – 15 October
Baptisms		
St Laurence's, Norwell	Emma Rose Wilson	8 October 2023
Funerals		
St Laurence's, Norwell	Ann Kettleborough	19 September 2023
St Mary's, Carlton-on-Trent (Interment of Ashes)	Valda Harrop	6 October 2023

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

Other local Church of England services

Thursday 2 November 7.00pm	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Service for All Souls
Sunday 5 November 9.30am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	All Saints Holy Communion Bring your Love in a Box
Saturday 11 November 10.45am	St Michael and All Angels Averham	Act of Remembrance
Sunday 12 November 9.30am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Morning Prayer and Act of Remembrance
Sunday 12 November 10.45am	Muskham Rural Community Centre	Service of Remembrance
Sunday 12 November 3.00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Messy Church
Sunday 19 November 9.30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Safeguarding Sunday and Holy Communion
Sunday 26 November 9.30am	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 November 4.00pm	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	Messy Church

Mobile Library visits

Caunton: Monday 27 November

Gates Garth	10.20-10.40am
BT Exchange	10.45-11.00am
Dean Close	11.05-11.15am

Cromwell: Tuesdays 14 November, 12 December and 9 January
Yew Tree Cottage, Great North Road: 10.00-10.45am

Norwell, Ossington and Moorhouse:

Mondays 13 November, 11 December and 8 January

Norwell	Norwell Primary School	1.10-1.30pm
Norwell	Old Chapel, Main Street	1.35-1.50pm
Ossington	Speaker's Cottages	2.00-2.10 pm
Moorhouse	Thoroton, Weston Road	2.15-2.25pm

Recycling your old glasses

Many thanks to all those people who have donated their old glasses for recycling: in the last year you have donated around 400 pairs!!

These are passed on to an international charity, sorted centrally, washed, measured, individually bagged and placed into 'libraries' each of 1,000 pairs.

They are then freighted to charitable organisations in Sri Lanka, Kenya and Ghana who have the necessary expertise to ensure the spectacles end up on the right noses and are fitted correctly!

I'm sure there are still loads of old glasses out there, lurking in cupboards and drawers, which you don't know what to do with, but don't want to throw away.

There is a box for depositing them in both St Andrew's church, Caunton and St



Laurence's church, Norwell. Alternatively, you can leave them in the cloth bag on the front door of our house – Becks House, Norwell Road, Caunton. So please, gather them up, drop them off and let them do a bit of good for someone else.

NB: no cases and only complete, unbroken pairs of glasses please.

Many thanks.

David Tranter

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Alpha is currently running on Thursday evenings, 7:30pm at Willow Cottage, Norwell Woodhouse.
Email office@thepottingshedchurch.org if you'd like more info or to come along!



Coming up this month at The Potting Shed church...

CONFIDENCE IN A COMPLEX WORLD

Delving into the letter of 1 Peter

Sundays throughout November, 4pm at Norwell Village Hall
With Potting Shed Kids group for primary aged children

Little Seedlings

Come and join us for a simple time of play, refreshments, snacks, Bible stories and songs. Parents, carers, babies, toddlers, and pre-school children all welcome!

Dean Hole School, Manor Road,
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Wednesdays 9.00-10.30am

8 November 22 November
6 December

"Great group – we love coming"

"Lovely, friendly group...
good range of activities for all ages.
A relaxing and warm atmosphere..."

– feedback from parents/carers



Christingle services

and looking towards Christmas...

Sunday 26 November, 10:30am, Christingle service
at St Giles' church, **Cromwell**

Sunday 3 December, 4pm, Christingle service
at St Laurence's church, **Norwell**

Sunday 10 December, 10:30am, Christingle service
at St Bartholomew's church, **Kneesall**

Sunday 17 December, 4pm, the Big Christmas Sing
at Norwell Village Hall

Sunday 24 December, 4pm, Nativity Service
at St Laurence's church, **Norwell**



NATURE *Watch*

With the dark nights of November, big changes are afoot for fox families. Foxes are social animals that tend to live in small family groups comprising a breeding pair and their young. However, with the colder weather and dwindling resources, November marks the time when adolescents, most commonly males, leave their family group to establish their own territory (see Naturewatch January 2020 – my very first Naturewatch article!).

If resources allow, cubs may remain with their family group and may even help their parents rear new offspring and guard their territory – the fate of many young females. Subordinate vixens are not allowed to breed and during the breeding season there is an increase in aggression within the group. The breeding vixen will attack subordinate females, preventing them accessing food and increasing their stress levels. This results in an increased production of the stress hormone cortisol and a decrease in progesterone, inevitably causing miscarriage if the female is already pregnant.

Sacrificing one's own chance of having offspring may seem counter-intuitive in evolutionary terms as, according to Darwin's theory of evolution, an individual's ultimate aim is to pass on its own genes to its offspring. Scientists believe the theory of 'kin-selection' explains this: the chance of family genes being passed on is inadvertently increased by sacrificing your own reproductive success for the sake of a close relative, in the case of foxes, and helping to care and feed for siblings.



Red fox, Vulpes vulpes
(Peter Trimming via Flickr)

The red fox is the most widespread species of carnivore in the world and this is due to their excellent hunting abilities. With excellent vision and hearing, foxes enjoy a wide-ranging menu, from pigeons, rabbits, rodents and earthworms to berries and fallen fruit. With a fantastic sense of smell and inquisitive nature, foxes especially in urban areas, are partial to household waste. Being opportunistic by nature, foxes, much to any pet owner's fear, are attracted to garden pets such as rabbits and chickens. If they gain entry to an enclosure they will often kill all creatures in sight, something which we humans struggle to comprehend, but the wily fox has the intention of returning later to cache their food for future consumption.

Regardless of your own feelings about foxes, I have to agree with Fantastic Mr Fox: "We're all different but there's something kind of fantastic about that, isn't there?"

Adam Breslin
adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

BIRD *Watch*

Though we normally only report on birds resident or seen within these parishes, the following news might be of interest as it concerns a species recently, and unexpectedly, seen at Norwell. A friend back from Loch Morar, and another person on her way to her house in western Argyll, both told me of the local problem of white-tailed eagles harassing golden eagles. It was not clear whether this was a dispute over territory or food though, of course, the two are linked.

This is not the first instance of one protected species damaging another and, apart from causing a dilemma for conservation organisations, it calls into question the wisdom of the re-introduction of species that have been absent from this country for a long time, whatever the reason for their disappearance. The world has changed since many extinct species were native, including the natural supply of many of their sources of food. The fact that white-tailed eagles are already causing loss to farmers by taking lambs, at no small cost to the Scottish economy, is a sign that they are not able to sustain their population from their normal prey.

Staying with raptors, twice recently a large bird of prey has crossed the road in front of the car and, at first, its identity was not obvious. Overall dark tawny brown, it had the sickle-shaped wings of a falcon, rather than the rounded tipped wings of buzzard or hawks, and a squared tail shape. Only after some thought did we conclude that it is a juvenile red kite which, though almost adult in size, has not yet developed the forked tail and clear markings of a mature bird.

The owner of a local garden was lucky enough to have a mistle thrush as a visitor in early October. Its upright stance, larger size and more pronounced breast spots distinguish it from the song thrush which sadly is no longer common in our gardens. At the time this is written there are swallows reported from a number of places, some weeks after the main migration left for Africa, and we have a pair still coming to a barn. Some years ago I saw two healthy pairs in Dorset on Christmas Eve, so it is not unknown for them to over-winter, and it is possible that our Indian Summer has either encouraged or fooled them into staying with us. Apart from cold, their main danger will be from lack of insects as food, so let us hope that they survive. They would certainly cheer a winter day.

Apart from the usual garden birds, a pair of pied wagtail are providing colour and entertainment at the moment.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

RAIN *Watch*

September was notably wetter than average: we had 7cm of rain (2.8 in). This is 51% more than expected.

In an average year we would have had 71% of the year's total rainfall by the end of September. This year we have had 81%. The trend for a much wetter than average year will probably continue as early October is already proving damp.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

Caunton church news



As I write this, autumn has finally arrived with the onset of the first frost, but what a beautiful weekend – the sun is shining but it's very cold outside. We'll all be reaching for winter coats as well as hats, gloves and scarves.

November will be quite busy with Holy Communion at 9.00am on Sunday 5th.

Remembrance Sunday

Then we gather in church on Sunday 12th for our Remembrance service which will commence in church at 10.15. We will have the service in church then make our way to the memorial for 11.00. We are extremely lucky once again to have Hannah play the Last Post and Reveillé. The names of the fallen will be read and we will have our two minutes silence. We finish our service at the memorial.

It's so important that we continue to honour those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in all wars, and also those who continue to suffer in other ways – whether physically or mentally.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Trees

Letters have been sent to societies and clubs inviting them to decorate their trees in church. The letters stated that the trees should commence to be placed in church on 25 November but as the church is unavailable for tree decoration from 9.00am-6.00pm on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th, and from 9.00-2.00pm on Friday 31st, they can go in from Thursday 23rd. You will be able to go into church after 6.00pm on the 29th and 30th.

But trees **MUST** be in place by 6.00pm on Saturday 1st December.

Church Decorating

If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, you are more than welcome – the more the merrier. This year's theme is 'Kings and Gifts'.

Please see dates and timings above for entrance to church.

Christmas Flowers

Flowers to be in place by Saturday 16 December please. As with the church decorating, if you would like to place flowers in church, then you'd be very welcome. You don't have to arrange flowers in a display but a vase would be more than welcome.

St. Andrew's Carol Service

Our traditional readings and hymns will be on Sunday 17 December commencing at 6.00pm. Afterwards there will be light Christmas refreshments.

Crib Service

This will be on Christmas Eve commencing at 4.00pm. This is one of the most enjoyable services in the church calendar so please come along if you can.

Irene Crossley, Churchwarden

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning

Sat 4 & 11 Nov – Charlotte & Bo
Sat 18 & 25 Nov – Mike & Mary
Sat 2 & 9 Dec – Dave & Joy

Flowers

Sat 4 & 11 Nov – Charlotte
Sat 18 & 25 Nov – Bo
Sat 2 & 9 Dec – Pat

Refreshments

November – Mike & Mary

Caunton community news

Caunton Parish Council – notes of 11 October meeting

The proposed solar farms on both sides of Hockerton Road between Caunton and Bedmax was raised under public speaking. It was noted that recent excavation work in the fields were for an archeological survey and the planning applications submitted in May 2022 had still not been determined by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

District councillor Sue Saddington updated the meeting on the ongoing Newark hospital consultation which closed on 17 October.

The Parish Council welcomed the news that the formal consultation on the future of Dean Hole School had ceased and a proposal for the School to join Team Education Trust had been approved by the Diocese and County Council. It was noted that open meetings with the trust representatives took place on 5 October. It is understood that the current school provision will be maintained with the addition of a new special needs unit and that the shared community use of the premises will continue.

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

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

Chris Jagger, Acting Chair



Dean Hole - a village community space

Many thanks to those who came to our quiz evening in October! It was very well supported and everyone had a good time. Many thanks go to our quizmaster, Chris Ward.

Bingo

Our next meeting is on Friday 10th November, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Musical Workshop Performance

Alison Arlington invites you to St. Andrew's on Friday 1 December at 12 noon to hear a short programme of choral works by Byrd, Tallis and Parsons amongst others at the end of her workshop 'Memories, Music and Friends'. The conductor is David Allinson and the programme will last about 40 minutes.



Facebook: Search for
"Caunton Community Page"

Caunton community news (continued...)

Caunton Local History Society

The autumn series of talks continues in November with an exploration of women's suffrage in Nottingham and concludes with an annual Christmas dinner. Dinner at Floral Media promises to be a fabulous evening and will be an excellent way for new members to meet the society before the 2024 programme of talks and events.

14 November – Women's Suffrage in Nottingham

Speaker Maureen Cooper is a community historian and founder member of Nottingham Women's History Group. Through her talk Maureen will explore the relevance and contribution of the Nottingham suffrage movement to the national fight for votes for women. Using newspaper articles from the early 20th century Mo will build the case for why Nottingham was selected as one of the ten centenary cities during the 2019 celebrations of (some) women getting the vote.

12 December – Christmas Meal at Floral Media

The cost of dinner is £26.50 per person with the option to take your own bottle of choice. Arrive 7.00pm for 7.30pm. To book your place please contact Brian by 1 December:
brian_robins@btinternet.com

9 January – Caunton Local History Society AGM

7.30pm Dean Hole School. Everyone welcome.

The 2024 programme of talks will include an exploration of the architecture of cinemas, of the caves in Nottingham, and the fascinating topic of the wall paintings in the Saracen's Head Hotel, Southwell – not one to be missed.

New members are especially welcome to join – attending your first talk with the society is free. The cost for returning non-members is £3. We always meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and almost always at Dean Hole School. We look forward to welcoming you.

Lynn Thompson lynn1485@gmail.com



Caunton Garden Society

More than 30 members and visitors gathered at Dean Hole School on 19 September to enjoy a most informative illustrated talk by Andrew Ward of Norwell Nurseries. Andrew explained how he has created Sand Beds at Norwell Nurseries with a range of interesting and original plants that thrive in the sandy conditions. Andrew is of course one of the UK's leading plantsmen: this was evident from his talk and it was pleasing that he had such a good audience to appreciate it.

The Society holds its AGM in October and on 21 November we meet again at 7.30pm at the School to listen to Kate Richard's and watch her demonstration of how to work with willow.

The Society meets at Dean Hole School, Caunton on the 3rd Tuesday of the month over winter and visitors to any meeting (entrance charge £5) are most welcome. We also of course welcome new members (annual subscription £10).

Trevor Plumb

CAUNTON GARDEN SOCIETY

Welcomes Visitors and New Members

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- **Seven Evening meetings** at Dean Hole School, Caunton at 7.30pm on 3rd Tuesday of the month (September to April except December)
- **Three Summer Outings** to interesting gardens
- **Autumn & Spring Shows** in September and April
- **Christmas Dinner** - our December meeting
- **Summer Supper & Rose Show** in June



The annual subscription is £10 per person and the entrance charge for visitors to a meeting is £5 with refreshments provided

For more details please contact
cauntongardensociety@gmail.com



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

MONDAY 4TH DEC
7.30PM - 9.30PM

We have a limited number of places for our brand new wreath making workshop

Carol Warriner is an expert in presenting wreath making workshops to people with all skill levels

You will leave the workshop with your very own Christmas Wreath that you have created.

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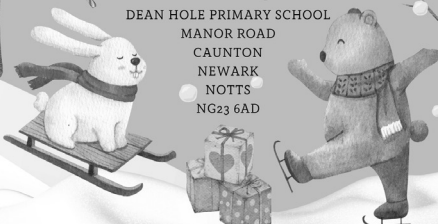
CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 18th November

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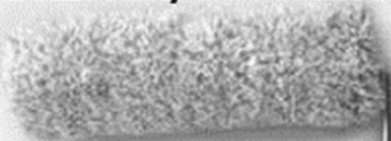
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Cromwell Parish Meeting

A well-attended parish meeting was held on the 9th October.

It was reported that the Cemex planning application to open a new quarry located north of the old Lafarge site (ES3953) has finally been withdrawn after nearly five years of dithering. There was no progress to report on the 20EV charging unit at the OK Diner (22/00145/ful).

Welcome Break Holdings have applied for planning permission to replace the Cafe Amore at the service station with a “drive through” cafe (23/01706/ful). In addition to refreshment, it would offer 30 car-parking spaces and charging facilities for a further eight electric vehicles. It would generate full-time employment for 15 people with 15 more part-time staff in order to run 24/7. The discussion, which followed examination of the available plans, welcomed the employment opportunities for young people, but the traffic control provisions were criticised as unsatisfactory on many counts (A1 signage, slip-road complications, overloaded entry and exit, and the effect of patrons’ headlights on north-bound A1 traffic). The intention to run 24/7 was also challenged.

Following a healthy financial report from Mrs Marjorie Goss it was agreed to leave the parish precept of £1,050pa unchanged for a fifth year.

The next scheduled Quarterly Meeting will be on Monday 8 January 2024.

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.

Services past, present and future

September ended with two harvest services in church. The church was decorated in advance with flowers, fruits, foliage and, most appropriately, with corn. We did wonder whether Arthur and Millie, the church mice, had popped back for a visit since the corn in the porch had clearly been appreciated and hoarded!

On Thursday 21 September the children and staff from Norwell School arrived bearing generous gifts of tins, packets and fresh produce. Some of the produce came from the school's allotment. The trumpet gourds were amazing!



It was a lively service full of thoughtful words and music. Thank you to everyone.

The parish harvest festival service was on the following Sunday when more gifts were donated. Rev David Milner took us through the service in a way that was lively, meaningful and very enjoyable. The evening was rounded off with convivial refreshments: thank you very much to our wonderful 'caterers'.

In **October** we were delighted to welcome Emma Wilson into the church family when she was baptised. She took in everything with a smile and a few delightfully informal hiccups. Rev Alison Jones took the service with such warmth and affection. It was a great pleasure to be working with the Potting Shed Church in this way. We blended the traditional with the informal, including organ and guitar (even with them together at one point!). Thank you so much to everyone.

November: Our Remembrance Sunday service is on Sunday 12 November. The service will start at 10.45 in the church. The Act of Remembrance will be at 11.00 at the War Memorial in the churchyard. We are delighted that once again Joshua Ward will be playing the Last Post and Reveillé. The service will then continue in the church and will be followed by refreshments. As well as remembering the fallen from Norwell and Ossington we will remember all those who are affected so badly by continuing conflict across the world today.

December feels a long way ahead but it is never too early to put dates in your diary. There will be a Christingle Service in church on Sunday 3 December at 4.00pm. This will be a joint service with the Potting Shed church and will be a very special way of turning thoughts towards Christmas. The service of Nine Lessons and carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine will be on Sunday 10 December at 6.00pm. On Christmas Eve our special service for the Nativity is at 4.00pm with Christmas Holy Communion at 9.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you to these services.

Norwell Antiques Afternoon

On Saturday 16 September St Laurence's Church held a very successful afternoon to help raise some much-needed funds. John Leatt from the auctioneers in Lincoln, Golding & Young, gave us a short talk on antiques now and in the past and a most interesting viewing of the coin found by a villager in Norwell dated 45BC.

Afternoon tea was served around the church and visitors brought a very interesting and varied collection of items to be valued and discussed. There was an excellent atmosphere and it showed that the church is a good place to hold social events. In addition, £316 was raised. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event.



Planning for the Christmas Festival

The festive season has already hit our high streets and supermarkets but of course the church focus on Christmas does not really commence until Advent though we do need to start making preparations a little earlier.

We will once again be decorating St Laurence's over two days on 8 and 9 December – just in time for the service of nine lessons and carols on the 10th. We hope that the various village groups will each be decorating a window in St Laurence's but we do have some changes in how it will be organised this year.

Firstly the decorations will be coordinated by the PCC Secretary Lynne Johnson who takes over this responsibility from Elizabeth Jones. Can anyone who has taken part in this event in previous years and is willing to do so again please make contact with Lynne on 07869 600382 or lynne@gajohnson.co.uk.

We would also like to encourage other individuals to get involved this year. This can be families and friends, or just individuals. Perhaps you would like to make a decoration as a tribute to loved ones who are no longer with us, or who cannot be with you this Christmas. As well as windows to decorate we can offer pillars, pew ends or door surrounds.

The theme for this year is 'Favourite Carol' so there is plenty of scope for inspiration.

We will be providing a few Christmas refreshments, mince pies and mulled wine on the afternoon of 9 December for those taking part in the preparations so if you are feeling inspired, or just want to get into the mood for Christmas, please get in touch with Lynne. All welcome whether or not you have been involved in the decorating.

Norwell community news



POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

There will be a tray of poppies in the Plough and in the Village Hall when the Post Office is open. Please contact Elizabeth Jones 636 365 if you are unable to get them from either place.

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Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

September saw the first council meeting since the August recess. It was a busy agenda and resulted in a lot of exciting plans for the year ahead.

I would like to begin with a point of clarification. The August magazine indicated that Council members would be going door to door regarding the 'Community Governance Review' to formally change the name to Norwell & Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council. This was an unfortunate error at the editing stage. Objections, or support for the proposal, can still be lodged via email using the address below, by Facebook message, or in writing to the clerk at 4 The Old Nurseries, Norwell marked for the attention of the clerk.

One of the main focuses of the meeting in September was to explore ways in which the Council could assist the Norwell Sports Association (NSA). The group, and the cricket pitch, have been struggling in recent times, especially since the recent vandalism to the pavilion. Any parishioners, or neighbours from the surrounding villages, who feel they could support the NSA would be greatly welcomed by the committee. Please make contact via norwellandwoodhousepc@gmail.com if you feel you could assist, and we can direct you to the NSA. Like many community assets we need to use it or we will lose it.

Highways issues have been reported to Via recently and we have received confirmation that repairs will be undertaken imminently. Any issues with highways, streetlights and verges can be reported directly to the County Council via the 'My Notts' app downloaded from www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Projects are afoot for both the playpark and Parish Gardens. Equipment upgrades are being considered for the playpark and general maintenance will be undertaken to continue making the space a safer and more enjoyable area for our younger residents. We are also looking into how the Council can support the Coronation Living Heritage Fund in terms of their idea for a community orchard, possibly on the Parish Gardens.

However one of the most exciting projects is the upcoming Christmas event in the village. This is scheduled for Tuesday 5 December on Carlton Lane and in the Village Hall. See the advertisement for details. More information will be announced on the village Facebook page and on noticeboards. It will be a brilliant event for all the family and we look forward to seeing you there.

In addition the Parish Council will be hosting another surgery on Saturday 4 November in St Laurence's Church, should you wish to drop in and chat. No topic is too small and we welcome any parishioner who wishes to discuss the projects being proposed by the Council.

Finally, since the September meeting, we have unfortunately received the resignation of Cllr Adrian Anderson. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his valued contributions to the Council since his election in May, and I wish him well in his other village endeavours. This means that the Council will be advertising a casual vacancy for the Parish Council and notice of this will follow in due course.

Wishing you all well for the month ahead.

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Book Club

In November we are reading "Harlem Shuffle" by Colson Whitehead. It's a crime novel set in 1960s New York at the height of the civil rights protests. Reviewers have said it's beautifully written and wonderfully entertaining, full of life, humour and tragedy. We shall find out if the Book Club agrees when we discuss it on Wednesday 29 November.

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



Norwell CofE Primary School

Welcome back after the half-term holidays and we hope you all had a lovely break! This half term is always very busy as we start to prepare for Christmas. We have some very exciting things to look forward to this term including Children in Need on Friday 17 November which all the children enjoy supporting. This helps to raise vital money to support children who are less fortunate than they are.

The school children have also been busy filling shoe boxes full of toys and important items for vulnerable children in Romania. This is something they again feel is important and their support for this each year has been wonderful to see. This sense of working together to make life better for others is an important part of our values at Norwell School.

We would love to invite families with children due to start school in September 2024 to come and see what we have to offer on Wednesday 15 November from 9.30-11.30 at our Open Morning. We are a small, vibrant, welcoming school and every child is encouraged to flourish in a nurturing, positive environment. Please feel free to come along and meet the staff and some of the children. We really look forward to showing you why Norwell C of E Primary School is so special to us.

On Friday 13 October we had our first Mini-Kites sessions for babies and toddlers where parents and families can meet and have time together creating new friendships. It was lovely to see the children (and their families!) playing and socialising and we look forward to our second session on Friday 10 November at 9.30am.

Best wishes
Kathryn King



At our meeting in October we found out more about Newark Yards. Perhaps this will inspire a special trip to Newark to see them for ourselves.

The Gunpowder Plot: the Nottingham connection

Our November meeting is on Thursday 16 November in Norwell Village Hall at 7.30pm. William Ruff will be talking about a very appropriate subject for November – The Gunpowder Plot: the Nottingham connection. There is an open invitation to come along and hear what he has to say.

Christmas party

The NPHG Christmas Party is on Thursday 7 December in Norwell Village Hall at 7.00pm. This year the theme is Kings and Queens. We will try to make everything fit into this theme – the challenge is to spot as many royal connections as you can! We do not require you to make your own crown but it was one of the possibilities! But we will provide a 'banquet' fit for the lesser nobility!

Entry is £10.00: please give your names to Lorraine Pilgrim 639048 lorraine.pilgrim@hotmail.co.uk or Elizabeth Jones 636365 or emjones.norwell@btinternet.com by 2 December (please mention any special dietary requirements).

It would be a good idea to bring your own glasses (and spectacles) and something to drink. A pen or pencil would help too.



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From the Church

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Looking ahead our village Carol Service is on Sunday 17 December at 6.00pm with the Christmas Day service at 10.00am.

As always, everyone is welcome to attend any or all of these services.

Remembrance Gathering – Saturday 11 November

This year our village gathering to remember all those who went to war on our behalf falls on a Saturday, so it is hoped that more residents and extended families will be able to attend. The gathering will take place on Saturday 11 November and begins at 10.45am. Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the Hut with the opportunity to view the village Book of Remembrance.

If anyone has photographs of any of the men of the village who served and/or lost their lives in the two World Wars, it would be wonderful to add copies to the biographies in the Book of Remembrance. Please contact Janet Carr on 01636 821265 or at jecarr@live.co.uk with any information you may have. Many thanks.

Ossington Art Group

The Art Group has restarted its regular Monday morning meetings, led by Graham Laughton. If you have an artistic streak, or would like to discover one, the Art Group would be very pleased to welcome you. Meetings start at 10.00am with the following two hours being given over to practical

application. Once a month it is now possible to stay on for Ossington Luncheon Club (see below). Further details from Jean Johnson on 01636 821192 or jeajoh410@btinternet.com

Luncheon Club

The restarted Luncheon Club met for the first time last month and will have its second get together on Monday 6 November at 1.00pm. More diners would be very welcome and there may be some flexibility in the start time in future if necessary. Mary Brown would love to hear from you: she can be contacted on 01636 821029 or at marybrown3@hotmail.co.uk to book your place(s).

Whist Drives

The proposed first whist drive had not taken place at the time of going to print. The turnout and feedback from that meeting will determine the date and timing of any future whist drive. Watch this space or, better still, contact Mary Brown as above for further news.

Date for your diary - Christmas Quiz – Friday 8 December

Judy and Peter Geldart are holding another of their very popular Quiz Nights on Friday 8 December in The Hut. With tables of four or six, tickets will be £8 per head to include a light supper and free first glass of wine or soft drink. There will of course be a raffle and a new departure this year is for ladies to wear a festive Christmas hat with a prize for the winner! Please contact Peter Geldart at petergeldart@btinternet.com or on 01636 823832 to book your tickets.

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Newark Urgent Treatment Centre

As highlighted in last month's issue, the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust has been conducting a listening exercise regarding the opening hours of the Newark's Urgent Treatment Centre. At a face-to-face meeting in Muskham Community Centre, useful information was provided concerning ongoing improvements to the services provided.

Over the last four years, approximately 100,000 appointments have taken place. With planned improvements it will be possible to deal with an extra 500 per month. There is now a one-stop breast cancer care service in place. The ongoing building works are nearly completed for a brand-new operating theatre costing £5 million which will open this month. This will allow 2,500 extra procedures to take place at Newark (additional and not transfers from Kings Mill). The acknowledged car parking issues are soon to be addressed: work has just started on an additional car park that will provide a further 80 parking spaces. This is projected to be ready in March 2024.

Confusingly, a decision was made nationally around 12 years ago to rename types of emergency care provided, so the description Accident and Emergency was changed to Minor Injuries Unit, and then subsequently to Urgent Treatment Centre. The type of care given did not change, but the staff present at the meeting acknowledged that the NHS and the Trust had not communicated this well enough and that there is a lot of work to do to correct misunderstandings. There are no plans to bring trauma services to Newark – among other things it would involve vast expense, building work and huge staffing requirements.

Regarding opening hours and the service provided, the speakers were at pains to point out that the service provided at Newark hasn't changed. The consultation was about making the opening hours the best fit for the local community and the outcome will be communicated to the public in due course.

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Carlton on Trent Village Hall

Film Club Sunday 12 November, 2.00pm

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Quiz night

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Coffee Morning

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Museums of Tuxford

In November the Museums of Tuxford provide unexpected reflections on the horror of war and its aftermath.

See how horses were affected during World War I by visiting The Museum of the Horse. One of the horrors of WW1 was chlorine gas first used by the Germans at Ypres in 1915. It caused great harm and distress to humans but one forgets that horses were just as vulnerable and the gas mask for horses was not very effective. It is thought that the Museum of the Horse has the largest collection of horse gas masks in Europe.

The Walks of Life Museum have cleared their Nissen hut and on Saturday 11 November at 2.00pm there will be a talk about the life of the squatters post-World War II who had to live in Nissen huts due

to the mass housing shortage created by bombing and the shortage of building materials and skilled labour. Many people were in paid employment or were ex-service personnel. Life was harsh for many years. This is a free event with refreshments: please contact Diane if you want to come along.

- The Museum of the Horse is open 9.30am-4.00pm Monday to Friday, 10.00am-2.00pm Saturdays. Contact Sally www.dogart.com / 01777 838234
- The Walks of Life Museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays 11.00am to 4.00pm and at other times by arrangement: contact Diane 01777 872776 / dianehunt08@btinternet.com

Entry to both Museums is free although donations are much appreciated.

Road works on Queens Road, Newark

A message from Cllr Sue Saddington

The roadway on Queens Road near the junction with Northgate was repaired but sank again shortly after the repair was completed. It appears there are a lot of pipes under the road stretching out in all directions which date back to the 19th century.

I have been in touch with the Highways department of Nottinghamshire County Council over the last few months to find out what is happening and why progress has been so slow. At first no one appeared to be sure who was responsible as Severn Trent have pipes under the road as well. However it was confirmed that the matter was definitely the responsibility of Highways. They have brought in a specialist to draw up plans and ensure that work would take place without further delay: with Christmas approaching it is imperative this work is finished quickly.

I received the following report from Highways on 13 October:

"Work to repair the damaged Victorian culvert on Queen's Road in Newark is progressing well.

"Contractors have been on site for just over a week and the first pipes to replace the damaged culvert are about to be laid.

"A new access chamber has been built close to the junction with Northgate to allow workers to safely access the culvert to complete the repairs and to facilitate future maintenance.

"In addition, teams have worked to clear the culvert downstream from Queen's Road, beneath Northgate, removing a significant amount of debris.

"Work is now commencing to install the new pipes along the line of the existing culvert close to the Northgate junction, with works remaining on schedule."

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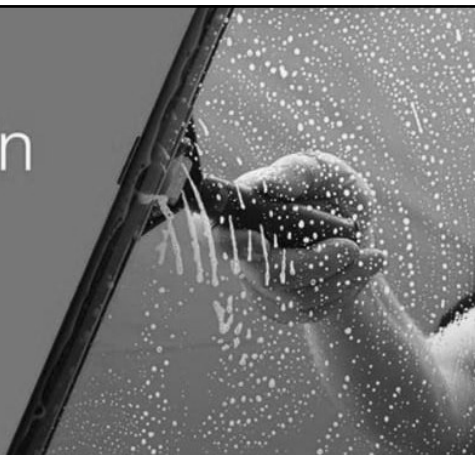
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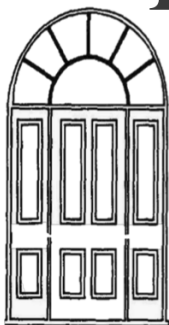


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