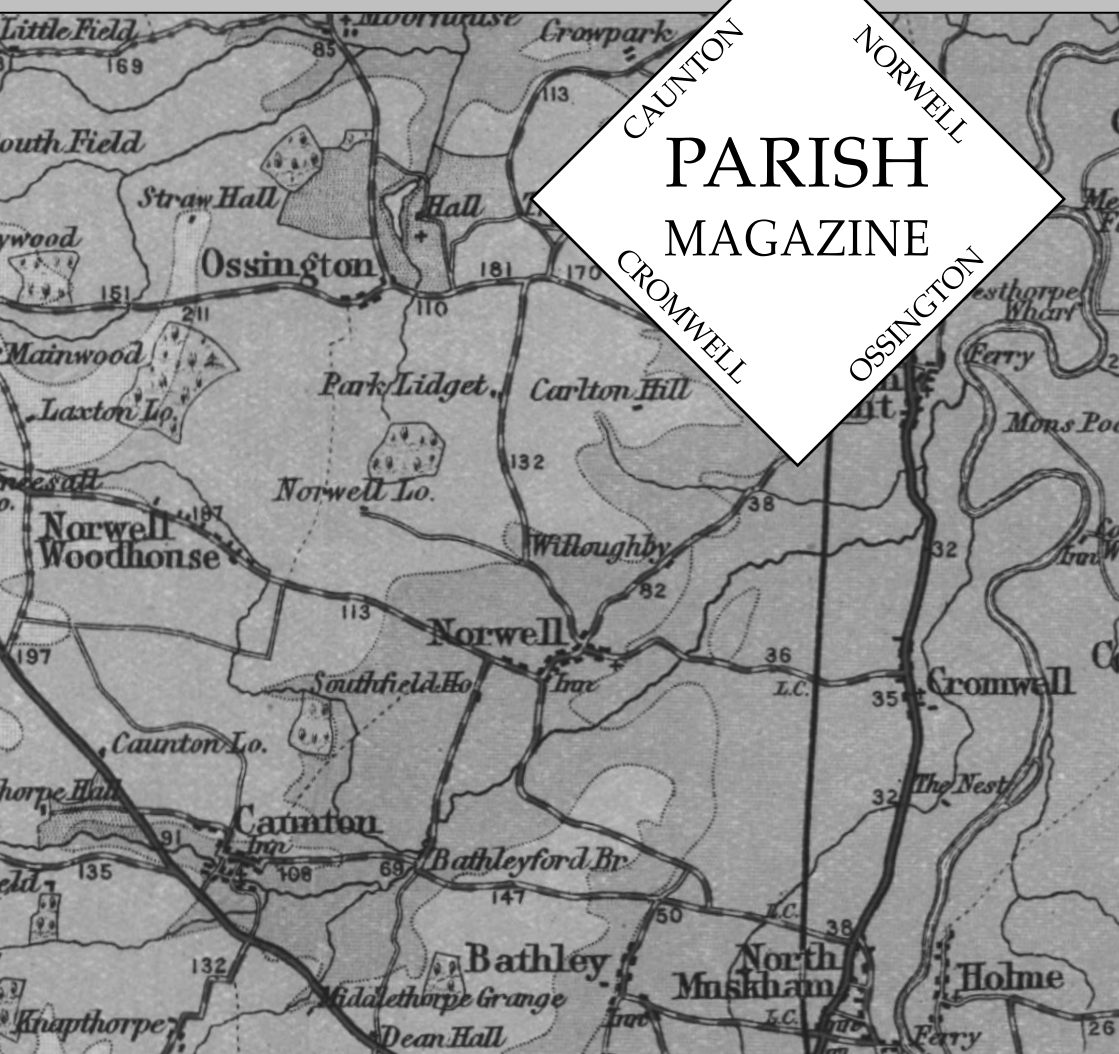


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Beck & Trent Parishes

Services January 2024

	St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i> 4 Feb. <i>Two before lent</i>	9.00 a.m. Plough Service				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second Sunday</i> 11 Feb. <i>Last before Lent</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> 18 Feb. <i>Lent 1</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion		3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth Sunday</i> 25 Feb. <i>Lent 2</i>					10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>first Sunday</i> 3 March <i>Lent 3</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong

Other services in nearby villages:

The Riverside Parishes (Askham, Kelham, North Muskham and South Muskham) have at least one service every Sunday. Please see www.riversideparishes.co.uk

The Potting Shed church meets in Norwell Village Hall every Sunday at 4 p.m. *see page 6.*

Safeguarding in our churches

Ensuring that children, young people and adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about Safeguarding contact:

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Beck & Trent churches update

This has been a very demanding winter so far. There have been beautiful sunny days and sparkling snow which have lifted the spirits. But there have also been many dark, cold and gloomy days which have been quite depressing. Most dramatically there have been days of heavy rain resulting in sodden ground and extensive flooding. We do offer our sympathy to all those who have had their homes flooded. In many cases their lives have been totally disrupted as they have been forced out into temporary accommodation and many of their precious possessions have been damaged beyond repair.

It is also a time of contrasts for the church. At Christmas we experience some of the most uplifting days in the Christian calendar and now, in February, we are moving towards Lent and the most austere days in our annual cycle of worship.

Lent can be a time for giving things up but it can also be a time to actively reassess our lives. You may be interested in the Day of Reflection that Bishop John Finney is running on Saturday 17 February. Read what he has to say in *From the church* on *page 4*. Lent is followed by Easter which is another period of contrasts. We are confronted by the horror of the Crucifixion and the utter emptiness following the death of Jesus but then, within three days, we are uplifted by the profound joy of the Resurrection and the promise of new life with Jesus Christ.

When things are hard it is good to remember that God understands. When the flood which was recorded in Genesis finally receded a rainbow appeared – His promise that He will be with us in hard times as well as good.

Usual services in our churches are planned for February. Do check the table opposite.

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
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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
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Beck and Trent website: www.becktrent.org.uk



From the church



"I've stopped watching the news these days." Several people have said that to me – it is too dispiriting, whether you look at the war news from overseas or political upheavals at home or even think about the local potholes.

Where does a war start? Or a dispute among neighbours? Or divisions within a family? It starts in someone's head.

I find it an extraordinary thing that our 3lbs or so of 'grey matter' is the most powerful and wonderful and unique thing in the whole universe. There may be something more developed out there in some corner of a galaxy but we've not seen it yet.

It can be used for love and learning – or suspicion and hatred and hurting and coveting. It was because some national leaders had those poisonous thoughts in their heads that they went to war in the Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza and in the Sudan. It is because women and men have suspicion and the rest that homes fall apart and communities disintegrate.

The Bible puts it bluntly:

'What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.' (James 4.1,2).

So it all comes from our (or other people's) heads!

Lent has historically been a time for getting our 3lbs oriented away from the negative and pointed towards God and his purposes in the world. It begins as usual on Ash Wednesday – a deep and moving service on 14 February, which, of course, is also St. Valentine's Day as well.

...for your age

On the Saturday following, 17 February, Canon Felicity Lawson and I will be thinking with you about making the best of our lives when we are getting on a bit. I chose the title because it is a phrase I hate: "You don't look too bad – for your age."

Felicity is worth listening to. She retired from a parish in Leeds and has a spirit of adventure. Last month she preached in a village in Uganda and they thanked her by giving her a chicken, a turkey, some beans and some potatoes.

Let's use Lent this year to get our brains pointing in the right direction.

*God bless,
John Finney*

John Finney was Bishop of Pontefract before he retired from his 'official' ministry. He now lives in South Muskham and is part of the retired ministry team for the Riverside Parishes. He is also Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

Verse of the month:

*"Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand
that he may lift you up in due time."*

1 Peter 5 v 6

It is very reassuring to know that God is taking care of us and knows when we need special help.



A Day to Reflect FOR YOUR AGE!

Led by Bishop John Finney and Canon Felicity Lawson
Saturday 17 February 2024
10.00am for 10.30 start till 3.30pm
North Muskham Methodist Chapel NG23 6HQ



The day covers the world's view and the Bible's view of old age; different attitudes to aging; what's on God's bucket list for you and how to discern what God wants you to do living by faith in old age. Together we shall explore how we can endure or enjoy old age with God.

Psalm 92 v 14 says 'They shall still bear fruit in old age: they are ever full of sap and green.'

Younger people are very welcome to find out what is in store for them; also it may help them to encourage older people who are finding life hard.

Cost £10. (cash please) Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.

Registration forms are in each church (or from Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365). Please register by 10 February with Jennie Bartlett by sending form with cash to Jennie Bartlett, 6 De Havilland Way, Newark, NG24 4RF
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Lent and Easter dates

Lent is the period following Ash Wednesday, this year 14 February, when we reflect on the sacrifices that Jesus made for our sake, and the temptations that he faced in the wilderness when he prepared for his ministry on earth.

2024's key dates are:

13 February	Shrove Tuesday
14 February	Ash Wednesday
24 March	Palm Sunday
28 March	Maundy Thursday
29 March	Good Friday
31 March	Easter Sunday



THE POTTING SHED

The Potting Shed is a new and pioneering rural Church of England church, here in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

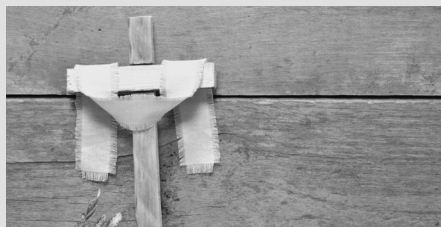
We were launched in 2017, and since then have met together regularly in various places, including a marquee and a farmer's barn.

We are currently meeting at Norwell Village Hall on Sunday afternoons.

We love to welcome people and families of all ages and stages of life and faith to our Sunday gatherings at 4pm, and our midweek activities too.

We value hospitality, creativity and community.

We love to learn about and worship Jesus in contemporary, creative and informal ways.



Lent and Easter

Over the **Sundays in Lent** and **Palm Sunday** we will be gathering at Norwell Village Hall at 4pm. For more details see www.thepottingshedchurch.org/whats-on

Good Friday (29 March) we will be joining with St Giles' church, Cromwell, for prayer and reflection. (More details in the March edition of the magazine.)

Easter Sunday (31 March) we will be joining with St Laurence's church, Norwell, to celebrate! 10:30 am. (More details in the March edition of the magazine.)



Our January - February series...

A Word in Season

'A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.'
Proverbs 25:11

Words of encouragement to guide, challenge and encourage us in the New Year!

Sundays 14 Jan.- 11 Feb. 4pm at Norwell Village Hall
With Potting Shed Kids group for primary aged children





CONNECT

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Using a DVD resource and discussion questions we will be talking together around themes such as Expectations, Rest, Disappointment and Trust.

Thursdays 18 Jan.- 8 Feb. 7:30pm
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Snowdrops – the precursors to spring!

*I wonder if the sap is stirring yet,
If wintry birds are dreaming of a mate,
If frozen snowdrops feel as yet the sun
And crocus fires are kindling one by one:
Sing robin, sing!
I still am sore in doubt concerning Spring.*

– From 'The First Spring Day' by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Each year at this time the appearance of snowdrops gives hope that spring is not far off. It is often assumed that the snowdrop (*Galanthus nivalis*) is a native plant but in fact it hails originally from Europe. The first mention in print is by John Gerard in his 'General Historie of Plantes' of 1597 as the 'bulbous violet', not quite so charming a name as snowdrop or milk flower!

Snowdrops were planted in churchyards for Candlemas Day (2 February) which celebrates the Purification of the Virgin Mary. They were also planted in Abbey gardens for use medicinally for 'mal

au tete' (head pain). Today the extract galanthamine is sometimes used in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Snowdrops were brought back from the battlefields of the Crimean War (1853-56) where they grew wild. The Victorians considered them symbols of purity, innocence, sympathy and hope, although they also thought of them as harbingers of death and impending doom if cut and brought indoors!

Nowadays there are a number of 'snowdrop gardens' open to the public at this time of the year. Locally, the National Garden Scheme has openings at Church Farm, West Drayton and Norwood Park at Southwell, both on Sunday 18 February. Slightly further afield, Belton House and Easton Walled Garden, both near Grantham, and Doddington Hall near Lincoln also offer the opportunity to see massed areas of these dainty and delightful little flowers.

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Great North Road Solar Farm

On Monday 8 January there was a meeting between Cromwell Parish Meeting and four representatives of Elements Green Plc (EG) led by Mr Mark Noone who is the Head of UK Development.

David Swift, chairman of the Cromwell Parish Meeting, explained the “Rochdale Envelope” (RE) – a procedure that allows major projects of national significance to be presented to the Planning Inspectorate (PI) without details which cannot be available at the time of submission. The applicant must therefore base everything on a “cautious worst case” approach. The PI and the Secretary of State act as referees.

The chairman then outlined the community benefits being offered by EG. They are valued at £1 million per year for the projected park life of 40 years. It is called “NG+” and the money will be divided between those areas affected by the solar park. Funds will be available for projects such as domestic and commercial energy efficiency measures, educational or apprenticeship programmes, and bio-enhancement projects.

EG wishes to present an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the PI in early 2025 and to reduce local objections by the fullest possible consultation. A DCO is a very powerful instrument which, among other things, could authorize the compulsory acquisition of land, leases or rights of way over any land which is subject to the DCO. That is why the consultations proposed are so important. This “voluntary consultation” began in January and comprises events to gauge local opinion and take local advice: the full schedule is below. The “statutory consultation” will be in the Autumn.

The EG representatives were then invited to speak and were subsequently questioned by parishioners. The following points emerged:

1. Landscape enhancements in the block areas on the plan can be moved around to

satisfy local wishes. Any hedge removed will be fully replaced. Significant trees will be left alone.

2. EG is in favour of roof-top solar power but does not believe that it can ever make a significant contribution to the government’s 70GW target.

3. The 12m height of the transformer for the intermediate sub-stations is an example of a “cautious worst case” required by the RE. Most will be 8m high. Locations have not yet been decided.

4. The traffic route through Cromwell and Norwell is another “cautious worst case” description. There is no current intention for HGVs to go through Norwell. The traffic through Cromwell is intended only to serve construction in the immediate vicinity (~400 acres). Construction will probably involve 5.5 days per week, with an HGV flow through Cromwell of seven vehicles per day both in and out for a period totalling nine months (1,500 vehicles and 3,000 vehicle movements).

5. Another “cautious worst case” example is the use “cable fields” on the map. This only means that a buried, high-voltage cable (1.2 m) will run through the field, not that there will be a field full of cables. Agriculture will be fully possible on the ground. No “cable field” can ever be turned into a “panel field” of power generating modules.

6. No figure could be given for the minimum distance between an array of modules and a private property.

7. Supporting frames will be pile driven and will involve no concrete. They are recyclable and are mainly aluminium. Tractor access is needed between the rows to service the modules.

8. The number of public footpaths may be increased to suit local requirements and some may be diverted but the number will not be decreased.

9. EG will source materials from the UK wherever possible but the modules will have to come from China.

10. The Contract Traffic Management Plan (CMTP) will be available for the second, statutory consultation.

Objections and advice offered:

1. All HGV traffic will be to and from the south and the A1 slip-road into Cromwell is already over-burdened and occasionally dangerous.

2. The ECML level crossing will give significant road traffic delays and its design imposes a height restriction.

3. Local roads are already in very poor condition and will need a lot of work including widening, straightening, and passing points.

4. Seasonal agricultural traffic will be best avoided.

5. A speed limit is needed for HGVs to reduce the damaging vibration effect on old buildings with poor foundations which may be located close to the road.

6. The cumulative effect of all the other solar farms which are in the planning process or awaiting appeal must be considered.

7. EG did not comment on the use of river transport.



This is the relevant section of the government website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010162>

Project details and the opportunity to be kept informed about the project are available at the Elements Green project website www.GNRsolarpark.co.uk

Meeting report supplied by David Swift, Chairman, Cromwell Parish Meeting

Schedule of consultations supplied by Cllr Ashleigh Robertshaw, Chair, Norwell Parish Council and Janet Carr, Ossington

Schedule of voluntary consultation events:

Location	Date	Time
Eakring Cator Hall	Tuesday 30 January	12 noon - 6.00pm
Laxton Village Hall	Wednesday 31 January	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Newark Town Hall	Thursday 1 February	12 noon - 6.00pm
Carlton on Trent Village Hall	Thursday 8 February	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Maplebeck Village Hall	Friday 9 February	2.00pm - 8.00pm
Kelham House Country Manor	Saturday 10 February	12 noon - 5.00pm

In addition there is a community webinar on Monday 5 February, 5.30-7.00pm.

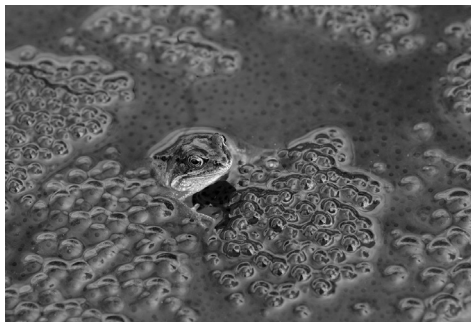
NATURE *Watch*

Pay close attention to lakes and ponds during February, as you may spot the early signs of spring in the first frogspawn of the year. This is the frogspawn of the common frog (*Rana temporaria*) which have emerged after having spent the winter avoiding the cold temperatures by hibernating under piles of logs, in soil or at the bottom of ponds.

Frogs are usually drawn to the same pond in which they themselves were hatched. On warmer February days, breeding events are stimulated. Male frogs croak to attract females and there is often stiff competition between the males before the victor chooses a mate. The male grasps the female using specialised spikey nuptial pads on his forelegs and releases a sticky protein from glands below the surface to increase adhesion. This 'piggyback' called amplexus is necessary for ensuring that the male's sperm release coincides with the female's egg release and the pair may remain attached for up to 24 hours.

Unlike the fertilised eggs of toads that are laid in strings, frogspawn is laid in clusters. These fertilised eggs are laid in shallow water and often stuck to vegetation, with up to 2,000 eggs being laid in a single batch. It takes around three weeks for the frogspawn to hatch and the tadpoles to emerge and several more months for them to transform into frogs (see Naturewatch, May 2022 about the fascinating process of metamorphosis).

Frogspawn is composed mainly of water that has a high specific heat capacity. It has the ability to distribute heat slowly throughout each cell, meaning the temperature of the frogspawn is slightly higher than that of the surrounding water. Frogspawn is also permeable to water, meaning each cell receives the supply of oxygen required for its metabolic processes.



Common Frog with Frogspawn. The Woodland Trust

Ventilation in adult frogs is also fascinating. Frogs have three surfaces across which they can exchange gases with their environment; the skin (cutaneous respiration), lungs (pulmonary respiration) and in the cells lining the mouth and throat (buccopharyngeal respiration). As the skin is permeable and has an extensive capillary network underneath this allows them to obtain oxygen through their skin when underwater. As they have lungs, frogs can breathe rather like humans, however, as they do not have a ribcage or diaphragm, they create pressure changes that draw air in to and out of the lungs by lowering or lifting the floor of the mouth and opening or closing the nostrils respectively. The membranes of the floor of the mouth are also permeable to gases and have a moist surface, allowing gas exchange to occur: this is most common when frogs are on land or floating at the water's surface.

You can construct your own frog pond with guidance from the Nature Detectives resources on the Woodland Trust website <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2021/03/how-to-attract-frogs-to-your-garden> . Then record when you first spot frog spawn on The Woodland Trust's Nature's Calendar to help scientists monitor the effect of climate change on wildlife events.

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BIRD *Watch*

We had hoped that in the unfortunate flooding along the Trent there might have been a small spark of brightness in the number and variety of birds to be seen on the water lying in unusual places. Of course this column relies to a large extent on reports from observers in all parts of the area covered by the magazine, but there has been no such contact in the last month. As we said in December, the weather has not been encouraging for outside activities and that includes opportunities to see birds of interest.

There have been two large skeins of pink-footed geese seen flying in a north- westerly direction and that is unusual at this time of the year. The return migration of the geese to their breeding grounds in Greenland and Spitzbergen does not usually start until March and, once settled on their winter feeding grounds, they tend not to travel more than a few miles in search of food. It is possible that this winter's weather has resulted in damage to the emerging crops on which pink-feet depend in Norfolk and around the Wash and they were off to try pastures new, perhaps on the Lancashire coast or the Solway estuary.

Whenever our feeders are empty for more than a day or so, it takes at least that length of time for the birds to return and we have often wondered how they pass on the message that the restaurant is open again. We know that bees use the "waggle-dance" to indicate direction and distance to others, but we can find no suggestion that birds have a comparable means of communication. Since their voices are principally used to establish territory and to attract a mate, could it be that birds have some other way of transmitting basic information?

There are still flocks of fieldfare to be seen, though the supply of berries was exhausted several weeks ago. Winter still has a bite left in its armory, so please keep the feeders full.

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RAIN *Watch*

December was an exceedingly wet month with named storms Elin, Fergus and Gerrit. In Norwell we would expect 6cm (2.4 in) of rain/snow during December but we had 14cm (5.5 in) – that is 235% of what was expected, ie well over double Norwell's long term average. It was the wettest December in Norwell since I started recording 17 years ago.

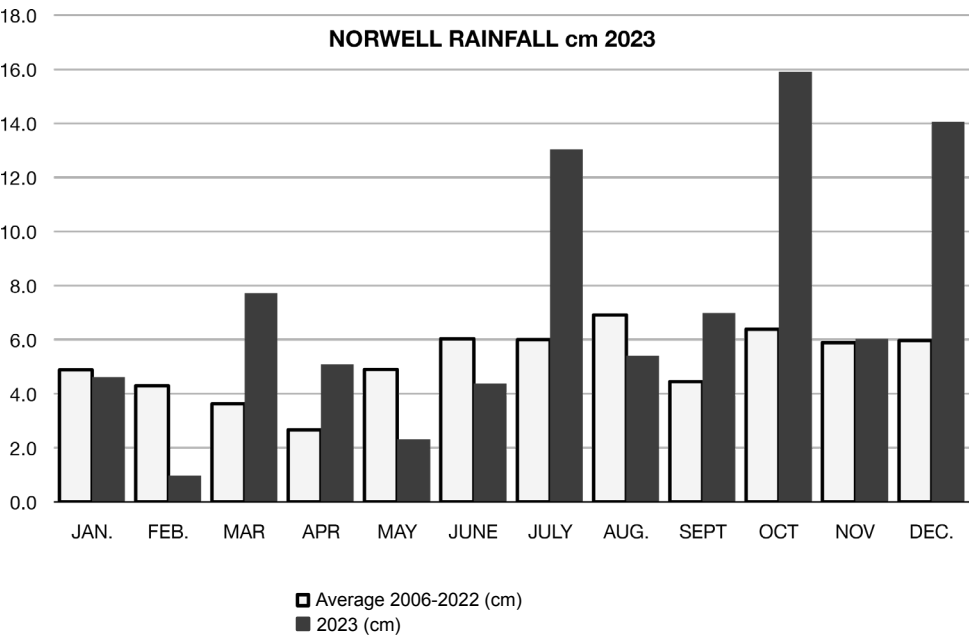
January also got off to a really wet start. In the first two days of the year we had 5.6% of the total average annual rainfall!

Overall 2023 was very wet – the second wettest year since 2006 with only 2019 being wetter.

We had 40% more precipitation than average – 86.5cm (34 in) which means that every part of Norwell got 24cm (9.5 in) more rain falling on it through the course of the year than average. No wonder the ground was sodden and flooding was a reality for some of us.

In any year there will be variations: February and May were notably dry but four months in 2023 had more than double the expected rainfall and a further two had 1.5 times more than expected.

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FARMING *Watch*

Despite attempting a hopeful start to the new year in last month's magazine, it has become impossible to avoid the subject of the weather in relation to farming.

The succession of storms (named because of their severity) from October onwards came on top of months of what has felt like non-stop rainfall. The last six months have been quite exceptional (up to 150% of long term average rainfall in places) and of course the terrible flooding that has been experienced in our area is evidence of that. Not only has it affected houses, roads and businesses, agriculture has also suffered.

The wet weather set in quite soon after a catchy harvest resulting in waterlogged fields. In many instances crops had to be re-drilled as they failed in the sodden conditions, sometimes more than once. Many acres have also remained completely

undrilled because the soil was too wet to allow machinery to work. Dykes and drains have been overwhelmed. As a result, there are thousands of acres still to be planted on the eastern side of the country, and crops already in the ground are struggling literally to keep their heads above water.

Farmers have their fingers crossed that conditions will improve sufficiently in due course to drill spring cereals instead. However, because so many crops have failed, seed supplies are likely to be very tight indeed. Growers are already warning that there will be shortages of vegetables and, in response to the adverse growing conditions, supermarkets have altered their strict specifications to allow smaller, less perfect vegetables onto the shelves.

Let's hope for better weather in 2024!

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Caunton church news



It may be a little late but I have to thank the Rev. Sweet for leading the Crib Service and Charlotte for being his 'right-hand-man'. This service is always popular with families and villagers and really brings to the fore the true meaning of Christmas. A lovely time was had by all.

Plough Sunday Service

Plough Sunday traditionally celebrates the beginning of the agricultural year with the blessing of the plough. It is particularly important this year to celebrate the service as our farmers face tough times due to the weather over the winter when fields have been under water for so long. Seed will not be planted until the fields are dry enough for the tractors to work them and any winter crops will have been badly affected. We mustn't forget our farmers who have livestock

as they are struggling with their animals on sodden grass fields.

These are trying times and we can show our support by coming together on Sunday 4 February at 9.00am. All are welcome and refreshment will be provided after the service.

St. Andrew's looks a little less bright as we head into the season of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on 14 February. This is the time of year when the church is empty of flowers and purple is the colour of Lent. But it won't be too long before the colour changes to white and gold and St. Andrews is filled with spring flowers as we look forward to Easter which we celebrate with our Dawn Service at 6.00am on Easter Sunday.

Irene Crossley

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning

Sat 27 Jan & 3 Feb – Irene & Pat
Sat 10 & 17 Feb – Cathy & Wendy
Sat 24 Feb & 2 March- Charlotte & Bo

Flowers

Sat 27 Jan & 3 Feb – Bo
No flowers in Lent

Refreshments

Sun 4 Feb – Mary & Mike



Dean Hole - a village community space

Bingo – Friday 9 February 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

Live & Local

Saturday 9 March –

Auf Wiedersehen, Me Duck

Compelling vocals and thoughtful acoustic guitar from Anglo-German duo Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer featuring handpicked folk favourites and well-crafted originals.

There will also be a raffle.

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Saturday 27 April – Hoagy

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Caunton Parish Council – notes from 10 January meeting

We held a Public Meeting to discuss flooding and the way forward. Ross Marshall, Chief Flood Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council, attended and explained the actions of the Section 19 investigation as well as listening and answering numerous questions from the public, many of them affected by Storm Babet on 20 Oct 2023.

It was concluded that we should set up a formal flood group to formulate plans and pinpoint problems with the help of Ross. Drains are the major ongoing concern.

Our district and county councillors were present and answered questions about flooding. Anyone needing any help or advice is welcome to contact us.

Planning

- We discussed the onset of the Great North Road Solar Park and awaited details of the public engagement process which we now know starts from 17 January in the local areas. See *page 8* for details.
- Caunton Beck outdoor pergola area and covered extension were supported.

Play equipment

We are looking to repair and replace various items. If anyone has access to grants or donations please let us know.

Precept

We decided to raise this by 4% – a slow annual increase rather than a large lump in one go. We understand the pressures on households at the moment.

School

We look forward to positive engagement with the TEAM Education Trust on the ongoing community engagement in the conversion to an academy.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 February 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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Caunton community news (continued...)

Caunton Local History Society

We always meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and almost always at Dean Hole Community Centre. Our first full meeting of 2024 is on 13 February – details below.

Visitors are especially welcome. Attending your first talk with the society is free and the cost for returning as a non-member is £3. Full membership for 2024 is £20.

If you would like to add your name to our mailing list and hear about talks, summer trips and local visits, please email Lynn.

13 February: Dream Palaces – An Introduction to Cinema Architecture

Speaker: Mike Higginbottom

Over three decades, exterior cinema styles changed from elaborate imitations of Victorian Edwardian theatres to the sleek streamlining that is now labelled Art Deco, while interiors ranged from elaborate “atmospheric” creations and scholarly architectural revivals to stunning essays in modernity making maximum use of indirect lighting. A surprising amount of cinema architecture has survived the slump in the industry that followed the development of television, and the finest examples represent some of the best of inter-war British architecture.

Granada Cinema, Tooting, London (Mike Higginbottom)

12 March: City of Caves – Nottingham

Speaker: Dr Charlotte May

Did you know that there are over 800 caves in Nottingham? As one of the city’s unique heritage assets they have been used as everything from pub cellars and ale storage to medieval tanning and malting. Discover where the caves are, and how the change in land use has impacted the creation of, and access to, various cave sites.

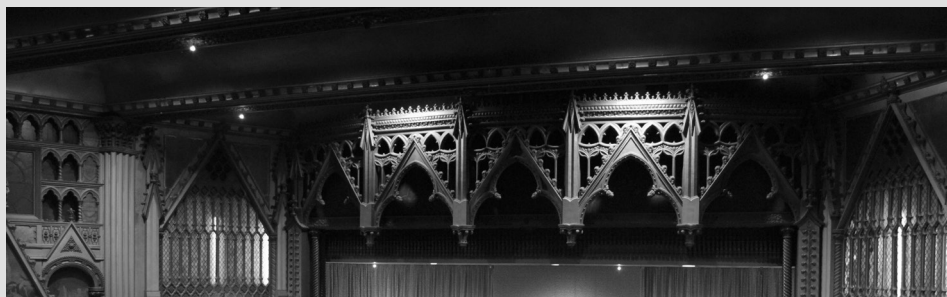


9 April: Elizabethan Wall Paintings in the Saracen's Head Hotel, Southwell

Speaker: David Johnson

Join us for an exploration of the Elizabethan wall paintings within the Saracen's Head Hotel. Dated by dendrochronology to c.1460 the building is made from close studded timber framing.

Lynn Thompson lynn1485@gmail.com



Caunton WI

The festive season, and 2023, are now behind us, but I must just thank Steve and Paula, and all the team at Floral Media, for putting on a great Christmas Dinner for our December meeting at which we again held a raffle in aid of MND. As a result we can add another £150 to our fundraising total.

We hope 2024 will be another busy and fun year for members of Caunton WI. Over the past 12 months we have been lucky enough to gain several new and enthusiastic members who have joined us from Muskham where their WI had unfortunately folded. They seem to quite like us so far and are getting involved in activities so maybe, if you have been considering something new for 2024, Tuesday 6 February at 7.30pm at Floral Media could be a new start for you.

A little-known fact about the WI is that the annual County Darts Competition is a very

popular and serious event that happens during the winter months – though regarded by my family as an endless

source of hilarity for some reason. In the past Caunton has not shone in this competition but we have always enjoyed the social side. However this season we have managed to recruit a few new players, put our glasses on, or got new darts for Christmas and suddenly we are having a certain amount of surprising success! So watch this space...

Also on a sporting theme we again kick-started our year by playing competitive curling at our January meeting. No ice was involved, but the long hard floor at Floral Media is ideal and everyone seemed to enjoy the challenge.

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Caunton: Dean Hole Church of England Primary School

Putting inclusion at the heart of our school community

You may have heard of the TEAM Education Trust during the recent consultation about the future of Caunton Dean Hole Church of England Primary School, which was at risk of closure. Over the past few years the number of children attending the school has fallen and questions were raised about the school's sustainability.

As you might imagine, there was a consensus that the school should continue to serve the local area but it would be a challenge to find a way to do so in the current context and against the backdrop of the cost of living crisis which has affected all organisations, including schools. That's where TEAM was able to help: we provided a solution to support the school by working in close partnership with the Diocese and Nottinghamshire County Council to create a specialist unit within the school and to bring in a cohort of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The specialist unit would also provide much-needed support for pupils already attending the school with SEND.

Caunton Dean Hole is looking forward to joining the TEAM Education Trust family which comprises both Primary and Special Schools. We're uniquely placed to offer inclusive education to all and respond to individual needs because of our expertise with primary-aged pupils and those with SEND. We also recognise where we have been successful in supporting developing schools: our primary schools have achieved the best-ever results in the past two years.



Caunton Dean Hole will continue to be a flourishing Church of England school and retain its Christian ethos. It will continue to work closely with local community groups to give back to the local area, which is a cornerstone of our work at TEAM. We will work to enrich the school's activities through access to our Trust equipment and facilities, and involvement in immersive thematic learning events, the like of which small schools are unable to access on their own. And, in everything that we do, we'll ensure access and opportunities for all. Every child should access a variety of trips and speakers; every child should have the chance to use the latest technology; and we will remove barriers to learning for all young people. That's our inclusive approach.

In the coming months, as Caunton Dean Hole becomes part of the TEAM family, we'll be holding further engagement events with the community. We've already had the pleasure of meeting many of the local community who have a fondness or attachment to Caunton Dean Hole and, having shared their experiences with us, have increased our understanding of the importance of the school to everyone.

More information about the Trust can be found at www.teameducation.org, including our annual report which highlights the positive impact we've had in the past year on the lives of local young people and their families.

Matt Morris, Director of Transformation, TEAM Education Trust





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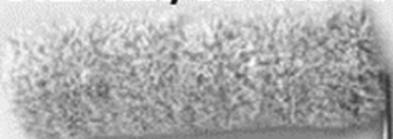
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Cromwell Parish Meeting

On Monday 8 January there was a well-attended Quarterly Parish Meeting which followed a meeting with representatives of the Great North Road Solar Park project.

The planning application by Welcome Break (23/01706/ful) to turn the Café Amore site into a drive-through café is being delayed by multiple objections from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department.

The contentious planning application (22/01983/ful) for a solar farm at Foxholes Farm is being delayed by the Highways Dept.

The Fastned application (22/00145/ful) for a 20EV charging facility at the OK Diner is being delayed by the Highways Dept despite a new plan being offered.

The missing dog-bin at the riverbank is part of an economy drive by the Canal and River Trust.

The consultation with Elements Green regarding the giant solar park in this area is reported on *page 8* together with details of important consultation events, notably at Carlton on Trent Village Hall on Thursday 8 February between 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

The next scheduled parish meeting will be the AGM on 8 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is an urgent need for volunteers for parish officers to keep the current system going.

David Swift, Chair

cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com

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The church is here for the parish. The PCC will provide help, support and information. The contact is:

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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.

From Christmas to Lent

Ending 2023

This is the first opportunity to say a very big 'Thank You' to everyone who decorated windows, pillars and doorways so very beautifully for Christmas. The church looked wonderful. There were some very imaginative depictions of carols.



It was frustrating that the Christingle Service with the Potting Shed at the beginning of December had to be postponed – because of snow. Everything looked glorious but travelling would have been very difficult.

Fortunately the Carols in the Pub night was not affected by the weather and the assembled villagers, not least those of the Village Voices choir were in a tuneful festive mood to kick off the events. The group processed from the church along the High Street to their traditional meeting place at the Pinfold before joining the regulars at The Plough for a warm welcome and more Christmas melodies. The evening raised several hundred pounds for homeless charities.

The Christmas services were a true celebration of the birth of Christ. Thank you to everyone who read at the services of Nine Lessons and Carols, and to Village Voices who sang with such enthusiasm and really brought the service alive musically. The mulled wine and mince pies were a fitting end to the evening. Thank you very much to those who provided them.

The Nativity Service on Christmas Eve, jointly with the Potting Shed, was full of joy and laughter. A church full of people, young and old alike were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas through the experiences of some rather puzzled shepherds! More reflectively the Christmas Communion later on Christmas Eve gave us that time of quiet before the celebrations of the next day.



Starting 2024

We started the New Year with the postponed Christingle Service. What a wonderful way to start the year – with the reminder that Christ is the Light of the World, bringing hope and comfort to our communities, our friends, our families and the world, and helping us to meet all that the New Year brings. The sight of candles burning in a darkened church at the end of the service was an inspiration of hope. Special thanks to Adrian for being such a fantastic orange!



This month our usual 10.00am Holy Communion service will be on Sunday 11 February at 10.00am. We are delighted that Rev David Milner will be taking the service for us.

Easter is early this year, but even so it is hard to believe that Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February. This means that Tuesday 13 February is Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day!

Thanks to Mel and Linda we'll be having **Pancakes at the Plough**. There will be the usual fantastic range of savoury and sweet pancakes, salad and chips, and a 'new' entertainment! We start at 6.30pm, tickets are £10. Please contact Elizabeth on 01636 636 365 or email emjones.norwell@btinternet.com to reserve a place and mention any dietary requirements e.g. gluten free, vegetarian. Book by 7 February; numbers are limited. All are welcome. It is a way of reminding us that Lent starts the next day – and having an enjoyable night out!.

New boxes in Norwell churchyard

We are now ready to welcome birds and bats into St Laurence's churchyard. Some dilapidated boxes have been replaced and new ones introduced. We are very grateful to Jim Lennon who has built a wonderful set of boxes. Different shapes and sizes of opening encourage different species.

The tawny owl box in the chestnut tree has been replaced and we hope very much that it will meet the approval of the tawny owl who has been nesting there for over ten years. There are two boxes with open fronts, one in the small chestnut tree and the other in the holly tree which should encourage robins and, optimistically, spotted flycatchers. There are four boxes with 28mm diameter openings which are preferred by tits and tree sparrows.

Finally, as an entirely new venture, there are four Kent bat boxes, again on trees. These boxes mimic cracks and fissures which are favoured by bats for roosting.

We are fortunate to have quite a number of mature trees in the churchyard which are ideal for boxes. We also appreciate very much that people have made donations towards the cost of the boxes; we should have the funds to meet the final cost. We now wait with great interest to see whether the boxes are used. Some will need cleaning in September – volunteers will be needed! Do come and have a look. If you would like a guided tour please let Elizabeth know on 01636 636 365. (Pictures overleaf...)

Norwell community news

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

At the time of going to print, the Parish Council has yet to convene for its January meeting.

However work for the Parish Council has not abated in January. Councillors have attended the open meetings held by the Norwell Community Shop Group, and we are working on opening the polls to residents for our informal parish poll re the proposed sale of parish land for the construction of the shop. We will be able to report the results of the poll in next month's magazine.

We have also been involved in ongoing discussions re the Great North Road Solar Farm and would encourage residents to attend any of the community open dates being hosted by the proposed developer, Elements Green. The schedule of these events can be found on *page 8*.

We look forward to the start of the meetings again and being able to update you more fully on the goings on at the Parish Council.

Cllr Ashleigh Robertshaw (Chair)
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From previous page – pictures of the new bird and bat boxes in St Laurence's churchyard:





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Norwell CofE Primary School



It has been another busy month at Norwell School which has kept children and staff occupied with a range of interesting and diverse events. As the nights are getting lighter and days are getting warmer the Federation football team are keen to start playing matches again!

In school all the children learned the importance keeping themselves safe online as part of 'Safer Internet Day' which is so important in the world in which we live today. There is a lot of information on Internet Safety for children online and we recommend that all parents of children of any age take the time to learn how to keep their children safe online.



We have already had a number of trips tied in with what the children have been learning in school. EYFS and Key Stage 1 have found out what schooling was like in Victorian times! Year 5 and 6 have been learning about 'Crime and Punishment' in history linking this in English to the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. Children in Years 3 and 4 are enjoying their Forest School programme at Perlethorpe this month, learning about the outdoor environment whilst at the same time building skills such as team work and resilience and managing to stay warm in very cold temperatures!

As the Spring continues to creep closer we would like to thank parents and the wider community for the support they show to the school. We look forward to sharing with you more of the exciting events we have coming up over the rest of the spring term and into summer.

Best wishes

Mrs King

Executive Head Teacher

Christmas Holly Wreaths

To those who supported my quest to give 'Beaumont House Hospice Care' a donation, thank you.

It was an extremely busy time and to those of you who very kindly donated foliage and holly, thank you. I couldn't manage without you and greatly appreciate your help.

Between us we have raised the magnificent sum of £1,000 which has now been given to this much-needed cause!

Sue

Book Club

Our choice for February was first published in 1925. "The Painted Veil" by W Somerset Maugham is the story of silly, beautiful Kitty Fane who marries a man she doesn't love, goes with him to Hong Kong, has an unsatisfactory affair, lives through a cholera epidemic and finally grows up. It's a cracking story and we shall discuss it on Wednesday 28 February.

More information about the Book Club from Helen 636337.

February sees the start of our 2024 activities. We hope that our varied programme will be of interest. As usual we focus on Norwell and Nottinghamshire heritage although we also broaden our horizons to the East Midlands.

Our programme is varied this year ranging from the controversial Duncan Grant murals in Lincoln Cathedral, through the Gardens of the demolished Ossington House, to the unfortunately topical River Trent. Our meetings are usually on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Norwell Village Hall but we also include walk, talk and eat visits to neighbouring villages.

We start with our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15 February at 7.30pm in Norwell Village Hall. This will be followed by an opportunity to see the lost buildings of Norwell Parish. In the 19th century there were five working mills in Norwell village – the tower mill (which remains, but without its sails), a post mill, two steam mills and a water mill. We have no records of a mill in Norwell Woodhouse but there was another windmill in Willoughby, and intriguingly Domesday Book (1086) records that Willoughby had half a mill! All are welcome to come along to the meeting. You can also sample the products of Sally Jane's Postmill Bakery.

If anyone is interested we also plan to have a heritage walk round Norwell Village to find out more about the buildings that remain. If you are unable to come to the meeting but would like to find out more please contact Michael Jones (mcejones@btinternet.com) or Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365, emjones.norwell@btinternet.com.

Norwell / Willoughby watermill





From the Church

With spring not too far off we are looking forward to this month's service on Sunday 18 February at 10.30am at Holy Rood when the priest will be Rev Reg Walton.

The first snowdrops have timidly made an appearance in the churchyard at the time of going to print, so should be worth a visit this month. For more on snowdrops and spectacular displays locally see *page 7*.

Access to the Church and Churchyard

As a 'hidden gem' Holy Rood is vulnerable and access is protected by a security barrier. Access is available by telephoning 01636 821265 in advance of your visit. There is now also a dedicated email address to give an additional means of communication. Please make a note: holyroodaccess@outlook.com

Ossington Luncheon Club

Numbers attending increased at the December luncheon and all agreed the food and company were excellent! January's event has yet to take place at the time of going to print but February's date is already planned – Monday 19 February starting at 12.45pm. Names and numbers to Mary Brown on 01636 821029 or marybrown3@hotmail.co.uk

Coffee Morning!

A fresh approach for social gatherings in Ossington – come to a village Coffee Morning on Saturday 24 February. An opportunity to meet up for a chat, coffee/tea and delicious homemade cake at the Hut! Everyone welcome from 11.00am onwards...

Potholes

As all residents will be aware, the roads in Ossington have deteriorated massively as a result of the incredibly wet weather. Kneesall Road across the airfield in particular has been treacherous, with at least 12 vehicles suffering damage to tyres over the festive period. Thankfully some remedial work has now taken place as a result of reports to the highways department of Nottinghamshire County Council.

If more people reported damage/potholes when evident, this would increase the pressure on Highways. See *page 30* for details of how to make a report.

GNR Solar Park Information Exhibitions

Elements Green, developers of the Solar Park, have issued a schedule of dates of information exhibitions which continue throughout this month as part of the non-statutory community consultation. At these events it will be possible to meet the project team, learn more about the proposals and provide feedback 'to help inform and influence the final designs'. This period ends on 27 February, by which time they hope to have received most public feedback.

For more information on plans for the Solar Park and details of consultation events please see *page 8*.

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk



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Potholes

The condition of roads has deteriorated massively as a result of recent very wet weather. If more people reported potholes and other damage to roads this would increase the pressure on Highways.

Making a report is very simple to do through the 'My Notts' app where the location of the damage can be pinpointed on a map and backed up by a What3Words address. The app covers the whole county so it's possible to report problems in other places as well!

If apps are not your thing then visit the County Council website [nottinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) and click the 'Report a pothole' link on the home page.

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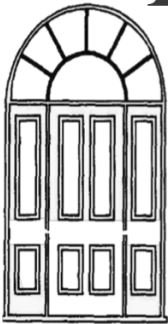
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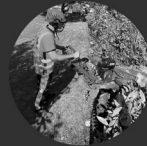
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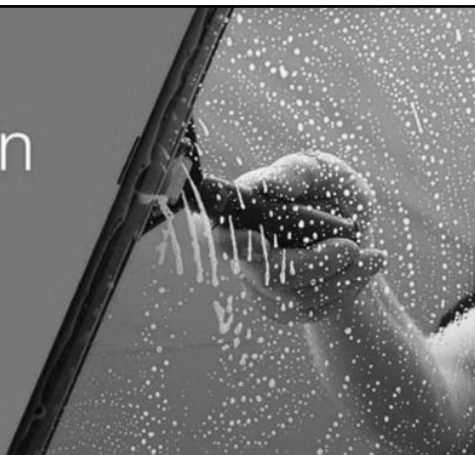
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