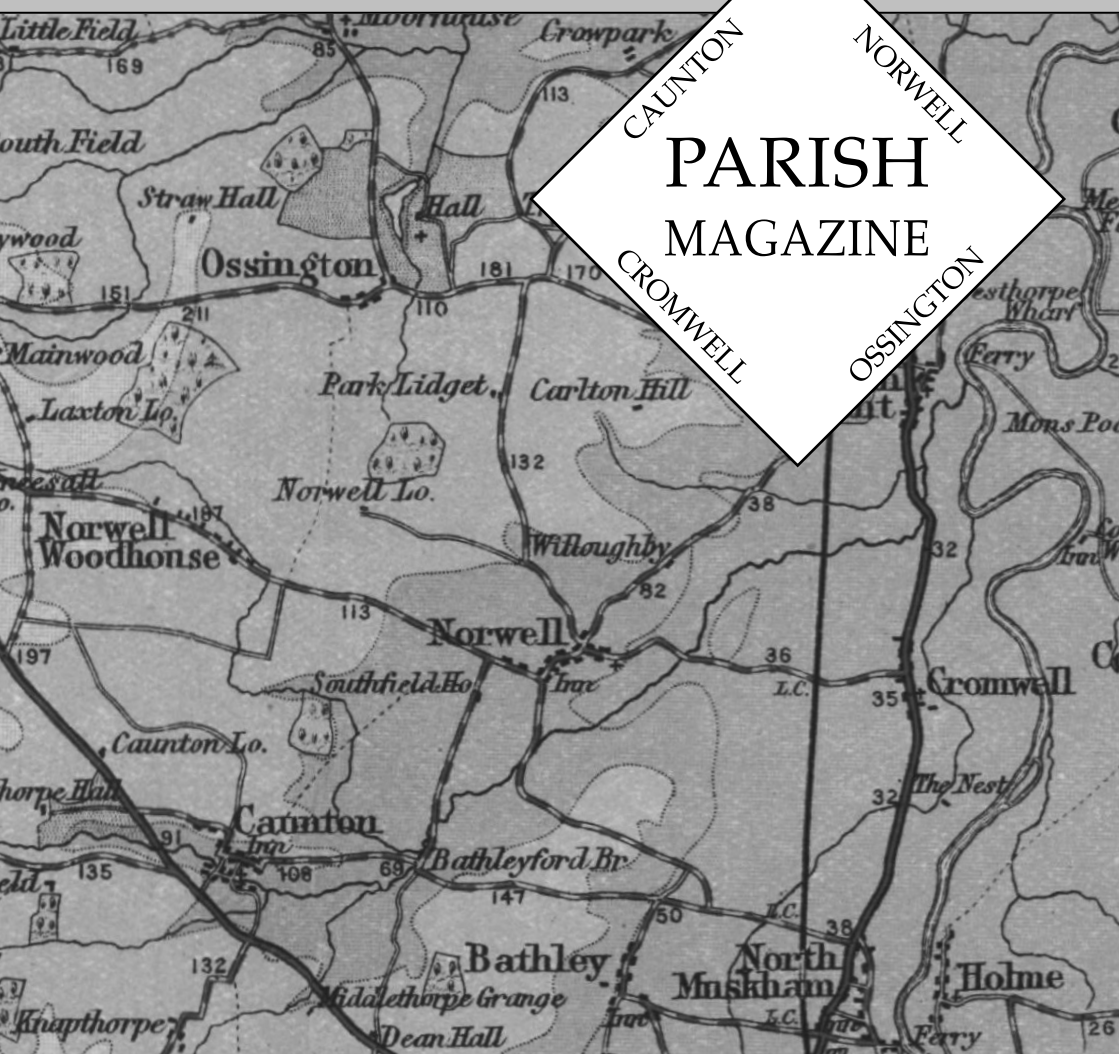


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Beck & Trent Parishes

Services April 2024

	St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton	The Potting Shed church
<i>first Sunday</i> 7 April <i>Easter 2</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>second Sunday</i> 14 April <i>Easter 3</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>third Sunday</i> 21 April <i>Easter 4</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion		3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>fourth Sunday</i> 28 April <i>Easter 5</i>					10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>first Sunday</i> 5 May <i>Easter 6</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall

Verse of the month:

*"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing
with the glory that will be revealed in us."*

Romans 8 v 18

Be encouraged to embrace a new beginning with the strength of the Lord.

Beck & Trent churches update

Whenever you read this magazine – before, during or after Easter take time to reflect on the significance of Easter to you. Richard Kellett, the new associate archdeacon, has kindly written From the Church for us this month. He reminds us of the changes brought by the first Easter and how they challenge us to face changes in our lives. Do read what he has to say.

We are only too aware that we are living at a time when many things are changing. Some we embrace, others can be more difficult. But it is reassuring to remember that our parishes are beacons of stability. Our parish boundaries were all established by the 1180s and have remained virtually unchanged since then. Some of our parish churches were built at the same time and they too reassure us with their stability. It is heartwarming to think that people have been worshipping in these churches for nearly a thousand years.

We do thank everyone who supports our churches either by attending them or financially – or both! They really do need the support of their parishioners. We also thank those who take services for us and provide music.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

Most of our churches will be holding their APCMs in April or May. You are encouraged to attend if you are able. Churchwardens will be elected for 2024-25. All parishioners are able to vote if the position is contested. Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are also elected; people who are on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. Finances and actions in 2023-24 are reported and reviewed and plans for the future are discussed. Please show your support for your church by attending.

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	Adrian Anderson 07542 638 748
		Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365



Also in the Benefice:

Carlton-on-Trent Edith Crowther (PCC Secretary) edithtamworth@gmail.com
Sutton-on-Trent contact the Administrator (see below)

- For baptisms, weddings and funerals contact the churchwarden or the administrator, Lorna Caddy, on 01636 555082 / 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

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From the church



Easter Change

April is one of the months that can bring surprises. We can have snow or warm sunshine. No wonder we Brits talk about the weather so much.

April should be full of showers and the saying goes 'April showers May flowers' but the weather has been so unpredictable this winter. I want to get my garden organised ready for planting the new crops and have begun to look at different ways of planting and managing the garden as the weather plays a huge part in this.

I am finding that in so many aspects of life, new ways of doing and being are a challenge. Many people are trying different ways of doing things as life throws up many challenges – financial pressures and the issues of food to name but two.

We also have the changes of the season as we have seen the snowdrops, crocuses and the daffodils herald the start of spring. In April the lighter nights become established. These changes we know should happen; they help us feel more hopeful and grounded. The normal rhythm of life.

Change can sometimes be a balance between keeping with the tried and tested and embracing the new. Some changes come quickly and we are ill-prepared; others come more slowly and this gives us more time to adjust.

Many years ago a huge change began. It started with the birth of Jesus which we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus came and disturbed the old ways to which the people of Israel were accustomed.

The Bible tells us: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19, NIV). These are words from the prophet Isaiah many years before the birth of Christ. But God is still doing new things.

His coming brought in a new way – Easter. Easter is the Christian holiday celebrating the Resurrection, or bringing back to life, of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. In Christian tradition, the Resurrection represents Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life for those who follow him.

This was a huge change, a colossal event in Bible history and Easter can still bring change today. As we enjoy our Easter eggs and bunnies, take time to seek out the true, mysterious and joyful significance of Easter and, by allowing the risen Jesus into your life, see what a fundamental change that can make.

All blessings,
Rev Canon Richard Kellett
Associate Archdeacon

From the registers

15 February – 15 March

Interment of ashes

St Laurence's, Norwell

Helen Dove

17 February 2024

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The Potting Shed is a pioneering Church of England church, here in the middle of rural Nottinghamshire.

We were launched in 2017, and since then have met together in various places, including a marquee and a farmer's barn. We currently meet in Norwell Village Hall on Sunday afternoons at 4pm.

We love to welcome people and families of all ages and stages of life and faith to our Sunday gatherings, 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.

What is Little Seedlings?

Little Seedlings is for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their parents or carers.

At each session – which is completely free of charge – you can expect a warm welcome, free play with toys, and a craft activity for both little ones and their carers. We then gather together again for songs and a Bible story. Sometimes the craft that we have made features in our gathered time together!

Tea, coffee and cake is available for parents and carers. Then after the story we offer age-appropriate snacks and drinks for little ones.

If you were encouraging someone to come along to Little Seedlings, what would you say?

Join us, give it a try and see what you think! Little Seedlings is about building friendships. There is usually a lot of laughter and fun, for both little ones and their adults! And time to reflect too...!



Here's what we've been told by people who've been before:

"Great group – we love coming!"

"Lovely, friendly group... A relaxing and warm atmosphere..."

How did Little Seedlings get started?

We began five years ago in a barn in Caunton. Then, during the pandemic, we went online to support parents and carers during a challenging time for young families. Until recently we met at Dean Hole School Caunton.

When and where are the next sessions taking place?

This Spring we are excited to be starting Little Seedlings for the first time in **Cromwell Village Hall** by the church on Great North Road. Sessions will be held fortnightly on Wednesday mornings on **17 April, 1 May and 15 May** from 10.00–11.30am. We hope to continue after the Summer Half Term break. Please come along and tell all your friends!

If you'd like to find out more, or have any specific questions, email us at office@thepottingshedchurch.org.

April is a good time to observe reptiles, particularly Britain's elusive native snakes, as they spend longer amounts of time basking, as they emerge from their nests after winter hibernation.

There are three snake species native to the UK – adders, grass snakes and smooth snakes. Of the three, grass snakes are the only egg-laying or oviparous snakes, unlike the other two species that give birth to live young (ovoviviparous).

Grass snakes (*Natrix natrix*) are the most common species of snake in the UK and also the largest, measuring over 1m in length, with females growing larger than males. Grass snakes are typically green-grey with a distinctive yellow colour around the neck and black markings down the length of the body, unlike the dark zig-zag pattern of the adder.

Grass snakes have a varied diet that changes seasonally. During the springtime, grass snakes hunt fish. As excellent swimmers, they dive and may remain submerged for up to half an hour, taking advantage of the fishes spawning season. Their main prey however are amphibians – frogs, toads and newts. Occasionally grass snakes do hunt mammals and have been observed catching mice, rats and voles.

Snakes have excellent vision and hearing, but the most famous sense of the snake is its sense of smell. Snakes use chemoreception as a mode of prey detection, flicking their tongue to pick up on olfactory cues released by their prey. These molecules are transferred to a specialised organ called a Jacobson's organ located in the nasal canal, through a specialised channel in the roof of the mouth. This allows the snake to determine the location of prey when visibility is poor.



Grass snake playing dead. Iain Leach, YPTE

Grass snakes, unlike adders, are not venomous, nor do they constrict their prey, instead rely on the element of surprise to sneak up on their unsuspecting prey, catching them with a strike and swallowing them whole. Their teeth curve backwards to facilitate this swallowing process and, as it may take some time, snakes move their mobile glottis (the entrance to the trachea) out of their mouths to act as a breathing tube, so they don't suffocate. After their prey has been swallowed they bask in the sun: being poikilothermic ('cold blooded') digestion occurs faster the warmer the body temperature. It's at this time that snakes are most vulnerable to attack from predators.

Grass snakes are on the menu for a variety of wildlife, including numerous predatory bird species, badgers, foxes and hedgehogs. If attacked, grass snakes act aggressively by hissing and striking out. If caught, grass snakes often play dead by going limp, opening their mouths and allowing their tongues to loll. If this doesn't deter their would-be predator, they thrash violently, regurgitate their stomach contents, before secreting a foul-smelling substance from their anal gland, hopefully causing the would-be predator to drop them.

Adam Breslin
adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

BIRD *Watch*

In last month's column I mentioned the increased presence of buzzard and red kite and their adaptability. Now an interesting sequel to these thoughts has been provided by a Cromwell resident who recently observed several buzzards circling on thermals high over the village. When they dispersed, some red kite took their place, though at a lower altitude.

Our reader asked whether the two species were deliberately avoiding each other.

The answer is more likely to be found in the different feeding patterns of the two. The buzzards, being raptors, spy their live prey from a height, often when it is moving, and then stoop to kill and eat. The kite is a scavenger and is more able to see its normally dead pickings from a lower height, quite often taking advantage of the raptor's leavings.

Providing that populations of each species remain at sustainable levels, it is now evident that the two are not normally competitive or aggressive.

Red Kite (rspb.org.uk)



A flight of twelve whooper swans was seen flying over Ossington airfield in V formation, though it was not practical to stop the car to listen to their very distinctive call. This is the time of the year when they head north to their breeding grounds in Iceland and, occasionally, in the far north of Scotland, having wintered mostly in East Anglia and the northern half of the country.

An early grey wagtail was spotted at the beginning of March, and we are lucky enough to have this colourful bird nesting here, though they have not yet arrived with us.

Numbers of lapwing are now returning to farmland and going through their mating flights which are dancing in the air in looping, bouncing movements. Increasing numbers of farmers are dedicating areas of land for lapwing breeding sites, which will give much-needed support for this vulnerable bird.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

RAIN *Watch*

In spite of typical January rainfall the ground, after so many previous months of high rainfall, remained saturated at the start of February. This meant that farmland flooding was again very evident throughout February as we endured another exceptionally wet month.

We had over twice the predicted rainfall (207%) in February - 8.6cm (3.4 in), making it the second wettest February in the 18 years I have been recording Norwell rainfall. In Feb 2020 we had 11.2cm.

So far, March is wet too!

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

FARMING *Watch*

It will be no surprise that the appalling winter weather has been a constant topic of conversation in the farming community. Official figures now show that February 2024 was one of the wettest on record, and that overall the winter has been the wettest for 130 years. As a consequence, the East Midlands and Nottinghamshire in particular have been turned into a waterlogged quagmire, which has had a dire effect on autumn-sown crops.

Waterlogging alters soil properties leading to soil oxygen deficiency that limits root growth and function. Anaerobic conditions inhibit the activity of soil microbes, and consolidation of the soil also makes it harder for the roots to penetrate and access nutrients. This in turn affects growth of the plant above ground subsequently limiting yield.

The challenge for farmers is to correctly assess individual field situations and decide on the most appropriate course of action. Assessment is by test digs to check on waterlogging and root development (or lack of it!), and by checking plant populations to determine realistic yield potential. Close and careful crop management will be vital to optimise the growth and yield of surviving plants.

Ultimately farmers will need to assess whether waterlogged crops are still viable, or whether fields should be left to recover for next season. The choice will be between managing struggling overwintered crops, re-drilling fields altogether, or putting in a cover crop to improve soil structure, which is later ploughed back in. Winter 2023-2024 will be one to remember – but for all the wrong reasons!

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Caunton church news



The ongoing problem of the rainwater goods on St. Andrew's has yet to be resolved. Things are beginning to move forward but what we now need is help in the form of someone who knows their way around applying for grants and filling out faculty requests.

There will be a meeting in church on **Monday 8 April at 7.00pm** when we hope anyone who is interested will come along with their offer of support so we can form a steering group to move forward on this very important project.

There is a misconception that you need to be a regular churchgoer, or to have some connection with the church, in order to help with the upkeep of St. Andrew's. This couldn't be further from the truth! We are always most grateful for any help that is offered to keep the church and churchyard in good repair.

Please contact me if you need any more information: 639123 or 07814 709969.

APCM

This year, St Andrew's Annual Church Parish Meeting (ACPM) will take place in church on **Monday 20 May at 7.00pm in church.**

There will be two meetings on that occasion. The first is the Vestry Meeting at which

the Churchwardens are elected. Anyone (over 16 years of age and resident in the village) can vote for the Churchwardens. This is an important election since the two churchwardens are the Bishop's Officers who represent everyone in the village.

The second meeting is a business meeting and only people on the Electoral Roll can vote on any issues discussed; these will include the Electoral Roll, Finance, Churchwarden's reports, Lay-Chairman's report, Election of PCC members, appointment of the Auditor and the report on Church Activities.

If you wish your name to go on the Electoral Roll then please contact me on 639123 or any other member of the PCC (Pat Wilson, Julie Quinn, Charlotte Webb and Lisa Denman). All relevant forms will be in church after our Easter service.

At the moment there are only five members of the PCC and we would welcome anyone who is a communicant to consider joining us.

COMMEMORATING D-DAY

St. Andrew's is hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 8 June, 10.00am-2.00pm to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. Please do come along, enjoy some lovely home-made cakes and have a chat.

As part of these celebrations, His Majesty the King has once again stated that he would like people to do some form of voluntary work. Therefore we will be having a churchyard tidy up on Saturday 4 May from 9.00am onwards. After so much rain some of the graves have sunk so we'll be sorting those, plus doing lots of other work. Please bring plenty of tools. Refreshments will be provided.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning

Sat 23 & 30 March – Irene & Pat
Sat 6 & 13 April – Cathy & Wendy
Sat 20 & 27 April – Charlotte & Bo
Sat 4 & 11 May – Dave & Joy

Flowers

Sat 30 March, 6 & 13 April – Easter flowers
Sat 20 & 27 April – Pat
Sat 4 & 11 May – Irene

Refreshments

Sun 7 April – Mary & Mike

Irene Crossley

irenecrossley50@gmail.com



Dean Hole - a village community space

Following on from the brilliant *Auf Wiedersehen, Me Duck*, we're really looking forward to our next Live and Local act, which is on **Saturday 27th April**

7.30pm in school – **Hoagy**

Chris Ingham Trio – A unique and fascinating celebration of the music of singer-pianist-songwriter Hoagy Carmichael. Tickets £13 (cash only).

There will also be a raffle.

Please bring your own drink and glasses.

To book your ticket contact

Pat – 636523 / 07929136788 or

Irene – 639123 / 07814709969

Bingo: Friday 12th April 7.00pm for 7.30pm start – all welcome

COMMUNITY NEWS

Since I gave up being the general editor for Caunton's articles for the Parish Magazine two years ago, that role has been put on the shoulders of Chris Senior, the chief editor. This is really unfair to him, so once again the request is going out to anyone who would be able to spend a few hours a month to concentrate on Caunton, thus relieving Chris of something that should be done by someone else. If you feel you would like to do this or would like more info then please contact Chris or myself, both of whose contact details are in the magazine.

Irene

Caunton Parish Council – notes from 13 March meeting

The whole drainage system from Mill Lane down will be fully assessed by Nottinghamshire County Council – by the end of March, we hope.

Potholes remain an ongoing subject. Please report them on the VIA portal or the MyNotts app.

Planning

We discussed the onset of the Great North Road Solar Park. Now wanting more community opinion we have sent out an informal poll to determine the strength of feeling. The plans are still not fully clear. The formal consultation will be in the autumn with the revised plans then known. This is part of a 19-strong parish network working together.

Play equipment

We are looking to repair and replace

various items. If anyone has access to grants or donations please let us know.

School

We have had positive engagement with the Team Education Trust and the local authority on the ongoing community engagement in the conversion to an academy. We have the community interest firmly in our sights; the boundaries will be fenced but with community use in mind.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 April 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

Caunton community news (continued...)

Caunton Local History Society

We meet at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month and almost always at Dean Hole Community Centre (School).

Visitors are especially welcome to attend. 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.

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

This month's meeting is on 9 April:

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

Speaker - David Johnson

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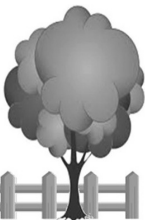
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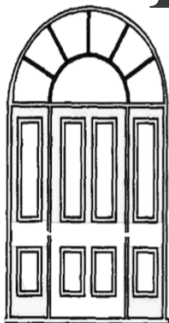
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Cromwell Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm there will be an AGM for our Village Hall. We would love to see as many faces there as possible to bring new ideas for events etc to our wonderful hall.

If you are unable to attend but would like to play a part then please contact Claire Davies on 07796 133656.

Little Seedlings sessions

Little Seedlings is for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their parents or carers. Entirely free of charge, each fortnightly session takes place on a Wednesday morning – 17 April and 1 and 15 May from 10.00-11.30am.

For more information see the Little Seedlings introduction on [page 5](#).



<http://cromwellvillage.org.uk>

Cromwell Appreciation of Wine (CAW) Group?

Calling all wine lovers! I would love to set up a wine appreciation group to meet at the Village Hall. Please contact me if you are interested on 07796 133656.

We would meet every two months and get speakers/enthusiasts to recommend great wines, possibly accompanied by some tasty cheeses.

Claire Davies

Cromwell Parish Meeting

The next scheduled parish meeting will be the AGM on Monday 8 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Accounts for the year will be presented for consideration and officers will be elected for the coming year.

The District Council has proved unwilling to perform any of the functions normally covered by parish officers, so there is an

urgent need for volunteers to fill these posts.

There will be a meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods Group on Thursday 18 April. If anyone has something to be reported please contact: cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com

David Swift, Chair

cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com

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

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

Cromwell Village WhatsApp group

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

Great North Road Solar Park – Joint Parishes Action Group

The poll of all the voters in the parishes affected in this project has now been completed and the results are awaited from JPAG. Elements Green have closed the informal consultation and, sometime in the Autumn, they will return with detailed proposals for the “statutory consultation”. It is to be hoped that these proposals will accommodate the objections and suggestions offered in the earlier exercise.

It has been decided that Cromwell parish will now be grouped with North Muskham, Bathley, South Muskham and Little Carlton parishes. The group will nominate representatives to help form the Strategy Group within JPAG.

David Swift

David Swift

Our Chair of Cromwell Parish Meeting, David Swift, has been working as a volunteer for our village since 1988 when he became Vice Chair. Later, in 2002, he took on the role of Chair of the Parish Meeting. That is a remarkable total of 36 years of unwavering voluntary support!

Few of us have lived in the village all that time but, however long we have been here, David has contributed in many unsung ways to the quality of our lives in Cromwell.

We have benefitted from David's expertise in ensuring the proper conduct of the activities of the Parish Meeting – the most local form of public representation. Alongside these statutory duties he has been the village's pivotal spokesperson on many, many issues including fighting our corner for road resurfacing, the 30mph speed limit and, most recently, by ensuring full information regarding the Solar Park proposal and gathering our responses to the questionnaire.

Apart from his role as Chair of the Parish Meeting, David contributes to the quality of our physical environment by his constant

litter-picking around the village. Something else we should not take for granted.

David has, for many years, been politely asking for someone to take over as Chair of the Parish Meeting so he can, quite rightly, give someone else the opportunity. Therefore, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 8 April, David will be standing down. Without a Chair our Parish Meeting not be able to function and we will have no one to represent our interests to our local authority – Newark and Sherwood District Meeting.

We really do need someone to come forward to take on this role. David insists that the role is not arduous, massively time-consuming or draining but that it is, in many ways, very rewarding.

If you would like more information please either contact David on 01636 821311 or Claire Davies on 07796 133656.

Please come along to the Village Hall on Monday 8 April at 7.30pm for the AGM. You will be warmly welcomed.

Thank you in anticipation.

Claire Davies c.a.d@btinternet.com



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

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

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

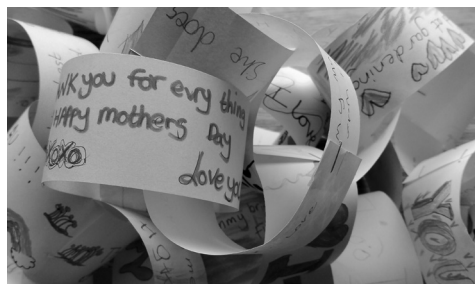
Initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals to the Benefice Administrator, Lorna Caddy on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232 or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com.

What happened in March?

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 10 March at 10.30 saw the Mothering Sunday Service led by David Milner. This commenced early at 10.00am to allow time for the congregation to mix informally and enjoy some refreshments before the service started. There was an encouraging mix of old and young all celebrating their mothers or someone in their lives who had taken on the role of a mother.

Mothers both living and past were celebrated with all present eagerly adding to the 'Paperchain of Love'.



Led by David, the theme of the service was 'Bound Together by Love' with participants sharing favourite memories of their mothers being just one of the highlights. Rosa read the lesson and Penny and Millie the prayers. Jamie and Hannah were there to hear their banns read.



The service included the 'launch' of the Activity Tree our thanks go to Stella and Rhona for this creative new approach to worship. We also saw the distribution of daffodil posies by the children to all attending the service.

We would like to thank all mothers everywhere for their love and dedication.

What happened to the bells?

For those who were about to change the batteries in their hearing aids, the bells weren't ringing on Monday 11 March! We hope you were not too disappointed. Sadly, it was no longer possible for the team to ring.

Easter

As we said in the March Magazine, Easter is very early this year and there will be a number of services taking place later this month that we will report on in the May issue.

April Service

A reminder that Sunday 14th is the date for our monthly Holy Communion service commencing at 10.00am and led by David Milner.

String Quartet Concert

Saturday 13 April sees 'Music through the Ages' performed by the renowned and local Highly Strung String Quartet. This is a candlelit concert in St Laurence in aid of the much-needed Church Gates. Full details are included overleaf.

Annual Church Meeting - Wednesday 24th April at 7.30 pm

It is not too late if you would like to become a member of the Parochial Church Council. If so please make sure that you are on the church Electoral Roll. If you wish to check or to be added to the roll, please contact John Hobson (636619): this is also necessary if you wish to vote for members of the Parochial Church Council at the Annual Church Meeting on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30 pm at St Laurence Church. Every parishioner can vote for Churchwarden.

One of the topics to be discussed at this meeting will be maintaining the fabric of the building, an issue that has been at the forefront of our minds given the challenges presented by recent weather. See report below.

Water Damage at St Laurence

That we have had a particularly wet winter

and spring so far will come as no surprise to anyone, but it has had a temporary effect on our parish church. The rising water table meant that water had risen through the floor and was soaking the carpeting that has been in place for several years.

A day of determined work lifting carpets; removing damaged underlay; securing cabling and scrubbing and washing of the floor tiles below took place. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped on that day.

While it then took a short while for the floor to dry out, it did reveal the lovely Victorian tiles which had remained hidden for many years. Even with just a cursory wash and polish these looked wonderful and we are now looking into how to further restore these with a view to leaving some of them on show.



Parish magazine distribution

Thank you.

There has been a fantastic response to the request in last month's magazine for reserve volunteers to count out and deliver the Parish Magazine. We now have a list of reserves which should see us through any eventuality.

Thank you so much. This is a wonderful example of people's willingness to be involved in activities in the parish. It also shows that the Parish Magazine is valued which is a great encouragement!

Elizabeth Jones, Executive Editor

Norwell community news

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

Another month has soon rolled around, and we appear to be speeding towards the start of the new civic year in May.

At the time of writing, March's meeting is yet to happen but we would like to thank Norwell C of E Primary School for permitting the use of the school for that occasion.

Each parishioner should have received a survey for completion about the Great North Road Solar Park proposal. We would like to thank you in advance for having completed these, as your responses will help the Parish Council to understand how the parish feels about the proposals, and consequently will dictate the further action taken by the Parish Council in terms of joining any joint parish action group.

We have received a multitude of complaints about the state of the roads in and around the parish in the last month: I would like to reassure residents that these are flagged with County Councillor Laughton at every meeting, as well as more urgent issues being logged directly with Via, or the relevant County Council department via the MyNotts app. We understand the frustrations around the state of the roads and share them with you. Please do download MyNotts to report any issues you see on the county's roads.

If you have seen the minutes from February's meeting you will also note that some of the dates of our upcoming meetings have changed, please see below:

- May – Annual Meeting of Council & Annual Parish Meeting, moved from 23 May to **Tuesday 21 May**
- June – moved from 27 June to **Tuesday 25 June**.

Finally we want to highlight some excellent events in the village that we hope you will support:

Saturday 13 April – Music Through the Ages by Candlelight held in St Laurence's Church. A highly entertaining musical evening ranging from rock 'n' roll to popular tunes from the 80s to the present day and including many well-known film scores. All performed by the talented and widely-admired Highly Strung String Quartet. Tickets available online via Eventbrite: please search the event name. All proceeds go to the fund to acquire new gates at St Laurence's.

Saturday 20 April – Quiz Night in the Village Hall.

Sunday 21 April – Friends of Norwell School Duck Race, to be held at Watmhill Bridge, Norwell at 11.00am. Please contact friendsofnorwellschool@gmail.com for tickets.

Saturday 18 May – Norwell Sports Association & Norwell Village Hall Race Night. Ticket details to follow.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 25 April. All parishioners are welcome to attend, or to send comments or queries ahead of time to norwellandwoodhousepc@gmail.com.



More details
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Woodhouse Villagers"



Book Club

This month we are reading *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart which won the Booker Prize in 2020.

It's a tough read set in a grindingly poor area of post-industrial Glasgow in which young Shuggie is struggling against appalling odds to support his beloved alcoholic mother. Reviewers have described it as harrowing, beautifully written and unforgettable. We shall meet to discuss it on Wednesday 24 April.

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

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A candlelit concert in St Laurence's to raise funds for the PCC to acquire new gates for the churchyard will take place on Saturday 13 April at 7.30pm with a performance of music through the ages by the renowned and local Highly Strung String Quartet. All proceeds will go directly to the church to help with the gate fund.

Tickets are available online via the Eventbrite website: search the Music section for 'Music Through The Ages by Candlelight - Highly Strung Quartet' or go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-through-the-ages-by-candlelight-highly-strung-quartet-tickets-831688080437?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1 (link available via the digital version of the April magazine at www.becktrent.org.uk/ccno-parishmagazine)

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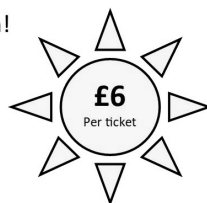


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Norwell CofE Primary School



Our Spring Term has been very busy with several special events including World Book Day and Red Nose Day!

The children had an exciting visit from Sublime Science in March to celebrate British Science Week. They were amazed by the exploding experiments, and the wacky rockets activity and slime making were particularly popular! The children's feedback has been so positive: "It was very cool"; "I loved watching the chemical reactions".

Our Key Stage 1 children also had a marvellous morning learning about animals in science with hands-on experiences holding rabbits, guinea pigs, and snakes to name but a few! Go Active Falconry also came in and the children learned all about owls! We have even had an A and E consultant come to talk about the human body! We would like to thank all those people who provide these wonderful opportunities for the children in our school.

Our Year 5s have also completed the NICAS climbing award at the Mill Adventure Base at Sutton in Ashfield. They showed how perseverance and resilience enable you to achieve your best! I am always in awe of how high they can climb!

Children in Years 5 and 6 also watched an amazing performance of 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World' at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham. This trip was supported financially by the Norwell Educational Foundation and the children are very grateful to them. One child said: "The music and dancing were great and we learned about all the different women and their achievements in a fun and exciting way."

We finished the term with our Easter Service at church when, with the brilliant support and musical talents of the Potting Shed church, we remembered how important Jesus is in our lives.



Next term we have two residential visits to look forward to. Years 3 and 4 are going to The Mill Adventure Base to sleep in pods! Our Years 5 and 6 residential at Hagg Farm is always very popular and will again give Years 5 and 6 children from Dunham, St Matthews and Norwell a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and connect with their peers alongside all the new and exciting challenges they will face!

School reopens after the Easter Holidays on **Monday 15 April** and we look forward to seeing you all again.

If you are looking for a reception or pre-school place, we do have a few spaces left. Please contact the school office on 01636 636244 or office@norwell.notts.sch.uk and we would be happy to show you round. We look forward to welcoming you to our school and sharing all the wonderful reasons why Norwell is a popular school.

Please don't forget we also offer 'Mini Kites' which is a stay and play session that runs each Friday from 9.00-11.00am for children aged 0-4 years and their families. This has been going from strength to strength and is a wonderful opportunity to meet and socialise with other parents and children.

Best wishes
Kathryn King

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At the time of finalising this article the March meeting had not taken place so were looking forward with interest and enthusiasm to **Art on our doorstep, the Duncan Grant murals, Why ...censored for four decades.** It may even inspire a visit to Lincoln Cathedral where the murals can be found in the Russell Chantry.

April meeting:

Norwell in the Civil War

Our meeting will be a break from our usual routine: we are organising a trip in the afternoon of Thursday 18 April. We are going to the National Civil War Centre in Newark.

Norwell did not escape the effects of the Civil War. Overhall Manor House (to the south of St Laurence's church) was a Royalist stronghold and it was besieged by the Parliamentarians in February 1645. The Parliamentarians took up position on the sloping ground around Norwell and fired cannon at the manor house. Many of the cannon balls missed their target and have been found in gardens around Norwell. Overhall did not surrender but today all that remains of the site is the moat (*pictured above*).

If you are interested in the visit please contact Elizabeth Jones (emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or 636 365) for more details.

May meeting: the gardens of Ossington Hall

We are on the move again on Thursday 16 May in the early evening. This time we are going to Ossington to find out more about the history of the gardens of Ossington Hall. The building is no longer there but there is still evidence of the gardens. There will be more in the May edition of the magazine.





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From the Church

Our next service at Holy Rood will be on Sunday 21 April at the usual time of 10.30am. At the time of going to press, it is not known who will officiate.

Everyone will nevertheless be made very welcome!

Get well wishes

Unfortunately, a trio of residents have recently been away from home as a result of planned and unplanned medical events. Jean Johnson continues to make good progress at home after her hip operation. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Peter Geldart after his recent stay in hospital, and also to Philip Longden who is currently still in hospital.

Luncheon Club

The Ossington Luncheon Club has now been running since the start of the year. If you haven't been able to make it before, you are more than welcome to join other residents for good food and company at the Hut on Monday 22 April at 12.45pm. Mary Brown will be delighted to hear from you! To book your place please contact her on 01636 821029 / marybrown3@hotmail.co.uk

Village Coffee Morning

Following on from previous months, the next village coffee morning will take place on Saturday 27 April from 11.00am in the Hut. This month's event will be an opportunity to feedback any further information for the airfield information board and for an update on work so far. Do come along for a coffee (or tea!) and chat, and home-made cake as well of course!



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"Ossington Village Group"

Severn Trent works and road diversion

Severn Trent has acknowledged that its planned major works on Carlton Road got off to a shaky start when the roadworks/diversion signs were erected before residents received notification by letter.

The works are needed to install a supplementary large bore water main for times of high water demand as there is concern about the adequacy of the current supply.

The closure of the junctions with Sutton Lane and Norwell Road for five weeks has caused significant disruption to residents and motorists alike. The Parish Meeting Clerk has corresponded and held meetings with Severn Trent to try and mitigate the problems associated with an inappropriate diversion past the hall gates to Sutton Lane and inadequate signage elsewhere. Because an official road diversion takes three months to be actioned, Severn Trent were not able to postpone the necessary works for that length of time to allow another more suitable diversion to be put in place.

Following the completion of the works around the junctions as above, there will be a further two weeks of works closing Carlton Road at its other end. It will not therefore be possible to access Carlton and the A1 by that route until the latter part of April.

GNR Solar Park Survey

Many thanks to all who completed the recent survey conducted by the Joint Parishes Action Group. The results will enable the group to correctly reflect the views of the 19 parishes that will potentially be affected by the proposed solar park. Further information regarding the planned development will be shared as and when available.

Janet Carr jecarr@live.co.uk

Oh, to be in England....

After one of the wettest winters on record, here's a reminder of what we can hopefully look forward to this month and next:

Home-Thoughts, from Abroad

by Robert Browning (1812–1889)

Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England now!

And after April, when May follows,
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows!
Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover
Blossoms and dewdrops at the bent spray's edge.
That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,
Lest you should think he never could recapture
The first fine careless rapture!
And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew
The buttercups, the little children's dower
Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower!



Enjoy actor [Geoffrey Palmer](#) reading the poem on [You Tube](#). Link available via the digital edition of our April magazine at www.becktrent.org.uk/ccno-parish-magazine.

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Ossington Speaker's Cottages 2.00-2.10 pm

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Carlton on Trent Village Hall

Film Club – Sunday 14 April, 2.00pm

The Great Escaper. Based on a true story that made national news about pensioner Bernard Jordan, played by Michael Cain, who in 2014, absconded from his care home in Hove, Sussex UK to attend an event in France marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

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Outside of work I compete in show jumping, enjoy playing tennis and going to the gym as well as watching rugby.

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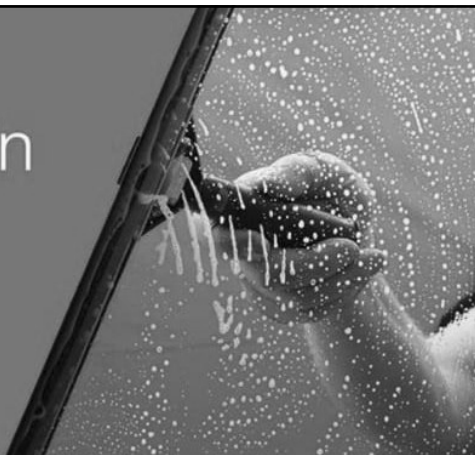
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