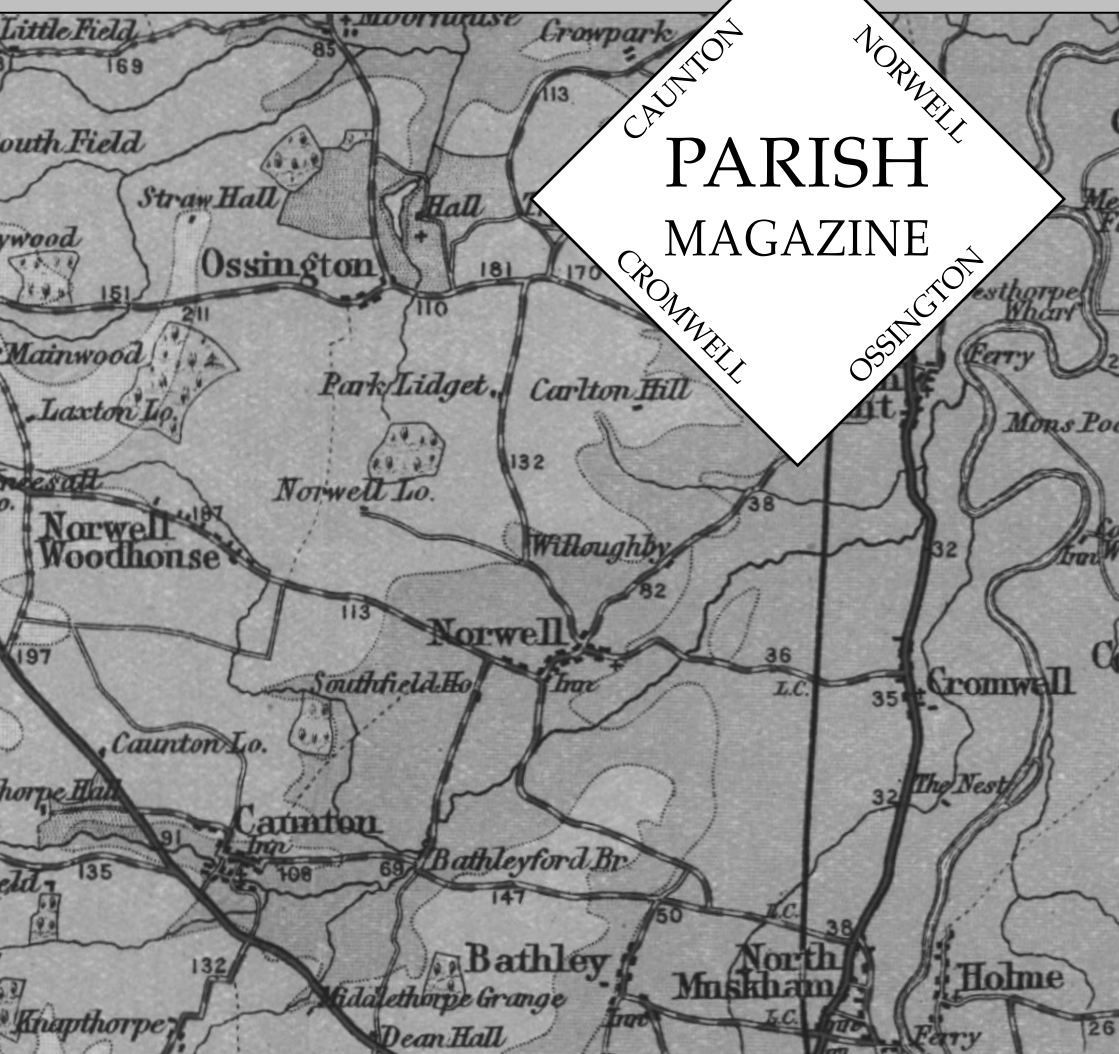


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Beck & Trent Parishes

Services September 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>	1 Sept. <i>Trinity 14</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 Vicarage
<i>second Sunday</i>	8 Sept. <i>Trinity 15</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>	15 Sept. <i>Trinity 16</i>			10.30 a.m. Holy Communion		3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	22 Sept. <i>Trinity 17</i>		6.00 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Refreshments		10.30 a.m. Harvest Service with Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>Friday</i>	27 Sept.	6.00 p.m. Joint Harvest Service with Dean Hole School in St Andrew's					
<i>fifth Sunday</i>	29 Sept. <i>Trinity 18</i>		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion				4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>first Sunday</i>	6 October <i>Trinity 19</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

Beck & Trent churches update

The future of our churches

At the end of July representatives from the Beck and Trent parishes met Archdeacon Tors and Associate Archdeacon Richard. Plans are moving forward and we are assured that the integrity of our parishes will be respected and that we will remain as the familiar group of six churches in the Beck and Trent Benefice. Parishes will be encouraged to work together to reduce that feeling of isolation which is sometimes felt by clergy in rural parishes. Posts will be advertised shortly and we pray that the right people will come forward to work with us.

Celebrating harvest

One of the joys of living in a rural parish is that we still feel close to the land. As the harvest is gathered in and tractors and trailers pass along our roads it is worth pausing to give thanks. It is an opportunity

to thank the farmers for all their hard work. It has not been the easiest of years, but the hay is good, the corn has grown (not everywhere sadly) and straw and grain are being gathered in. We depend on the harvest for our food. We give thanks to God for his bounty and his faithfulness as the harvest is brought in every year.

Our churches will be recognising harvest in different ways and everyone is encouraged to come together and give thanks. It is one of the traditional services which still have significance for us here.

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: **Cauntton** 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



State and Church

We have a new government and many new MPs in all the parties. What a challenging situation they face on many issues. Here I reflect on the centuries-old influence of Christian beliefs and practice on our parliamentary system and national life, from a very dominant monarch and ruling elite, to today's democratic process, with the monarch as a stable figurehead as head of state, and a House of Lords based solely on birth, a distant memory.

The process took centuries. Significant developments would include Magna Carta (the protection of the law for all people), the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, the abolition of slavery, the development of the labour movement owing more to Methodism than to Marxism, universal suffrage and the development of the welfare state. This lengthy process may be far from perfect but it has been based on the Christian belief in mutual responsibility for people's welfare ("Love your neighbour as yourself").

We need to hope and pray that this progress will be maintained in our increasingly secularised and multi-cultural society, with fewer people acknowledging a Christian belief. (I fully appreciate that you don't have to be religious to have high moral standards but a Christian faith certainly guides and sustains them.) It is significant that at the start of this Parliament more MPs than ever

before chose to make a secular affirmation rather than swear allegiance on the Bible or other Holy Book.

As society becomes more secular in its beliefs, knowledge of Christian teaching and its application declines. Some would maintain that the downplaying of the desirability of a stable marriage and family life as the basis for children's upbringing is contributing to problems for "fatherless" boys. Our outgoing Prime Minister, a practising Hindu, described Christian communities as part of the national fabric, and praised the Christian values of tolerance, compassion and charity.

Below is a prayer, by a former Archbishop of York, which I use regularly and which you may find helpful.

*Revd David Bartlett
Riverside Parishes*



*God of eternal love and power, save our parliamentary democracy;
protect our High Court of Parliament and all its members from partiality and prejudice;
that they may walk the path of kindness, justice and mercy.*

Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good.

*Since the weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength,
send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength. Amen.*



"The land has produced its harvest: God, our God, has blessed us."

Psalms 67 verse 6

When God and man work together amazing things happen. We give thanks for the harvest, and feel truly blessed.



From the registers

15 July – 15 August

Baptism

St Andrew's, Caunton	Rupert George Cook and Elle Stephanie Cook	4 August 2024
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Wedding

St Laurence's, Norwell	Andrew Knowles and Santa Ozola	27 July 2024
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Funerals

St Mary's, Carlton-on-Trent	John Simon Storer	18 July 2024
St Andrew's, Caunton	Mercia House	8 August 2024

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NATURE *Watch*

Autumn's beautiful display of reds, yellows, oranges and browns marks a shift in the life cycles of trees, but what causes nature's vivid colour show?

The green colour of the leaves in spring and summer comes from the light-absorbing pigment called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is the plant's primary pigment, absorbing the most light energy, appearing green as it absorbs the red and blue parts of the visible light spectrum and reflects green light. Chlorophyll isn't the only pigment in leaves, however these other pigments are masked by chlorophyll during the summer months as it is being continually broken down and resynthesised.

During the autumn, the shorter day length triggers the plant to begin breaking down chlorophyll to a colourless compound and, unlike during the summer, it is not replaced. The nutrients contained in the chlorophyll pigment (iron and magnesium) are stored in the roots for winter, before being resynthesised back into chlorophyll the following spring.

The breakdown of the chlorophyll gives the other pigments inside leaves their time to shine, producing a dazzling colour display. The yellow-orange colour is caused by carotenoids that absorb the blue-green part of the spectrum, allowing photosynthesis to continue throughout the autumn.

The development of red colouration is particularly interesting and is caused by pigments called anthocyanins. Anthocyanins protect leaf tissue against harmful light levels when chlorophyll is depleted, as well as acting as antioxidants in damaged leaves, neutralising free radicals. The concentration of anthocyanins varies depending on the weather conditions, with dry temperatures above freezing promoting anthocyanin production and the development of a deeper red colouration.



*Clumber Park's lime tree alley.
Photo: Paul Jones.*

Once the remaining chlorophyll has been reabsorbed, the plant decreases the production of the hormone auxin. This triggers the plant's cells in the abscission layer (a layer of cells where the leaf stalk is attached to the stem of the tree) which begin to elongate, causing fissures, whilst producing a chemical called abscisic acid. This causes a seal to develop at the base of the leaf, before the leaf falls away from the plant or is blown away by the wind. The advantage of shedding leaves means the tree uses less vital energy maintaining leaves that do not produce glucose, and this energy can be utilised elsewhere throughout the tree. Dropping leaves allows the tree to preserve valuable moisture in the trunk and branches, as well as protecting boughs against wind damage, as winds move easier through leafless branches.

Leaf shedding is a gradual process, and some leaves remain around in time for the leaves to display their full variety of colours, allowing photosynthesis to continue well into the autumn. The final brown colouration is produced due to large tannin molecules in the leaf binding to proteins and cellulose as they break down, however this can take some time.

Cold, crisp autumnal mornings are perfect for observing nature's beautiful colours, accompanied by a flask containing something warming!

Adam Breslin
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BIRD *Watch*

There has always been discussion about whether or not to continue to feed birds during the breeding season and summer. The argument against this is that the birds should not need supplementary food during the months of plenty when there are insects hatching, seeds, and fruit in the fields and hedgerows, and that it might encourage predators.

Those who continue to fill the bird tables point out that the weather pattern of the middle months is far from reliable and that birds rearing their chicks need a constant supply of food to ensure growth for their young. This year we have not filled the feeders since May, and it took very little time for the regulars to leave our garden. Because of the weather, we have resumed feeding in August but very few birds are taking advantage of our pop-up bird restaurants. This suggests that despite changes in the weather, birds are finding quite enough food in the wild at the moment and we will note and report when they return to the feeders.

There are regular sightings of red kite, but not enough evidence yet to confirm that the local population is growing substantially. The report of a large roost near Caunton last year is an indication of the increase, but we do not know just how far the birds will travel to join such a gathering.

For some time we have been surprised by the occasional appearance of a large bird of prey near Ossington which is definitely not one of the resident species. A recent sighting showed that the bird has jesses on one leg. Jesses are the thin leather straps which a falconer attaches to the legs of birds in training to secure them to their perch and to the hand of the trainer. This points to it being an escaped bird and the brief views of it are of falcon shape, larger than a buzzard or kite and suggest that it might be a Saker Falcon. This bird of prey is native across central Europe and is kept by many falconers



in this country for flying at legal prey species. If anyone has already seen this bird, or sees it in the future, please do let me know with as many details as possible.

Long-tailed tits often appear in gardens at this time of the year and usually in small flocks. Recently a number have been seen feeding as individuals, which is uncommon.

September should see the start of the autumn migration, which last year was disappointing in the number and variety birds seen.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

RAIN *Watch*

July gave us some warmer weather and we had just about the rainfall we would expect in an average July in Norwell – 6.7cm (2.6 in), which is just 4% more than the average for the month.

By the end of July we had received the total amount of rainfall normally expected by the end of October, so in 2024 we have had 10 months' worth of rain in just seven months.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

FARMING *Watch*

The ploughing match – a great day out for all the family

September generally marks the turn of the farming year as harvest gives way to autumn cultivations and a new crop being planted. Between the two is often a (very brief!) pause when farming families take a day out to attend one of the local traditional ploughing matches. Nottinghamshire boasts at least four:

- North Notts (established 1945) at Cottam on Sunday 15 September
- Collingham (1841) on Saturday 21 September
- Flintham (1912) at Hawksworth on Thursday 26 September
- Southwell (1855) at Oxtun on Saturday 28 September.

They range in character from the smallest (North Notts), keeping most closely to the original format, through to Southwell, the largest one-day agricultural show in the county. All are run by enthusiastic volunteers and, except for Collingham, take place at a different venue each year.

Whilst they started life as an opportunity to showcase ploughing skills, most have metamorphosed into countryside shows for all the family, although still retaining the traditional ploughing classes (with horses, vintage and classic tractors). From horse riding and hedge laying to craft tents and competitions for children, plus livestock and trade stands, there is something for all the family, whether involved in farming or not. Above all they are a great opportunity to get out into the countryside, take the children, and meet up with friends and family. If you've never been to a ploughing match before, you'll be pleasantly surprised!

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Caunton church news



After a quiet period at St. Andrew's we are starting to think about the occasions we will be marking with special services in the coming months.

2024 has proved to be a very stressful year for farmers! Newly planted crops were destroyed in the floods in October and then the ground was so wet they couldn't get onto the fields to plant the summer crops. You'd think that there wouldn't be anything to celebrate but farmers are a resilient bunch and, up and down the land, harvest festival services will be in full swing in the early Autumn.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be a joint one with the school on **Friday 27 September at 6.00pm** in church. Everyone is welcome as we come together to give thanks for what we have and to celebrate all God's gifts.

A buffet supper will follow the service and the cost will be adults £5 and children £2.50. Under 5s are free. We'll also be having a raffle. If you want to join us for supper you must book, so please contact Pat on 636523 or Irene on 639123.

Harvest donations will be gratefully appreciated and can be brought with you on the night or left in church if you don't want to come to the service. The schoolchildren will be bringing theirs on the evening. All the produce will be taken to Beaumont House.

We would welcome anyone who would like to help in decorating the church. If you'd like to come and help then please contact Irene.

Just to let you know, there will be a wedding at church on **Saturday 7 September at 2.00pm** so please be mindful of extra vehicles.

Irene Crossley

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CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning

Sat 31 August – Joy & Dave
Sat 7 & 14 Sept – Pat & Irene
Sat 21 & 28 Sept – Cathy & Wendy
Sat 5 Oct – Bo & Charlotte

Flowers

Sat 31 August – Irene
Sat 7 & 14 Sept – Wedding
Sat 21 & 28 Sept – Charlotte
Sat 5 Oct – Bo

Refreshments

Sun 1 Sept – Mary & Mike



Dean Hole - a village community space

BINGO

Friday 6 September
Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

QUIZ

Our quiz which was cancelled in March will now take place on Saturday 12 October at 7.00pm.

Teams of 4 – £5 per person including supper. Please bring your own drink and glasses. There'll also be a raffle.

Please contact Pat (636523 or 07929 136788) or Irene (639123 or 07814 709969) if you would like to take part.

Irene



Caunton Parish Council

We don't meet in August but have been working hard on new proposals especially for the Playing Field.

We are pleased to see road repairs being carried out. Please report any potholes on the Via website.

Play equipment

We have received an initial wish list plan. If anyone has access to grants or donations please let us know. We have now commenced the quote stage having been pledged some funds and are actively seeking available grants as well as letters of support from residents and users.

Dean Hole School

The school continues to be academised and the village has been gifted a new metal resilience shed by Team Academy Trust. We thank them for this. It is now stocked and available for use.

Keeping the village looking lovely

A big thank you to all the volunteers who water and look after the planters and other areas around our wonderful village, mostly

funded by the Village Wine Walk, thanks to Garry.

Tour of Britain

We look forward to The Tour of Britain cycle race coming through Caunton and surrounding villages once again. We still have painted bikes to use to mark the occasion: it would be great to see any decorations on 6 September.

Great North Road Solar Park (GNRSP)

We continue to meet representatives of other parishes that may be affected by the GNRSP proposals. Any comments are still welcome ahead of the statutory consultation later this year.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 September 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

As we move through summer we look forward to the remainder of our 2024 programme of talks. We have a variety of topics on offer including a history of nursery rhymes, the exceptional and often eccentric household tips of Rose Buckner, and tales from Victorian Nottingham.

10 September: A History of Nursery Rhymes

Join us to hear about the history, origins and true meanings of these often-sinister tales. Speaker: Bob Massey.



8 October: Mashed Potato Sandwiches and Bottle Top Tinsel

Allow us to introduce you to Mrs Rose Buckner who wrote a weekly column for mothers which appeared in the 'Sunday People' for 10 years from 1947. In it she shared incidents in her daily life as a not-so-ordinary British housewife, plus handy tips for knitting and mending, austerity recipes

and home-made Christmas decorations!
Speaker: Dr. Ann Featherstone

12 November: Lace, Slums and the Occasional Riot – The Making of Victorian Nottingham

The story of how Nottingham changed from what Daniel Defoe described as 'one of the most pleasant towns in England' into a major industrial city. The talk follows the fortunes of the hosiery trade and the development of the giant lace industry, the arrival of the railways and a growing population that brought poverty, disease, riots and crime. There was never a dull moment in Victorian Nottingham. Speaker: Chris Weir

Brighten your winter months and become a member of Caunton Local History Society. New members are especially welcome and attending your first talk with the society is FREE. The cost for returning non-members is £3. Annual membership is £20.

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

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

Lynn Thompson lynn1485@gmail.com

Caunton Garden Society

Members of the Caunton Garden Society are looking forward to our winter programme. The programme will commence on 1 September with our annual Autumn Show at Caunton School. We are hoping that this will be at least as successful as last year and I will report on the Show in next month's edition.

This year's programme of evening meetings at the School begins on Tuesday 17 September and over the winter months we have a programme of varied and interesting talks. Our speaker on 17 September is from Scothern Nurseries Plant Centre at Lincoln and everyone is most welcome to join us.

The Society meets at 7.30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month through to April (except December) and it is always nice to welcome visitors at any meeting or even better new members.

Trevor Plumb
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CAUNTON GARDEN SOCIETY

Welcomes Visitors and New Members

We have a varied and interesting programme of events each year including:

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

At the time of writing, it is August, the summer weather has finally arrived and it is a perfect time to reflect on a successful year and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Our summer term ended with us celebrating and saying goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. Beautiful voices came together in St. Andrew's Church as the children shared memories and hopes for the future and sang for their final time as part of Dean Hole School. The children received a gift of a Bible from the Church community and we all hope they treasure this. Many parents and friends joined the children at the Leavers' Lunch and the afternoon was finished off with what the children termed a 'traditional water fight'. It was a day to remember!

On a hot evening, the whole school came together to perform 'Jonah – A Fishy Tale' which was amazing and showed off the children's acting and singing skills. It is something the children excel at and performing on the stage and under the lights added extra sparkle to the evening.

This year we have celebrated improvements in our pupil outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 in all subjects. We are

particularly pleased with a 33% increase in writing, and similar increases in reading and mathematics. Our Year 1 children demonstrated excellent phonic skills, once again achieving higher than the latest national average. Through the summer term the whole school enjoyed swimming and it was 100% success for Year 6 children who proved they could perform self-rescue in a range of situations and swim at least 25 metres. Well done to everyone: we are heading in a positive direction!



We met with members of the Parish Council to share the latest news about the school, in the same way that we met parents earlier in the term. It was really useful to share and answer questions as we work closely together.

Planning for further improvements is already in place for the Autumn Term and we are really looking forward to returning after a well-earned rest.

Kind regards,

Alan Brown

Principal

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Cromwell community news



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Cromwell Village Hall

Just a little reminder that your village hall is available for hire for parties, meetings, groups or just general get togethers at only £10 per hour. In addition, Cromwell residents can use the village hall free once a year (although a donation to cover electricity costs would be most appreciated!).

The committee also needs a new chairperson as our present chair is moving to the seaside! The role isn't arduous and is very rewarding. We have a beautiful little hall which needs very little maintenance but it would be lovely to see it used more often. The committee are warm and welcoming so would be delighted to chat to anyone who is interested.

Contact Jo on 07711 177194
or Claire Davies 07796 133656



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

Parish Meeting

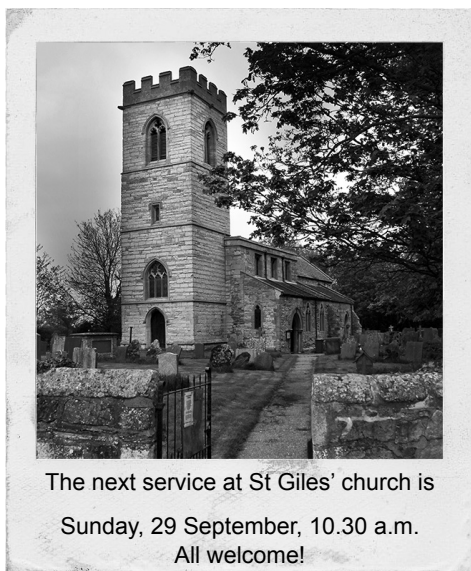
Tuesday 10 September, 7.30pm, Village Hall

You are invited to the first meeting since I became Chair and Chris Senior took on being Treasurer.

We would welcome input on what you see as the role of the parish meeting and where the priorities for spend should be of the limited funds available to us.

If you are not able to get to the meeting please share your thoughts to cromwellparishmeeting@gmail.com.

Nigel Spraggins, Chair



The next service at St Giles' church is
Sunday, 29 September, 10.30 a.m.
All welcome!



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

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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.

CATCHING UP ON AUGUST

Blessing of the new churchyard gates

The service on Sunday 11 August was our regular Holy Communion Service led by Rev David Milner. The theme was Joy in Worship and the service ended with the blessing of the new gates which have now been installed and look wonderful. Regular worshippers were joined by many others as drinks and wonderful homemade cakes and savouries were served in the sun-drenched churchyard.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the cost of replacing the gates, including all those who attended the Music through the



Ages by Candlelight fundraising concert.

Special thanks to Rhona Price for her unflagging efforts to bring this to fruition and to John Hobson for his grant-raising work. Special mention also to Georgina, Lorraine and Elizabeth for the delicious refreshments.

The return of Norah the feisty injured owl

Norah made such a good recovery that it was decided to release her early back into the churchyard (photo opposite). Initially reluctant to leave her comfy basket, she then made a determined break for the hedge and settled back in. We will be keeping an eye out for her over the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to the owl rehabilitation centre in Retford who returned Norah to us. Thanks to the money raised by selling the lovely owl cards made by Graham's mum, Rosemary, and to donations, we were able to donate £83 to the owl rescue centre.

Hay Day

Haymaking was taking place after this edition went to print but we will report more in October's magazine.

Portrait of King Charles

We have received a copy of the official portrait of the King which will shortly be displayed in an appropriate spot in St Laurence.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September is always special because this is when we give thanks for harvest and for all

our farmers who work so hard to gather it in. This year has been particularly difficult as the unreliable and extreme weather destroyed much of the planted corn. But grass seems to have flourished and it has been really cheering to see the loads of hay being carried through the village.

Our regular service of Holy Communion will be on **Sunday 8 September at 10.00am.**

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service takes place on **Sunday 22 September at 6.00pm.** This will be followed by Harvest Refreshments (not quite a supper, but food and drink for all). All ages are welcome to join the celebrations.

Ride and Stride

This event, taking place on **Saturday 14 September from 10.00am to 6.00pm,** raises money for St Laurence's and the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. You get sponsorship to ride (bike or horse) or stride (a bit optimistic) from church to church.



If you specify St Laurence's half the money you raise comes to our church. *Please note: Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust gives us more in grants than we have ever managed to raise for them.*

If you are interested in helping please get a sponsorship form from Elizabeth Jones. Elizabeth has realised that you can also be sponsored to sit in the church at any time between 10.00am and 6.00pm to welcome visitors. She will be welcoming all day. If anyone would like to sponsor her please let her know. Your company would be appreciated, so do drop in to say hello and have a cup of something, even if only for 5 minutes!

Can you help?

1. Flowers in church

We think it is very important to keep our church looking beautiful by having fresh flowers there. But we do need more help. You don't have to be an experienced flower arranger (although that would help!). We all start with no experience so would be more than willing to show you what it involves. If you are at all interested please contact Elizabeth (information above, or text 07418 008989).

2. Cleaning the brass

The brass in church is very much in need of cleaning. We are suggesting that anyone interested gathers over coffee one morning to drink, chat and clean brass at the same time. If you would like to help please contact Stella Voce on stella.voce@icloud.com.

3. Winding the clock

We would like to have more people on the rota for winding the clock (it has to wound once a week, but you would only do it occasionally). If you are interested in going on the rota please contact Tim Webster 07530 049 697 or Elizabeth.

Norwell community news

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race returns to Norwell on **Friday 6 September**. The riders travel from Derby to Newark in the 4th stage of this year's race.

The stage was announced at short notice but it is hoped that all those who can will line the route through Norwell to wave and cheer the riders to victory. We anticipate their arrival around 2.00pm but more details will be given later. We hope that once again we will see the route decorated and lots of flags waved!

This year Norwell will be holding a best decorated house contest. This can be anything you like related to the race or cycling in general, or simply the one with the most bunting! Can you top Tim's winning entry last year with a bike proudly displayed halfway up a ladder?

Harvest Thanksgiving – Decorating the Church

The Harvest Thanksgiving service takes place on **Sunday 22 September at 6.00pm** followed by refreshments.

The church will be decorated from **Thursday 19 September onwards**. Flowers, vegetables, tins and packets are all appreciated, as is help with decorating.

Any donations can be left in the church at any time between the 19th and 22nd. After the service all fresh produce will be taken to Beaumond House and all tins and packages to Newark Food Bank. The pupils from Norwell C of E school also contribute generously.

Village Voices Community Choir

The choir will be returning after their summer break on **Tuesday 3 September, 7.00pm for a 7.30 start** in Norwell Village Hall.

We are a mixed choir of approximately 30 singers and cover a good range of music from classical to fun modern pieces. Our music director is Peter Higgins from Newark.

You don't have to be able to read music and there is no audition!! Just come along and give it a go: the first session is free. We then charge £30 for 6 sessions to cover our costs.

We have a charity concert every year – this year it is on Saturday 16 November at the Barnby Gate Methodist Chapel in Newark. Tickets (£10 including refreshments at the end of the concert) are available from Rhona Price at Palis Hall (07768 474457) or Helen Ward at Norwell Nurseries. All proceeds this year are for the mental health charity MIND.

Coffee Morning in aid of Beaumond House Hospice

Thursday 12 September at 10am

Wendy Brown is hosting this event at 9 Moorlands Close, Norwell

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Village Hall News

We held our Annual General Meeting on 15 July when the financial report was presented for public scrutiny.

The following committee members were elected to our management committee: Chairperson – Ann Gibson, Treasurer – Pauline Hobson, Bookings and Minutes Secretary – Helen Ward.

Rental and fundraising income was sufficient to meet our expenditure on essential running costs such as oil, electricity, water, cleaning and insurance. Additional maintenance costs must be met through future fundraising.

On 26 October we will be welcoming back the local band “Elegantly Wasted”. See the poster overleaf for details.

Below is the Chairperson’s report presented at the AGM.

Ann Gibson
Norwell Village Hall Committee
gibson.55@live.co.uk

Norwell Village Hall Annual General Meeting – 15 July 2024: Chairperson’s Report

This year we organised four successful fundraising events and Afternoon Tea for Open Gardens in June.

Ticket sales have started to increase post-pandemic. Publicity and ticket sales have been quite difficult but villagers are becoming used to looking at our website, Facebook and using email for ticket purchases.

My sincere thanks go to everyone on the committee for their hard work, as well as many volunteers who regularly offer their help. Particularly appreciated were the 15 helpers on the afternoon of the Open Gardens and the 27 cakes that were donated.

The hall is used weekly for the Post Office, Pilates, Yoga and the Potting Shed Church. It is used regularly by the Heritage Group, a monthly Music Workshop and private parties. The Village Hall has also been the venue for two wedding receptions this year.

It is important to stress at our AGM that Norwell Village Hall does not receive any income aside from our rental and fundraising revenue. The Village Hall is now over twenty years old and inevitably there will be items requiring replacement. We are planning for this expenditure and exploring the availability of grants. Maintenance this year included interior decoration of the hall and replacement of the fire doors. In the near future we plan to repair the hall floor, repair the fuel store and install additional exterior lighting.

I would like to thank Rhona and Graham Price, who sadly resigned from the committee, for all their support and hard work.

Ann Gibson, Chairperson



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Norwell CofE Primary School



We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday and we are really pleased to have the children back in school again. The school never feels quite right when it is empty and silent! We would also like to offer a really big welcome to all those children and their families who have joined us this year.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term with Year 5 and 6 visiting Eden Camp in York as part of their history topic and Year 3 and 4 will be experiencing a 'Stone Age' Day led by Notts Outdoors Education! In Key Stage 1, the children will be learning about 'Toys' and how they have changed so they may be asking to look at any old toys you still have!

This month we will be getting ready for our Harvest Festival and hoping our allotment has lots of produce we can donate. We are also planning our usual Macmillan Coffee Morning which will be

held on Thursday 26 September in the school hall. We would love to see members of the community to join us and help raise money for a worthwhile charity. Please come along for a hot drink and slice of cake if you are able to.



If you have moved into the area recently and are looking for a pre-school, we welcome children the term after their third birthday and accept both the 15 and 30 hours Government funding. Please contact the school office on office@norwell.notts.sch.uk if you would like more information and to arrange a visit to meet the staff and look around our school.

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Book Club

Our choice for September is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Set in the backwoods of America, it's a reworking of Dickens' *David Copperfield* and tells a compelling story of poverty, hardship and opioid addiction and a boy's struggle to make a better life. Sounds depressing? We shall find out when we meet to discuss it on Wednesday 25 September.

More information about the Book Club from Helen on 636337.

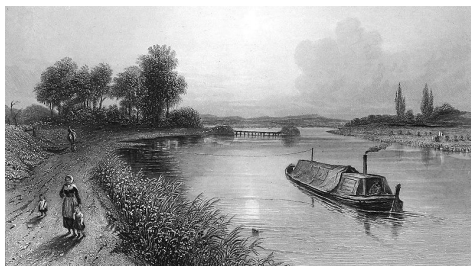
Norwell Parish Heritage Group

A HISTORY OF TRADE AND TRAFFIC ON THE TRENT

We start our autumn programme on Thursday 19 September at 7.30pm in Norwell Village Hall when Philip Riden will be talking to us about the history of the River Trent. He has been involved in a project looking at the Trent when it was a busy river transporting goods to and from this part of the world. Philip is an experienced speaker and will bring the activities on the Trent to life. We are aware of the presence of this river particularly when it bursts its banks, but in the past it was a major contributor to the economy of Norwell. All are welcome at this meeting. It is £3.00 for non-members, members are free.

RAILWAYS IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

We'll be continuing the transport theme the following month when we meet on Thursday 17 October to find out more about the history of railways in the East Midlands.



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From the Church

The service pattern continues as usual with the monthly service at Holy Rood taking place on **Sunday 15 September at 10.30am**. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Please note that there will be a period of additional bell ringing on the morning of **Saturday 14 September from 11.45am**. A group of bell ringers from Lancashire will be visiting as part of an organised outing.

From time to time groups of bell ringers will spend a day or part of a day visiting churches in a different locality. It is an opportunity to ring different bells as all church bells handle differently according to their weight, the length of the rope, the type of mounting in the tower etc. Ringing away from one's home tower increases confidence and proficiency and is also a sociable way to improve ringing skills, as well as discovering hidden gems such as Holy Rood!

Harvest is in full swing at the time of going to print, which means that Ossington's annual harvest festival service and harvest supper are not far behind. Please make a note that Harvest Festival will take place on **Sunday 6 October** followed by the Harvest Supper on **Saturday 12 October**. Please see further details elsewhere in the magazine.

Ossington Art Group

After its usual summer break Ossington Art Group will reconvene on Monday 9 September starting at 10.00am. The group is led by local artist Graham Laughton and all levels of ability from beginner upwards are welcome! For further details please contact Jean Johnson on 01636 821192 or email jeajoh410@btinternet.com.

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

For the fifth time, the prestigious Tour of Britain cycle race will pass through

Ossington on **Friday 6 September** as part of the 86-mile-long Stage 4 from Derby to Newark. As in previous years, the riders will come from Norwell, down Cooke's Hill and turn off on Moorhouse Road to continue on to Egmont. It is hoped that as many people as possible will get involved by decorating frontages with flags, bunting etc. The yellow bikes will come out once more and Chris Johnson has promised to build his famous straw bike again! However it does not have to be bike-related. This time it has been suggested that Ossington residents might throw themselves into the fun and make and dress scarecrows to greet the riders. The straw can be provided! It would be wonderful to see a scarecrow atop the bale bike!

To celebrate the race coming through the village, the Hut will be open for light refreshments. Donations on the day will go to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance – a very worthy cause particularly in rural districts such as ours. (Please note that as the village will be hosting this social event there will not be a separate coffee morning this month.)

At the time of going to press the precise timetable had not been issued, but as the race is due to finish in Newark between about 2.15pm and 2.50pm it is likely to arrive in Ossington at a similar time to previous years. When the estimated time through the village is known, this will be publicised on the village Facebook page, the noticeboard and by email.

So it's time to get your thinking caps on and come up with some original decorating ideas or get cracking on that scarecrow!

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Afternoon Tea: Saturday 14 September 3.00-5.00pm £15

Quintessential afternoon tea – sandwiches, cakes, dessert, etc. Tickets via Murray on 07939 856499

Page Turners Book Club: Mondays 16 & 30 September, 10.00am to 12 noon, £2 per session. We will be discussing the prose and poetry of the First World War. If you are interested please contact Anita Maunsell on 01636 892928 or email marriott40@live.co.uk

For details of other events visit <https://cotvillagehall.yolasite.com/village-hall-calendar.php>

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Lord Byron – Nottinghamshire's best-known literary hero?

The East Midlands doesn't occupy a particularly high profile in the literary world but it is surprising just how many authors have local connections, especially with Nottinghamshire.

Lord Byron is probably the best-known historical literary figure with local connections, although D.H. Lawrence is in close contention. It is appropriate to put the spotlight on the life of this remarkable individual as 2024 marks the bicentenary of his death.

Many people know a few facts about Byron but local detail is less prominent. Born in London in 1788, George Gordon Byron inherited Newstead Abbey at the age of 10 but as it was in a very poor state of repair, when not away at school, Byron lived with his mother in the newly-built Burgage Manor in Southwell. The provincial social life in Southwell was not to his taste however – he described it as the resort of 'old parsons and old maids'!

In 1806 Byron stayed at the Clinton Arms Hotel in Newark marketplace while his first book of poems 'Fugitive Pieces', written at the age of 16, was printed privately and anonymously by the printer John Ridge. The printer's premises were located in a building across the marketplace that until very recently was occupied by G. H. Porter. A discreet wall plaque commemorates the event. However, because of the 'indelicate nature' of some of the poetry, Byron was advised by his friend Canon J.T. Becher, the Poor Law reformer, to destroy all copies (four survived).

The following year most of the poems were republished in 'Hours of Idleness' and were for sale, with the author credited (as

'George Gordon, Lord Byron, a minor'). This collection helped to launch Byron's career as a poet. His best-known poems include 'She Walks in Beauty', 'Don Juan', 'Epitaph to a Dog', and 'So We'll Go No More a-Roving'.

Byron's personal life could reasonably be described as tumultuous, involving a very short-lived marriage, a formal separation (scandalous at the time), a series of affairs, an illegitimate daughter, implied bisexuality, debt and what we might now term 'eating disorders'. His love for his dog 'Boatswain' and the memorial he erected to him at Newstead are well known, but his fondness for other animals has not received so much attention.

During his lifetime, in addition to numerous cats, dogs and horses, he also kept a fox, monkeys, an eagle, a crow, a falcon, peacocks, guinea hens, an Egyptian crane, a badger, geese and a goat. All, except for the horses, resided indoors at his homes in England, Switzerland, Italy and Greece! During his time at Trinity College, Cambridge he kept a tame bear in college as a protest against the rules forbidding pet dogs (the statutes didn't mention bears!).

Byron died at Missolonghi in Greece where he was supporting the cause of Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire and where, to this day, he remains a national hero.

Lord Byron's body was returned to Nottinghamshire for burial in the family vault at St Mary's Church, Hucknall.

Newark Book Festival commemorated Byron in July this year – the man who was, according to Lady Caroline Lamb, 'mad, bad, and dangerous to know'!

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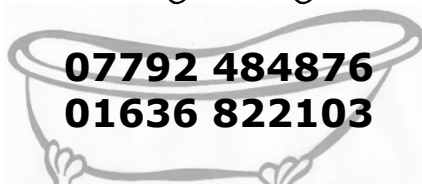
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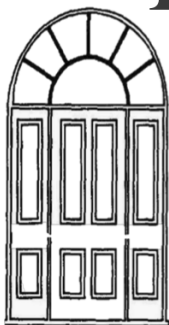


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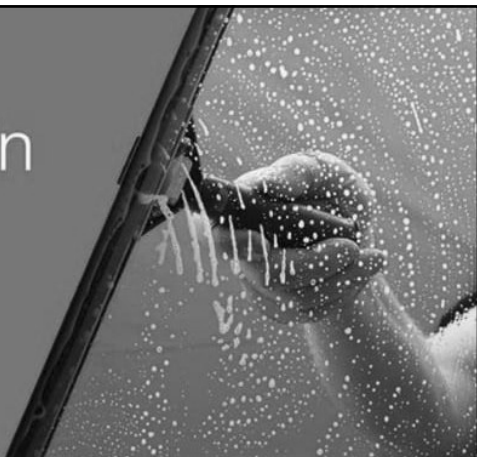
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