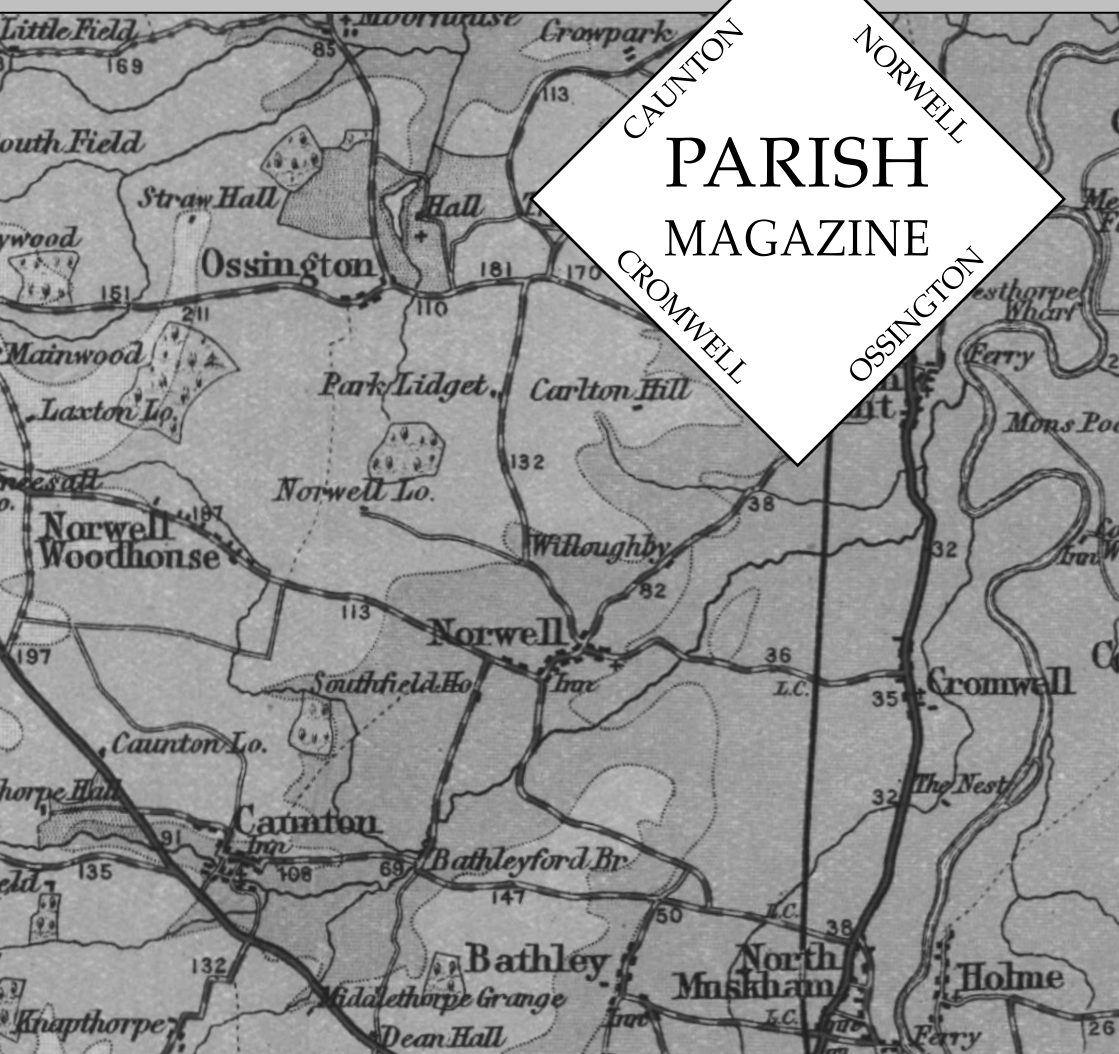


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Happy New Year!

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Services January 2025

	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>	5 Jan. 2025 <i>Epiphany</i>	9.00 a.m. Epiphany 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>	12 Jan. <i>Baptism of Christ</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>	19 Jan. <i>Epiphany 2</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	26 Jan. <i>Epiphany 3</i>		10.00 a.m. 4th Sunday Worship		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion	3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall
<i>first Sunday</i>	2 Feb. <i>Candlemas</i>	9.00 a.m. Plough service with Holy Communion			10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong	4.00 p.m. at Norwell Village Hall (TBC – check website)

Beck & Trent churches update

Are we starting 2025 with a spirit of optimism? The answer will be different for each of us. We each have our own challenges to face and our own joys to anticipate. For the world and for our own nation there are so many unknowns that we hold our breath, wait and pray.

The Beck and Trent benefice is not so very different from everywhere else. There are plans for a new pattern in which a group of benefices, a cluster, will work together. Taken on its own that may seem an alarming proposition. But we can take comfort that the integrity of benefices will be retained and, for each benefice, there will be an ordained

minister. This is a pattern with which we are already familiar. The difference will be that the clergy in a cluster of benefices will support each other and draw upon each other's skills. They will have the additional support of a lead minister and people appointed to supply support in specialised areas such as working with children.

This does, of course, all depend on people coming forward to fill these posts. Please pray about this. Interest has already been shown by a number of people. We have been in vacancy for a long time but we can start the year, not with certainty, but with prayerful optimism.

Help, support and contacts

We want to assure you that even though we have no vicar at the moment the church is here to help, support and advise you.

Churchwardens: **Caunton** Irene Crossley 01636 639 123
Cromwell Sarah Clark 01636 821 943
Ossington Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840
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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



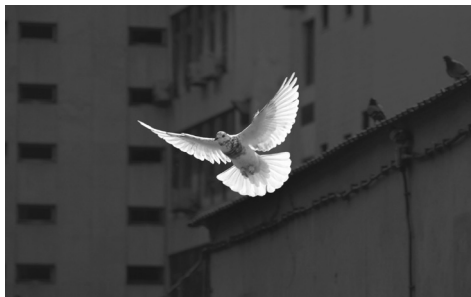
Thoughts on peace

It is not easy to understand what we mean by peace. We can be moved towards peace by music. Many of you will have heard 'The Lark Ascending' by the English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. In some people it inspired the idea of the Holy Spirit flying free; for others it provided a space in which to feel at peace. We can sing that powerful hymn based on the prayer of St Francis 'Make me a channel of your peace' expressing the desire, latent within each of us, to be a channel of peace in a troubled world.

We can start our journey to peace by turning to the writings of St Augustine of Hippo which we now use as the collect for peace. It starts with those great words 'O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom'. It reminds us to look to God.

We can find comfort and strength in the words of Jesus in John 14 v27 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid'. Or in John 16 v33 'I have told you these things so that you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world'.

But, pause a moment and think – what is peace and what does it mean to you? There are so many answers to that question. Thoughts can turn outwards to the world, to the cessation of war, freedom from hostility, from contention and disturbance. Or thoughts can turn to inner peace, to a state of quiet and tranquillity. Or does that inner peace carry you beyond yourself to a spiritual peace? St Paul expressed that peace so powerfully in Philippians 4 v7 with these words of encouragement: 'The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus'.



With that appreciation of peace comes a challenge. This is affirmed in the Easter blessing: 'The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will'.

Take up that challenge. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

These thoughts are based on a service taken by the Rev David Milner in St Laurence's Norwell.

Elizabeth Jones

Verse of the month:

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29 v11

A good verse to remember as we start a new year. Look forward with joy to God's destiny in your life. You are not on your own.

From the registers

15 November – 15 December 2024

Funerals

St Andrew's, Caunton	Kathleen Pinder (interment only)	20 November
Holy Rood, Ossington	Judy Geldart	27 November
St Andrew's, Caunton	Michael George (interment only)	29 November

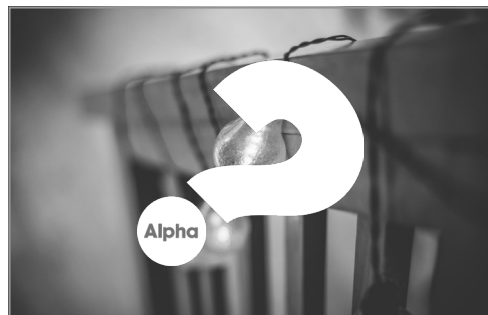
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Curry Night and Alpha Taster Evening

Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.

Curry night and taster evening will be on Thursday 16 January 2025, 7:30pm at Willow Cottage, Norwell Woodhouse, NG23 6NG

January is a good time to observe the largest of Britain's three vole species, the elusive water vole. Water voles have a varied diet and are mostly herbivorous, feeding on a huge variety of different plant species and eating around 80% of their body mass in food each day to meet their energy requirements.

As with other rodents, water voles have a relatively short lifespan of approximately two years and therefore undertake all major life events in quick succession. Breeding season begins in spring and finishes in autumn, and after a 23-day gestation period, each female gives birth to a litter comprising between two and six young. A female can have between two and five litters per year, meaning she can have up to 30 babies a year! This is important to water vole populations, as a lack of food in winter causes an attrition rate as high as 80%, due to starvation.

Often confused with the larger brown rat, there are a few features exclusive to the water vole. Vole fur is a chestnut brown colour as opposed to the rat's brown-grey. They have a blunt, rounded nose, small ears and a furry tail, as opposed to the rat's pointed nose, large, protruding ears and a long, bald, scaly pink tail.

Water voles are classed as 'semi-aquatic', as they have evolved to live alongside water courses as an escape route from predators, allowing them to access the hidden entrance to their burrow, underwater. Ironically, water voles are not particularly well-adapted to swimming, as they do not have webbed feet nor a rudder-like tail.

Identified as the UK's fastest declining wild mammal of the 20th century, recent river surveys have found the water vole to be largely absent in Nottinghamshire, where it was once a fairly common sight. An increase



Water vole. Geoff Trinder, Lincolnshire

in intensive agriculture caused habitat loss and the release of captive-bred American minks from fur farms in the 1960s decimated populations. Unlike the water vole's native predators, the mink is small enough to follow the water vole into its burrow and predate it.

In 2023, to increase water vole numbers, Natural England launched the Nottinghamshire Water Vole Recovery Project, to restore 'critical habitats' for a variety of endangered species. As part of the project, the Idle Valley Nature Reserve in Retford, which re-introduced beavers in 2021 (see Naturewatch November 2022), is utilising and improving the existing beaver enclosure, making it water vole friendly. They have created steep earth banks for the voles to burrow, as well as planting reed beds and producing ditches.

The water vole inspired the character of Ratty in Kenneth Grahame's book *The Wind in the Willows*, who rather aptly described "A brown little face, with whiskers. Small, neat ears and thick silky hair. It was the Water Rat!". Unlike Ratty however, unfortunately, water voles don't have access to small boats!

Adam Breslin
adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

BIRD *Watch*

Having noted that fewer grey geese including the most common, the pink-footed geese, have been seen migrating towards East Anglia this year, there is a report from the Solway Firth of lower numbers there too. It seems that the grazing available to the geese on the fields of Norfolk and Lincolnshire has been much reduced.

One reason put forward is that genetic modification has effectively removed the sugar content from the growing leaves of sugar beet. The emerging leaves of sugar beet have been one of the staple foods of over-wintering geese. One consequence has been that the productivity of many East Anglian beet fields should increase as damage by geese is less severe. To give an idea of numbers, a couple of years ago some 40,000 pink feet were roosting on high sands at Holkham alone and grazing fields immediately inland.

The most unusual sighting of the month must be the albino jackdaw seen in early December near Moorhouse. Partially albino birds are seen but not common and their albinism usually takes the form of a few white feathers, or even a white wing. Total albinism is much more rare and until now an albino jackdaw has not been reported in recent memory.

The high number of jays coming to us from Scandinavia and further is still resulting in small flocks being seen locally, rather than the single birds which we are more used to.

Redwing and fieldfare, sometimes known as "winter thrushes", have been later to arrive than usual this year and only in December are we beginning to see larger flocks feeding on hedgerow berries.

Though we see robins regularly, and they are

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especially noticeable in winter, they never used to come to our hanging bird feeders, preferring to feed on the ground. Suddenly in the last four weeks, they have been regular visitors to two feed boxes attached to the kitchen window and are totally unconcerned by movement in the room.

Peter Geldart petergeldart@btinternet.com

RAIN *Watch*

November was a relatively dry month with 3.8 cm of rain (1.5 in) – only 68% of that expected from the long-term Norwell average. But by the end of November, due to the wetter months earlier in the year, and with December still to come, we have already had 21% more rain than in a typical year.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

Caunton church news



We had a fantastic response to our cake sale in December and raised over £400 which will go into the Rainwater Fund. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us. We had a lovely time; the church was decorated with society trees and it all looked lovely.

Pat and Irene

Services

Our service on Sunday 5 January will celebrate Epiphany. Our Plough Sunday service will take place on 2 February.

Cleaning help needed

We are looking for a handful of people to join our band of friendly volunteers who spend an hour or so roughly every couple of weeks keeping our lovely church 'spick and span'. If you would like more information, please contact Irene on 639123 or 07815 709969.

Dean Hole remembered

Newark Civic Trust host talks at Newark Library and on Thursday 30 January at 7.30pm will present 'The Humour of Holes: Dean Hole of Caunton' by Martin Stott.

The talk is an introduction to one of the great characters of garden history. Reynolds Hole, the vicar of Caunton, who founded the National Rose Society, was a prolific and often humorous writer.

To book go to www.newarkcivictrust.org.uk. Admission £2.

Everyone at St. Andrew's wishes you a happy and healthy 2025.

Irene Crossley

irenecrossley50@gmail.com

Caunton Church Rota

Cleaning

Sat 28 Dec & 4 Jan – Pat & Irene
Sat 11 & 18 Jan – Cathy & Wendy
Sat 25 Jan & 1 Feb – Charlotte and Bo

Flowers

4 Jan – Bo
Sat 11 & 18 Jan – Pat
Sat 25 Jan & 1 Feb – Irene



Caunton community news

Caunton Parish Council

We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

There was no meeting in December however we are still working in the background.

Dean Hole School continues to be a focus for us as we work for the best outcome for the community once it is academised. Meetings with the Principal and the incoming Trust are ongoing.

We have filled several hundred sandbags that are in the new resilience store at the public entrance to school.

The recent rain has increased flow in The Beck which looks to be working perfectly normally: the Drainage Board was active in November.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank fellow councillors for giving up their time (voluntarily) to help Caunton be a great place to live, and to thank all the residents who get involved in whatever way to make it a village of which we can be proud.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 January 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



Dean Hole – a village community space

Bingo

is on Friday 10 January, 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

Dates for your Diary

The next two Live and Local acts coming to Caunton are:

Saturday 8 March – The Pocket Choral Society

With a capella harmony, original music, much laughter and improvised singing sessions, the Pocket Choral Society perform their own songs and new arrangements of well-known Lennon and McCartney, Lou Reed and Tom Waits numbers in an intimate and relaxed way.



Saturday 10 May – American Wilderness Odyssey

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Caunton: Dean Hole Church of England Primary School

The end of term was packed with festive activities, parties, performances and pantomimes in addition to the usual routines and activities. It was wonderful to see the school looking festive at the start of our advent season.

In collective worship we discussed Christingle and 'Advent', the time of preparation and the impending celebration of the birth of Jesus. The decoration of the tree in the hall was certainly an exciting occasion for the children.

The Friends of Caunton Dean Hole organised a terrific Christmas Fair which raised over £800 which will continue to support the broad

education and experiences the children can enjoy at school.

Each of our children designed and made their own Christmas baubles to decorate the "Dean Hole tree" for the Christmas tree festival at Newark Buttermarket and to decorate St. Andrew's Church.

From all at Dean Hole Primary School, we wish you a very Happy New Year!

Mr Brown and the Dean Hole Team



Caunton Garden Society

We have four more meetings at the School this winter and the programme shows a varied and interesting range of talks. On 21 January we hear about Alpine Gardening, on 18 February we will learn more about The History of the Rose and on 18 March David Kesteven of Renishaw Hall and Gardens will give us an illustrated talk on Magnolias. Our final talk of this winter is on 15 April when a representative of Aubourn Hall Gardens will visit us.

All meetings are at Caunton School on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are most welcome and if you think any, or indeed all, of these talks might interest you please do come along to the School and join us. There is a small entry charge and refreshments are provided.

The Society enjoyed a successful 2024 and we are looking forward to an equally happy 2025. We wish everyone in the Village the same.

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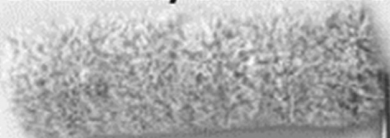
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Cromwell community news



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Cromwell Village Hall

On behalf of all the wonderful people who selflessly support our village hall we would like to thank you for all your hard work, time and devotion.

We would also like to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year!

Date for your diary

Naomi has very kindly started a craft club for children once a month (initially) on a Tuesday from 4.00-6.00pm. The next session is on the 7 January. £7 per child, £1 for under 3s and free for adults. All resources, crafts, games, activities, drinks and snacks will be provided. If you are interested please contact Naomi on 07576 661667.



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

Committee news

The committee would still warmly welcome someone to step forward as a new Chairperson. As we indicated before, the role is not at all arduous, and is even quite enjoyable! If you would like any further information please contact

Claire on 07796 133656. Thank you.

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





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

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.

For details of all current bookings and date availability please see active calendar at www.achurchnearyou.com enter Norwell, Newark into the location box. Select St Laurence's church and then click on Services and Events on the left-hand panel. You can then see details of events or click on the calendar tab.

SERVICES AT ST LAURENCE'S

Looking back

November saw the second of our new 4th Sunday services based on a very timely theme of peace. The service was held in a warm, relaxed and very inclusive atmosphere with everyone contributing and talking together about what peace meant to us.

The informality was continued not only with familiar hymns but also in listening to and considering the meaning of other music. Our thoughts and hopes were also a topic for conversation over refreshments before and after the service.

All this was pulled together by David Milner's deep understanding and ability to value all our ideas. An additional vote of thanks goes to Stella for the delightful origami doves she provided.

December was, of course, a busy time with many events taking place. On 5 and 6 December a host of groups and societies came to decorate the church on the theme of the angels' message to the shepherds – 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth'. There were many imaginative displays involving doves of all types and designs, themed books, colourful trees, and angels of all types and sizes. There was also a whole flock of sheep together with their shepherds in the entrance porch, some of which had strayed (as sheep are liable to do) into the church itself!



These designs were complemented by simply splendid floral displays both large and small. The church looked bright and welcoming and some brave souls returned on the Saturday morning despite the weather for the first of our 'Why not drop into church for...' events to view the finished results and enjoy a chat fortified by coffee, or mulled wine, and mince pies! It was of course all just in time for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols the following day.



We will report on all other events, including the Carol Service, The Crib Service and our Christmas Eve Communion Service in the February magazine.

Looking forward...

We start the year full of enthusiasm. We commence with the regular and reassuring service of Holy Communion on Sunday 12 January at 10.00am. We are also exploring exciting fresh opportunities and themes at our 4th Sunday Worship services, also taking place at 10.00am. Already on the planning board are:

26 January – Accentuate the Positive

23 February – Less or more – preparing for Lent

30 March – Mothering Sunday.

The Calendarians amongst you will have spotted that 30 March is in fact the 5th Sunday in March, a fact we chose to ignore so we could mark that special day when we celebrate those very wonderful people

without whom, quite simply, we would not be the people we are.

We hope you will join us for these and many other events. Watch out for details of all the happenings in 2025. In the meantime we wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Remembrance

Norwell Collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund

We are passing on the thanks of the Newark Branch of the Royal British Legion for the money collected from the parish for the Poppy Fund. A total of £421.54 was raised from the collection at the Remembrance Sunday service in St. Laurence's church and from the collection pot in the Plough and the other pot circulating in the village. Thanks are to everyone who donated at to those who were involved in any way in this very worthy cause.

Norwell community news

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

Dear parishioners,

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to what 2025 has in store for us.

Unfortunately, our Christmas Tree lighting event was cancelled due to the appearance of Storm Darragh. As ever, despite not being able to come together for the lighting of the tree, I'd like to say thank you to those helpful villagers who source and site the tree for us, as well as the Purveurs for providing the much-needed power source for the lights.

However, the festivities continued, and it was lovely to have such a splendid turnout for the carol service in St Laurence's. This is always a wonderful way to herald the start of the Norwell & Norwell Woodhouse festivities.

The village has been awash with festive activities; we have had carolling in the Pinfold, a Christmas quiz in The Plough, Jez Lowe's "Lost Christmas" in the Village Hall, and wreath-making in the school, to name but a few. It's times like these that remind us how thriving and busy the parish is.

As for the Council's activities, we are pleased to be progressing with the following:

- Grant applications to renew and update the playpark
- Purchases of flood resilience equipment, including pumps, following Cllr Johnson's successful grant application.
- Launching Norwell & Norwell Woodhouse as part of the Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery scheme – more details on this will follow online and in the February magazine.

The Council still has a couple of casual vacancies. Should you feel that 2025 is the year when you'd like to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor, and what's involved in the role, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We would love to welcome new councillors on board.

As ever, you can reach us via email at norwellandnorwellwoodhousepc@gmail.com or by messaging us on Facebook (Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council).

*Cllr Ashleigh Robertshaw
Chair of Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse
Parish Council*



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Village Hall News

A Happy New Year to you all!

By the time you read this, we will have held our first Live and Local event. Thank you to those who attended a sell-out show. The next Live and Local evening is on 15 March and will be the musical group "Canteloop" whose exciting performance entitled "Whichever, Wherever, Whenever" is a fusion of jazz, soul, hip-hop and funk. Mark the date on your calendar. Tickets will be available at norwellvillagehallliveandlocal@gmail.com.

Fundraising – Burns Night Supper

Our next event is the ever-popular Burn's Night Supper on 25 January, complete with piper, Village Voices and the traditional toasts.



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The evening will include a three-course meal complete with haggis and whisky. Tickets at £25 are available through burnsnightnorwellvh@gmail.com.

The recent Social Nights held at the hall were a chance to chat and play games and, although small in number, the participants really enjoyed it. Do come along and see what's going on.

*Ann Gibson,
on behalf of Norwell Village Hall Committee*



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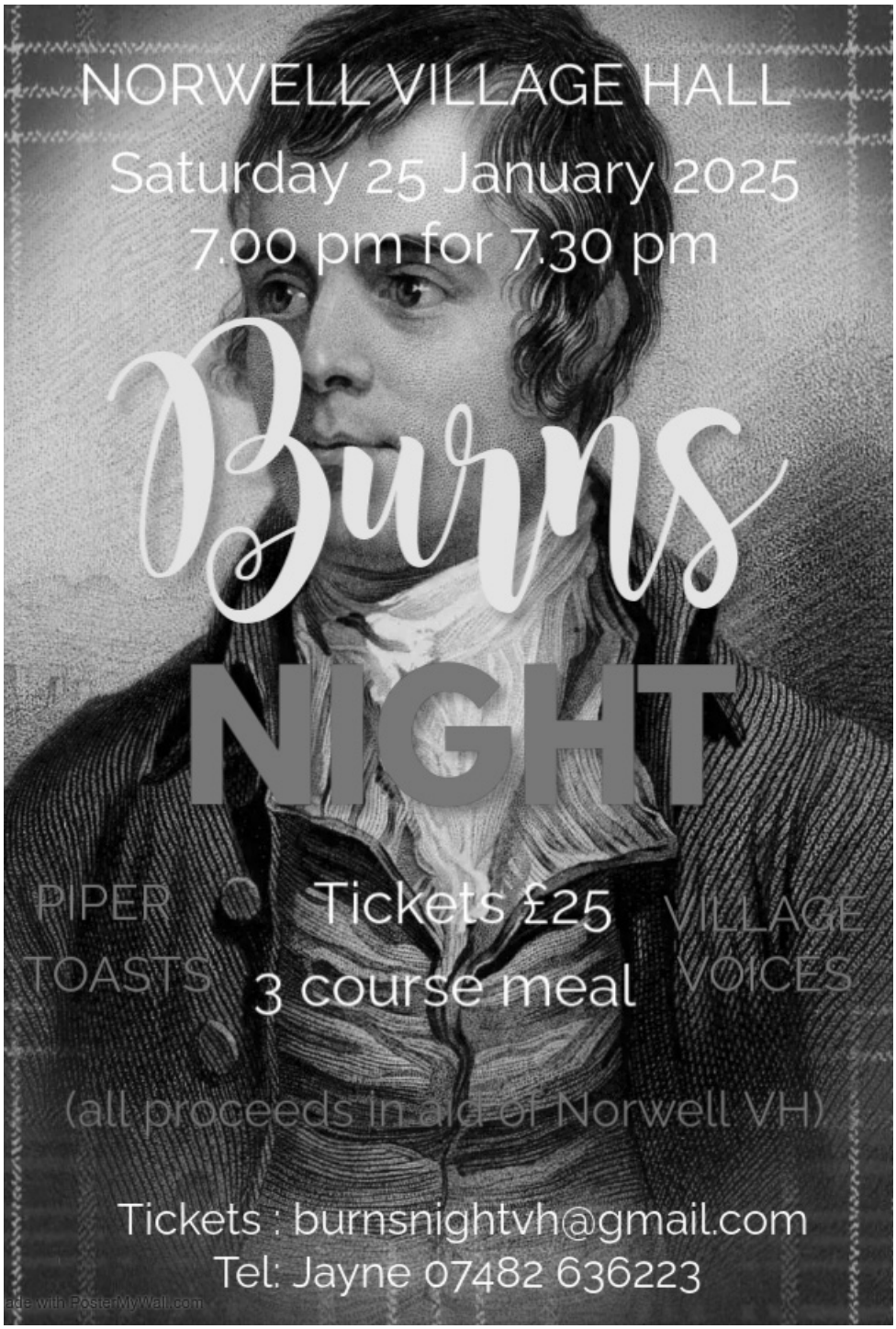
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We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and welcomed the New Year in with family and friends!

Before we broke up for the Christmas holidays, we invited families into school to showcase the children writing for the Christmas writing competition. It was lovely to see so many families in school and watch as the children proudly showed off their work!



The Key Stage 1 Nativity was also a wonderful reminder of the real message of Christmas. The children were so proud of the Advent wreath they helped to create in school, which was then taken to St Laurence's Church for the start of Advent.



At school we are looking forward to the coming term filled with exciting new challenges and learning! In History, the children will be developing their understanding of Roman Britain in Years 3 and 4 while Year 5 and 6 children will be learning about local history linked to census information! In Key Stage 1 the children will be looking at how exploration changed our understanding of the world.

This term the pupils in Years 3 and 4 will also be starting their Forest School mornings at Perlethorpe. These sessions will provide wonderful opportunities for the children to develop skills such as perseverance alongside teamwork! Let's hope the weather is kind to them or they may have to learn to develop resilience also!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 6 January.

Best wishes

Kathryn King
Headteacher

Book Club

To greet the New Year we have two meetings in the month with very different books to consider:

- "Someone at a Distance" by Dorothy Whipple, which we shall discuss on 8 January, is set in the 1950s and tells the story of the crumbling of an apparently solid suburban marriage. Subtle, poignant and witty, it's a lovely post-Christmas read.
- Our choice for January 29 is the challenging but wonderful "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Maria Marquez.

More information about the Book Club from Helen on 636337.

Norwell Parish Heritage Group

An evening with Rattlejag

Our evening finding out about Morris dancing was highly enjoyable. Not only did we learn about the origins and history of Morris dancing and the variations between the dances from different regions, but we were treated to performances of the dances themselves.

We can't thank all the dancers and musicians and Chris Rose enough for coming out on a cold, miserable and still snowy night. It was a brilliant evening – we were promised 'A right old song and dance' and we were certainly given it. Truly memorable!

The Folk Christmas Party

At the time of writing plans and preparations are in hand. Various things are anticipated, but not dancing! An opportunity to eat, drink and make merry, sing a few songs, listen to a hurdy-gurdy, play a few games, and face a few challenges. We'll report what happened next month!

Coming up in 2025

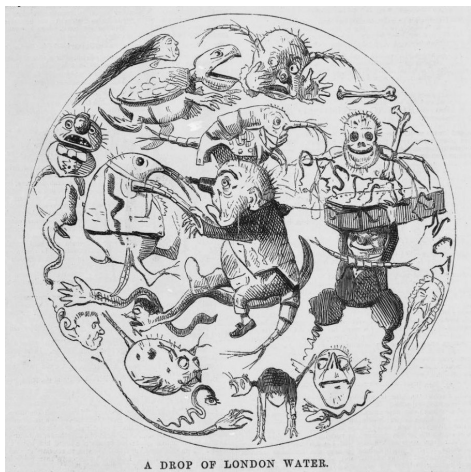
We don't have a meeting in January – the weather is so unpredictable and the days so short. So we start the year on Thursday 20 February at 7.30pm in Norwell Village Hall. We will have a short AGM followed by a talk.



How the Victorians solved a problem

When any population increases in size pollution increases. We are facing that problem now as our waterways become increasingly contaminated with sewage.

The Victorians faced the same dilemma, particularly in London where the Thames effectively became an open sewer – it stank and was a source of disease. Richard Jones will talk about this problem, the way in which the Victorians addressed it and will consider whether there are lessons for us to learn. This is an opportunity to find out about sewage farming!



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Ossington community news



From the Church

We are moving slowly towards a starting date for the church clean-up. We are still collecting quotes for the replacement of rotten floorboards in some of the pews to enable the scaffolding to be securely erected. It is hoped that the cleaners and conservators will be able to remove soot from the monuments and painting before the scaffolding is erected as the soot is causing damage while it lies there. Approval is still needed from the diocese before we can proceed at all, so for the time being it's a question of wait and pray and be thankful for the use of the Hut.

We look forward to Holy Communion in the Hut at 10.30 on Sunday 19 January, at which all are welcome.

Luncheon Club

January's luncheon club will take place in the Hut on Monday 20th from 12.45pm as usual. If you would like to come along for a delicious homemade lunch and a catch-up with other villagers, please contact Mary Brown on 01636 821029 / marybrown3@hotmail.co.uk for further information and to book your place.

Coffee Morning

After its Christmas break, the monthly coffee morning returns on Saturday 25th from 11.00am. Everyone is welcome – no need to book, just turn up for homemade cake, tea, coffee and a chat!

Hire of Ossington Hut

Because of increased use of the Hut, it is important to contact Heather Longden on 07896 715055 / heatherjeanlongden@icloud.com to make a booking.

Pothole Reporting

With the winter weather having its inevitable effect, this is a reminder that potholes can



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be reported via www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole or by ringing Nottinghamshire County Council customer services on 0300 500 8080.

Because of its very poor state, the road across the airfield is now officially inspected every month, but all other roads in the parish are on a schedule of yearly inspection. It is therefore vital that the County Council is made aware of any further deterioration of our local roads by individual reporting.

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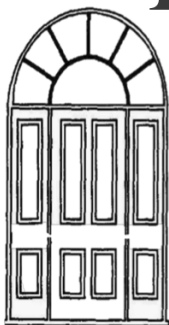


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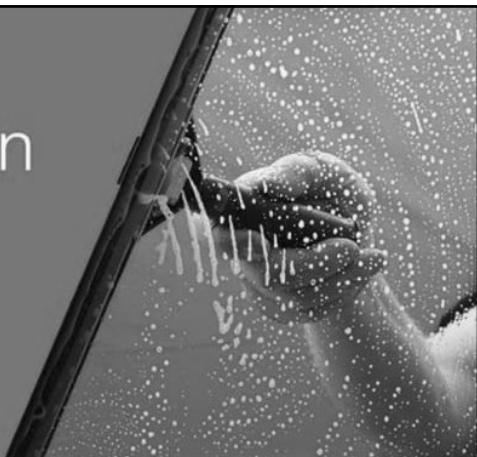
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