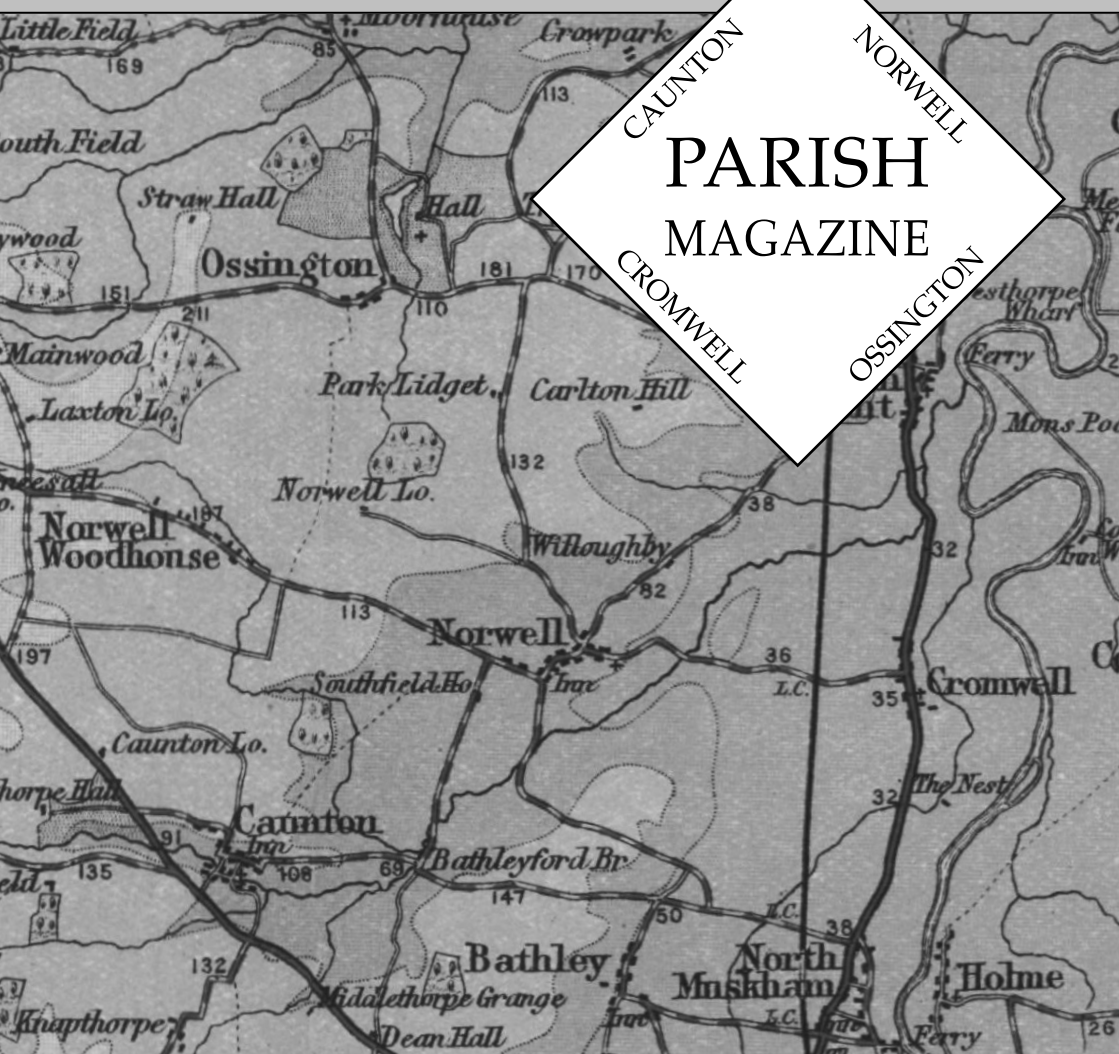


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		St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	3 August <i>Trinity 7</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Baptism 11.00 a.m. Baptism				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second Sunday</i>	10 August <i>Trinity 8</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	17 August <i>Trinity 9</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at The Hut	10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	24 August <i>Trinity 10</i>					10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at All Saints'	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fifth Sunday</i>	31 August <i>Trinity 10</i>		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion				
<i>first Sunday</i>	7 Sept. <i>Trinity 12</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong

This parish magazine serves the villages of Caunton, Cromwell, Norwell and Ossington and is published monthly. It is delivered free to households in the four parishes.

The magazine is produced by the church for the primary purpose of delivering information about church services, events and related issues. We are fortunate that we are also able to include community news, and news of events in neighbouring villages. Advertisements are paid for, enabling free delivery to all homes. Thank you to our advertisers.

Beck & Trent churches update

The weather has been very hot and very dry. For some people, particularly as they get older, the heat has been very distressing. It is at times like this that our ancient buildings can be havens of lower temperatures, and we have been pleased to welcome people in. They are also havens of peace. People have gathered together in these buildings for worship and prayer for hundreds of years. This is humbling, but also very calming. To sit quietly in a church is very special.

The countryside is beginning to look parched but it is the farmers and gardeners who have been affected by the lack of rain; ultimately it will affect all of us. We cannot change the weather each day but we all need to remember that what we do today can affect what happens not just tomorrow but well into the future.

At the time of writing we are still preparing to meet and interview for the position of Mission

Associate (priest in charge) for the Beck and Trent Benefice. We have been in vacancy for nearly five years and we really are ready to have someone working with us. It is not easy being in vacancy, but our churches have shown remarkable resilience, drawing on our own resources and also valuing every bit of support that has been offered.

This is a good opportunity to thank all those who have worked so hard, often in very considerable heat, to organise and run the many garden parties and summer fetes. This is not only a way of raising money but is also a witness to the faith of those who feel so strongly that their churches and schools are a very important part of the community.

This is the time of year when many go on holiday or take time out from their usual routine. We hope that this summer everyone will find both physical and spiritual refreshment.

(continued overleaf...)

Help, support and contacts

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

Churchwardens:	Caunton	Irene Crossley 01636 639 123
	Cromwell	Sarah Clark 01636 821 943
	Ossington	Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840
Other contacts:	Norwell	Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365



Also in the Benefice:

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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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We think particularly of teachers and pupils, all of whom really do need the opportunity to step away from the pressures of teaching and learning. Others will be preparing themselves for a new start: this can feel

alarming, but grab it with both hands, move forward positively, and don't be afraid to ask for help.

From the church



Walking our dog Benedict near our village of Granby, along rough paths adjacent to fields of wheat, with little else but hedges and hay bales to populate the view, has enabled me, easily, to imagine myself in a long-gone age where travel would more likely be on foot rather than cart or coach.

The end of the walk brought us home. Benedict was eager for a drink of water, and I was ready for a sit down! As I sank into a chair I could hear the insistent sound of water being excitedly lapped up. Benedict was soon at my side, wet and ready to flop down.

My experience of walking alone, with only my dog as a companion, on uneven paths seldom travelled, led me to think of Jesus and his early followers. My view is likely to have been much more verdant and cared for, and yet similar to that of those early travellers: a sense of being at one with nature.

Being away from buses, cars and cabs, provided a certain sort of refreshing aloneness. We are all on journeys. For each one of us it will be a different experience. As folks regularly meet at churches throughout the group, there is always an understood and ongoing journey being conducted.

The journey has ups and downs with elements of joy and sadness. At the heart of the experience is the real possibility, the reality, of sharing our stories and learning from each other and rediscovering God in the process.

The church is the most significant building in most of the villages in the Beck and Trent group. It is a natural place and space, where folks of faith and no faith can gather, developing friendship and community. At its best it provides a particular sort of refreshment. Are our village families perfect? Does everyone always agree? Of course not. The gift of a healthy village family is discovering other people's perspectives, and agreeing or disagreeing with grace, patience and understanding.

Jesus, throughout his short earthly ministry, constantly listened to people's gripes. He regularly corrected his followers when they misunderstood his message and teaching of love and forgiveness. He always acted with grace, thoughtfulness and above all love. Our ongoing work is to do our best, and to grow into the best versions of ourselves that we can be: exemplars of the Christian way.

We're heading into the traditional season of summer holidays. Heat waves, torrential rain and, for some, visits from grandchildren all will colour the space. September will see many familiar activities reactivated. Most churches will be remembering harvest and its constancy from year to year through good times and bad. Another journey.

Go well. Stay safe.

David
Reverend David Milner

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and bless us and make His face
shine on us."*

Psalm 67 v 1

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From the registers

15 June – 14 July 2025

Baptisms

All Saints', Sutton-on-Trent 29 June
Emily May Walker

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St Michael the Archangel, Laxton and
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August is the best month in which to see the rolling violet hues of the flowers of the heather plant (*Calluna vulgaris*). Bell heather, the most common heather here in the East Midlands, has pink-purple flowers, and reaches heights of around 60cm.

Heather has an important ecological role in supporting wildlife. As a perennial evergreen, its leaves provide year-round ground cover, acting as both as a food source and, with its dense woody structure, a habitat for mammals such as rabbits and voles. The late summer flowers of the heather plant provide a much-needed food source in the form of nectar for invertebrates like the honeybee and several species of solitary bee.

Over the summer period, head to the heathlands of Sherwood Forest (Sherwood Heath, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, SSSI) and Budby South Forest to see the beautiful display of heather in all its glory. Budby South Forest in particular is the region's largest heathland. Budby is home to rare bird species such as the woodlark, the nightjar (a visitor from Africa) and the stunning metallic green hues of the speedy and ferocious predator, the green tiger beetle.

Heather has long since been used in traditional medicine, and a bath with heather flowers was said to relieve muscle and joint pain. Studies have shown that heather contains high concentrations of phenolic compounds throughout its structure, and the concentrations change during the different stages of its growth. A family of compounds called triterpenoids, such as ursolic and oleanolic acid, have been found to have anti-inflammatory and anti-tumour properties.

More recent studies have found that the presence of another phenol, quercetin, also



Green tiger beetle, Cicindela campestris. Trevor Pendleton. Eaking Birds

has anti-inflammatory properties which, when in the brain, reduces inflammatory cytokines and affects neurotransmitter concentrations, which contribute to anti-depressive effects. Having both antibacterial and antiviral effects, heather is also known to help treat urinary tract infections and can act as a diuretic, increasing urine output.

Heather moorland is rare throughout the UK and has suffered an 85% decline over the past 200 years. In a landscape shaped by humans, heather requires soil that is low in nutrients and high in acidity and needs active management to ensure that the ecosystem is maintained.

To promote heathland, trees need to be removed; this results in changes in soil composition which is perfect for heather. Heathland has to be carefully managed as, if left, it reverts to Britain's native ecosystem, woodland. Managed grazing, controlled fires, as well as the removal of invasive species, ensures that the beautiful heather moorland continues to thrive for future generations.

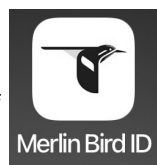
Adam Breslin
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Thanks for your comments and correspondence since the last article. It is always nice to meet and speak to so many other villagers with a love of birds. I've had reports of lots of different species with people telling me where they usually see certain birds, and I've even had photos sent to me asking for an ID or how to help a stunned bird that managed to misjudge a back window! One resident also reported nesting kestrels on a farm in Norwell, which is great to hear.

Last month I wrote about cuckoos and wrens – and alas, still no local cuckoo call for me this year, which is sad. The news on 'Renee', our busy and industrious wren, is also mixed. Shortly after writing about his antics, he disappeared for about ten days (hopefully not embarrassed by me reporting on his promiscuity) and hope was lost for a successful nesting in our garden. Then he (or perhaps another male) returned and was in and out of the nest box, singing his heart out, and the hope was back. Sadly though, despite the show, no females were interested in him or his humble abode. Maybe I'll take the box down over winter, give it a spruce up and hope for better next spring.

Recently I've spent quite a lot of time out and about, either very early in the mornings or last thing before dark, when it is very quiet, trying to improve my knowledge of bird calls which is a huge advantage when being out in the field trying to identify what you've seen. Technology has really helped

with that recently and, having downloaded the Merlin Bird ID app, I've been blown away with just how many species of birds there are around us that we may not be able to see but can absolutely hear.



Having that app to hand has significantly improved my knowledge and enjoyment of birdwatching. While we need to exercise caution, as Merlin has some challenges with confusing some calls, and you can occasionally get some spurious suggestions, it is largely very accurate as long as you allow it to access your phone's location. Other factors also impact on accuracy, such as too many birds singing at the same time or too much background noise.

On one recent walk of around an hour up to Ossington from Norwell, I was able to record over 25 different species, including ones I could not see, such as blackcap, chiffchaff, whitethroat, linnnet, yellowhammer and green woodpecker. I've seen on the local Facebook groups, and from speaking to people in the area, that a lot of you are now using Merlin, which is great news! It would be fantastic to start pooling information on what we have all seen and heard in the area. I'm up to around 80 different species now since I've lived here. Let me know if you keep a similar list and what you've seen or heard.

Happy birding!

Greg Hill gregoryjameshill24@gmail.com



RAIN *Watch*

After a dry March, April and May, with only 42%, 28% and 61% of the expected rainfall respectively, June was also exceptionally dry. We got 1.6 cm (0.6 in) which is just 27% of the expected rainfall, making it the second driest June in 19 years in Norwell (2006 being drier).

This has been the driest combined March, April, May and June since I started recording 19 years ago.

To put this in some sort of context, in 2007 – our wettest March, April, May and June, we got more than five and a half times more rain than this year.

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Caunton church news



As usual at this time of year, St. Andrew's is pretty quiet. However there is a busy morning on Sunday 3 August when we have two baptisms – one during our 9.00am service and the other at 11.00am. We look forward to welcoming both infants into the light of the church, which is always special.

I know it seems a while ahead, but just to let you know that we will once again be having our joint Harvest festival service on Friday 26 September at 6.00pm in church. More details in September's magazine.

Revd Vaughan Sweet has literally been a Godsend for St. Andrew's! Although being a retired vicar, Vaughan has been our mainstay over the last three years. He not only takes our regular church services but supports us in so many other ways - baptisms, harvest, Christmas, Remembrance, Easter, as well as school assemblies. He has been an integral part of our church as he has led us in faith and gained many friends. So it is with great sadness that we will be losing him, along with his wife Pat, as they start a new life in Durham in the near future.

No date has yet been set for their departure, so we will treasure the time he is with us. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing both Vaughan and Pat all the best as they prepare to begin another phase of their journey.

We have a new volunteer to be added to the cleaning rota! Esther Wilson is doing her Duke of Edinburgh Award for working in the community. Over the next six months, Esther will be helping every week in keeping St. Andrew's looking cared for and welcoming to all, and we greatly welcome her commitment.

If other people would like to help care for your churchyard, then please do get in touch with me. We have set aside Saturday 4 October, 10.00am–4.00pm. If you can come along anytime for an hour or two, then you'd be more than welcome. You will need to bring gardening tools with you but we'll provide refreshments – probably bacon or sausage cobs and maybe some cake along with plenty of tea or coffee. Please put the date in your diary and I'll be sending out reminders in the next magazines. It will all be dependent on the weather of course!

Irene Crossley
irenecrossley50@gmail.com

Caunton Church Rota

Cleaning

Sat 26 July & 2 August – Dave & Joy

Sat 9 & 16 – Irene & Pat

Sat 23 & 30 – Cathy & Wendy

Flowers

Sat 26 July & 2 August – Charlotte

Sat 9 & 16 – Bo

Sat 23 & 30 – Pat

Caunton community news



Dean Hole – a village community space

No bingo in August so the next date will be on 12 September. Many thanks to those who have supported us throughout the year.

LIVE AND LOCAL Dates for 2026

We have had the following acts confirmed for next Spring:

- Saturday 14 March - Victor and Albert
- Saturday 23 May - How the Beatles got me a job with ELO

Details nearer the time.

Caunton community news (continued)

Caunton Parish Council – Notes from 9 July meeting

The large willow tree that fell over The Beck should by now have been cleared. We wish to thank Newark Internal Drainage Board and Nottinghamshire County Council for jointly taking responsibility for this: it was too big and dangerous for us to tackle ourselves.

We had an update on the Academisation of Dean Hole School. This will hopefully be completed by 1 September 2025. A management team has been formed and will meet with school principals to help decide the best use and outcome for the community areas of the site.

The school is keen to keep the community involved where possible and will hope to attend a Council meeting once academised. The other users of the now diocese-controlled areas have separate license/lease agreements effectively safeguarding future use for up to 20 years.

May we thank TEAM Education Trust for being thorough and fair in their approach to integration with our community.

Further pressure is being applied to continue water and drainage repairs/unblocking throughout the village; Moor Lane remains a sticking point at the moment.

Thanks to Rhona, our new clerk, we are up to date with all the legal documents required to run a Parish Council.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 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

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Caunton Local History Society

In June, members of the society carried out a project to transcribe and photograph the grave inscriptions in St Andrew's churchyard. A record of 213 individuals laid to rest in the churchyard was created.

This archive has been added to the results of a survey carried out in 1970 and uploaded to the website "Find a Grave". This website provides much-valued information for family historians worldwide who are researching their Cauntonian ancestors. It provides a searchable record of gravestones, the inscriptions of which will otherwise be lost to the elements. Many of those transcribed in 1970 have already eroded but are not now lost. The information will also be maintained as a document with the local History Society.

As summer comes to a close we're looking forward to the remainder of our 2025 programme of talks.



9 September: Candlewax, Chickens and Cheese Please

Speaker: Elaine Perkins

Elaine Perkins will introduce us to the history of fortune telling, presenting her talk in costume as a Medieval Cunning Woman with a range

of found and made objects to help people see life through the eyes of ordinary medieval men and women. Her talks are informative, amusing and theatrical.



People have always wanted to know their future and have practised different methods to predict it. Originally people would use the items they had to hand to help them decide their fate. Now people have settled on the more well-known methods, runes, tarot cards etc, but there are many different methods that have fallen out of favour and have almost been lost. Elaine will demonstrate some of the more unusual types of divination, ancient and modern, with a variety of different items.

Come and join us!

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 School. 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: lynn1485@gmail.com.

Caunton: Dean Hole Church of England Primary School

Reflecting, Celebrating, and Planning Ahead

As we reach this point in the school year, it is a time for reflection, celebration, and looking to the future here at Caunton Dean Hole C of E Primary.

We are absolutely delighted to share the news that our recent Ofsted inspection judged the school to be Good in all areas. This reflects the incredible hard work, commitment, and dedication of everyone involved with the school – from staff and governors to parents, carers, pupils, and the wider community. We are proud of the positive learning environment we have built together. See separate article for details.

Alongside this, we recently welcomed inspectors for our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) church inspection. We were very pleased with the feedback we received on the day, which highlighted the strong Christian ethos and supportive environment in school.

This term has been full of wonderful opportunities for our children. Pupils recently enjoyed an educational visit to Rand Farm, where they experienced hands-on learning about animals and farming. We are very grateful to the Friends of Caunton PTA whose fundraising paid for this visit and enabled all the children to take part.

We have also launched our Take Five wellbeing programme, supporting both children and staff in managing stress, building resilience, and finding moments of calm within busy days. The programme is already making a positive difference to wellbeing across the school.

As I write, we are looking forward to some of the special end-of-term highlights – including the Leavers' Service at St. Andrew's Church, our always-popular Summer Fair, and an end-of-year performance packed with amazing singing and celebration.

As we move towards the close of another school year, we continue to plan with hope and ambition for the future, ensuring we provide the very best for every child in our care. Thank you to everyone in our parish and village community for your ongoing support, prayers, and encouragement. You remain a treasured part of our school family.

Wishing you all a peaceful and sunny summer ahead.

Alan Brown, Principal
head@cauntondeanhole.notts.sch.uk



Caunton Dean Hole School celebrates glowing Ofsted report

Caunton Dean Hole Church of England Primary School is proud to announce the outcome of its most recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 4 and 5 June 2025. Under the current Ofsted framework, and through a graded inspection, the school was judged 'Good' in all areas, marking a significant milestone in its ongoing journey of improvement and growth.

The inspection, carried out by Christine Watkins, His Majesty's Inspector (HMI) and Ofsted Inspector Kirk Hopkins, praised the school for its nurturing environment, inclusive ethos, aspirational curriculum and strong leadership. The report also commended the school's values and highlighted its commitment to ensuring the well-being and success of every pupil.

"Pupils are happy at this small, caring and nurturing school. They show respect and kindness, reflecting the school's values. Pupils enjoy their learning. They fulfil the school's high expectations for them to achieve well in all aspects of school life."

"Pupils behave well. They are polite to each other and to adults. Positive relationships enable pupils to flourish and feel safe. The school's distinctive close-knit family ethos is evident. The attractive, spacious outdoor areas promote pupils' wider development, and their physical and mental well-being, very well."

"The school has high expectations for pupils' behaviour and attendance. There are strong systems for checking and analysing patterns and incidents. As a result, appropriate support is quickly arranged so that pupils behave well and maintain good rates of attendance."

"Leadership and governance are strong".

Caunton Dean Hole is a mainstream primary school. Its recent success is a testament to the unwavering commitment

of its staff, governors, families, and wider community.

In a pivotal step for the school's future, Caunton will formally join T.E.A.M Education Trust in September 2025. The Trust has played a critical role in supporting the school since September 2023, preventing it from facing potential closure. This journey has also been made possible through the collective support of Nottinghamshire County Council and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham whose collaboration has been described as a "real strength" in both the school's recovery and its current success.

Executive Principal **Charlotte Butcher** said:

"We are delighted that Ofsted has recognised the progress, dedication, and love that goes into making Caunton such a special place to learn. This outcome reflects the unity and commitment of our entire community, and we look forward to an exciting future as part of T.E.A.M Education Trust."

Sarah Baker, CEO of TEAM Education Trust, added:

"We are incredibly proud of Caunton Dean Hole and everything it has achieved. The school's journey is a shining example of what can be accomplished through collaboration, determination, and shared values. Caunton is a very special place – rich in its Church of England heritage and deeply rooted in its community. Upon joining our Trust, it will bring those unique qualities to strengthen and enrich our wider family of schools. We are also hugely grateful for the close working relationship with Nottinghamshire County Council and the Diocese, who have been vital partners in securing Caunton's future."

Caunton Garden Society

Autumn Show

At Floral Media, Caunton

Sunday 31st August 2025

at 2.00pm

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Refreshments available



Looking for a Small Piece of Land to Tend with Love

Hello neighbours! I'm a local resident of Caunton with a deep love for animals, gardening, and community. I'm hoping to find a small plot of land nearby where I can care for a few small animals and grow vegetables and flowers.

Though I'm unable to buy or rent, I would gladly look after the land as if it were my own and share any produce or flowers with those in need in our village. This is about more than growing things — it's about giving back, connecting with nature, and supporting our community.

If you have a little unused space or know someone who might, I'd be so grateful to chat. Thank you.

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The future of the Village Hall

Due to a lack of regular use and declining support, the hall is now costing more to maintain than it generates in revenue. This is not sustainable, and we are quickly approaching the point where our cash reserves will no longer cover ongoing costs.

As a village we need to come together and decide on the best path forward. One potential option is to sell the hall and explore alternative community solutions. However no decision will be made without proper discussion.

We invite every villager to take part in a meeting that we will hold in the village hall on Monday 28 July at 7.00pm to gather thoughts, concerns and suggestions. This is YOUR hall. It was bequeathed to the

villagers so please make your voice heard. It's important we act soon while we still have the resources to manage any steps responsibly.

For those unable to attend the meeting in person, a Zoom link has been set up to enable remote participation:

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JUNE

Our Fourth Sunday Service had the very relevant theme of Hope. Whatever our situation it is so important to be able to have the comfort which comes from being able to look ahead with hope. At our relaxed service we looked together at several verses from the Bible which identified some very different approaches to hope. We discussed what those verses meant to us. It was a really helpful and comforting service.

Open Church

The church joined in the Open Gardens afternoon on 29 June. Our theme was 'A Kaleidoscope of Colour', expressed in flowers, photographs and projections. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the church look fantastic. Special thanks to those who donated flowers from their gardens and to those amazingly gifted people who arranged them. The church



was full of beautiful arrangements and every flower came from a garden in Norwell. The display of photographs contributed to the colours and the plates of kaleidoscopic colours made by the pupils in Norwell C of E Primary School were wonderful.

JULY

The Strawberry Cream Tea went ahead thanks to the mighty efforts of those who moved tables and chairs, put up gazebos, and those who made and served a fantastic cream tea.



Thanks to everyone who organised and ran the stalls, with special thanks for the amazing strawberry pompom. Counting the pompoms was not easy and the winner thoroughly deserved the very splendid cake.

Money is still being counted and we'll let you know the final amount raised next month. If you weren't able to come and would like to make a donation it is never too late (just contact the treasurer, Barbara Bateson on 07718 183 897.

Our regular service of Holy Communion was on Sunday 13 July. Rev David Milner challenged us to consider 'Who is my neighbour?'

Our Fourth Sunday Worship, on Sunday 27 July at 10.00am, is on the theme of Prayer.

AUGUST

St Laurence's Day falls on Sunday 10 August with Holy Communion at 10.00am.

The Perseid meteor shower, often called St Laurence's tears, can be seen between 17 July and 24 August. This year the peak is on 12 August, unfortunately this is close to the full moon so it is not a good time to see the meteors streaking across the sky. They are really worth looking for when there is a clear sky and relatively little moon.

There is no Fourth Sunday Worship Service this month but it will be back again!

FOR THE FUTURE

Sunday 28 September: Harvest Festival

Sunday 26 October: we'll be in party mood as this is the first anniversary of the introduction of the Fourth Sunday Worship...

Norwell community news

HAY DAY!

The annual Norwell Churchyard Hay Day will be on Saturday 2 August from 11.00am to 2.00pm. All help gratefully appreciated. Light refreshments provided.

Strimmers, rakes, wheelbarrows and secateurs would be an enormous help – and energy, of course! Be prepared for all weathers.

Just turn up or contact Rhona on 07768 474457.



Mick Bell 1959–2025

It is with shock and sadness that we record the sudden death of Mick Bell. His quiet and dependable presence, and his willingness to help, ensured that he was worthy to be called a gentle giant.

Mick lived in Norwell for almost 40 years and loved the village. He will be missed. We do extend our deepest sympathy to Sue, and to her family and friends.

Norwell community news (continued)

Open Gardens – 2025 report and 2026 plans

Open Gardens this year was another great success. Thanks again to all our openers without whom it would not be possible. The Parish Council added to the festivities with their scarecrow trail, which was enjoyed by many; likewise the kaleidoscope flower displays in the church and the open studio were added attractions.

Over the Sunday and Wednesday evening 467 visitors came and £3,125 was raised for the cancer charities the National Garden Scheme supports. In addition, £1,408 was raised for the Village Hall through the sale of refreshments which helps the Village Hall committee subsidise hire fees for us all.

Also thank you to Charlotte for allowing parking on her field which reduced on-road parking; thank you to those who directed the traffic and parking, and the villagers who prepared, served, and finally cleaned up after so many teas that are an essential part of the Open Garden experience.

Next year will be the 30th time that the village gardens will have been open under the National Gardens Scheme – no small achievement. In that time 12,620 visitors have come round and £67,840 has been raised to share between local charities and the cancer support charities mentioned above. I think it is brilliant that our current proactive Parish Council wants to help celebrate this accomplishment with added attractions, so 2026 is extra special. More details will be available later.

The village is full of a wealth of gardens, many of which have opened in the past. It



would be fantastic to have some of these open again and visitors are always keen to see a new garden. It doesn't have to be big, or finished (what garden is?); it just needs to show that love and care have been put into its realisation. Please do consider opening in 2026 – a tiny garden can bring as much joy as a huge one, and our previous garden openers have all enjoyed the experience – it does focus the mind and gets jobs done over which you have procrastinated!

Please note that I need to know by the end of August if you wish to take part: I have paperwork to complete in early autumn so that the national advertising is ready in the winter for the following season. Give me a call or email for a no-obligation chat, or come to the Nurseries.

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Village Hall News

National Garden Scheme: Norwell Open Gardens

Thank you so much to Norwell Nurseries and the gardeners of Norwell who opened their beautiful gardens, welcoming record numbers of visitors this year. The ticket money goes to NGS who donate millions to national charities like Cancer Research and British Heart Foundation.

The Village Hall provided refreshments on the Sunday and Norwell Nurseries on the Wednesday. After a 10% donation to the National Garden Scheme the magnificent

sum of £1,400 was raised which will go towards maintenance of the hall.

On behalf of the committee I offer heartfelt thanks to all those kind people who baked and donated cakes and quiches and served the food and drinks on a particularly hot day.



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*Ann Gibson
Chairperson*

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

Dear Parishioners,

Unfortunately, due to extenuating circumstances, the Parish Council was unable to convene for our June meeting. There is, therefore, a bumper agenda planned for July.

We were delighted with the support and enthusiasm shown by the village for the inaugural scarecrow trail. We had 17 scarecrows dotted around the village, which complemented the annual open gardens event beautifully.

A huge well done to everyone who participated, and those who bought trail maps. The total figure raised will be confirmed at July's meeting. We would like

to extend our congratulations to Paula and Lea Hardy who took home the trophy for the “People's Choice” scarecrow (see picture opposite).

Finally we are eagerly awaiting the sign off of the revamped playpark. We have had new equipment installed, including sensory items, and we hope that this will bring great excitement and joy to our younger residents.

As ever, the Parish Council is contactable via Facebook and email (norwellandwoodhousepc@gmail.com) should you have any comments or queries.

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

Norwell Diary – August & Sept

Sun 27 July	10.00am	4th Sunday Service at St Laurence – Teach us to Pray
Wed 30 July	8.00pm	Book Club – for details 01636 636337
Tues 5 Aug	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sat 9 Aug	8.30pm	Pub quiz at the Plough
Sun 10 Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence
Mon 18 Aug	1.30pm	Mobile Library - Old Chapel, Main St
Tues 19 Aug	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Fri 29 Aug	7.15pm	Lambskinnet Ceilidh Band in the Village Hall. In aid of Newark Ramblers. 01636 672295 for tickets
Tue 2 Sept	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Wed 3 Sept	AM	Norwell C of E School re-opens for their Autumn Term
Sun 14 Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence
Mon 15 Sept	1.30pm	Mobile Library- Old Chapel, Main St
Tue 16 Sept	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sat 20 Sept	2.30pm	Heritage Walk through Norwell, starting at the Church and ending with afternoon tea. Please contact Elizabeth Jones if you wish to join the walk, 01636 636365.
Wed 24 Sept	8.00pm	Book Club – for details 01636 636337
Sun 28 Sept	10.00am	4th Sunday Service at St Laurence
Tue 30 Sept	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices

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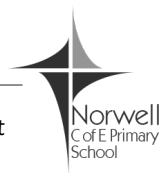
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Norwell CofE Primary School



We all hope you are having a lovely summer break with your families! We can't wait to hear what you have been doing when we return to school. We will welcome the children and their families back for a new term on Wednesday 3 September.

Our Leavers' Service in July was a lovely way to end the academic year. It was wonderful to see all the community come together to celebrate the children's time at Norwell School and gave everyone the opportunity to think back on their year and remember key events that are special to them. We will miss all our Year 6 children and wish them all every success as they start secondary school!

So many members of our community came to support us at the FONS Summer Fair.

Thank you. It was a shame that after so many days of glorious sunshine, that was the day it decided to pour with rain but that didn't stop the children (and some of the adults!) from having a wonderful time. A huge thank you to all those people who helped to make the event such a success including our local Milestone Brewery, Maloneys Butchers, Go Active Falconry, Ebbage Acoustics, and our brilliant musician Jim who brought the vehicles and props. The children loved the Hobby Horse Adventures!



The Key Stage 2 Summer Production of Robin Hood was also a great success, and all the children and staff involved did a magnificent job putting the production together in such a short time!

We are looking forward to having a wonderful Autumn Term and to seeing you all in a few weeks especially as we welcome all our new Reception children. They always look so smart on their first day at school!

If you are still looking for a school place, please contact the school office on 01636 636244 or office@norwell.notts.sch.uk. We would love to show you why we think Norwell is a wonderful school for children to belong to.

Best wishes

*Kathryn King
Head Teacher*

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Newark in the Middle Ages

At our June meeting Anne Coyne spoke to us about Newark in the 13th and 14th centuries. She shared with us her fascination for the street pattern, the street names and what they tell us about the people who lived there and what they were doing. There was a distinction between the clerics and the merchants and tradesmen.

Newark occupied a key position in the country – there were roads running north and south, and east and west. The River Trent was a strategic trade link to the Humber and beyond. The Bishop of Lincoln built his palace on the site next to the bridge in the 12th century, five centuries later it was used as a castle in the Civil War.

It was most interesting to see the early maps: together with other records they made it possible to draw conclusions about population change but, unsurprisingly, the information is scanty and whilst there are indications that the Black Death did affect the town it is not possible to calculate the death rate.

Newark has a fascinating history and there is still much more to be discovered.

July Walk, Talk and Eat in Southwell: at the time of writing this is still anticipated.

Looking ahead: we have no meeting in August.

September: Heritage Walk through Norwell

Are you new to Norwell or would you just like to find out more about the lovely village? On Saturday 20 September, Michael Jones will lead a Heritage Walk through the village. Meet at the church at 2.30pm.

You can just turn up but it is helpful to know how many will be coming as we offer afternoon tea at the end!

We now know so much more about the buildings and the people who lived in them. This is an opportunity to find out about the history of the village, who lived in the houses and what they were doing, and then enjoy tea together!

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Main Street Norwell in the 1920s



From the Church

Currently there is no further news regarding progress with church renovations. However, services continue at the Hut to which everyone is most welcome. The service this month takes place at 10.30am on Sunday 17 August.

Annual Garden Party

Ossington's familiar summer event took place at the beginning of July and was blessed with sunny weather. The Parochial Church Council is most grateful to everyone who helped, donated prizes and cakes, manned a stall, lent equipment, carried chairs etc. In particular, the PCC wishes to thank all those who came along, took part and enjoyed plenty of refreshments on the day. All proceeds will go to church funds – thank you to all!

Luncheon Club / Coffee Morning

Both these events will be taking a summer break in August, but will return again in the early autumn.



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V. J. Day – Commemorative Event

Partly because of the popularity of the event commemorating the 80th anniversary of V. E. Day earlier in the year, there is to be another event for V. J. Day. This will take place on the evening of Friday 15 August in the Hut.

Milan Petrovic has agreed to give his talk about RAF Ossington again, but light refreshments this time will include cheese and wine (donation requested).

Because accommodation in the Hut is limited, remaining places will need to be booked. Please contact Jean Johnson on 01636 821192 / jeajoh410@btinternet.com to find out more and book your seat.

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General news:

Great North Road Solar Park

Elements Green submitted their application to the national Planning Inspectorate at the end of June and the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to decide whether to accept it for examination. No comments are accepted by the Planning Inspectorate during this period, and are only allowed if the application is accepted.

If accepted, the application then reaches the Pre-Examination stage, and anyone wishing to have their say must register their details with the Planning Inspectorate (there is a minimum of 30 days set to do this). The dates for registration will be published on Elements Green's GNR website, so it is necessary to monitor their website for this

(www.gnrsolarpark.co.uk).

Comments sent in the previous consultation phase went direct to Elements Green for their perusal, and so it is advisable that anyone wishing to be sure that their views are taken into account by the Planning Inspectorate should (re)submit all comments, details etc. to the Inspectorate.

The process for dealing with a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project is quite complicated and different to a normal planning application. Further details for all interested parties can be found at <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010162>

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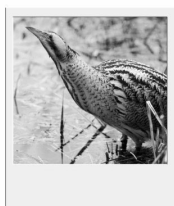
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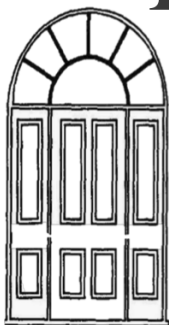
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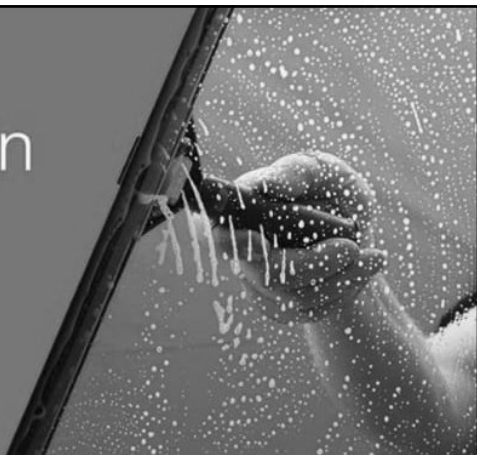
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