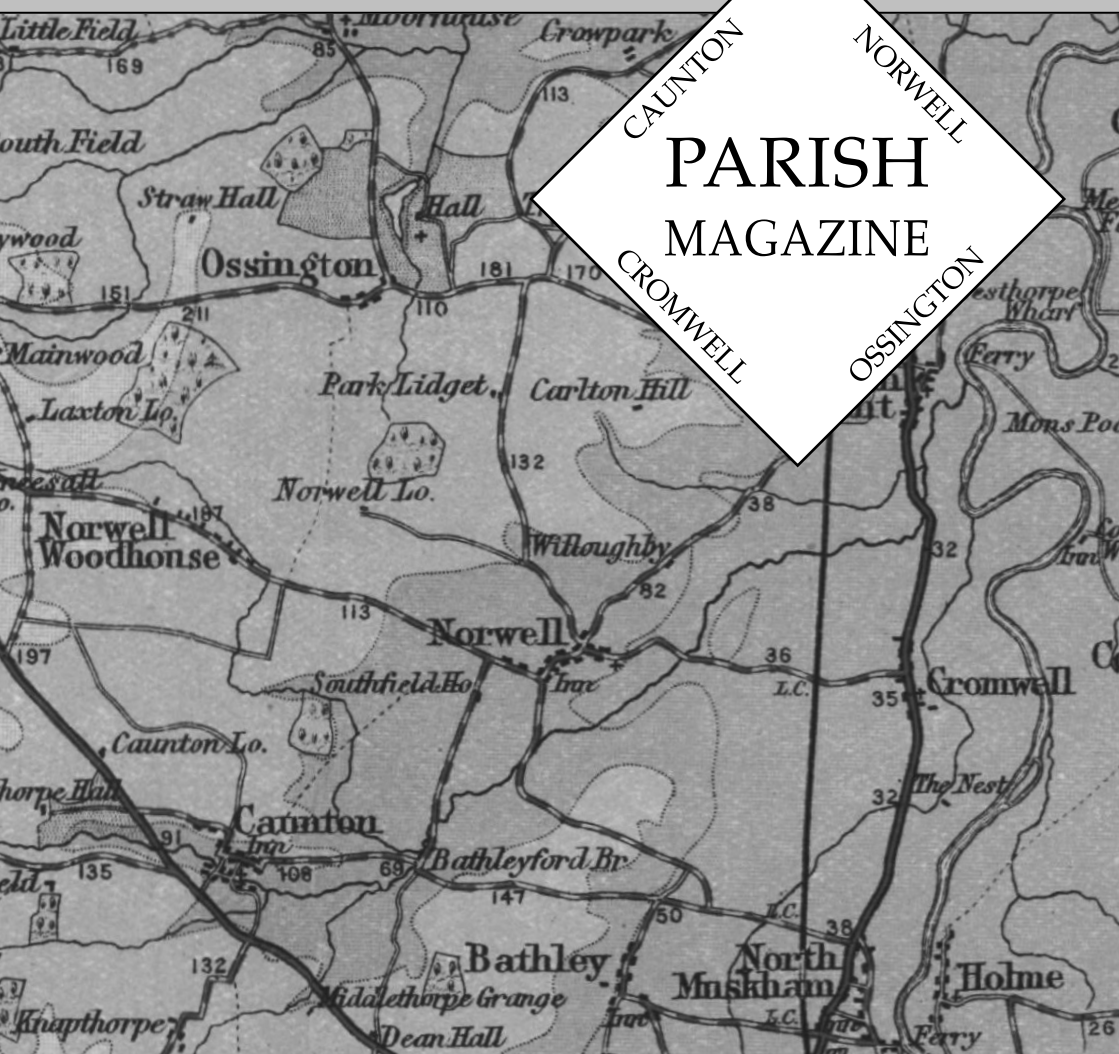


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Services September 2025

	St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
Wednesday 3 Sept.	Licensing and Installation of the Revd David Lewis All Saints' Sutton on Trent, 7.00pm					
<i>first Sunday</i> 7 Sept. <i>Trinity 12</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Sutton Festival Service in the Festival Marquee	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second Sunday</i> 14 Sept. <i>Trinity 13</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> 21 Sept. <i>Trinity 14</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at The Hut	10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
Friday 26 Sept.	6.00 p.m. Joint Harvest with School in church					
<i>fourth Sunday</i> 28 Sept. <i>Trinity 15</i>			6.00 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper at St Laurence		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at All Saints'	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>first Sunday</i> 5 October <i>Trinity 16</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival		6.00 p.m. Harvest Service at The Hut	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

We do indeed have good news this month!

We are delighted to share the news that the Revd David Lewis is to be Priest-in-Charge in the Beck and Trent Benefice. He is being licensed on 3 September at 7.00pm at All Saints, Sutton on Trent.

He and his family will be living in the Vicarage in Norwell. He will be taking services in all our churches and will be working in our parishes in many different ways. We look forward to meeting him and I am sure we will all welcome him and his family with enthusiasm. He introduces himself in his article in the magazine.

He will also be sharing his skills as a Mission Associate working with the Revd Alison Jones who is Lead Mission Enabler of a larger group of benefices forming Custer 2. There will be reciprocal support from others who have been appointed to the cluster.

The structure of the clusters is explained by Alison Jones in her article.

We look into the future with enthusiasm and optimism.

Life in our parishes continues with a momentum of its own. In many ways August has been a quiet month as people have been away and most of the special summer parish activities had already taken place. This is unlikely to be the case in September as plans are being made for harvest celebrations.

It has not been a good year for farmers, the very dry weather is reducing the crop yield considerably. We thank the farmers and their families for all their hard work in making sure that our food supply is sustained and that animals are fed. It is easy to take them for granted.

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.

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	Cromwell	Sarah Clark 01636 821 943
	Ossington	Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840
Other contacts:	Norwell	Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365



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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
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From the church



After a lot of prayer, preparation and anticipation, I'm so pleased to be able to write to the recipients of this monthly publication. I enter into my new role as Vicar of this Benefice alongside my wife Hannah, and our children Norah, Seth, Ethan and Margot. Hannah is from London, Ontario in Canada and I'm from Leicester. We met in Oxford where we both participated in the same internship but a year apart.

Our lives have almost exclusively been spent living in cities but we are now very excited to be moving to a more rural area where we can be embedded in the community that many of you have loved and served in for years.

As part of my journey towards being called to rural ministry I was encouraged by a short online documentary called 'Living at God's Speed'. This features a young American minister who moved to a remote community in northern Scotland. There he met a local who, until that point, had had little interest in God or the church. As the two of them studied the Bible together, it ended up being the maps included with the scriptures that brought it all home for this kilt-wearing woodland-walker. He realised that the area Jesus operated in for the majority of his ministry closely resembled the distances between the villages in his local area. Suddenly he could connect with a nomadic rabbi who hiked from town to town with his disciples, preaching and demonstrating the kingdom of God. Maybe this is an experience we too can share in.

We all have different ways that we connect with God. For some of us it's nature, for others it's music, for others still it's family (blood-related or not). I hope that as I get familiar with this Benefice, there will be a

plethora of different ways we can connect with each other and our creator. Whether it's a school celebration, communal meal, prayer walk, chat at the pub, or anything else, I look forward to seeing what's in store here in the Beck & Trent area.

I hope to be someone who gives time to unhurried conversations and is consistently interruptible. Though there is always something to be attending to as a minister, especially with four children as well, I hope to focus on the people of this Benefice as much as possible.

Thank you for the warm welcome we have received so far. Please don't hesitate to say 'Hi' if you see me out and about.

Blessings.

David Lewis



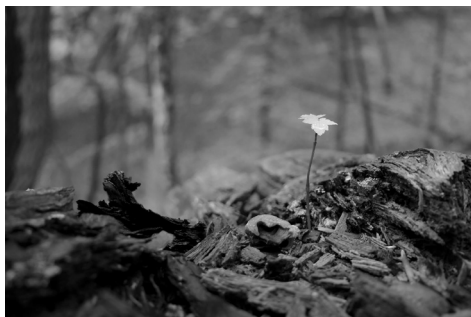
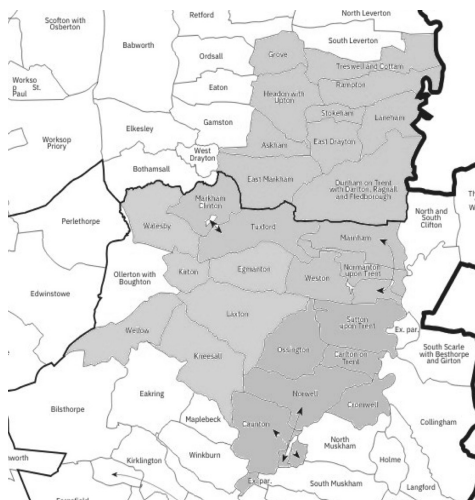
‘See, I am doing a new thing!’ (Isaiah 43:19a)

After several years of consultation and reflection, the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham has developed a new approach to supporting rural churches in serving their village communities.

This exciting new approach draws together several groups of rural churches (benefices) into three wider clusters all in the northern half of Nottinghamshire: The Beck and Trent Benefice is in Cluster 2 along with three other benefices:

1. **Rivers Benefice** (Askham, Dunham with Darlton, East Drayton and Stokeham, East Markham, Grove, Headen with Upton, Ragnall and Fledborough, Rampton and Laneham, Treswell and Cottam)
2. **Beck & Trent Benefice** (Carlton on Trent, Cauntton, Cromwell, Norwell, Ossington, Sutton on Trent)
3. **Tuxford Benefice** (Marnham, Normanton-upon-Trent, Tuxford, Weston, West Markham) with The Potting Shed Church.
4. Six parishes of the North western group (Egmanton, Kirton, Kneesall, Laxton, Walesby, Wellow).

The Potting Shed Church, based at St Nicholas's Church Tuxford, will be the rural hub for Cluster 2.



Each cluster will have a Lead Mission Enabler to lead the vision and strategy, working with priests as Mission Associates, supported by a dedicated Children and Families Leader, Youth Leader, Worship Leader and an Operations Leader.

Recent Cluster 2 news...

- Revd Alison Jones has been appointed as the Lead Mission Enabler for Cluster 2. Alison has been the Pioneer Minister of The Potting Shed Church for several years, and was recently licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St Nicholas' Church, Tuxford and the Tuxford Benefice.
- The Reverend David Lewis has been appointed as a Mission Associate and will be licensed and installed to the Beck and Trent Benefice on 3 Wednesday September at 7.00pm at All Saints' Church, Sutton on Trent.
- Adam Parkes, Jo Tilley and Rachel Hanford have been appointed as Worship Team Leader, Children & Families, and Youth & Families Team Leaders for Cluster 2.
- In the Autumn we will be advertising for an Operations Leader to be responsible for vital aspects such as finance, buildings, venues, policies, HR and hospitality.

The Reverend Alison Jones reflects on all that has been happening recently:

"I am excited that something new is emerging in our midst – the opportunity to

work together as rural churches with fresh resources. I believe it is already bringing life and hope in a timely way!

“As Lead Mission Enabler, my heart is for young and old to be supported through the different seasons of life and to have the opportunity to explore faith in Jesus in ways appropriate to them that may be through a pre-school group, an after-school club for primary-aged children, spaces for youth to connect together, or courses offering support during significant seasons of life – marriage preparation, parenting, or during times of bereavement.

“The new appointments of those called to lead and enable ministry to all ages will be a blessing to our communities and will enable our churches to flourish. I am sure you will join me in congratulating those taking up roles to serve our churches and communities – do give them a warm welcome when you see them! And let us be expectant for the ‘new thing’ that our loving God is doing in our midst!”

Alison Jones
Lead Mission Enabler – Cluster 2
Pioneer Minister of The Potting Shed
Priest in Charge of Tuxford Benefice.
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Verse of the month:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29 v 11

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15 July 2025 – 14 August 2025

Baptisms

26 July 2025	Thomas Joshua George Baugh	St Andrew, Caunton
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Weddings

19 July 2025	Lea Edward Hardy and Paula Gannon	St Laurence, Norwell
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9 August 2025	Michael Jack Lakin Caldwell and Rosey Ciara Neil	All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent
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14 August 2025	Darryl Robert Wells-Pope and Kim Nichole Storey	St Mary, Carlton-on-Trent
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Funerals

3 July 2025	John Adrian Davies (Norwell)	Sherwood Forest Crematorium
23 July 2025	William Arthur Grainger (Sutton-on-Trent)	Sherwood Forest Crematorium

14 August 2025	Patrick Colin Mitcherson	St Giles, Cromwell
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September marks an increase in human interactions with an ecologically important and often misunderstood insect, the wasp.

There are over 9,000 different wasp species in the UK, the majority of which are solitary and some are microscopic (I have the microscopic parasitoid *Trichogramma* species living in my wardrobe to help get rid of clothes moths, but that's another story!). The wasps most likely to be encountered are the highly social common wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*) that lives in colonies that can consist of thousands of individuals, comprising sterile female worker wasps and their mother, the gravid queen.

Female workers work hard to raise their sister workers to increase the number of wasps in the colony. The diet of the common wasp varies throughout its life cycle with developing larvae requiring a protein-rich diet. The larvae are fed a variety of insect species by workers that act as natural pest controllers, consuming large numbers of aphids, greenflies, caterpillars and other insects that have the potential to damage plants. In exchange, the larvae convert the proteins into a carbohydrate-rich sugary secretion that they feed to the adult workers, providing them with the energy to hunt for more insects.

Once the colony has become well established with enough workers, usually by late summer, the queen lays two last batches of eggs. The first have a genetic predisposition to become reproductive queens, however this only occurs if they are provided with large amounts of good-quality food. The second batch consists of unfertilised eggs that develop into males (drones).

By late August all the larvae have become adults and they can no longer rely on the sugary solution for energy, therefore they must hunt for their own food. Adults prefer sweet food sources and search for ripe fruit, nectar and human food, often leading to unwanted encounters with people.



Common wasp (Vespula vulgaris) female worker on ground elder. Gedling Conservation Trust

Wasps have an annual life cycle, with queens emerging from overwintering in their birth nests in Spring and mating with fertile males (which then die) before immediately setting about creating their own walnut-sized nest. Her first few female worker larvae are fed by herself until they grow into adults. They then work on expanding the nest, which can be intricately carved from chewed wood pulp and saliva, often up to 30cm in diameter, leaving the queen to her true calling, laying eggs.

Towards the beginning of Autumn, when the temperature begins to drop and food sources are in short supply, the original queen and her colony perish, leaving behind her daughters who are next year's queens.

Although known to spoil a picnic, wasps are both interesting and essential in maintaining ecosystem function as important pollinators. You can help scientists understand wasp species and distribution by taking part in the Citizen Scientist's Big Wasp Survey, that runs in August and September and provides instructions in making a wasp trap, before you record the species you have caught! You can find details at www.bigwaspsurvey.org.

Adam Breslin
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BIRD *Watch*

At the time of writing, which I am doing earlier than usual due to upcoming holidays, it is still very much Summer and that can seem a much quieter time for bird activity. Most species have nested, bred, and their young fledged, so it all seems much less 'busy' out there than it does in Spring and early Summer. You'll still see Wood Pigeons nesting though – and invariably making a mess everywhere! They can have several broods (as well as multiple failed nesting attempts) throughout the year – so hedge trimmers and tree cutters beware, you may still have to look out for their scruffy and flimsy nests.

Stop press! I had an email at the end of July from someone who was house sitting in Norwell and had read my article from June. They reported the fantastic news that a juvenile Cuckoo had visited the garden of the house they were looking after – and not only that, but they also captured a picture of it! I was thrilled! The correspondent also told me that they'd spotted (and photographed), a Hobby. Both pictures that they shared can be seen here. Great stuff!

September brings with it a change of season as we move into Autumn. Many of our Summer visitors will have either begun migrating or will be very much getting ready to head back South, to Africa. You'll start to see fewer Swifts, Swallows and House Martins as they make their incredible journeys, often using the very same routes



Baby cuckoo



Hobby

or 'super flyways' that they have used before and have been passed down from generation to generation.

Birds are fantastic navigators and can spot landmarks such as rivers, seas, mountains and even buildings along their routes to guide themselves to where they want to go. They sense the change of season, like we do, as nights draw in and temperatures and conditions change, and that creates hormonal changes in the birds that give them their cue to make their move. It's not all one-way though; as our Summer visitors leave, our Autumn/Winter visitors start to arrive from the North, giving rise to even more species to get out there and spot and hear. If you head out to Langford Lowfields, Clumber Park, or even up to Cromwell Lock, look out for different waders and wildfowl that may be arriving.

There have been some bird posts recently on the village Facebook groups with many of you now using the Merlin Bird ID app to identify calls. One call I didn't need Merlin for earlier was a Raven above my garden in Norwell with its distinctive 'kronk'! I don't think I'd recorded one in Norwell for the first 10 years I lived here, but two in two months is great – although I suppose it could be the same bird! It is great to see the interest many of you have in birds and the curiosity they create for us. Keep getting out there, watching and listening, and let me know what you've seen (and heard)!

Happy birding!

Greg Hill gregoryjameshill24@gmail.com

RAIN *Watch*

After months of significantly low rainfall, July's amount was just about exactly what you would expect from the Norwell long-term average. We got 102% of the expected rainfall – 6.5cm or 2.6inches. However, we are a long way from making up for the low rainfall of the spring and early summer.

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Caunton church news



Such good news that the Benefice has, at last, got its own Priest-in-Charge. At the time of writing, we don't know if the Reverend David Lewis will be taking our Holy Communion service on Sunday 7 September, as his licensing isn't till the 3rd. But whenever he comes to St. Andrew's, he'll be sure of a warm welcome and we look forward to having him lead us in faith and friendship for the foreseeable future.

We thank David, along with his wife Hannah and their children, for deciding that our Benefice is worth the move into our rural communities.

Our joint Harvest Festival service with the school is on Friday 26 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 07929 136788 or Irene on 07814 709969.

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 really welcome anyone who would like to help in decorating the church. If you'd like to come and help then please contact me on 07814 709969.

The dead willow tree in the churchyard has now been removed. If you haven't already heard, and presuming that there is any left, we are selling the timber to help pay towards the removal of the tree. If you are interested, then please contact me.

Don't forget our churchyard tidy up day on Saturday 4 October from 10am to 4.00pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated and there will definitely be sausage/bacon cobs.

Irene Crossley
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Caunton Church Rota

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Dean Hole – a village community space

The next bingo evening is on Friday 12 September in school – 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. All are welcome.

Chris Ward Quiz Evening

Chris has kindly agreed to host another enjoyable evening on Saturday 11 October at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

It will take the usual format of teams of four at £5 per head – which includes buffet supper but please bring your own drink and glasses. And of course, a raffle!

To book your places please contact either Pat 07929 136788 or Irene 07814 709969.

Caunton Parish Council – Notes from August – no meeting was held

We have new goal posts on the playing fields. A big thank you to the cricket club for doing a great job of looking after the grass so well.

The Academisation of Dean Hole School will hopefully be completed by 1 September. 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 hopes 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.

Thanks to Rhona, our new clerk, we are pressing on with a license agreement to safeguard community use in the areas of Dean Hole School that have community interest. This will need to address ongoing safeguarding requirements that schools are obliged to fulfil.

Further pressure is being applied to

continue water and drainage repairs and unblocking throughout the village. Moor Lane continues to be a sticking point at the moment.

Dog fouling continues to be an annoyance. Please could dog walkers clean up and use the dog bins that we pay for as a community.

A big thank you to anyone looking after the village planters: they look great.

We continue to consult with the GNR Solar Park and are waiting for the result of a water flow survey from Trent Rivers Trust, while being aware of parties more affected by the final positioning of the infrastructure in revised plans that are now with the Secretary of State.

The next Council 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

Steve Routledge, Chairman

Caunton community news (continued)

Caunton Local History Society

As summer comes to a close we're looking forward to the remainder of our 2025 programme of talks. In September speaker Elaine Perkins will introduce us to the history of fortune telling with her talk "Candlewax, Chickens and Cheese Please". Elaine presents her talks 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, theatrical and presented in the first person.

9 September

Candlewax, Chickens and Cheese Please

Speaker: Elaine Perkins

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 many different methods have fallen out of favour and have been almost forgotten. Elaine will demonstrate some of the more unusual types of divination, ancient and modern, with a variety of different items.

14 October

Mud, Munitions and Memorials

Speaker: Chris Weir

Chris returns to the society to share information about Nottinghamshire during World War I in his talk titled 'Mud, Munitions & Memorials'. Chris is an experienced local historian and was formerly Head Archivist at Nottingham Archives. In addition to a wide range of talks on historical subjects, he has written several books.

11 November

Seasons Greetings: A Christmas Miscellany

Speaker: Dr. Ann Featherstone

Ann is a retired university lecturer, teacher and historical novelist. To get you in the festive mood, we present some seasonal poems, snippets of Yuletide traditions, a dose of Stanley Holloway, and childhood memories of a 1960s Christmas.

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 2nd 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 lynn1485@gmail.com.

Caunton WI

It feels like a very long time since I last found a minute to sit down and write a few words about what has been happening at Caunton WI, but rest assured that we are still here and going from strength to strength, with lots of new enthusiastic members, and lots happening.

Over the past few months we have been enjoying a very varied programme, with excellent talks from a company specialising in special effects for film and theatre, a talented local milliner who designs and makes hats for all occasions, a former journalist with many tales to tell, a representative from British Sugar, and a personal stylist to name but a few!

However not all our meetings have been static. We enjoyed a visit to the Borderfields factory site near Rufford, where locally grown oilseed rape is turned into cooking oils that are marketed all over the country through supermarkets and farm shops as a good British alternative to olive oil. We have also sampled and learned about 'bubbles' of all types from the local Waitrose with their beverages buyer! We welcomed a very talented musician with his huge array of Caribbean steel drums, who got all our ladies up to have a go. And, just last month, we had a casual barbecue night instead of a speaker.

For our December meeting we traditionally have a Christmas dinner at Floral Media. Last Christmas, instead of doing a Secret Santa between ourselves, we asked members to bring along items needed for newborn babies such as clothes, vests, nappies etc, which we donated to a newly-formed local charity called Baby Basics Newark with the aim of helping new mothers who find themselves in financial difficulty. As usual our members gave most generously and we were able to hand over an entire boot full of items, together with a cheque from the proceeds of our Christmas raffle.

Now that I have got started, I could go on and on about all the things we have been up to – knitting and nattering, theatre trips, darts matches, walks, and running a pop-up tea shop at the Floral Media Open Garden...

I think you get the general idea, and I am in danger of getting cut off by the Editor! If anything I have mentioned floats your boat, then feel free to come along next month and see us for yourself at Floral Media – 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of any month.

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Kate Ashworth
President, Caunton WI*

Caunton Garden Society

The Society arranged a series of varied events this summer and we are now looking forward to our programme of evening meetings during the winter.

We arranged three outings to interesting gardens – two were quite local and members met at the gardens, and the third involved hiring a coach for a longer journey to a more distant garden.

The coach trip was most successful as it was a combined Garden Society and History Society outing to Sandringham House on 2 July. We had several hours there in near-perfect weather exploring the fascinating house and grounds. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The two more local gardens visited were Rhubarb Farm near Mansfield in May and Felley Priory near Underwood in August.

(continued overleaf...)

So, with our Spring Show in April, and our Rose Show and Summer Supper at Floral Media in June, an event was arranged in each month over the summer. Our Autumn Show this year is on 31 August at Floral Media and a report will be included in next month's magazine.

Our programme of meetings over the winter starts on 16 September at Cauntun School and our speaker is Rob Potterton. His illustrated talk covers the plants and gardens of New Zealand. The talk starts at 7.30pm and visitors who may or may not be considering joining the Society will be most welcome. There is a modest entry fee but refreshments are available at no charge. It would be very nice to start our programme with a good attendance, so please join us if you can for a relaxed and interesting evening.

Should you wish to get in touch, our email is cauntongardensociety@gmail.com.

Trevor Plumb

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Cromwell community news

Cromwell church news

Warmest congratulations to the Reverend David Lewis on his appointment as our new Priest-in-Charge. We look forward to welcoming him to St Giles' on Sunday 5 October at 11.00am for our Harvest Festival. The service will be followed by special refreshments in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

Please put this date in your diary and be sure to join us to give David a warm welcome to Cromwell as we celebrate the harvest home.

*Sarah Clark
sarahjaneclark@hotmail.com*

Patrick Colin Mitcherson 'Colin'

17 April 1952 – 24 July 2025

On Thursday 14 August, St Giles' Church hosted a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colin. Colin was a true gent who had lived in the village along with his wife Judith for well over 40 years – it would have been 47 years this month. He was a very keen and talented gardener, and we villagers admired his work on a daily basis. He was also an amazing joiner and handyman, always building or mending things for many in the village. Always willing to help, Colin carried out many repairs to the church for which we are very grateful. He will be greatly missed and we send our deepest sympathy to Judith and the family.

Sarah Clark

Cromwell Village Hall

Shaping the future of our community space – Have Your Say!

Following the recent meeting to consider the future of the Village Hall, attended by 16 residents, it was decided that the following message be distributed again to all residents.

Please ensure that your voice is heard before the next meeting on Tuesday 9 September.



History

The Village Hall was entrusted to the village in 1958 by Miss Ida Hemingway. She was passionate that the Hall should benefit the local community and was heavily involved as chair of the committee for many years. Over the decades the Hall has served as homes, a school, a morgue, and a venue for celebrations and gatherings.

Thanks to an incredible effort from our volunteers, the hall was lovingly renovated by Cromwell residents in 2017.

Today – and tomorrow?

Since COVID, and the opening of the Milestone Brewery Tap, the Hall has seen much less use. But from our recent village meeting, we know many of you still care deeply about it!

As a resident of the village you are welcome to use the hall free of charge once a year (normal hire rate: £10 per hour). While there's no cost, a small donation to help cover electricity would be greatly appreciated.

We need your ideas!

We would love to know:

- What kind of events would YOU like to see?
- Would you or your family attend regular or seasonal activities?



Facebook: Search for
"Cromwell Village Hall"

- Are you interested in helping to keep the hall alive?

PLEASE contact the Committee by Monday 1 September so we can share your feedback at the Village Meeting on Tuesday 9 September at 7.00pm, and please put that date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there.

Claire Davies
Chair, Village Hall Committee
c.a.d@btinternet.com 07796 133656

WhatsApp

To join the village WhatsApp group please contact 07456 668078, or ask any existing member to add you.

Cromwell Parish Meeting

There will be a public meeting on Tuesday 16 September at 7.00pm. All are invited and welcome.

50th anniversary commemoration of the Cromwell Lock tragedy

Sunday 28 September is the 50th anniversary of the Cromwell Lock tragedy when ten young volunteer soldiers, aged between 17 and 29 and including two brothers, drowned during a training exercise at Cromwell Weir on the River Trent.

In the early hours of 28 September 1975, during an 80-mile night navigation exercise on the Trent, and in extreme weather conditions, their boat tragically capsized after a power failure caused navigation lights at Cromwell Lock to fail.

The young men were members of the 131 Independent Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers, all from the Falkirk area of Scotland. The names of those who died are remembered on a block of Scottish granite in the small memorial garden at Cromwell Lock.



This anniversary of this tragic event is marked regularly by veterans with a service of remembrance at the memorial garden, however the 50th anniversary is of special significance. A ceremony, organised by representatives of the Airborne Engineers Association and the Parachute Squadron, will take place on 28 September at 11.00am.

Picture of the memorial garden from
<https://www.airbornesappers.org.uk/cromwelllock.html>



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

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

Barbara Bateson: barbarabateson@btopenworld.com and 01636 636 840

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.

Looking Back

The Fourth Sunday service in July was on the theme of 'prayer' with special emphasis on the meaning of the 'Lord's Prayer'. Alternative versions were examined and discussed alongside contemporary music about prayer, which had a special meaning for members of the congregation. A small but enthusiastic group remained after the service to discuss the theme further and to make the most of the refreshments and cake!

The final count is in for the Strawberry Tea which raised the grand sum of £679, which is a very welcome contribution to the church funds. Thanks once again to all those who were involved in the setup, running, or simply attending the tea. It was a real village event but was achieved by a lot of hard work and enthusiasm. Special thanks to the children who made all the strawberry pompoms.

Hay Day was on Saturday 2 August. For once it was neither too hot nor too wet so it was ideal to be out in the churchyard. A lively and energetic group joined in with mowers, strimmers, rakes, wheelbarrows, secateurs

and whatever else anyone cared to use. The churchyard was transformed!

It is ready now for the implementation of the 2025/26 management plan. Thank you so much to everyone who helped. It is also now easier for recording all the headstones – just under 600 at the last count. Barbara Bateson has been identifying them and recording the inscriptions and Brian Voce has photographed them beautifully.

All this information is now going on website www.finadagrave.com. This is a wonderful record for posterity and invaluable for people doing their family history.



August Services

Our regular Holy Communion was a livelier service than usual, combining the reflective and the imaginative. It coincided with St Laurence Day – our patron saint. The ‘heavens’ joined in two days later with the Perseid meteor shower. The full moon made it difficult to see the meteors, but they were easier to catch as the week progressed. Please let us know if you were one of the few to see them (Michael and Elizabeth saw one on the Wednesday!). As the holiday season was upon us there was no fourth Sunday worship in August. But things take off again in September.

Services in September

The Revd David Lewis, our new priest-in-charge will have been licensed on 3 September. His first service with us will be on Sunday 14 September – our 10.00am Holy Communion. Do come and welcome him, whether or not you wish to take communion. All will be welcome.

We are also planning our Harvest Thanksgiving service on 28 September at 6.00pm. It will be different this year as the service and the supper will be combined. It will include a hot harvest supper with options for vegetarian and/or gluten-free and dairy-free. Please let Lynne know if you hope to come so that we can cater accordingly, but you can decide at the last moment and just come. If anyone has any other specific requirements, can they please email lynne.johnson@gajohnson.co.uk and let us know.

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Our annual Ride and Stride event, during which the church will be open and all visitors are welcome, takes place on Saturday 13 September. If anyone wishes to join in by taking part in this event, please contact Elizabeth Jones for more information.

You may like to sponsor our former architect, Graeme Renton, who is cycling to raise money, which will be divided between St Laurence's and Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. The trust has given us generous grants in the past which have far exceeded any money we have managed to raise for them. Let's do better this year. All are welcome to join in this event. Please sponsor Lynne and Graham Johnson who will be taking to their bikes.

Looking Ahead to October

We are planning a party for the first anniversary of our Fourth Sunday Worship which will be one year old. Details are yet to be finalised but at the very least I am sure we can promise a cake with a candle!



Norwell community news

Village Hall News

There are two events to look forward to in the autumn at Norwell Village Hall. First, Norwell Sports Association is holding a Race Night on 4 October, which is always good fun, and second, Live and Local returns on 7 November with Scratchy Beard's New Folk Explosion.

Those who came to Jez Lowe's Lost Christmas last December will know what to expect – high quality music and plenty of humour. Look out for posters around the village and on Facebook from September.

The Village Hall is available to hire, at reasonable rates, for events of all types and sizes. We have put together several wedding packages too.

The Jigsaw Exchange will resume in the Hall on 15 September. It has proved popular so if you like the idea of borrowing

and/or donating jigsaws (for all ages), pop along at 10.00am.

We have had some issues with hot water that have now been resolved. Would anyone hiring the hall please note the hot water button in the boiler room is defunct: the replacement switch is on the left-hand wall in the cleaning cupboard. Also, there is a timer switch for additional external lighting: it can be switched on as you leave the hall, enabling everyone to see more clearly across the car park, which is particularly useful as the nights draw in.

If you have any suggestions for fundraising events please get in touch.

*Ann Gibson
Chairperson*



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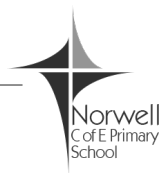
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Norwell Diary – August & Sept

Tue 2 Sept	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Tues 2 Sept	8.00pm	Come and meet the Village Voices Choir. At Norwell Village Hall. Enjoy tea/ coffee and cake with the members and listen to a few of their songs. They'd love to see you.
Wed 3 Sept	AM	Norwell C of E School re-opens for their Autumn Term
Sat 13 Sept	10.00am - 6pm	Ride and Stride
Sun 14 Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence's
Mon 15 Sept	10.00-11.00am	Jigsaw Swap in the Village Hall
Mon 15 Sept	1.30pm	Mobile Library – Old Chapel, Main Street
Tue 16 Sept	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sat 20 Sept	10.00am-12 noon	Newark bell ringers at St Laurence's
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.
Wed 24 Sept	8.00pm	Book Club – for details 01636 636337
Sun 28 Sept	6.00pm	Harvest Festival and Supper
Tue 30 Sept	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sat 4 Oct	7.00 for 7.30pm	Norwell Sports Association's Annual Race Night at the Village Hall
Sun 5 Oct	2.00-5.00pm	NGS Open Garden at Norwell Nurseries Admission £4.50. Teas served in the Pavilion
Sun 12 Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence
Mon 13 Oct	1.30pm	Mobile Library – Old Chapel, Main Street
Tue 14 Oct	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Thurs 16 Oct	7.30pm	Norwell Parish Heritage Group Life in Nottingham caves
Fri 24 Oct	AM	First day of Half Term at Norwell C of E school
Sun 26 Oct	10.00am	4th Sunday Service 'An Anniversary Celebration'
Tue 28 Oct	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices

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.

This term the pupils in Year 5 and 6 will be looking forward to their residential visit to Hagg Farm in Derbyshire. This will give the children the opportunity to build and strengthen friendships across Norwell and St Matthew's Schools and take part in adventurous activities!

During September we will be preparing for our Harvest Festival and hoping our allotment has lots of produce we

can donate. We will also be planning our usual Macmillan Coffee Morning which is to be held on Tuesday 30 September in the school hall from 9.00-11.00am. We would love to see members of the community join us, enjoy some refreshments and help us to raise money for a worthwhile charity. Please do come in for a hot drink and slice of cake if you are able to.



Best wishes.

*Kathryn King
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On a mild evening in July we walked from the west end of Southwell Minster to the Hearty Good Fellow in Easthorpe. We looked at the houses lived in by the prebendaries (or canons) associated with the Minster. Many of the houses are architecturally impressive and display changing tastes and fashions. We began with Rampton Prebend, which has fascinating multi-coloured 17th century brickwork only recently revealed by stripping away later render.



Southwell Rampton prebendal house

Probably the most stunning is the wonderful Queen Anne building of Oxtou Prebend, now Cranfield House. It was particularly interesting to find out about the residences of the prebendaries of Norwell Overhall, Norwell Palishall and Norwell Tertia Pars. Sadly the last two no longer exist and have been replaced by later buildings, though part of the Palishall site now forms the entrance to the car park on Church Street. Norwell Overhall will be known to some as the former Westminster Bank which, together with the attached building, formed a substantial residence retaining some of its medieval stone.

The sad tale of the destruction by fire in 2000 of the last complete medieval roof at South Muskham Prebend was told, before the evening ended with a 'hearty good meal'.

It is worth remembering that the three Norwell prebendaries also had manor houses in Norwell!

Heritage walk through Norwell

This walk through Norwell on **Saturday 20 September** is of particular interest to anyone who would like to find out more about the history of the buildings. We start at **the church at 2.30pm** for an introduction and then walk through the village. Each building tells a story, but equally fascinating are the stories of the people who lived in them. You are welcome just to turn up but it would be helpful to know how many are likely to be coming because there will be afternoon tea on offer at the end of the walk: just contact Elizabeth Jones – emjones.norwell@btinternet.com or text 07418 008 989.



Norwell tour - Pitchforks and Greasley

Life in Nottingham Caves

We start our 2025/2026 series of meetings in Norwell Village Hall with a talk by Richard Goddard on Life in Nottingham caves. Some of us will have visited the caves and wondered at how extensive they are and what an amazing network they form. But have we thought about what was going on there? Richard Goddard has looked at the evidence and has some very interesting tales to tell. We are meeting on **Thursday 16 October at 7.30pm in Norwell Village Hall**. All welcome.

(image overleaf...)



Nottingham Caves print

Book Club

We are beginning the new season with a stunning debut novel, "Confessions" by Catherine Airey. Teenage Cora is orphaned in the 9/11 disaster and returns to Ireland where she gradually discovers the secrets of her family history. It's a compelling and subtle story, weaving together the lives of three generations of Irish women. We shall meet to discuss it on Wednesday 24 September.

Information about the Book Club from Helen 636337.

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From the Church

At last, after five years, the Beck and Trent group of churches is to have a new Priest-in-Charge! The Reverend David Robert Lewis will be licensed by the Bishop of Sherwood, the Right Reverend Dr. Andy Emerton, and installed by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Venerable Victoria Ramsey, at All Saints' Church, Sutton on Trent on Wednesday 3 September.

Reverend Lewis comes to our benefice from Leicestershire and is married with four young children. The family will live in the vicarage at Norwell. Ossington Parochial Church Council and congregation would like to welcome Reverend Lewis to our village and to Holy Rood Church (although the church building itself currently remains out of use).

For a message from the Reverend David Lewis, and information about the new arrangements of which he will be part, please see the articles at the front of the magazine.

It is to be hoped that the arrival of a priest-in-charge will give additional impetus to the projected repair work following the major boiler malfunction at the church just over a year ago. Some progress has been made, with the old heating system having been removed last month. However, there is much work still to be done. Please note that during the renovation period the church key will be with Peter Geldart at Hopbine Farm (rather than at Home Farm).

Meanwhile monthly services continue to be held in the Hut – the next will take place on Sunday 21 September at 10.30am. Everyone is, as always, most welcome.

V. J. Day Commemoration

V. J. Day on Friday 15 August marked 80 years since the official ending of WW2. More than 40 people filled the Hut to hear Richard Weaver's memories of childhood in Ossington during the war (read by Chris Johnson), an illustrated talk about the history

of Ossington airfield by aviation history enthusiast Milan Petrovich, and a moving illustrated tribute to her grandfather and his experiences as a prisoner of war in the Far East by Liz Carney-Marsh. Following the presentations there was a buffet of home-made food.

Grateful thanks go to the speakers and to the ladies who produced the food. A special mention goes to Diane Hunt from the Walks of Life museum at Tuxford (and her colleagues) for all their help and support. Lastly, a big thank you to Jean Johnson for organising (and catering for) both events, and making them a fitting tribute to all the men and women who served, both at Ossington and abroad.

Social Events

Ossington Luncheon Club will restart in October after its summer break. There will also not be a Coffee Morning in September as the usual date clashes with Southwell Ploughing Match (to be held on 27 September at Farnsfield).

Ossington Art Group restarts this month. Further details are available from Jean Johnson on 01636 821192.

Dates for your diary

October is the month in which Ossington holds its Harvest Festival and separate Harvest Supper, although harvest this year was completed for most by mid-August due to the exceptionally warm and dry summer.

The Harvest Festival service will take place at 6.00pm on Sunday 5 October, with Ossington's Harvest Supper on the following Saturday 11 October, both at the Hut. Tickets (£12pp) can be booked with Sally on 07815 917780. See the advertisement for further details.

Looking further ahead, Ossington Quiz Night is back on Friday 7 November! Further details will appear in the October issue of



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this magazine, and tickets are available in advance from Peter Geldart on 01636 823832.

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Moorhouse	Thoroton, Weston Road	2.20-2.30pm

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Safer Neighbourhoods Group

On 31 July there was a poorly attended meeting of the SNG at the Snell Close Community Centre in Sutton on Trent.

- WPC Bakin urged homeowners to ensure that windows and doors were secure when leaving the premises: hot weather can be a great help to intruders if these simple precautions are ignored.
- The road between Ossington and Sutton on Trent was closed due to a collapsed culvert. The repair to this culvert failed immediately: work continues with temporary traffic lights.
- In Weston speeding motorists continue to be a problem and they have left skid-marks to prove their stupidity. PCSO Dunn offered training for a speed-gun team if at least three volunteers could be found. A suspicious stranger was noticed around the village and a car battery was reported stolen. No useable description was available. There have been some complaints about noise from the illegal traveller site.
- At Egmonton the village hall site is to be guarded by a padlocked barrier. Entry will be by permission only. The parish is approaching the insurance company to assist with the costs. The parish was advised that interactive speed signs could be obtained on a short-term loan basis from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department to deter speeding motorists.
- In Sutton on Trent a shoplifter was identified by the shop owner and goods were recovered. The owner is pressing charges.
- The caravan reported abandoned in Kelham was thoroughly looted. Every possible removable part was stolen including the tow bar, wheels and door.

The hulk was removed by Newark and Sherwood District Council (N&SDC).

- A team of six volunteers in North Muskham has been trained in the use of a speed gun but they have not caught anyone yet.
- Just south of Carlton on Trent, on the road to Cromwell, verge side fires have occurred as fly-tipped rubbish was dumped and burnt. One perpetrator was seen and photographed but it was found that he was using false number plates.

The Egmonton Incident

Following the construction, at the Easter bank holiday weekend, of a fully functioning, illegal caravan park on land near Egmonton, N&SDC immediately served an Enforcement Notice (EN) on the travellers. They made an invalid, retrospective planning application, which was quickly refused, and a further application was made. The travellers have also applied for a public enquiry into the EN which will be considered in early November. However, the appointed judge insisted upon verifiable names and contact addresses from the plaintiffs and this precipitated a partial exodus from the site, but there are still 10 or 12 caravans in residence.

The renewed planning application will be considered in September. This has been delayed by personnel availability: fully qualified, expert inspectors who specialise in traveller cases are nationally rare and we must wait until the services of one can be obtained.

The full costs of this will fall on N&SDC (ie the ratepayer) but since, according to the government, there is a local shortage of traveller pitches, N&SDC fears similar problems in future.

David Swift



Volunteers needed!

Home-Start Newark helps local families with the developmental needs of young children. Its Step Up For School programme supports parents to prepare their children to start education.

Families with young children are still feeling the effects of COVID, with youngsters' speech development and social skills top of the list for developmental milestones not being met.

Kay Davidge, Step Up For School lead at Home-Start Newark, said: "The current cost of living has increased stress and anxiety levels with a lot of parents, in some cases affecting or causing a deterioration in their mental health. This has a knock-on effect on their ability and confidence to parent in a way that would help make children ready to start school.

"Our Step Up For School staff do an excellent job in guiding parents in how to support and encourage their children. In



2024/25, at the commencement of support, 50% of families had a support need for speech, language and communication; by the close of support, this percentage had reduced to 25%. 41% of families needed support with routines at commencement of support; only 8% still showed this as a need at the close of support. Step Up For School is part of the fabric of our core support service and the results speak for themselves.

Home-Start Newark works with families in Ollerton, Boughton and Bilsthorpe, as well as continuing to deliver services in the Newark. They are keen to hear from people who would like to make a positive difference to the lives of young families in the area through volunteering with them.

For further information please call 01636 705011, or email info@homestartnewark.co.uk, or find Home-Start on Facebook/Instagram.

The Potting Shed Church:



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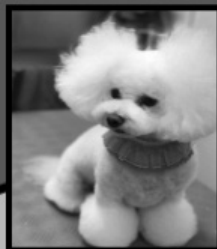




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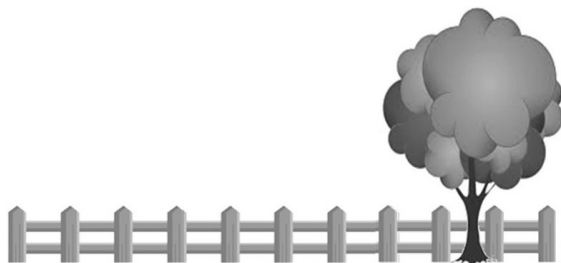
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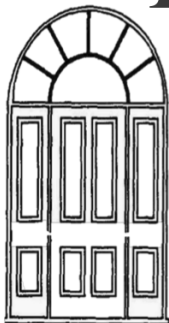
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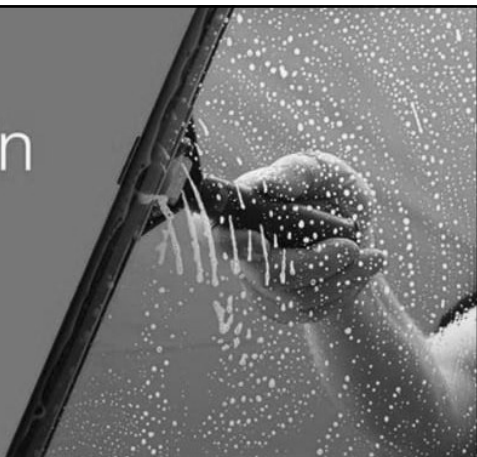
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