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		St Andrew's Cauntun	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	7 June <i>Trinity 1</i>	9.00am Holy Communion				11.00am Family Service at All Saints	
<i>second Sunday</i>	14 June <i>Trinity 2</i>			9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Joint Morning Worship at Methodist Chapel	11.00am Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	21 June <i>Trinity 3</i>		9.00am Holy Communion			11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints	
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	28 June <i>Trinity 4</i>			11.00am Fourth Sunday Worship		10.30am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.00am Holy Communion
<i>first Sunday</i>	5 July <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.00am Holy Communion				11.00am Family Service at All Saints	

This parish magazine serves the villages of Cauntun, 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.

Benefice News

Our Benefice is made up of St Mary's Carlton, St Giles' Cromwell, St Andrew's Cauntton, St Laurence's Norwell, Holy Rood Ossington and All Saints Sutton. We are six churches with one Priest-In-Charge (David Lewis) who are committed to the spiritual life of each village and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with anyone who wishes to seek Him out and follow his way.

On 25 April we had our Joint PCC Away Day at Rufford Golf Course. This was an opportunity for some PCC members to meet those from other Beck and Trent Churches for the first time, and for us to spend time thinking and praying together about the future.

Bishop Andy Emerton, Bishop of Sherwood, joined us first thing to encourage us in how we connect to the wider Diocesan landscape. Rev. Alison Jones then spoke about the 'Rural Cluster' that we are in and how we are trying to serve and bless a large area of four benefices, two of which are still currently without a vicar. Please take a look at the explanatory information and map to see how our Rural Cluster is made up.

We were blessed to enjoy a beautiful sunny day and lunch together, at which members of different churches were chatting together

(continued overleaf...)

Help, support and contacts

The church is here to help, support and advise you.

Please get in touch with our Vicar, the Reverend David Lewis, who would like to hear from you.

Email david.lewis@beckandtrent.church or call 07742 932444.

Do not hesitate to make contact, however please remember that Wednesday is David's day off.

Churchwardens:	Cauntton	Irene Crossley 01636 639 123
	Cromwell	Sarah Clark 01636 821 943
	Ossington	Robin & Jane Drury 07951 439 840
Other contacts:	Norwell	Barbara Bateson 01636 636 840



Also in the Benefice:

Carlton-on-Trent Edith Crowther (PCC Secretary) edithtamworth@gmail.com

Sutton-on-Trent contact the Administrator (see below)

- For baptisms, weddings and funerals contact the churchwarden or the administrator, Lorna Caddy, on 01636 555082 / 07568 929232, or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com
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about their varied experiences. I finished off the day by sharing much more of my faith journey and what led me to take up my current role. From the feedback I received, I know this helped PCC members to understand more of who I am and what I hope to continue bringing to this Benefice.

Before we departed I briefly shared a segment of a project I'm working on for Christmas, which is taking Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol and putting it into poem form. This will hopefully provide the basis for a series of fundraising efforts around Advent

and Christmas that will bring people together to celebrate this wonderful story while also supporting their local churches.

Finally, please see the visual for our Summer Worship on page 6. Two of our priorities in the Benefice are 'Inspiring Worship' and 'Nurturing Prayer', and I believe these evenings will not only cover these topics but also provide more opportunities for us to grow as a community across our different villages.

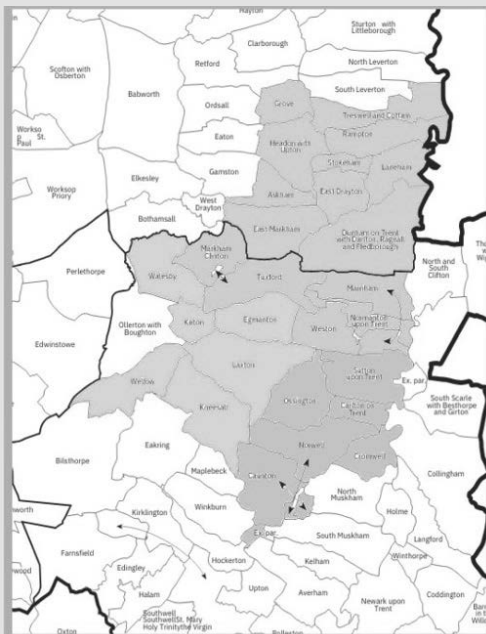
David Lewis, Vicar

Cluster Two Information

Situated in the middle of the diocese, between the market towns of Retford, Southwell and Newark cluster 2 is comprised of 4 benefices:

1. Rivers Benefice (East Markham, Askham, Treswell and Cottam, Dunham with Darlton, Ragnall and Fledborough, Headon with Upton, Grove, East Drayton and Stokeham)
2. Beck & Trent Benefice (Norwell, Cromwell, Caunton, Ossington, Sutton on Trent, Carlton on Trent)
3. Tuxford Benefice (Tuxford, Weston, Normanton-upon-Trent, Marnham, West Markham)
4. 6 parishes of the Northwestern group (Kneesall, Laxton, Egmonton Kirton, Walesby, Wellow)

In addition, the cluster includes The Potting Shed Church (a Bishops Mission Order).



The Vicar's Message



As we've now passed the fortieth day after Easter (Ascension Day) and then the fiftieth day (Pentecost), we find ourselves entering what the church calls 'Ordinary Time'.

Although that may sound unremarkable, it

does not mean that the story has come to an end. In fact, Easter is only truly complete at Pentecost, and even then the story does not stop. It is better understood as continuing, rather like a film or television series that finishes with the sense that there is more to come.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, his disciples were eager to know what would happen next, particularly for Israel. Having seen him raised from the dead, they expected him to continue establishing his kingdom on earth. Instead, Jesus made it clear that they themselves would have a central role: they would be his witnesses, empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry forward his work. His departure was therefore not an ending, but a change in how that work would continue.

At Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit transformed the early followers of Jesus. Through their words and actions, and through the signs and wonders that

accompanied them, this diverse and unlikely group began to spread the message far and wide. They demonstrated that people from all walks of life could be involved in this work, and their efforts had a lasting impact on the world.

The book of Acts, which tells this part of the story, does not tie everything up neatly at the end. Instead, it leaves the sense that the story continues beyond its pages. While we do not add to the biblical text itself, we are invited to live out its meaning in our own lives, playing our part in what continues to unfold.

Here in the Beck and Trent Benefice, new people are becoming part of that ongoing story. If you would like to be involved, or to explore this further, please come along to one of our services or get in touch to find out more.

Rev. David Lewis
Priest-in-Charge
Beck & Trent Benefice
Phone: 07742 932444

Due to the nature of my role, my administration slots vary each week. I will endeavour to get back to you at a pace that enables me to best consider and respond to your need or request. I hope you will feel free to do the same.

From the registers

15 April 2026 – 14 May 2026

Baptisms

26 April 2026

Freyja Yule

St Andrew, Cauntton

Funerals

17 April 2026

Ruth Janice Waters

All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent

23 April 2026

John David Kent

All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent

11 May 2026

Leo Healy

All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent

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30TH JUNE – ST LAURENCE NORWELL

7TH JULY – ALL SAINTS SUTTON

14TH JULY – ST LAURENCE NORWELL



RAIN *Watch*

After a dry March, April was very dry. In fact, historically, April is the driest month of the year in Norwell and this year we received only 30% of the expected amount – getting only 0.9 cm (0.35 in) instead of 3 cm (1.2in).

Surprisingly, we have had 1% more rain for the year to the end of April than would be expected, which emphasises just how wet January and February were.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

Verse of the month:

*'These three things remain: faith,
hope and love. But the greatest of
these is love.'*

1 Corinthians 13 verse 13

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NATURE *Watch*

Dragonflies whizzing through the skies are the epitome of a warm summer's day. In the UK there are 36 species of dragonfly, some residents and others summer visitors. This is the first of two articles on dragonflies. (For even more on dragonflies, see Naturewatch June 2022 – available at www.becktrent.org.uk/ccno-parish-magazine)

June marks a peak hatching time for eggs, which develop in slow-moving fresh water. Dragonfly larvae go through several moults during their lifecycle. Soon after hatching, the tiny prolarva quickly moults into a nymph, beginning its underwater life.



Emperor dragonfly nymph.

Dragonfly nymphs may moult between five and 15 times depending on the species. Each moult allows the nymph to grow larger, and this stage can last up to two years, or even five in some cases. In cooler waters, development tends to take longer as there is less prey available, whereas in warmer conditions they grow more quickly.

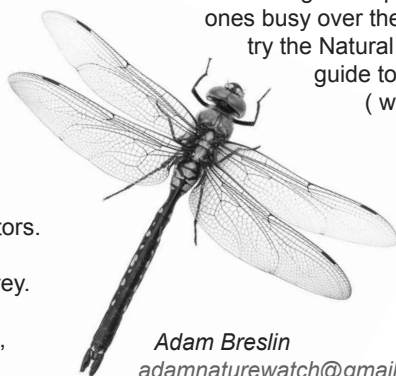
These nymphs are formidable predators. They lie in wait among sediment or vegetation before ambushing their prey. Their most impressive feature is a hinged lower jaw, known as a labium, which shoots forward at remarkable

speed to catch prey in milliseconds. Their diet includes insect larvae, snails, leeches, tadpoles, newts and small fish, making them highly effective hunters in their aquatic environment.

Dragonfly nymphs are entirely aquatic and have specialised internal gills located in the rectum. By pumping water in and out of the abdomen, they extract oxygen through a structure known as the branchial basket. This unusual system also assists movement. By building up internal pressure and then forcefully expelling water, the nymph can propel itself forward in a jet-like motion, helping it escape predators or capture prey more effectively.

Unlike butterflies, dragonflies undergo incomplete metamorphosis, emerging directly from larva to adult. The nymph leaves the water and gradually breaks free from its exoskeleton in a process that can take several hours. Once emerged, the adult hardens its wings and body, leaving behind the empty shell, known as an exuvia.

The adult stage is relatively short, often lasting only a few weeks, during which time the focus is on feeding and breeding. Despite this brief lifespan, they play an important role in the ecosystem.



For something to keep you and your little ones busy over the summer period, try the Natural History Museum's guide to pond dipping (www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-pond-dip.html) and see what aquatic creatures you can identify!

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BIRD *Watch*

The house martins have arrived in Norwell, travelling all the way from Africa. I first sighted one on 5 May, slightly later than in previous years, although the Merlin bird ID app had detected them a few days earlier, as had a keen-eared neighbour. We are fortunate to have a colony here every year without fail, although their numbers are reported to be declining and they are now on the UK 'red list', which makes their return all the more special.

They typically arrive in April and quickly set about building their mud nests, usually tucked beneath the eaves of houses. Once settled, they breed and then head out to feed, which is when they are most visible. In a few weeks' time there may be around 20 at once over the fields in front of our house – always a wonderful sight and sound that really marks the start of summer.



of birds. A few years ago, several hundred roosted in the trees along Carlton Lane, although they seem to have moved on this year. Despite reports of declining numbers nationally, I still have around a dozen visiting my garden regularly, feeding on ants and other grubs in the lawn. They are striking

birds, with iridescent plumage that catches the light beautifully.

Many of you may have taken part in 'no-mow May', which can make a real difference to



wildlife. I recently joined an early morning nature walk on my golf course with an ecologist and biodiversity specialist. In just three hours, we recorded 38 bird species, alongside insects, butterflies, deer and sheep. It was a reminder of how valuable even well-managed spaces can be for wildlife if some areas are left undisturbed.

The same principle applies to our own gardens. Leaving a patch to grow a little wild can encourage insects and, in turn, attract a greater variety of birds. Recently I counted eight greenfinch and 12 goldfinch feeding on dandelions in my lawn. Allowing hedges and shrubs to grow a little longer can also provide valuable nesting space, as our resident robins, blackbirds and pigeons would confirm.

Please do continue to get in touch with your own sightings.

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Caunton church news



Services

Our regular monthly Holy Communion service continues on the first Sunday of the month – 7 June and 5 July.

However we are welcome to attend services at any church in the area: check out the table on page 2 for details.

Also, we are all invited to the special Summer Worship Evenings that the Reverend David has devised. For details, please see the advertisement in Beck and Trent news on page 6.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

St. Andrew's APCM was held on the 27 April. The main event was to elect churchwarden/s and the PCC for the coming year. This was duly done and they are:

- Churchwarden – Irene Crossley
- PCC members - Charlotte Webb, Julie Quinn, Lisa Denman, Pat Wilson and new member, David Tranter.

The yearly Financial Report was discussed (having been presented to the PCC beforehand). At the next PCC meeting on 13 July we will discuss various subjects and keep you informed of any relevant issues.

Special events

First, on Saturday 6 June, David Tranter and his team are having a 'Bell Ringing – what's it all about?' Open Day from 10.00am to 12 noon – see poster for more information. This is an opportunity for you to find out what's involved with a commentary and demonstration. There will also be handbell ringing. Why not come and give it a go under strict supervision by experienced ringers? All health & safety, risk assessments and safeguarding will be in place.

At the same time, we are holding a coffee morning (not a cake sale as such). So, while

you listen to the bells or even have a go, you can relax with a nice cup of tea and a slice of cake. Or just come down anyway. We'll be there until 1.00pm.

On Saturday 13 June, from 10.00am to 1.00pm, we are having a church Spring Clean! This time we will be concentrating on the inside of the church, but if we get enough people to help, the churchyard may get a spruce up as well. We will be tackling the areas that our small band of cleaners don't get the chance to do (more volunteers are always welcome).

So please come along and help give St. Andrew's a spring clean. Whilst we have some cleaning equipment, it would be helpful if you could bring some brushes/cloths etc. (Sausage/bacon baps, along with tea/coffee will be available free of charge.)

For more information contact:

- Irene for cleaning and refreshments – 07814 709969
- David Tranter for bell ringing – 07910 038316.

Irene Crossley

Caunton Church Rota

Cleaning

Sat 6 & 13 June – Joy & Dave
Sat 20 & 27 June – Pat & Irene
Sat 4 & 11 July – Cathy & Wendy

Flowers

Sat 6 & 13 June – Pat
Sat 20 & 27 June – Irene
Sat 4 & 11 July – Charlotte

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What date?

Saturday 6 June 2026

What time?

10am to 12 noon.

More info

Contact David Tranter 079 100 38316 (Voice, SMS, WhatsApp) tranter.d48@gmail.com.
Information and Demonstrations, Have a Go.
Tower bells and handbells, Coffee and Cake

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Caunton Dean Hole School

It gives me great pleasure to begin my role as Executive Headteacher at Dean Hole, Caunton Primary School, and I have been warmly welcomed by a truly special community.

Over these early weeks, I have had the privilege of meeting many parents, local representatives and community group leaders, all of whom have shown remarkable pride and commitment to the school and its place at the heart of village life.

These conversations have been both inspiring and reassuring, and they have reinforced just how important Dean Hole is within the community it serves. I am very much looking forward to building on these relationships, supporting the school's continued success, and playing an active

role in the life of the community as we move forward together.

The students at Caunton Dean Hole have enjoyed renovating their allotments, planting vegetables in the hopes of preparing meals in school with them once they have been harvested. In the coming weeks, students will begin their essential swimming lessons, developing an important life skill while accessing their community.

School will re-open to students after the half term on Tuesday 2 June due to an INSET day on the preceding Monday.

Kind regards.

Matt Joyce
Executive Headteacher

13 May meeting combining the annual Parish Meeting and AGM

All councillors were re-elected to their existing positions for the next year.

Over the past year, Caunton Parish Council has faced significant challenges while continuing to support the community. The uncertainty surrounding the future of the village school caused understandable concern, but the support provided by Orchard School has brought welcome stability and reassurance for pupils, staff and families.

Planning matters, including the refused Mill Lane development application and wider infrastructure proposals involving solar, hydrogen and electricity projects, have also remained important issues for the council and residents. The Foxholes solar farm was refused at committee.

Alongside these matters, the council has continued its day-to-day work supporting residents, maintaining local services and representing the parish. I would like to thank fellow councillors, our clerk, volunteers and residents for their continued commitment, resilience and support throughout the year.

We continue to look at ways to improve the current play equipment on the playing field and are exploring grant possibilities.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 June 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



Cauntton Garden Society

Our 2025/26 winter programme of talks was completed on 21 April when Don Witton, a long-standing friend of the Society, gave us a truly splendid illustrated talk on Spring flowers including (his favourite) Euphorbias. We have certainly enjoyed a programme of informative and interesting talks covering a wide variety of topics over this last season.

Before next year's programme commences with our Autumn Show on 30 August, and our first evening meeting on 15 September, we are looking forward to the events arranged over the Summer.



Anglesey Abbey

These include visits to a couple of gardens of interest and a coach trip, along with Cauntton History Society, to Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire. The date of this trip has had to be changed to Thursday 23 July. There are a few seats on this coach currently available. If you might like to join us on this trip, please contact us for more information.

Trevor Plumb
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Cromwell community news

Church News

Our regular monthly service of Holy Communion takes place at 9.00am on Sunday 21 June – the perfect start to Father's Day!

However we are welcome to attend services at any church in the area. Check out the table on page 2 for details.

Also, we are all invited to the special Summer Worship Evenings that the Reverend David has devised. For details, please see the advertisement in Beck and Trent news on page 6.

Request for help

On 20 June we have a wedding in the church and are looking for volunteers to make the church and churchyard beautiful for Megan and Matthew's big day. If anyone can help out, please give me a call on 07976 876459. We have purchased some new gardening tools this month, as well as a mower and strimmer.

Shaun Julian – RIP

In May we mourned the very sad loss of Shaun Julian, the lock keeper, our neighbour, and a friendly face to many. We would like to pass on our condolences to Ang, Jordan and Josh and the wider family. He will be very sadly missed.

Sarah Clarke, Churchwarden



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Cromwell Parish meeting

Report from the meeting held on
Tuesday 5 May

Nine villagers were present.

The annual accounts were presented to the meeting and accepted:

- Income: £1,055.85 (of which the precept, paid by Newark and Sherwood District Council, is £1,050)
- Expenditure: £1,087.04 (village hall hire and dog bin servicing).

Concerns were raised by a number of those present regarding the works being undertaken in a field to the east of the road to Carlton on Trent at the northern end of the parish. At present these activities fall within the permission granted by NSDC.

Nigel Spraggins

Chair, Cromwell Parish Meeting



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Repair Shop and Cream Teas

Sunday 7 June 1.00–4.00pm

Tim will be in residence to tackle most items which need TLC, or just some sharpening!! We will also be selling freshly baked cream teas, pop along for a chat and to support your village hall.



If you wish to be kept informed on Village Hall activities & meetings join

Cromwell WhatsApp Group - Text your mobile number to Claire on **07796 133 656**



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

In April and May...

Our Annual Church Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parishioners took place on Tuesday 14 April at St Laurence's church.

Once again there were no nominations for the post of Church Warden, therefore the PCC will undertake these duties for 2026/27.

Reports were given by various members of the PCC relating to the review of the electoral roll; the proceedings of the PCC during 2025/26; safeguarding; financial statements as audited by Roy Pilgrim; fabric of the church and the churchyard, and the Deanery Synod.

Among other issues, it was decided to merge the two catering teams into one to overcome issues with a shortage of volunteers due to illness, holidays and other calls on their time. More help would be appreciated.

The Reverend David Lewis gave a report focusing on the welcome he had received within the parish, both as priest in charge and on a personal level, including to his wife and family and the growing link to Norwell C of E school.

The following individuals were elected to the PCC: Rev David Lewis takes over as Chair, with Barbara Bateson acting when David is unable to attend. Barbara remains as Treasurer, Rhona Price continues to lead on the Church Fabric and Churchyard and was also voted to be the Deanery Synod Representative; Jo Dewberry continues to lead on Health and Safety issues and Lynne Johnson remains as Safeguarding lead and Secretary to the PCC. Finally, Roy Pilgrim

kindly agreed to act as the Financial Examiner for a further year.

There were two significant changes to the PCC this year. First, John Hobson has had to step down due to health issues and we thank him especially for his work in obtaining grants for the recent improvements to the church, new gates, replacing paths and the decorations.

Finally we had the announcement of the well-deserved retirement of Elizabeth Jones as the Lay Chair and member of the PCC. A bouquet of flowers from the PCC was presented to her during the meeting. Elizabeth has been a cornerstone of St Laurence's for more than 25 years, initially as a member and secretary of the PCC, then as Church Warden and lastly as a member of, and latterly Lay Chair, of the PCC.

Elizabeth will be sorely missed by one and all and we send our heartfelt thanks for her dedication and work on behalf of the church. In her own irrepressible style she celebrated her 'retirement' by moving straight on to organising the Open Gardens Wedding displays. You can't keep a good woman down!



The Fourth Sunday Worship which took place on 26 April was on the theme of The Good, The Bad and The Holy. This lively service included discussions on various examples of good and bad government, and what role, if any, should the church play in modern politics, particularly the role of our King as the head of the church. The younger members had their own role to play in finding various kings hidden around the church. The well-attended service was preceded by our usual cakes, coffee and tea.

Our Holy Communion service on the second Sunday in May was a joint service with Ossington led by the Archdeacon of Newark with readings by Peter Geldart from Ossington and Nigel Spraggins from Cromwell. Almost 40 people attended. It was delightful to welcome friends from across the Benefice.

Our journey through the Bible continues on the Fourth Sunday of May when we will be Celebrating Pentecost.



BOOK CLUB

In June we are looking forward to the Lowdham Book Festival, which takes place from Saturday 13 to Friday 26 June. Some of us are going to the reading group event to hear author Sophie Haydock talk about her book “Madame Matisse”, a vivid tale of life among French artists in the 1930s. Others have chosen an entertaining afternoon with Simon Armitage, the Poet Laureate.

In July it's back to normal when we shall read Mollie Keane's sharp and funny Irish novel “Good Behaviour”.

What's happening in June and July

Our Holy Communion service is on Sunday 14 June, and all are welcome.

The NGS Open Gardens takes place in June and as part of this we will be staging a display of wedding items on the afternoon of Sunday 28 June and the evening of Wednesday 1 July.

An Invitation! We are organising an open event in church for all parishioners on Monday 29 June from 6.00 to 8.00pm. There will be drinks and nibbles. See the article on page 18 for more details of this nostalgic and fun event. Everyone is welcome.

Please Note: from Sunday 28 June to Thursday 2 July the church will be locked except for those dates and times listed above. This is in order to protect the items on loan. If you need access during this time the key is available from Elizabeth Jones.

Fourth Sunday Worship takes place on 28 June at 11.00am.

Don't forget, we are welcome to attend services at any church in the area. Check out the table on page 2 for details.

Also, we are all invited to the special Summer Worship Evenings that the Reverend David has devised. For details, please see the advertisement in Beck and Trent news on page 6.

Norwell community news

Weddings past and present

Preparations continue for Weddings Past and Present in St Laurence's church on Sunday 28 June between 1.00 and 5.00pm and on Wednesday 1 July between 6.00 and 8.00pm.

We have had a wonderful response and will be displaying wedding dresses from every decade from the 1930s to the present – except the 1940s. Has anyone got a white dress from that decade tucked away somewhere? (We know it won't be your own!)



Thank you very much to everyone who has responded already, but there is still time to get in touch if you are thinking about lending a dress or other memorabilia. We would particularly like to borrow mannequins and dress-making dummies. We would also love to have wedding photographs, particularly of people living in Norwell now or in the past.

To find out about arrangements, please contact Barbara Bateson
07718 183897 or
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or Elizabeth Jones (
01636 636365, 07418 008989 or
emjones.norwell@btinternet.com

The church will be kept locked when there is no one present and the key will be with Elizabeth at Parr's Cottage.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

On the evening of Monday 29 June between 6.00 and 8.00pm all parishioners are invited to view the dresses and other memorabilia, and to join in an evening of wedding memories.

There will be a celebratory glass and nibbles (served well away from the dresses!) to be enjoyed in church or the churchyard (if fine), and plenty of opportunity to chat while you try to identify people in their wedding photographs.



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Norwell Diary – May, June and July

Tues 26 May	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Wed 27 May	8.00pm	Book Club ~ For details 01636 636337
Mon 1 June	AM	Norwell C of E School opens after May Half Term
Mon 1 June	10.30-12.30	Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion.
Mon 8 June	10.15-11.15am	Jigsaw Swap in the Village Hall
Tues 9 June	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sat 13 June	7.00pm	Midsummer Supper and Songs ~ Village Hall
Sun 14 June	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence's Church
Tues 16 June	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Thurs 18 June	7.30pm	Heritage Group Norwell ~ The History of the Great North Road ~ Between Newark and Tuxford
Mon 22 June	1.30-1.50pm	Mobile Library ~ Old Chapel, Main St
Tues 23 June	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Wed 24 June	8.00pm	Book Club ~ For details 01636 636337
Sun 28 June	11.00am	4th Sunday Service at St Laurence, Continuing our Journey through the Bible. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am
Sun 28 June	1.00-5.00pm	NGS Open Gardens in Norwell
Sun 28 June	1.00-5.00pm	St Laurence Church open in conjunction with NGS for 'Norwell Weddings through the decades' display
Mon 29 June	6.00-8.00pm	St Laurence Church open evening with food and drink to view our wonderful display of Wedding memorabilia. Drinks and nibbles. For details see Norwell news.
Tues 30 June	7.30pm	Summer Worship Evening ~ St Laurence Church
Wed 1 July	6.00-8.30pm	NGS Open Gardens in Norwell
Wed 1 July	6.00-8.30pm	St Laurence Church open in conjunction with NGS 'Norwell Weddings through the decades'
Mon 6 July	10.30-12.30pm	Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion
Tues 7 July	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Tues 14 July	7.30pm	Summer Worship Evening ~ St Laurence Church

Norwell community news (continued)

Norwell Open Gardens

The big gardening date for your diary is the afternoon of Sunday 28 June and the following Wednesday evening (1 July).

This is the 30th year that I have organised the village National Garden Scheme open afternoon. In that time we have raised £46,300 for cancer care charities and £22,200 for local charities, predominantly helping to keep the village hall viable. In response to this milestone I am delighted that we have more gardens opening than ever before, with ten being certainties and maybe a couple of late, extra wonderful gardens to swell our ranks further.

New for this year and deserving our support are Bramble Barn (Pauline and John Hobson), Ivy Cottage (Colin Wright) and Northwell House (Liz Welsh and Chris Garnett), each adding a unique twist to what a 'Norwell garden' can be.

Thanks to these newcomers and all our more established openers, and thanks to the cake makers, the tea sellers, and the crew who help put up signs and direct traffic. It is a great community effort which puts Norwell on the map and raises money for important and worthwhile causes.

The teas and cakes have become a legendary part of the Open Gardens, establishing a reputation that is as attractive as the quality of gardens on offer in Norwell. However, we do need cakes, scones, quiches and sausage rolls, as well as help on the day, to make this successful. If you can contribute time or a delicious comestible please contact Ann Gibson on 07773 293339 or Andrew/ Helen at the Nursery – wardha@aol.com.

Andrew Ward



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Norwell Educational Foundation

Norwell Educational Foundation is a charity established to support the educational, social and physical needs of young people under the age of 23 living in Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse, or those attending or who have attended Norwell Church of England Primary School. The charity is also able to provide small grants to support projects in the parish and has recently donated money to support projects at the play park and the School.

The Charity welcomes requests from individual students who would like help with the cost of equipment or training which will further their development and learning. In the past this has included specialist sports equipment, travel associated with education, and IT equipment, with grants of up to £300 in any one year.

The Trustees meet quarterly to discuss applications and we encourage prospective applicants to contact the charity through the Clerk, Andy Guy
(andy@andyguyconsulting.co.uk).

Norwell Parish Heritage Group

Our heritage village

At the NSDC planning meeting to discuss the Foxholes Solar Farm application it was reassuring to hear the Planning Committee speak with such warmth about the heritage value of Norwell.

It is easy to take for granted that we have a Grade 1 listed church and 16 Grade 2 listed buildings. These include the windmill, the pinfold, the church wall and the War Memorial as well as the houses. The moated site to the south of the church is scheduled. The whole village is a conservation area, and it is surrounded by beautiful views across open country. As a Heritage Group we encourage you to cherish and value the heritage which surrounds you.

May

We will report next month on the talk about Nottinghamshire pit ponies.

June

On Thursday 18 June at 7.30pm in Norwell Village Hall the Heritage Group will meet to hear a talk by Elizabeth Jones on the history of the Great North Road from Newark to Tuxford. It seems a very short stretch – 13

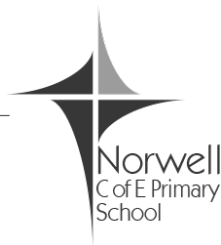
miles (12.7km) – but it is full of history. It is a remarkably challenging stretch of road since a number of obstacles have had to be overcome, not least the two branches of the Trent. The tales told by those travelling by stagecoach in the 18th and 19th centuries make us admire the courage of the travellers: Newark and Tuxford both grew as coaching towns and there is still ample evidence of those glory days in each.

July

This is the month when we hold our annual Walk, Talk and Eat. This year we are going to Tuxford, hence the topic of the talk at our June meeting. We are going on Thursday 16 July in the late afternoon and early evening. We'll visit the town and eat afterwards. You are encouraged to travel to Tuxford along the Old Great North Road. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Elizabeth Jones (01636 636 365, 07418 008 989 or emjones.norwell@btinternet.com). Numbers are limited and priority will be given to members of NPHG, but others are very welcome.



Norwell CofE Primary School



May was exceptionally busy and we have had lots of exciting events!

The Kite Partnership Football team played well against Rampton and won on penalties! It was such a close game! Well done to all the girls and boys who represented the schools.

We are nearly at the end of the football season and are looking forward to preparing for summer sports like rounders and cricket. Year 1 and 2 children had a wonderful sporting afternoon at Tuxford Academy developing their skills of fielding and striking. This was another great opportunity to meet up with their peers across the Tuxford family of schools and build friendships.

The children in Key Stage 2 have started researching and planning their stand at the

Lincolnshire Show which is later this month. The children are also going to the allotment regularly to water the seedlings! Please do pop along and see our 'Bee-utiful Planter' if you are going to the Lincolnshire Show.

We are so proud of all of our Year 6 children and how they approached their Year 6 SATS. They can now turn their attention and energies to getting ready for their end-of-year performance. The next few weeks will fly by as they look forward to the transition days at their new secondary schools.

Best wishes
Kathryn King, Head Teacher

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Our next fundraising event is a 'Midsummer Supper & Songs' evening on Saturday 13 June with the multi-talented 'Willo' (singer, guitarist and saxophonist).

Tickets are £20 and include supper. Please support your Village Hall: email NorwellVH.Events@gmail.com for your tickets.

We will also be hosting refreshments for the annual NGS Open Gardens event at the Village Hall on Sunday 28 June. This is the 30th anniversary of Norwell residents opening their gardens to the public –

an event that raises funds for national charities.

Donations of cakes and quiches etc, and help on the day, will be very gratefully received. Please contact Ann Gibson (via norwellvillagehall@gmail.com) who is coordinating our team this year.

The next Jigsaw Exchange will be held on Monday 8 June.

Pauline Hobson

An important message from the Village Hall Committee

Our village hall is a wonderful asset for community. In the past year it has been used for different exercise and well-being classes, parties for birthdays, wedding anniversaries and Christenings, for funerals, choirs, heritage meetings, race nights, quizzes, ceilidhs, meetings and public consultations.

As a committee we have decided to maintain the same rates for hiring the hall: 95% of our bookings are from members of our community or people offering classes to our community. We are proud to say that hire fees have not been raised for at least five years! How many other services can say that?

We want the hall to be affordable for all our community. However the cost of running the hall has never been met by hire fees and so we run events to make up this shortfall. These provide not just the money required but also give opportunities for the community to get together.

We are in trouble!

As a committee we are prepared to give our time to run these events and often undertake

the catering required, the set up and cleaning up afterwards. Unfortunately, we are in trouble because, despite trying to provide different activities and asking for suggestions, we are not getting enough people attending. We need you to support our fundraising events.

Tickets for our 'Midsummer Supper and Songs' event are available, but at the time of writing we have only sold two tickets. When people attend one of our events, the feedback is usually very positive but we need you to buy the tickets and commit to booking early rather than at the last minute, as putting these events on is stressful enough for the entirely volunteer committee without having to second-guess how many last-minute tickets we will sell.

Joining us and attending our events is important in keeping this excellent facility open. It will subsidise the hire cost when you hire.

Your hall really does need you.

Helen Ward

The new chair of the fantastic village hall committee



From the Church

On 15 May the church doors were open for the first time in nearly two years, quite fittingly to host the funeral service of Philip Longden, former Ossington Game Keeper.

On Sunday 31 May at 11.00am, we are anticipating celebrating the official re-opening of the church since the devastating soot damage in 2024 with a joint service attended by folk from across the Benefice. The church will be looking splendid and we hope that it will be full of people.

Many heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed towards getting the church reopened.

Our next service will Holy Communion at 11.00am on Sunday 14 June.

Please remember, we are welcome to attend services at any church in the area – details are on page 2.

Also, we are all invited to the special Summer Worship Evenings that the Reverend David has devised. Please see the advertisement in Beck and Trent news on page 6.

Robin Drury

Coffee fills the Charity Coffers!

April's charity cake and plant sale raised a magnificent £550 for UNICEF, with donations still coming in!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped organise, bake, make tea and grow plants! And to those who came – thank you for buying and donating. The amount raised will make a difference to the lives of so many children caught in the horrors of conflict.

June's coffee morning will be held on 27 June. We look forward to seeing you all again and enjoying more coffee, cake and catch-ups together!

Mary Brown

Garden Party Raffle Prizes

As you may have seen in last month's magazine, we have some fantastic prizes for this year's Garden Party on Saturday 25 July. We have the following prizes already secured, and we thank these local businesses for their generosity:

- Fish and Chips for Two – The Crown Inn, Bathley
- Coffee and Cake for Two – The Butcher's Brew Coffee Shop, Sutton-on-Trent
- Voucher – Cobbs Country Store
- A Fresh Flower arrangement – TC Floral Designs
- A Gift Voucher for a treatment – Lynwood Holistic Massage Therapies
- A Fire Basket – Hall Farm Wild Bird Supplies
- Facial and Blow-dry – The Muskham Hair and Beauty Clinic
- A Voucher for a workshop – J's Mosaics.

If you would like to donate a prize, we will be accepting donations at June's coffee morning on 27 June from 11.00am to 1.00pm in The Hut. All prizes, big and small, welcome! Remember, raffle tickets will only be available to buy at the garden party, with the draw taking place towards the end of the event. So, be there to be in with a chance of winning some seriously wonderful prizes!



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"Ossington Village Group"

Ossington Community Gardeners

It has been a wonderful few months working with Ossington Community Gardeners on improving the war memorial in the village. We've cleared out big barrow loads of weeds and now sown an annual wildflower mix in the space so, all being well, we should see lots of colour through there this year!

A huge thank you to Mary and Ros for their serious commitment to this project. For anyone interested in joining us with future ventures, please get contact me on 07702 795732, via angelacarneymarsh@gmail.com or catch me on Facebook!

Angie Carney-Marsh

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Ossington House Garden Opens for Charity

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The main garden comprises borders full of colour with a variety of shrubs and herbaceous perennials, including geraniums, astrantias and campanulas, creating a sumptuous backdrop to the large variety of roses in bloom throughout. Large chestnut trees cast dappled shade for ferns, foxgloves and hostas leading around the woodland garden. Explore the beginnings of the newly-planted foxglove glade as you meander through the orchard full of ancient pear trees, plums, apples and more.

Take a stroll through the productive kitchen garden where the sound of chickens and the scent of flowers for cutting fills the air, alongside no-dig beds brimming with organically grown fruits and vegetables. In the greenhouse, you will discover a host of delights, including melons, grape vines, citrus trees, heritage tomatoes, and chillis.

Finally, enjoy a well-earned break from exploring the garden by stopping off for tea and homemade cake in The Hut on Ossington's Main Street, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

We very much look forward to welcoming you.

Georgina Denison

Ossington community news (continued)

At a Glance – Dates for your Diary

- Church Service – **Sunday 14 June, 11.00am**
- Ossington House NGS Open Garden – **Sunday 21 June, 2.00–5.00pm**
- Coffee Morning – **Saturday 27 June, 11.00am–1.00pm**
- Ossington Garden Party – **Saturday 25 July, 3.00–5.00pm**

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Ossington's Nature Photo of the Month

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Thank you so much to everyone who entered again – please do keep them coming! Later in the year, we will hold an exhibition of all entries in the Hut so everyone can marvel at the wonderful corner of the world we are lucky enough to call 'home', and the incredible photographers that live here!

To submit an entry for Ossington Nature Photo of the Month, please email liz@carneymarsh.com with a photo taken in Ossington. No people and no properties without permission. Do remember that photos will be printed in black and white.

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Safer Neighbourhoods Group

On 7 May, the Safer Neighbourhoods Group met at Sutton on Trent Village Hall. Representatives from local parishes, led by Cllr Sylvia Michaels, met PC Bakin and PCSO Dunn.

Police priorities were agreed as tackling speeding in villages, preventing rural crime and maintaining a visible police presence.

North Muskham reported problems with quad bikes in the village and along the riverbank. The mobile police van appears to deter speeding, and six volunteers are trained to use a speed gun, although a team leader is still needed. Heating oil was stolen from St Wilfred's Church via riverbank access; despite reports and a request for CCTV, there has been no further action.

In Weston, the theft of cash from Hutchinson Engineering remains under investigation. Concerns were raised about temporary traffic lights on Great North Road, with insufficient time for mobility scooters to cross safely, although an

alternative footpath is available. There are also ongoing problems with speeding and dangerous riding, particularly at weekends. Police stressed the importance of reporting incidents immediately. A planning application for a travellers' site at Egmont/Weston is still awaiting a decision.

At Carlton on Trent, land at "One Acre", intended for equestrian use, is being used for illegal waste burning. Video evidence has been provided to police, and it was suggested that the council's environmental health team be informed. Heating oil has also been stolen from the church, although security is now improved.

Laxton reported an attempted daytime theft of heating oil. A rapid police response led to two arrests and the crime being prevented.

Fly tipping was reported in Kneesall. In Caunton, an unauthorised travellers' site is subject to legal action, with a court hearing scheduled for 13 May.

David Swift

Round and About

Carlton on Trent Village Hall Coffee Morning
Saturday 13 June, 10.00am to 12 noon

Tea, coffee, cakes, bacon rolls and sausage cobs available. Join us for a catch-up with existing friends or to meet new ones

For details of regular group meetings including craft, sewing, Rummikub, Tai Chi, yoga, book club and film club, please see the calendar on the village hall website – go to <https://cotvillagehall.yolasite.com> or do a Google search for Carlton on Trent Village Hall.

Southwell Music Festival

The acclaimed Southwell Music Festival takes place in Nottinghamshire from 28–31 August. The programme includes performances from internationally-acclaimed, Nottingham-born pianist Isata Kanneh-

Mason. The Festival Voices and Festival Sinfonia join forces for a performance of Brahms' Requiem, and there is A Night at the Opera – an evening of classic opera and musical theatre repertoire.

Full details and tickets for this action-packed bank holiday weekend of classical, folk, and jazz are available at www.southwellmusicfestival.com.

Tuxford Museums

- Museum of the Horse: Exhibition of Side Saddles and Habits exhibition. From Sunday **21 June, 2.00–4.00pm**, until September.
- Walks of Life Museum: Celebration of Country Folk. Willow weaving and a visit from Owl. Sunday 19 July from 10.00am. Free admission.

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Yew Tree Cottage, Great North Road: 10.00-10.45am

Tuesdays: 23 June, 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December, 5 January 2027.

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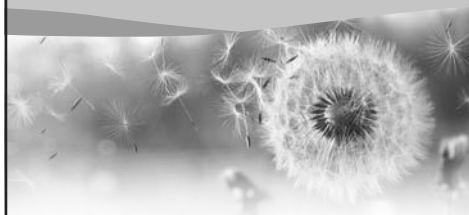
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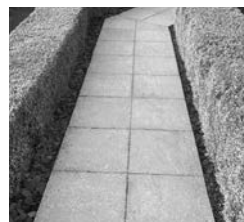
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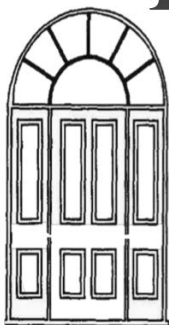
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