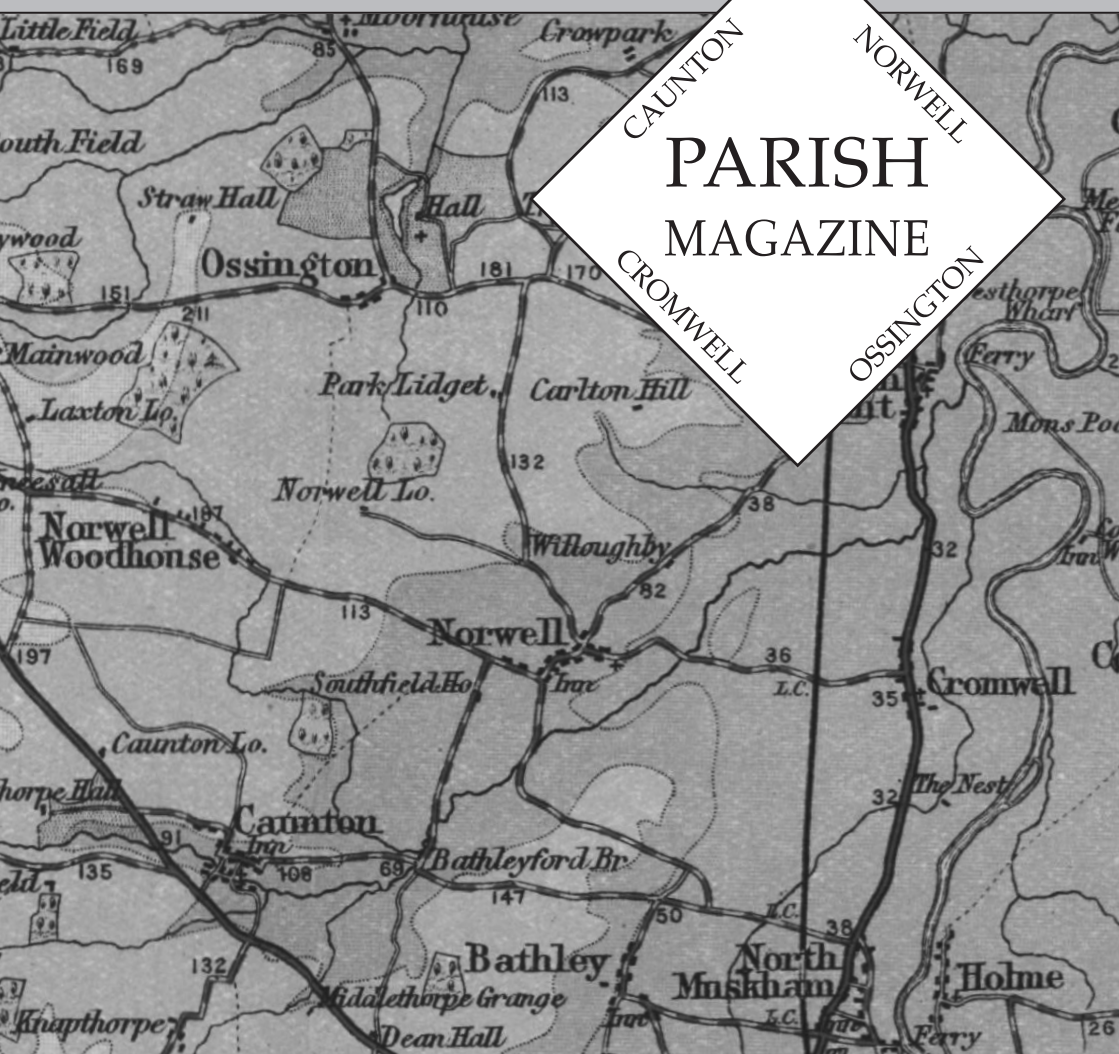


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<i>first Sunday</i>	5 July <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.00am Holy Communion				11.00am Family Service at All Saints	
<i>second Sunday</i>	12 July <i>Trinity 6</i>			9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Joint Morning Worship at Methodist Chapel	11.00am Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	19 July <i>Trinity 7</i>		9.00am Holy Communion			11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints	
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	26 July <i>Trinity 8</i>			11.00am Fourth Sunday Worship		10.30am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.00am Holy Communion
<i>first Sunday</i>	2 August <i>Trinity 9</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

As we make our way through the final half-term of the school year, I'd like to thank everyone who has been a part of Connect After School Church at Norwell Primary. I'm particularly grateful to Brenda and John for their help with catering, and Suzannah for stepping into their shoes this past month. Much of this is not possible without dedicated volunteers and the wonderful members of our Rural Cluster Team.

As you can imagine, there are so many things that I want to do in this Benefice whilst also moving with the natural ebbs and flows of the year. There are initiatives I'm excited to be starting in September, so please keep an

eye out for them as the summer progresses, especially in publications such as this and on social media.

In the meantime, in order to keep a sense of momentum, and to continue deepening our spiritual ties as a community, we are hosting four Summer Worship Evenings. The remaining events take place in Norwell (30 June and 14 July) and Sutton (7 July). All start at 7.30pm. See the advertisement for further details.

As we have new song books in the Benefice, we are singing songs at these evenings that are familiar and beloved alongside new tunes

(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.

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- 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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that we will learn to treasure in the future. Each of these evenings has a different prayer focus, including our local schools and families, and wider national issues.

Sometimes it can feel as if our prayers go unheard in the heavens, but my experience has been that when we gather together to pray intentionally for situations, then we see answers. It can also help us feel more connected to those for whom we are praying, as well as to the God to whom we pray. On

each evening we are looking at a different crucial passage from the New Testament to help us explore and understand the whole narrative of the Bible.

All these elements of our Summer Worship Evenings combine to help us be a community that loves God, loves each other, and is inspired to serve the world around us. You are very welcome to join us.

David Lewis, Vicar

The Vicar's Message



As I have mentioned before, it is a great privilege to help people navigate some of the best and worst days of their lives. May and June have truly exemplified this as I have been involved in

baptisms, weddings and funerals. Whether it's celebrating new life, new love or the loss of love and life, I have had the chance to meet and serve many wonderful people in this community.

Alongside these important parts of church life, I have had the joy of interacting with people who are new to faith and church, or are returning to them. This includes adults who have approached me about being baptised, and I'm excited to be leading an adult baptism on 30 August.

Recently we have had Bible readings in church that circled around the story of Abraham. His example of faith is peppered throughout the Bible, but it mainly appears in the book of Genesis. Even though he was very old, Abraham continued to trust in the promise that he would have a son and was eventually blessed with Isaac.

Abraham's faith in this gift of life was strong even before any evidence that it would actually happen. I must admit that trusting God's promises is something I have had to

learn over the years, sometimes the hard way. Like many couples we went through a time of wondering if a child would come along, and I have wrestled on multiple occasions with my calling in terms of vocation and career. Opportunities to chase creative dreams have come and gone (usually with little fanfare); however, time and time again, I have seen God's faithfulness in what he provides and how he usually thinks up something far better than I can. Abraham was promised descendants as countless as the stars and, as a Christian, I believe I get to share in the spiritual inheritance which is rooted in that promise. He trusted in God, and I take encouragement from his story. You may be waiting for something at the moment. I pray that you are both fulfilled and amazed by what comes, and that you find God in the waiting itself as much as in the final result.

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.

BECK & TRENT

SUMMER WORSHIP EVENINGS

FOUR EVENINGS WHERE WE JOIN TOGETHER TO:

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- PRAY FOR OUR BENEFICE
- WORSHIP GOD WITH SONGS BOTH OLD & NEW

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7TH JULY – ALL SAINTS SUTTON

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'The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.'

Psalms 19 v 7

We are all in need of something to refresh our souls. It is worth reflecting on this verse.

RAIN *Watch*

After a dry March and a very dry April, May was also relatively dry: we received 85% of the expected May rainfall in Norwell – 4cm (1.6 in).

The pattern in 2025 of a very wet winter followed by a very dry spring seems to be repeating.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com

From the registers

15 May – 14 June 2026

Baptisms

24 May	Henry Clark	All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent
7 June	Saxon and Beatrix Betts	All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent
7 June	Poppy and Spencer Bentley	All Saints, Sutton-on-Trent

Wedding Blessing

30 May	Charles McQuilkin & Jade Gould	St Laurence, Norwell
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Funerals

15 May	Philip Longden	Holy Rood, Ossington
3 June	Shaun Julien	St Giles, Cromwell

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wardha@aol.com



NATURE *Watch*

Dragonfly eyes are fascinating. Huge and compound, each eye comprises 30,000 little lenses or facets called ommatidia. Each ommatidium acts like a small eye, containing a cornea, a lens and photoreceptors. The eyes are located on the side of the head, but wrap around and meet at the top, giving them almost 360-degree vision. They also have three, simpler, smaller eyes called ocelli on the front of their head, helping them remain stable during flight.



Dragonflies have some of the best eyesight in the animal kingdom. Human eyes can process visual information at around 60 frames per second, whereas dragonflies can process between 200 and 300 frames per second. This super-fast sensory processing allows dragonflies to have exceptionally fast reaction times of around 25 milliseconds, around 10 times faster than humans. This enables them to detect and catch fast-moving prey, as they appear to see in slow motion, giving them an in-flight success rate of around 97%.

Humans have trichromatic vision – we can see red, blue and green wavelengths of light.

We have specialised cells called cones specific to each wavelength of light in the retina at the back of our eyes. By stimulating different cones simultaneously, we can see combinations of the colours such as yellow, purples and pinks. Within the cones there are light-sensitive proteins called opsins.



Some species of dragonfly have up to 30 different opsins, allowing them to differentiate between subtle differences in colour, giving them far superior colour vision to us humans, as they can see colours invisible to our eyes. Dragonflies can even detect ultraviolet polarised light reflected off water surfaces, allowing them to identify whether specific water bodies are suitable for them to lay their eggs.

Recent studies have found that dragonfly opsins can detect deep red, almost infra-red light, allowing the identification of mates when flying at speed, as they can spot changes in the reflected light from their bodies.

Scientists have found that there is the potential to develop the opsin proteins in dragonflies for medical use, particularly in optogenetics, where light-sensitive proteins can be used to study cells deep in the human body.

After modification, the protein becomes more sensitive to longer wavelengths of light, particularly infra-red, which can penetrate deep into the body. Cells respond to infra-red light, boosting mitochondria to produce adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the main energy store in human cells, which can help decrease inflammation and also repair tissue.

Adam Breslin
adamnaturewatch@gmail.com

BIRD *Watch*

The Housemartins of Norwell are probably not present in as great a number as in previous years, and there are reports of numbers being down across the country.

I heard my first Swift of the year on 2 June which, for me, is always a sign that summer is here. Their unmistakable screech is often fleeting, so you must be quick to follow them through the air. However, have some patience as they will be back around again soon, feeding on the wing for hours on end. Look out for their scythe or sickle-shaped wings as they glide and speed their way through the skies. You would think they might slow down a bit and have a rest after such a long journey from Africa, but no! – eating, sleeping and even mating, all while flying. Now that is a talent!



I was chatting to another local birder recently who reported that back in April they saw two Cranes flying over Cromwell heading for Norwell, and some distant pictures were snapped with a phone that were great to see. I've never seen Cranes in the wild in the UK before, so I have had my eyes to the skies a lot more recently, hoping they return for another flypast.

The Crane is the UK's tallest bird, standing at around four feet tall with a huge wingspan of up to 2.5 metres, making it Britain's largest flying bird.

Cranes became extinct as a breeding bird in the UK around 400 years ago – mainly down to hunting (for food and plumage) and loss of habitat, but thankfully, as a result

of successful re-introduction programmes on the Somerset Levels and Norfolk Broads, they are once more a UK breeding bird. Their call is a loud bugling-type call that can carry for over two kilometres, so certainly there's a chance that the Merlin bird ID app could capture them from out of sight if they are flying over.

I've had a few people contact me again recently with pictures, questions and possible sightings that are worth discussing and investigation – and as always, I am happy to receive your messages.

Have a great Summer and Happy Birding!

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Caunton church news



Church news

The recent coffee morning held in church was well attended. Thank you to those who came along. We raised just over £200, which will go to our Rainwater Goods appeal.

While this was taking place, it was fascinating to watch the bell ringers tutoring prospective ringers and to see the bells in action, thanks to cameras in the belfry. A very enjoyable morning!

It's a sad time for the church and village as we say goodbye to Dean Hole Church of England School at the end of term. There has been a village school since Victorian times, and when that old school building closed, it was replaced by a brand-new one in 1972, which also doubled up as our Community Centre.

During the life of the school there has always been a strong bond with St. Andrew's, and the regular occasions when the children came into church for different services throughout the school year were always very special.

The school building has had a reprieve for the next couple of years, thanks to The Orchard School making use of it as an annex to their school in Newark. We still have use of the Community Centre, albeit on a limited tenure.

There will be a special service on Thursday 16 July at 2.00pm in St. Andrew's, and it is hoped that as many people who have had a connection with the school, in whatever capacity, will take the opportunity to come along to give thanks for the education provided for generations of children, as well as our much-loved Community Centre.

Our regular service of Holy Communion takes place on Sunday 5 July at 9.00am.

In addition, the Reverend David Lewis has organised four special evenings of worship in June and July for everyone in the Benefice, taking place in Sutton and Norwell. Full details are in Beck and Trent news (p3) and the accompanying advertisement (p5).

Caunton Improvement Group

A big "Thank You" to the thirty people involved in the big Clean Up and Planting Day in May. Our brilliant gang of volunteers included three generations from the same family! The village looks attractive, so all the hard work has paid off.

Now we have to nurture what we have planted, and we hope you put your names on the watering list in the bus shelter, which has some information and a telephone number.

Thanks again from CIG.

Margie Asker

Caunton Church Rota

Cleaning

Sat 4 & 11 July – Cathy & Wendy

Sat 18 & 25 July – Bo & Charlotte

Sat 1 & 8 August – Joy & Dave

Flowers

Sat 4 & 11 July – Charlotte

Sat 18 & 25 July – Bo

Sat 1 & 8 August – Pat



Bingo – the last session before the summer break is on Friday 3 July, 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

Live and Local

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the Community Centre at our two very different performances: Victor and Albert were truly hilarious, and the stories told by Dave Scott-Morgan about his musical career and the many famous people he met were fascinating. As soon as we have confirmation of next year's acts, we'll let you know.

Pat & Irene



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CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting on 10 June

During June, the Parish Council continued to focus on key local priorities affecting residents and the wider community. Routine inspections of parish assets and public spaces have been maintained, with any required maintenance works being identified and scheduled. Councillors reviewed planning applications received during the month and considered their potential impact on the parish. Following discussion, the Council agreed to support the planning application relating to Caunton Lodge Farm, recognising the benefits of enabling home-based working while supporting the local rural economy.

The Council welcomed the installation of a new village planter, funded by Village Events, which has further enhanced the appearance of the parish. Councillors also approved the purchase of new benches for the playing field. The project will be supported through available grant funding, with the Parish Council providing match funding to help deliver this improvement for residents and visitors.

The Parish Council would also like to thank the 30 residents who took part in the recent village tidy-up and planting day. Their hard work and community spirit have made a significant contribution to keeping Caunton attractive and well-maintained.

Highways matters were discussed, including road safety concerns, drainage issues and the condition of local footpaths. Financial matters were reviewed in line with the Council's budget, and regular payments were approved.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 July 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 Village Wine Walk

Saturday 18 July
7.00pm to 10.45pm

Join your fellow villagers in this summer evening
walk around Caunton

Enjoy quality food and wine, beer and soft drinks
in our garden venues

After party at The Plough until late

Tickets £18 from Garry 07740 822983

Surplus funds will support The Caunton Improvement Group



Facebook: Search for
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Cromwell community news

Church News

June saw the funeral of Shaun Julien, which was a beautiful service attended by more than 150 people – a true testament to what a well-loved man he was. More than £1,400 was collected for the family's chosen charity – the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.

Huge thanks go out to Jordan and Josh Julien who have made an amazing job of the churchyard. It looks fantastic – thanks so much, guys. Shaun would be so proud of you both.

During June we also celebrated the wedding of Megan and Matthew Hutchinson. Congratulations to you both.

In July we will have our regular service of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month – Sunday 19 July at 9.00am. There will also be a Christening on Saturday 4 July.

In addition, the Reverend David Lewis has organised four special evenings of worship in June and July for everyone in the Benefice, taking place in Sutton and Norwell. Full details are in Beck and Trent news (p3) and the accompanying advertisement (p5).

Sarah Clark
Churchwarden
07976 876459



Every Tuesday 6.30–7.30pm

Body Sculpting Exercise Class

Every Wednesday 6.30pm–7.30pm

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Brenda's Bingo

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Meetings – 21 July

There will be a Parish Meeting followed by a meeting about Village Hall activities at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21 July in the Village Hall.

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Lorna Caddy on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232 or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com .

What happened in late May and June

The 4th Sunday Worship which took place on 24 May celebrated Pentecost – when the Holy Spirit was received by the followers of Jesus. It can be considered the “Birthday of the Church” as the disciples were inspired to go out, witness, and spread the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. In a lively service with ‘songs’ old and new, the Reverend David looked at the Old Testament account of the building of the tower of Babel, when people were unable to understand each, and contrasted this with the coming of the Holy Spirit, which enabled everyone to hear others speaking in their own language.

The Holy Spirit inspires us in our own lives today. The well-attended service was, as usual, preceded by refreshments and a chance for the congregation to chat. The service was followed by a presentation to Elizabeth Jones to express the village’s thanks for her years of service to the church. There was a presentation of vouchers for a future theatre event and to shop at John Lewis. Our thanks go to all who contributed.

Elizabeth writes: *“I was completely taken by surprise and was overwhelmed by the wonderful gifts I was given. I should like to thank everyone for their generosity very much indeed.*

“I have enjoyed my time contributing to so many aspects of life in St Laurence’s but I am ready to hand over responsibilities to others. I am not disappearing and, as always, will be ready to help when needed. This is such a warm and supportive community and I really value being part of it. God’s blessings to you all.”

There was a wedding blessing on Saturday 30 May: our best wishes go out to the happy couple – Charles McQuilkin and Jade Gould.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on in St Laurence’s on Thursday 11 June.

Weddings Past and Present

Next month we will also report on the Weddings Past and Present exhibition, being held at St Laurence’s in conjunction with the NGS Open Gardens event – on Sunday 28 June, 1.00-5.00pm and on the evening of Wednesday 1 July, 6.00-8.30pm.



This important event includes a special Open Church evening for the parish on Monday 29 June, 6.00-8.00pm, when everyone is invited to view the wonderful wedding memorabilia and enjoy a few drinks and nibbles.

Our thanks to both Elizabeth Jones and Barbara Bateson for their wonderful organisational skills in arranging this. Some surprises are promised, including fascinating photographs!

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 to protect the items on loan. If you need access during this time, the key is available from Elizabeth Jones.

SUMMER WORSHIP EVENINGS

The Reverend David Lewis has organised four special evenings of worship in June and July for everyone in the Benefice. Two of these evenings take place at St Laurence's – on Tuesdays 30 June and 14 July at 7.30pm. Full details are in Beck and Trent news (p3) and the accompanying advertisement (p5).

OTHER JULY EVENTS

Our Holy Communion Service is on Sunday 12 July at 9.00am and, as ever, all are welcome.

Fourth Sunday Worship is on 26 July at 11.00am with refreshments from 10.30am.

Weddings Past and Present

St Laurence's Church

Sunday 28 June, 1.00-5.00pm

Monday 29 June, 6.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 1 July, 6.00-8.30pm

Little did we realise how much interest this event would generate, nor how many people still had a wedding dress tucked away.

At the time of writing all is anticipation and planning, but we have promises of dresses from every decade from the 1930s to the present, except the 1940s.

The memorabilia are amazing and include gloves, bags, veils and bouquets. There are photographs from the 1890s onwards. We also have wedding photographs of people living in Norwell now, and you will be invited to play 'Who do you think they are?'

If you read this before any of the dates above, please do come along, especially on the Monday evening which will be a social occasion.

Elizabeth Jones, Barbara Bateson
Organisers: Weddings Past and Present



Norwell community news

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

At its Annual Meeting in May, Norwell & Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council elected Councillor Robertshaw as Chair and Councillor McQuilkin as Vice-Chair for the 2026–27 civic year. The Council also discussed the need to encourage more residents to become involved in the Parish Council, with parish elections due in May 2027 and several current councillors planning to step down. The council currently has two casual vacancies: applications would be eagerly welcomed from eligible residents.

The Council agreed to move its regular meetings to the second Thursday of each month, making it easier to meet parish magazine publication deadlines and to avoid school holiday clashes. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 July at Norwell School.

Among local matters discussed were efforts to find a suitable location for a new dog waste bin on Bathley Lane, maintenance of the Parish Gardens drainage system, and ongoing management of allotment plots.

Planning matters included consideration of an application at Ivy Cottage, Main Street, to expose part of the building's original timber structure: the Council raised no objection. Members also noted the refusal of planning permission for both the proposed solar farm at Foxholes Farm and the change of use application at Flaggs Farm.

The Council received updates on major infrastructure projects affecting the wider area, including the proposed East Coast Hydrogen Pipeline and the Great North Road Solar Park examination process.

Residents may also be interested to hear about Newark and Sherwood District

Council's new "Five Dinners" initiative, designed to support community wellbeing by helping people plan and share meals more easily.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting has also taken place. It was lovely to receive reports from the various village groups, but disheartening to hear a common theme throughout – a lack of engagement and enthusiasm from villagers for the events and meetings hosted. As a Parish Council we always welcome suggestions from residents as to how the village can improve and re-engage residents.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 9 July at 7.00pm at Norwell School.

Residents are always welcome to attend.

Cllr Ashleigh Robertshaw
Chair

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Norwell Village Hall

We held our 'Midsummer Supper & Songs' evening on Saturday 13 June with the multi-talented 'Willo' (singer, guitarist, saxophonist). A big surge in ticket requests in the final two weeks enabled us to host this event. We hope you had a great time listening to the music, eating and dancing the night away and we look forward to future fun events.

The Village Hall will have hosted refreshments for the NGS Open Gardens event on Sunday 28 June, marking the 30th anniversary of Norwell residents opening their gardens and raising funds for national charities.

Thank you to everyone for their kind donations of cakes and quiches etc, and for offers of help on the day itself. This is one of our main fundraising events of the year so, at the time of writing, we hope for a nice sunny day when everyone can enjoy the gardens without sheltering from the rain.

The next Jigsaw Exchange will be held in September.

Pauline Hobson
Treasurer

In addition, Helen Ward writes:

Following my piece in last month's magazine I am delighted to say that locals have shown, once again, what a special community Norwell is.

£80 was donated by villagers who wanted to support our Midsummer event but were unable to attend and an amazing anonymous donation of £1,000 was given to help support our hall. All of which can be gift aided.

Many thanks for these wonderful donations. It makes your committee feel that their work and the hall itself is appreciated and valued. Also, a big thank you to everyone who signed up and came to the Midsummer event. It was a bit of a struggle to get there but we had sufficient people for it to be financially viable and, just as importantly, for there to be a good atmosphere. All of your support is greatly appreciated and suggestions for future events are welcome.

Helen Ward
Chair, Village Hall Committee



Norwell Open Gardens
30th anniversary of participation in the National Garden Scheme

Sunday 28 June, 1.00-5.00pm
Wednesday 1 July, 6.00-8.30pm

A dozen delightful Norwell gardens of all sizes and styles

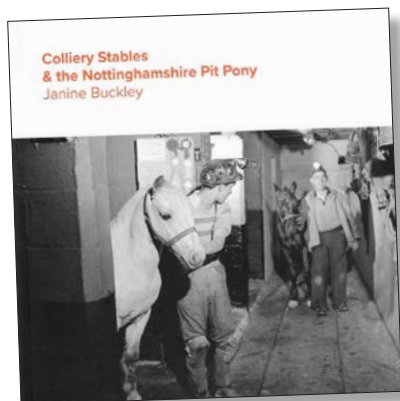
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Nottinghamshire Pit Ponies

We thought that this May meeting would be of interest to a variety of people, but we were wrong. Very few people came which was a shame as it was excellent.

Janine was an enthusiastic, fluent and engaging speaker. She was combining her passions for horses and heritage. We saw images of pit ponies underground in Nottinghamshire pits. They came in all shapes and sizes. Their stabling was comfortable and conditions were good. What was most warming were the words of those who cared for them and who spoke of them with such affection. Deep bonds were established between often quite young lads and their charges.



Janine had researched her subject thoroughly and has published her findings. Those present were given a free copy of her book – a gift indeed.

Some of those present shared their own fascinating memories of pit ponies when they were above ground and when they had ended their days of service. Not all the ponies were impeccably behaved!

June and July

The talk on the history of the Great North Road from Newark to Tuxford is still to come. Some fascinating information has come to light and it should prepare us for the Walk, Talk and Eat event in Tuxford on Thursday 16 July.

Tuxford has a fascinating history as a coaching town. There was a great fire in 1702 which destroyed most of the buildings in the centre which all had to be rebuilt.

If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please contact **Elizabeth Jones** (01636 636365, 07418 008989 or emjones.norwell@btinternet.com) by Wednesday 8 July.

After July we have a summer break so there will be no meeting in August. For the end of September we are planning a Saturday meeting about Fields, farms and farming in Norwell, Norwell Woodhouse and Willoughby.



BOOK CLUB

In July we are reading 'Good Behaviour' by Molly Keane. Set on a decaying estate in 1930s Ireland, the story is told by Aroon, the daughter of the house and a very unreliable narrator. It's dark, acutely observed and funny. We shall meet to discuss it on Wednesday 29 July.

More information from Helen on 01636 636337.

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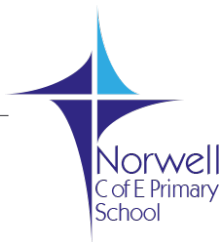


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Norwell Diary – June, July and August

Sun 28 June	11.00am	4th Sunday Service at St Laurence Church, 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 'Norwell Weddings Through the Decades'
Mon 29 June	6.00-8.00pm	St Laurence Church Open Evening with food and drink to view our wonderful display of Wedding memorabilia. For more details see Norwell church and community news
Tue 30 June	7.30pm	Summer Worship Evening at 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	10.30-12.30	Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion.
Tues 7 July	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Thurs 9 July	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting at Norwell School
Sun 12 July	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence Church
Tue 14 July	7.30pm	Summer Worship Evening at St Laurence Church
Thurs 16 July	Late afternoon - early evening	Norwell Heritage Group ~ The annual walk, talk & eat at Tuxford
Mon 20 July	1.30-1.50pm	Mobile Library ~ Old Chapel, Main St
Tues 21 July	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Fri 24 July	PM	Norwell C of E School closes for the Summer Holidays
Sun 26 July	11.00am	4th Sunday Service at St Laurence Church, continuing our Journey through the Bible. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am
Wed 29 July	8.00pm	Book Club ~ For details 01636 636337
Mon 3 Aug	10.30-12.30	Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion
Tues 4 Aug	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sun 9 Aug	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence Church

Norwell CofE Primary School



We cannot believe that this is our final article before we break up for the summer holidays. This year has flown by, and I think the children are looking forward to their summer break. The Key Stage 2 pupils should be really proud of themselves for their education entry at the Lincolnshire Show. Their 'Bee'utiful Garden showcased their learning about the important relationship between fauna and wildlife.

The children across the whole school also performed a concert of songs and music to their families, providing another opportunity to demonstrate their learning this term. It is amazing to think that at the start of this year some of these children could not even play a ukulele!

The Kite Partnership Sports Day was held at Norwell School this year and it was lovely to see all the families across the two schools coming together to support the children.

The last day of school this term is Friday 24 July and we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 cohort who continue their education at their chosen secondary schools. We wish them well and hope they make the most of all the opportunities offered to them in the future.

The first day back in the Autumn term is Thursday 3 September. The school is closed on Wednesday 2 September for INSET day training for the staff.

From all the children, staff and governors at the school, we hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting year.

If you are still looking for a pre-school or reception place, we do have a few spaces left. Please contact the school office on 01636 636244 or office@norwell.notts.sch.uk. We would be happy to show you round.

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From the Church

It was a pleasure to welcome so many back through the church doors last month for the Group Service, which was attended by parishioners from all the churches in the Benefice. We were also thrilled to welcome back several representatives of the specialist conservators who have so wonderfully restored the church.

The organ was in full voice again after a few years, and we were grateful to Mrs Sue Pike for showing us how it should sound. It was also wonderful to hear the bells of Holy Rood ringing out once more on a Sunday morning. A heartfelt thanks to the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Ringers for the quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Services will resume as normal on the second Sunday of every month at 11.00am with our next service taking place on Sunday 12 July.

In addition, the Reverend David Lewis has organised four special evenings of worship in June and July for everyone in the Benefice, taking place in Sutton and Norwell. Full details are in Beck and Trent news (p3) and the accompanying advertisement (p5).

Robin Drury

Coffee Morning

Thank you once again for all your support with the charity plant and cake sale earlier in the year. The final total for UNICEF was £562, which was donated to help children in Gaza and Ukraine.

There will be no coffee morning in July, but we welcome everyone to the Ossington Garden Party in the afternoon!

Mary Brown

Ossington Garden Party

Come and join us for an afternoon of family fun at this year's Ossington Garden Party on Saturday 25 July, 3.00-5.00pm at Ossington House. All are welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of lawn games, stalls, cakes, live music and a raffle with fabulous prizes up for grabs! See the advertisement for details. Looking forward to welcoming you all this year.

Georgina Denison

A Notice of Thanks

A huge thank you to Andrew and Susie Preston for their restoration of the village notice board. We know how much time and skill went into this, and we are extremely grateful. We are sure everyone will agree – it looks beautiful!

Liz Carney-Marsh
Parish Meeting Clerk

At a Glance – Dates for your Diary

- July Church Service –
Sunday 12 July, 11.00am
- Ossington Garden Party –
Saturday 25 July, 3.00-5.00pm



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Ossington community news (continued)

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Once again, thank you so much to everyone who entered – 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.

Liz Carney-Marsh
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Help an important local charity

Home-Start Newark is a local charity doing important work to support young families in

Newark as well as in Ollerton, Boughton and Bilsthorpe.

One of its most important programmes is Step Up for School, which supports parents/carers to prepare their children for full-time education.

Some families with young children are still feeling the effects of the Covid pandemic, with delayed speech and social skills among the developmental milestones not being met. National statistics indicate that one in four children is not toilet-trained by the time they begin reception class in school.

Nicky Beeby, Coordinator of Step Up for School says: "When visiting baby and toddler groups, I am finding that

parents/carers are predominantly seeking information and support around toilet training. Parents/carers are unsure how to start the process and where to find appropriate resources.

In 2025 the Home-Start Newark team handed out 62 toilet training resources at local baby and toddler groups. They also offered information and resources to support families with bedtime/mealtime routines, social skills and behaviours, and many other school readiness skills.

If you have parenting experience and would like to make a difference to the lives of local young children and families through volunteering, or by becoming a trustee, Home-Start Newark would like to hear from you.

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

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Museums of Tuxford

- **Wednesday 15 July, 10.00am-3.30pm:** Heritage skills workshop. Learn how to work with lime plaster with Jason Mordan, Conservation Officer. Booking required. £15 including tea and biscuits. Bring your own lunch.
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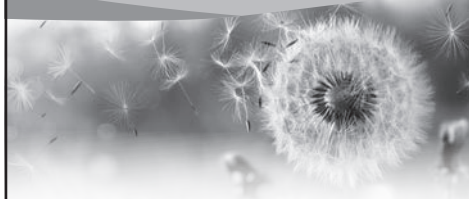
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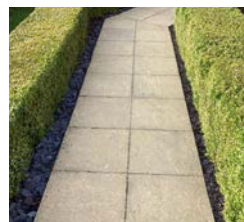
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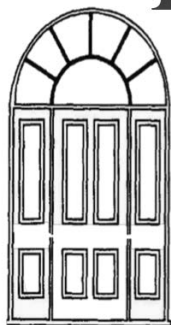
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