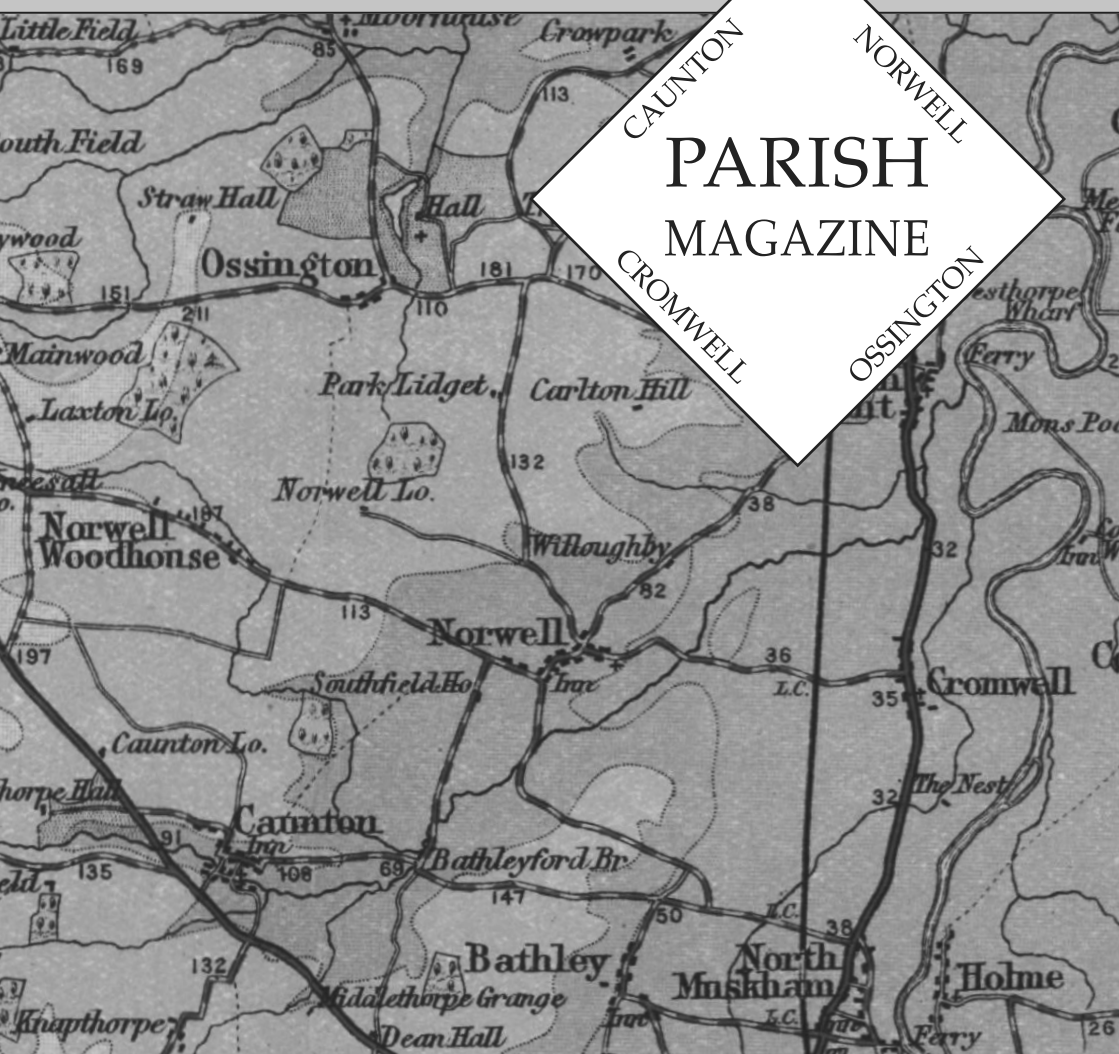


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| <i>first Sunday</i>  | <b>2 August</b><br><i>Trinity 9</i>     | <b>9.00am</b><br>Holy Communion                                             |                              |                                                                                                  |                               | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Service at All Saints              |                                  |
| <i>second Sunday</i> | <b>9 August</b><br><i>Trinity 10</i>    |                                                                             |                              | Joint service for Norwell and Ossington<br><b>11.00am</b> Holy Communion At Holy Rood, Ossington |                               | <b>10.30am</b><br>Joint Morning Worship at Methodist Chapel | <b>11.00am</b><br>Holy Communion |
| <i>third Sunday</i>  | <b>16 August</b><br><i>Trinity 11</i>   |                                                                             |                              |                                                                                                  |                               | <b>11.00am</b><br>Holy Communion at All Saints              |                                  |
| <i>fourth Sunday</i> | <b>23 August</b><br><i>Trinity 12</i>   |                                                                             |                              | <b>11.00am</b><br>Fourth Sunday Worship                                                          |                               | <b>10.30am</b><br>Joint Service at Methodist Chapel         | <b>9.00am</b><br>Holy Communion  |
| <i>Fifth Sunday</i>  | <b>30 August</b><br><i>Trinity 13</i>   | <b>11.00am</b> Benefice Holy Communion with Baptism at St Andrew's, Caunton |                              |                                                                                                  |                               |                                                             |                                  |
| <i>first Sunday</i>  | <b>6 September</b><br><i>Trinity 14</i> | <b>9.00am</b><br>Holy Communion                                             |                              |                                                                                                  |                               | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Service at All Saints              |                                  |

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# Benefice News

First, I am grateful to everyone who came to our Summer Worship Evenings. I am looking forward to continuing to find local opportunities for prayer, discussion, worship and community around our benefice in the Autumn.

The summer is a time for parents like myself to spend time with the family but also to continue fitting work in around a potentially large amount of noise and distraction in the household. However I'm aware that for many in our benefice, the summer is just the continuation of life like the rest of the year. Some things do stop over the summer though and people can feel a sense of isolation, which is particularly uncomfortable when combined with the heat we are experiencing.

In view of this, one thing to highlight is that All Saints Church in Sutton are hosting two coffee mornings for people to come and have a chat and feel connected to their community. These will take place on Thursday 13 and Monday 17 August at All Saints Church, Sutton on Trent.

Please note that on Sunday 16 August there will only be one service – at Holy Rood, Ossington at 11.00am.

August is also a month when we have a fifth Sunday, and on this occasion we will have a single service, taking place at 11.00am in St Andrew's, Cauntton. This service of Holy

*(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](mailto: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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Communion will include the baptism of two adults who have come to faith in Jesus within the last year or so. We will then be able to make our way over to CauntontFest at 1.00pm which will be taking place at the Cauntont Cricket Ground. A whole day of celebration!

The Sutton Festival is taking place as usual in the first weekend of September. On Sunday 6 September we will have one service at 10.00am on the site of the festival. This will be an opportunity to celebrate all God has done in the past year and to pray for the year ahead. Once the festival has opened, Adam Parkes and I will be playing a set of 'Assembly Bangers' as part of the 80s theme for the 40th Anniversary of the festival, so please do come along for that as well.

*Finally, we are quickly approaching the point where I will have been living in this benefice for a year. I am incredibly grateful for the*

*support that I've been shown by those in all the parishes. My prayer is that this summer will be a restful time for many of us. I hope to hit the ground running in the Autumn with experience and understanding of where the needs lie for a second journey through the church year.*

David Lewis, Vicar

**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.*

Verse of the month:

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth....  
Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the  
world, and all who live in it.*

*Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains  
sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord.*

*Psalms 98 v 4, 7 and 8*

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



From the registers

15 June 2026 – 14 July 2026

Wedding

20 June                      Matthew Hutchinson  
                                         and Megan Newham

St Giles, Cromwell

Baptisms

4 July                        George Burgass  
5 July                        Pippa Turlukowsky

St Giles, Cromwell  
St Andrew's, Cauntont

# The Vicar's Message

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## **The Three Blades**

I find that using familiar images can help us understand some of the profound truths in the Bible. The three here can act as sharp reminders. Always a fan of a pun!

### **1. Sword**

**Matthew 10:34** *“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.”*

Jesus acknowledged during his time on earth that following him would not necessarily lead to a peaceful life. In fact, being counted as one of his disciples has cost many people around the world any consistent sense of comfort. This is especially the case in countries such as North Korea, Eritrea and Syria. Even here in the UK, following Jesus continues to be a point of contention that can regularly cause tension or friction in relationships.

However, the sword that Jesus brings, more than any other, is one that vanquishes evil. Revelation 20 tells us about the eventual defeat of Satan and his minions (not the little yellow kind, thankfully), and Ephesians 6 tells us that the sword we are given is the Bible and prayer. Whether you've made many sacrifices for your faith or feel that the battle in life is particularly difficult at the moment, a sword is offered for us to fight with and a promise that God fights alongside us.

### **2. Scalpel**

**Hebrews 4:12** *“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and*

*marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

Another blade that plays a role in a life of faith is the scalpel. Very different, of course, to a sword. It requires precision, closeness and permission. We have to trust that the surgeon knows what they are doing, opening ourselves up to potential risk and pain in the hope of a positive result.

If we had to pinpoint God's greatest desire for us, it would be that we are continually becoming more and more like his son, Jesus. This requires increasing depths of 'heart surgery' throughout our lives. Each level of pride, fear, trauma, vanity etc has to go through a loving process of removal and healing. It's never easy and requires trust and humility, but the effect it can have on our lives is incredible.

### **3. Machete**

**Psalms 119:105** *“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”*

Like our other two blades, a machete has a specific purpose. You need both its heft and sharpness to make your way through tough undergrowth. Also, you cannot automatically expect to get anywhere fast when you're using one. It's a step-by-step journey just as a life of faith can be.

Time and again I've experienced God's guidance, but it only ever lights the path a short way ahead. I would say I have only ever known what might be happening a few years at a time (at the most). This goes against our desire to have plans and contingencies in place, but it makes for an adventurous life where you feel like you are where God wants you to be. He leads the way, chopping a route ahead. We just need to follow, trusting he only wants the best for us.

**Be ready to use the three blades!**  
*All blessings, David*

# NATURE *Watch*

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Nothing quite sounds like summer as the evensong of grasshoppers. Grasshoppers belong to the order Orthoptera derived from the Greek words orthos (meaning 'straight') and ptera (meaning 'wings'), referring to their straight membranous forewings placed over their bodies.

There are 30 species of crickets and grasshoppers in the UK and around 15 in Nottinghamshire. In order to differentiate between the two, look at the antennae. Grasshopper antennae are short and stubby, whereas cricket antennae are long and curved, often growing longer than their bodies.

Renowned for their jumping abilities, grasshoppers can jump up to 20 times their own body size in order to escape from predators. Like the elastic on a catapult, grasshoppers slowly bend their legs into a jumping position, compressing specialised muscle tissue. Above the leg joints are specialised structures called semi lunar processes (shaped like crescent moons). The compressed muscle presses the processes, which acts like squeezing a spring, 'storing' the potential energy, ready for the jump. When the jump occurs, the processes snap back, causing a powerful release of energy, allowing the grasshopper to leap.

The complex songs of grasshoppers are produced in a process called stridulation, by rubbing their back legs on their wings, like a bow across the strings of a violin. Only the males sing, and the songs are used to establish territory boundaries, indicating to males their size, health and condition.

Male songs are also used to attract females, as they are extremely good indicators of a male's quality. Females prefer songs that have complex harmonics (blend high and low frequencies), and complex, longer songs are generally produced by larger males with better immune systems and smaller genomes (smaller genomes have fewer 'selfish' genes – a tale for another day!).



A cacophony of songs may make it hard for female grasshoppers to hear a potential mate, and so males that can adjust the pitch of their song above background noise are more likely to attract females. To human ears it is difficult to determine which songs belong to which species, however females' ears (located on the abdomen, just behind the hind legs) have evolved to respond to species – specific rhythms and frequencies, therefore mating can result in viable offspring. After a night of song, if a male has the X Factor, so to speak, the female will approach him and allow him to mate.

*Adam Breslin*

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## RAIN *Watch*

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After a dry March, very dry April and dry May, June was, unsurprisingly, very dry! We got 3.3 cm (1.3 in) of rain, which is 60% of the long-term Norwell average.

Combined with heat waves and strong drying winds the effects were felt over much of the country. The rain that fell here in Norwell tended to be brief showers that evaporated quickly, not penetrating the leaf canopy and reaching the soil. Thunderstorms promised much but delivered nothing, their rain boundaries stopping as close as Cromwell and Bathley.

*Andrew Ward [wardha@aol.com](mailto:wardha@aol.com)*

# BIRD *Watch*

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The theme of this summer has undoubtedly been the heat, so perhaps getting up early with the dawn chorus would be even more enjoyable than normal given those first few hours of daylight are the coolest.

Like humans, birds tend to lie low during the hot hours, so it can feel very quiet on the bird-front during summer when temperatures rise. It's important to keep the birdbaths and water bowls topped up to help them out.

Despite it being hot, we have had a busy Wren titivating the nest box in our garden and belting out some thunderously loud trills along the way. Sadly though, as happened last year, there was an awful lot of activity but nothing to show for it – and it seems they have now moved on to another location, which is very common with Wrens. The male builds multiple nests then Mrs Wren chooses the one she likes best. Maybe I'll give it a spruce this Winter, add some new cushions and change the wallpaper to see if he / we can strike lucky!

I've been enjoying watching the Housemartins in the last few weeks and listening to them chattering away as they fly past, feeding in the air. I've also seen and heard a few Swifts. It was great to get an email from a reader in Ossington who tells me that Housemartins are nesting under the eaves of their house.

It was also fantastic to receive a sound recording of a bird that was calling from woodland at night for a few weeks which, when you're sleeping with the windows open, can be distracting. I didn't know the call straight away, although it sounded like an Owl, so the Merlin app was enlisted for support, and it told us it was a Long-Eared Owl, which would be great to have in the village. They are hard to see, given their nocturnal preferences and the fact that they like thick wooded

habitats: they are not common, so it's great to know there is likely to be a resident in Norwell.

Following on from my report of Cranes being spotted over Norwell and Cromwell, I've had a message from another reader who thinks they saw them too but didn't know what they were, so it's good to know these articles are helping to improve knowledge and enjoyment of local birdlife.

Keep in touch!

*Greg Hill*  
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# Cauntton church news



## Church news

### Dean Hole Church of England School

How do you put into words the utter desolation of seeing our school close?

Dean Hole Primary C of E school opened in the 1880s in the school building down School Lane, just along from the church. When it was deemed unfit for purpose it was proposed that local children would be bused to other village schools in the area. However the plan of Nottinghamshire County Council's Education Department was opposed by a formidable group, and subsequently a new school was built, opening in 1972.

Dean Hole School and St. Andrew's have always had a special bond, with the children regularly coming into church for services, whether at times of praise – Christmas, Easter, Remembrance – or on more informal occasions such as the end-of-term leavers' service.

In between these were the general services, and sometimes the children would come into church to do work relating to the curriculum. Also, over the years, our vicars have been regular visitors to the school, taking assemblies and the like.

Now, some 54 years later, when the threat of closure reared its head yet again, no amount of lobbying was able to give our beloved school a reprieve.

So on Thursday 16 July there was a thanksgiving service in church to celebrate

what Dean Hole School has given to the generations of children who were lucky enough to be taught in either of the schools. Archdeacon of Nottingham, Phil Williams, led an uplifting, though sad, service and John Dodd, headmaster for 20 years, gave his reflections on his years at Dean Hole. I don't think there was a dry eye at the end. Esther Wilson, a former pupil, also penned her thoughts on her time at the school. It was lovely to see former teaching and other staff, school governors, parents and volunteers, as well as others who had not necessarily been involved with the children, come and say their goodbyes.

Thoughtful gifts and letters of thanks from the Diocesan Board of Education were given to those who had worked professionally and voluntarily for the good of Dean Hole School.



The schoolchildren then presented St. Andrew's with the large cardboard cross that had been in school, and on the reverse were handprints and finger drawings done by the children, along with the years that there had been a school in Cauntton.

St. Andrew's will miss the children's presence within its walls – from the regular drama productions, nursery children 'doing their own thing', KS1 and KS2 classes giving endless renditions of songs new and old, to the laughter and tears at leavers' services! We give thanks to God for those who entered our church's warm, safe and friendly space over the years.

Now a new era dawns with The Orchard School. We hope we may continue to hear the sounds of laughter and chatter from the children. So let us give these special needs children the same love and support that we have always given in the past.

### **5th Sunday Benefice Service**

Our customary Holy Communion service takes place on the first Sunday of the month – 2 August, however St Andrew's also has a Holy Communion service for the whole Benefice on the fifth Sunday – Sunday 30 August at 11.00am, the Sunday of the bank holiday weekend.

This will be an extra special service as it will include two adult full immersion Baptisms – a first for St. Andrew's. Please do come along and give your support to these new Christians as they take the next step in their faith.

Afterwards, you can go to the cricket field and join CauntontFest (starting at 1.00pm) with live music, food, drink and good company in abundance.

### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Festival service takes place on Friday 25 September at 6.00pm. Full details in the September magazine.

*Irene Crossley*



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### **Cauntont Church Rota**

#### **Cleaning**

**Sat 1 & 8 August** – Joy & Dave

**Sat 15 & 22 August** – Pat & Irene

**Sat 29 August & 5 September**  
– Cathy & Wendy

#### **Flowers**

**Sat 1 & 8 August** – Pat

**Sat 15 & 22 August** – Irene

**Sat 29 August & 5 September** – Charlotte



# Caunton community news

## CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Notes from 8 July meeting

During July, the Parish Council continued to focus on matters affecting residents and the wider community, with routine inspections of parish assets and public spaces continuing throughout the month. Any maintenance issues identified have been logged and will be addressed as part of the Council's ongoing maintenance programme.

Councillors considered planning matters, including the appeal relating to the proposed bungalows on Mill Lane. Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to uphold its previous objections and submitted further comments to the Planning Inspectorate in response to the appeal.

The Council discussed the increasing problem of dog fouling in the parish. Councillors expressed concern about the impact on footpaths, open spaces and the wider environment, and would like to remind all dog owners to clean up after their pets and dispose of waste responsibly to help keep the village clean and enjoyable for everyone.

The Parish Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to the volunteers who recently took part in the working party to tidy the entrance to Deans Close. Their time and effort have made a real difference and have further improved the appearance of this important entrance to the village.

Councillors would also like to thank all those residents who have been helping to water the village planters and floral displays during the recent warm weather. Your continued support and community spirit are greatly appreciated and help to keep the village looking attractive throughout the summer.

Highways matters remained a regular agenda item, with councillors reviewing ongoing concerns relating to road safety, drainage and the condition of local footpaths. The Council also received updates on parish maintenance and other community matters.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 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](mailto:parishcouncilcaunton@gmail.com)

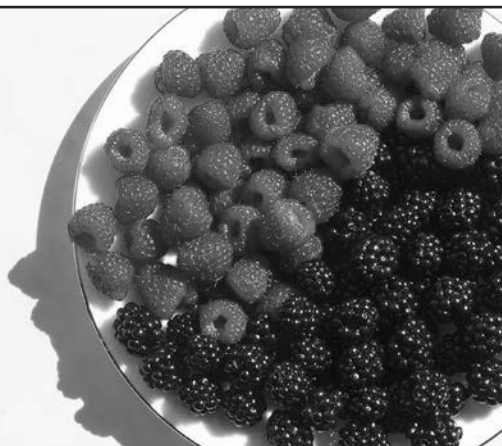
*Steve Routledge, Chairman*

## **Caunton Garden Society Autumn Show at Floral Media, Caunton**

**Sunday 30 August, 2.00pm  
Prizes presented at 3.00pm**

**Refreshments available**

**Everyone Welcome**





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# Cromwell community news

## Church News

There is no service at St Giles' church this month however on Sunday 30 August, there will be a service for all the churches in the Benefice at St Andrew's, Caunton. This service of Holy Communion with Baptisms takes place at 11.00am.

*Sarah Clark, Churchwarden*

## Macmillan Coffee morning

There will be a fundraising coffee morning in the Village Hall on Friday 25 September from 11.00am with coffee, cake, a raffle and other little treats! Please put the date in your diary. Look forward to seeing you there.

I would greatly appreciate assistance from volunteers to help make another successful event. If you would like to help in any way – setting up, publicising, or donating cakes, biscuits or raffle prizes, please contact me. More information next month.

*Sandra Bamber*  
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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](mailto:lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com) .

## Looking back

Following our customary Holy Communion on the second Sunday of July, 4th Sunday Worship had the theme of Exile, which continued our journey through the Bible. Those attending the service were themselves 'exiled' to a small area of the church due to the wedding display already set up for later that day.

June and July were dominated by weddings. The church was open on the afternoon of Sunday 28 June for the Norwell Weddings through the Decades display as part of the National Garden Scheme open gardens day. An enormous thank you to those who loaned their precious dresses, pictures and other memorabilia for this event.

Villagers were invited to inspect the display at leisure and enjoy some celebratory refreshments on the following Monday evening. The occasion was a gratifying success with more than 120 people attending at various times, many joining in the fun of 'who do you think they are?', identifying village couples from their wedding photographs.

A wonderful collection of dresses was on display covering every decade and including, after a last-minute appeal, a dress from the 1940s containing parachute silk! (see p13)

The church looked splendid with a particularly impressive display in the porch of a wedding dress made entirely of flowers,



something that took Paula Hardy over five hours to create! Thank you, Paula.

A massive vote of thanks to Barbara Bateson and Elizabeth Jones who both worked tirelessly to pull this event together, involving many hours of organisation and preparation. Thank you also to Ashleigh Robertshaw who came up with the original idea for the display. Does anyone have ideas for next year's theme?

A total of £502.80 was donated by attendees over the week, so a big thank you to all those who contributed to a very welcome injection of funds for the church.

The Summer Worship evening held at St Laurence on Tuesday 30 June saw attendees from all the parishes in the Benefice. It is a pleasing development that the appointment of David as Priest in Charge has led to closer links with the other churches in the Benefice and we look forward to this trend continuing and strengthening.





## August events

August is traditionally a quiet month even though 10 August is St Laurence's Day. The 2nd Sunday Holy Communion will be held at Ossington Church on 9 August as David is taking a very well-earned break with his young family.

### 4th Sunday Worship this month is on 23 August at 11.00am.

In addition, on 30 August, there will be a service for all the churches in the Benefice at St Andrew's, Cauntton. This service of Holy Communion with Baptism takes place at 11.00am.

One other significant event is our annual 'Hay Day' on Saturday 8 August. We are asking for volunteers to join us in tackling the areas of the churchyard which had been deliberately left to grow in a more natural way this year to encourage biodiversity. It is delightful to see dog daisies, yellow ladies' bedstraw and knapweed flourishing and to see butterflies flitting from flower to flower.

Please turn up that morning from 10.00am, bringing wheelbarrows and gardening tools you might find useful (plus sunscreen, sun hat or waterproofs and wellies!) and join us in

what is always a fun time. Refreshments will be provided. This is of course subject to the weather: we will keep you informed.

## Looking after the churchyard

After four years of extremely hard work Rhona and Graham Price will be handing over the maintenance schedule for the churchyard and the PCC are currently exploring options to ensure their excellent work is maintained. More details of this next month.

In the meantime, we should like to thank Rhona and Graham, who will still be lending a hand, for taking the lead and working tirelessly at what must seem like an endless task, and for donating the use of their personal gardening equipment during this period.

## Harvest celebration

We will be holding our annual Harvest Service on Sunday 27 September when a hot supper will be provided to celebrate the bounty provided by God and our farming community. More details of this next time.



# Norwell community news

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## Norwell's National Garden Scheme Open Gardens

The 30th year that I have organised Norwell's National Garden Scheme (NGS) openings was blessed with sunny, warm, but not hot, weather on both Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening.

Thank you to villagers who put up with the annual influx of visitors: so many of them say they wished they lived in a place like ours! 350 came on the Sunday and 124 on the Wednesday. With donations from teas etc. we have sent £3,167 to the cancer care charities that the NGS supports. Other proceeds mean that a fantastic total of £4,515 was raised for charities including our village hall and Beaumont House Hospice.

There are so many thanks to give – to the bakers and servers at the village hall, to the car parkers, to Charlotte for donating the use of her field, and of course to the wonderful garden openers – 13 in total this year, which is a number that will be hard to beat in future.

Feedback from our visitors is glowing, and the range of gardens in a small village is breathtaking. Over the past 30 years, more than 13,000 visitors have come, and we have raised nearly £74,000 for the cancer support charities and Norwell charities. Thank you.

Hard as it seems, it's already time to be thinking about 2027's Open Gardens. The NGS is celebrating 100 years of raising money for their charities next year and we would like to have another bumper selection of gardens opening in Norwell. Several of this year's gardens are having a rest next year, so please consider opening with us in June 2027 – it is great fun and really focuses the mind. Come and have a chat at the nursery or email me to let me know your interest: I need to do the paperwork in September!!!

*Andrew Ward*  
*wardha@aol.com*



### **HOLIDAY COTTAGE TO LET**

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## Finding a grave in Norwell churchyard

Many people visit Norwell churchyard looking for the grave of an ancestor. It is now very easy to locate a headstone. Inside the church, to the left of the main door, is a map and index. Follow the instructions and the quest is made easy; you will find the grave in a matter of minutes. This has been brilliantly done by Barbara Bateson and Brian Voce

and we thank them very much indeed for this great work which has taken several years. Pictures of 732 out of 738 headstones, as well as transcriptions of the inscriptions, can also be seen at [findagrave.com/cemetery/2280713/st.-laurence-churchyard](http://findagrave.com/cemetery/2280713/st.-laurence-churchyard)

If you see someone trying to find a grave, please direct them to this wonderful resource – and have a look at it yourself.

# Mapped Graves

The Parish Church of St. Laurence, Norwell.



## Norwell Village Hall

Refreshments for Norwell's 30th annual NGS Open Gardens event on Sunday 28 June were hosted at the Village Hall and at Norwell Nurseries on the following Wednesday evening. Our thanks to all who donated cakes and quiches and to those who gave their time to help set up the hall and serve teas.

A magnificent £1,348 was raised for the Village Hall, so thank you for all your efforts. It was a busy but enjoyable afternoon with many of the 474 visitors commenting on how lovely they thought our village is.

There are no events planned in August as it is holiday season.

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**The next Jigsaw Exchange will be held in September.**

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*Pauline Hobson*  
*Treasurer*



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At our meeting on 18 June, Elizabeth Jones gave an informative and well-illustrated talk on the Great North Road between Newark and Tuxford.

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In earlier centuries this stretch of the road posed many difficulties and hazards for travellers. Many were caused by the River Trent, which had a habit of flooding and changing its course – a challenge successfully addressed by the brilliant 18th-century civil engineer John Smeaton, whose solution is still effective today. In the autumn and winter the road became waterlogged, deeply rutted and very muddy; in the spring and summer, it dried out and the ruts hardened.

However, especially from the sixteenth century onwards, traffic increased; the stagecoach was introduced and, to cope with passing travellers, coaching inns were set up, several of which are still very evident in the townscape of both Newark and Tuxford. The names may have changed, but The White Hart, The Saracen's Head, The Clinton Arms, and many more, represent earlier inns on the same spot, some dating back to the late Middle Ages.



In Tuxford, the Newcastle Arms (now housing a museum dedicated appropriately to the horse) is the most

notable building at the crossroads which forms the town centre. Carlton had a coaching inn, The Bell, for which some 17th-18th century inventories survive.

Several notable writers and travellers, including Daniel Defoe, Charles Dickens and John Byng, Viscount Torrington (who was often very scathing about the inns at which he put up), relate their varied experiences as they passed along this small stretch of road through Nottinghamshire.

With the coming of the railways, coaching traffic declined, but remarkably the railways brought new prosperity to Tuxford with no fewer than three railway stations serving the town, though those halcyon days have now long gone. The closing of the stations and the building of the A1 meant that the Old Great North Road lost its importance but still remains as a reminder of its glory days.

Many thanks to Elizabeth for her enthusiastic presentation of a fascinating history.

The June meeting was a prelude to the Walk, Talk and Eat visit to Tuxford which took place in July.

## September meeting

There will be no meeting in August but a Fields, Farms and Farming walk through Norwell is planned for Saturday 19

September. We will meet in the church at 2.30pm for a look at the Enclosure map of 1832 and a short talk on the open field system of farming, followed by a walk during which we will look at evidence of farming methods and farm buildings.

*Please contact Elizabeth Jones if you are interested in joining this walk via [emjones.norwell@btinternet.com](mailto:emjones.norwell@btinternet.com), 01636 636365, 07418 008989.*



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## Norwell Diary – August and September

|               |                 |                                                                                                                              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 3 Aug     | 10.30am-12.30pm | Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion.                                                                      |
| Tues 4 Aug    | 7.00-9.00pm     | Village Voices                                                                                                               |
| Sun 9 Aug     | 9.00am          | Holy Communion at Holy Rood, Ossington                                                                                       |
| Mon 17 Aug    | 1.30-1.50pm     | Mobile Library ~ Old Chapel, Main St                                                                                         |
| Tues 18 Aug   | 7.00-9.00pm     | Village Voices                                                                                                               |
| Sun 23 Aug    | 11.00am         | 4th Sunday Service at St Laurence Church, continuing our Journey through the Bible. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am |
| Sun 30 Aug    | 11.00am         | Holy Communion with Baptism for all churches in the Benefice at St Andrew's, Cauntton                                        |
|               |                 |                                                                                                                              |
| Tues 1 Sept   | 7.00-9.00pm     | Village Voices                                                                                                               |
| Wed 2 Sept    | AM              | Norwell C of E School re-opens after the Summer Holidays                                                                     |
| Mon 7 Sept    | 10.30am-12.30pm | Community Coffee Morning at Norwell Nurseries Pavilion.                                                                      |
| Thurs 10 Sept | 7.00pm          | Parish Council Meeting at Norwell School                                                                                     |
| Sun 13 Sept   | 9.00am          | Holy Communion at St Laurence Church                                                                                         |



## BOOK CLUB

No meeting in August but, for anyone keen to get ahead, our September choice is 'Lotte' by Martin Raymond.

This intriguing story begins with Lotte, struggling to escape the guilt and ghosts of her past, walking and walking all night. The small town in which she lives doesn't know what to do with her. We shall discuss Lotte's fate on 30 September.

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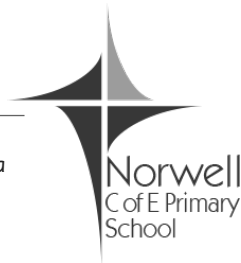
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# Norwell CofE Primary School



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

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

The Key Stage 2 Summer Production of 'I'm an 11-Year-old – Get Me Out of Here' was also a great success: the children and staff did so well

to put it together in such a short time!

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

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

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## Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

At its July meeting, Norwell Parish Council celebrated the success of this year's Norwell Open Gardens. The event attracted 474 visitors, raising more than £3,100 for the National Garden Scheme, while refreshments at the Village Hall raised almost £1,350.

Councillors also thanked everyone involved in the Wedding Festival at St Laurence's Church, which was very well attended.

The work put into both events should not go unrecognised, nor taken for granted. As a parish we are so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers and keen gardeners who are willing to open their gardens and give their time to run such events. The Council welcomed three new allotment tenants and wish them well whilst they prepare their plots.

Work is also continuing to identify a suitable location for a new dog waste bin on Bathley Lane.

Members agreed to progress a new fence and gate for the play area, replace a worn bench on Main Street, and begin planning for Christmas 2026, including exploring solar or battery-powered lights for the village. Councillors are pleased to confirm that there will now be two locations for village Christmas trees, one at either end of the village, and we thank the PCC of St Laurence's for their support in providing one of the locations. Further details of the lighting event will follow in due course.

The Council is preparing responses to the District Council's Local Plan consultation and to a planning enforcement appeal concerning Flagg's Farm. An update was also received on the GNR Solar Park proposal, with a decision expected later this month.

The next meeting of Norwell Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10 September at 7.00pm at Norwell School. Residents are welcome to attend

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## From the Church

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A true highlight of last month was the monthly workshop held by the Diocesan Guild of Ringers, which was well attended and I think enjoyed by all, particularly the villagers of Ossington.

Services of Holy Communion at Holy Rood, Ossington will continue as normal on the second Sunday of every month at 11.00am – the service on 9 August will be a joint one with Norwell.

In addition, on 30 August, there will be a service for all the churches in the Benefice at St Andrew's, Caunton. This service of Holy Communion with Baptism takes place at 11.00am.

*Robin Drury*

## Coffee Morning

In August we hope to hold our usual coffee morning on Saturday 22nd from 11.00am – heatwave permitting! Apologies for cancelling in June, but the hut was just too hot (never mind having the oven on for baking!). As usual everyone is welcome to come and sample our homemade cakes and have a good natter! We look forward to seeing old and new faces. The money we raise goes to the upkeep of our unique village hut! See you all there!

*Mary Brown*

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## At a Glance – Dates for your Diary

- Ossington Church Service –  
**Sunday 9 August, 11.00am**
- Coffee Morning – **Saturday, 22 August, 11.00am-1.00pm**
- Benefice Service at St Andrew's Caunton – **Sunday 30 August, 11.00am**



Facebook: Search for  
"Ossington Village Group"

# Ossington community news (continued)

## Ossington's Nature Photo of the Month

### *'Baling Under Big Skies'*

This wonderful entry was taken by Jane Norman. It's always mesmerising watching the farmers of Ossington harvest their fields. Their talent and work ethic don't go unnoticed or unappreciated – quite the opposite! How lucky we are to live within the beating heart of this farming community.

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](mailto: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  
[liz@carneymarsh.com](mailto:liz@carneymarsh.com)





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## **What are you waiting for? YOU can make a difference!**

Are you retired and looking for a way to put your valuable life skills to use? Would you like to improve your CV? Or are your children at school and you want to make a difference to the lives of other local children?

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Home-Start Newark is a local charity doing important work to support young families in Newark as well as in Ollerton, Boughton and Bilsthorpe, offering support to parents with at least one child under the age of five.

The charity is particularly recruiting participants for its Home-Visiting Volunteer training course (school-friendly hours) in September. All volunteers are trained to a high level; the course is a chance to learn new skills and make friends.

The Home-Visiting Volunteer programme supports families in their own homes for a couple of hours a week to offer practical

and emotional support and help families to engage with other services.

There is also a Family Group twice a week, offering support to families who wish to meet other parents, enabling their children to play in a safe environment, supporting children's development, and providing a healthy breakfast to every child. Staff and volunteers are onsite to offer emotional and practical support to families.

Without this support, many families may face greater challenges associated with money, debt or housing problems, lack of support, health or wellbeing needs, loneliness and inequality, as well as all the challenges that go hand-in-hand with being a parent.

The charity is holding a 'Come and Find Out' coffee morning at the YMCA on Tuesday 1 September, 10.00-11.30am – just turn up, have some coffee and cake and find out what's involved. Alternatively, contact them anytime using the details below. New potential Home-Visiting volunteers can enrol any time until mid-September.

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**For further information call Home-Start Newark on 01636 705011,**  
email [info@homestartnewark.co.uk](mailto:info@homestartnewark.co.uk),  
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Saturdays – breakfast at Starbucks in Newark (7:30am) and Costa in Ollerton (8am).

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### *Museums of Tuxford*

#### **Walks of Life Museum:**

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- **Tuesday 25 August, 11.00am-4.00pm** – Nottinghamshire day: find out about the people of Tuxford who have made a difference to the world.

#### **Museum of the Horse:**

- **Wednesday 2 September, 10.00am-4.00pm** – conference with three authors of new publications, handling curious items quiz, museum tour. Tickets £50.00 including lunch. **See Facebook, email [curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk](mailto:curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk) or call 01777 838234.**

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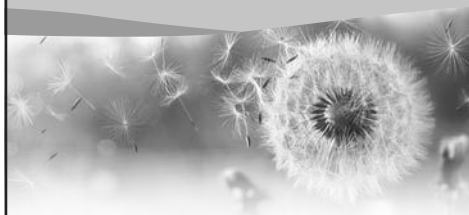
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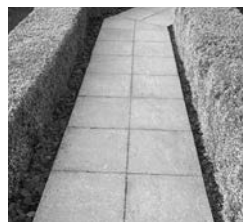
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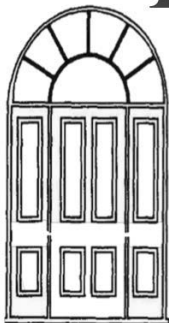
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