



# Village News



**Remember  
Mothering Sunday  
10<sup>th</sup> March**



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## Chairman's Report

As I write this it's February 2024 and snowing! I don't think it will last long, as it will undoubtedly turn to rain as usual! The Allotments are all being worked, despite the variable weather and I certainly wish all a great harvest later on in the year !

If we cast our minds back to Christmas 2023 when the village gathered at the Community Centre for "Carols Round the Tree" - I'm sure we all remember what a jolly evening it was. So many mince pies! The Town Band was a rousing success and also the the School Choir. - lovely music all round. It was a cold night so many thanks to the WI, Reverend Phil and all helpers. Cllr Oldham and Cllr Lee were in attendance and I have to say Cllr Lee did a fine job helping keep the mulled wine flowing all evening! Thanks to all who attended we hope you had a good time and will join us again at Christmas 2024.

The Parish Council welcomes our new Clerk, Jadene Bale. We wish her every success in the role and are delighted to have her knowledge, experience and guidance. Thanks so much to Yvette Wellard who stepped in as temporary Clerk until the vacancy had been filled. Such a glutton for punishment but of course did a fine job!!

Regarding CIL money, we are still looking at options including upgrading the play area at Thorpe Close.

The slip road from the south bound exit of the A1 has now been amended to 40mph which will hopefully now make it safer to enter and leave the village.

Just a reminder: I am sure you are all aware of the new height barrier at the Community Centre (installed due to the unlawful entry made in June/July last year) As of Friday 1st of March, the new height barrier will prevent vehicles of 1.9 meters and above from entering the Community Centre.

Many thanks to the volunteers working on the Millennium Garden, any extra help would be most welcome of course....!

We hope you have all reserved the date and we will see you all at the Community Event on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – stalls, crafts,bbq ,bouncy castle and music. ! Remember what a fabulous day we had for the Coronation event last year? This year it will be great too!

As always, a warm welcome to all new residents of Coddington, whether permanent or temporary. The agendas for the monthly Parish Council meetings are published as always on the notice boards around the village and the public is welcome to raise any issues/contributions at the start of the meeting.

Nerissa McDonald

Chairman

Coddington Parish Council

# **CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

for all residents of the village

will be held in the **VILLAGE HALL**

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The Revd. Phil Smith writes:

Dear friends,

The joy of living in Coddington is that you can go for a walk and without leaving the village or even Thorpe Oaks in my case - feel that nature is very close at hand as well as our fellow neighbours – a perfect blend that makes Coddington the community that it is – we are truly blessed.

I remember my excitement when the other week I saw my first bumblebee of the year and realised that we have turned the corner and are now heading towards spring.

In the church of course our focus is towards Easter – particularly Easter Day on Sunday 31st March when we rejoice in the greatest celebration of them all - The feast of the Resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

Prior to the celebration of Easter we travel through the season of Lent, a period of preparation, reflection and self -denial, a period of 40 days – the time our Lord spent in the wilderness where he too resisted temptation.

During this period of Lent however we do have an occasion to celebrate, which is of course Mothering Sunday – a celebration very close to our hearts here at All Saints'. Towards the beginning of the last century there was a real danger that 'Mothering Sunday' as a Christian festival would be overtaken by an American import 'Mother's Day' which although recognising mothers was not based on Christian values.

Alarmed by this the daughter of the then vicar at All Saints' Coddington – Constance Penswick Smith together with a close friend Ellen Porter launched a 30-year campaign to successfully revive Mothering Sunday to make it what it is today. To find out more come along to our special Mothering Sunday Service!!

So now let me give you those important church dates and times for your diary:

**Sunday March 10th 10.00am** – our special Mothering Sunday Service – all welcome.

**Saturday 23rd March 2.00 – 4.00pm** - our 'Easter Fair' held in church – stalls, games and cake!

**Sunday 24th March 10.00am** - Service of Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

**Sunday 31st March 10.00am** - Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service

**Saturday 27th April 10.00 – 12.00** - Coffee Morning in church

**Sunday 28th April 10.00am** - Service of Holy Communion

**Sunday 26th May 10.00am** – Service of Holy Communion

I do hope and pray that that the joy of this season will put 'a spring' in your step and you are all welcome at any of our services.

Every blessing

Revd Phil.



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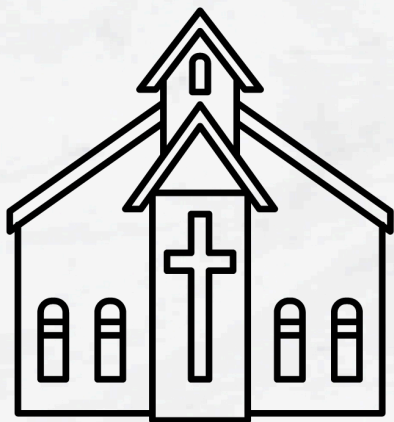
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# OUR SERVICES

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## 1st Sunday of the month

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St Giles Church, Balderton

6.00 PM FREE TO BE  
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## 2nd Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION  
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10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION  
All Saints Church, Barnby in the Willows

## 3rd Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION  
St Giles Church, Balderton

4.00 PM : 4 @ THE HALL  
St Giles Community Hall, Balderton

## 4th Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION  
St Giles Church, Balderton

10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION  
All Saints Church, Coddington

4.00 PM SUNDAY TOGETHER @ BARNBY  
All Saints Church, Barnby in the Willows

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St Giles Church, Balderton

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More information on individual services can be found on our website

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St Giles, Balderton; All Saints, Barnby in the Willows; All Saints, Coddington

# EASTER

## IN OUR CHURCHES

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### **Palm Sunday: 24.03.24**

10.00 am Start Methodist Church, Balderton,

before walking to St Giles for a Family Communion

10.00 am Family Communion, All Saints, Coddington

4.00 pm Sunday Together at All Saints, Barnby in the Willows

6.00 pm Service of Tenebrae, St Giles

### **Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

7.00 pm Compline at St Giles, Balderton

### **Maundy Thursday: 28.03.24**

10.00 am Holy Communion at St Giles, Balderton

7.30 pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar at St Giles, Balderton

### **Good Friday: 29.03.24**

10.00 -12.00 noon "Hot Cross Bun" Open Church at St Giles, Balderton

2.00 - 3.00 pm Reflections of the Cross at St Giles, Balderton

7.30 pm Balderton Churches Together , The Methodist Church, Balderton

### **Easter Sunday: 31.03.24**

**7.00 am Sunrise Communion Service by the river at Barnby**

**10.00 am Family Communion at All Saints, Coddington**

**10.00 am Family Communion at St Giles, Balderton**



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## NOTICE ON DOG FOULING

The Parish Council is aware that dog fouling on green spaces and pathways is a problem in Coddington.

We have a duty of care to all residents and so we have requested Dog Wardens to patrol the village. It is an offence to not clear up after your dog and the Dog Wardens can issue an on-the-spot fine of up-to £1000.

Dog bins are provided at several places around the village. Normal litter bins can also be used, or you could of course dispose of it at home.

Please be assured that this course of action is taken with public safety in mind and the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation closely.



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Jan Phillips

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- ♦ Benefits
- ♦ Universal Credit
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- ♦ Housing
- ♦ Employment etc.

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I am pleased to report that we are now enjoying a much higher level of booking enquiries and so far this year, we have had no fewer than three new weekly adult classes commence.

Now on offer at the Village Hall is everything from adult Ballroom through to children's Brownie and dance groups, as well as the ever-popular Coddington Local History and W.I. groups. Add to this ballet and tap for the over 60's and keep-fit to music groups, the Village Hall really is the perfect go-to place for all ages.

Over recent months we've played host to everything from Christening and birthday celebrations through to family reunions and fund-raising quiz nights. The fully equipped kitchen is ideal for catering for parties of all sizes, whilst the sound system means you can dance along to your favourite songs or enjoy a film show using the projector and large screen.

With a building of this age there is always much to be done and recent storm damage meant part of the felt roofing on the shed had to be replaced. This was carried out by the volunteers of the maintenance team, without whose help we could not survive

Everyone associated with the Coddington Village Hall is a volunteer and if you'd like to get involved to help protect this lovely old building for future generations and have a little time to spare each month, we'd love to welcome you. Please contact us for further details.

Maggie George

Chairman

## CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL: AGM

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### Notice to all Coddington Residents, Village Hall Users and Volunteers

The Annual General Meeting will take place on

***Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 pm***

In Coddington Village Hall, Main Street, Coddington

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Report and Accounts for 2023 and to discuss plans for the forthcoming year. The Village Hall is a vital asset to the Village, please come along and hear about proposed further developments and improvements.

Everybody is welcome.



## **Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark offer energy advice**

As the winter months continue to bite there are a number of low-cost ways you can make your home warmer.

Working with the Energy Saving Trust, Citizens Advice have put together 5 top winter warmer tips for staying warm and saving on your energy bills.

1. Turn down your thermostat by 1c and save around £105 a year on energy bills.
  - But to keep comfortable and stay safe we recommend staying above 18c.
2. Switch your heating off when leaving the house for a few hours.
  - It's cheaper to reheat your home than keep your heating on low when you're out, unless you own a heat pump.
3. Fit draught-proofing strips to your windows and doors and save around £45 a year.
  - This can be a quick DIY job. Keeping extra heat in your home will leave you feeling warmer and more comfortable.
4. Get a hot water cylinder jacket and save roughly £50 a year on energy bills.
  - Jackets are easy to fit, typically cost under £30 and you'll also spend less on a hot shower or bath in the future.
5. Keep furniture away from radiators and heaters to feel warmer at home.
  - Don't overwork your system by blocking your course of heat and remember to remove radiator covers to get more value for money.

At Sherwood & Newark Citizens Advice we have specialist energy advisors who can help with energy debt, energy grants and many more energy saving tips.

If you would like help with energy or any other issue you can contact us on the details below.

- **In person**
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  - **Ollerton office** Monday/Wednesday 9.30 - 2.30, 5 Forest Court, NG22 9PL
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For further information please contact

Elizabeth Evans on 07887702412  
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23/1/24 - 19/3/24 - 9 weeks

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31/1/24 - 20/3/24 - 8 Weeks

**U13's/U15's - (Barnby Road) Fridays 7pm - 8.30pm**  
26/1/24 - 22/3/24 - 9 weeks

Also, summer outdoor skills training and games are delivered on Friday evenings at Kelham Road, Newark along with Kwik cricket tournaments, U11, U13 & U15 hardball matches throughout the summer.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Evans by email [jgesevans@talktalk.net](mailto:jgesevans@talktalk.net) or telephone 07887702412.

We look forward to seeing you.



# Coddington History Group

## Coddington - in the news 100 Years ago.

This is a mixture of Natural and Historical interest!

It is an extract from an article in The Mansfield Reporter and Sutton in Ashfield Times (*snappy title!*) of April 18<sup>th</sup> 1924 – which cost a bargain “Three Halfpence”! The article is rather long and has much flowery description so here is just the part relevant to Coddington. The article is headed “Natural History and Country Life” by W.N. Saril, it seems to be a regular feature in that newspaper. It starts with general information that the nightingale is a summer visitor to Britain and that generally it is found further south than here, and goes on to describe its nesting behaviour etc. before getting to the more interesting part:

### “The Nightingale” by W.N. Saril “

The only time I have heard the birds singing in these parts was near Newark, over twenty years ago. I was a guest for a day or two at the camp of the Sherwood Rangers, at Coddington, the camp being by the side of Stapleford Wood. The tent allocated to me was on the outskirts of the camp, close to the wood. When the batman showed me the tent, furnished with a camp bed, plenty of blankets and a pail of water, he said, “You’ll be alright here sir, if the nightingales will let you sleep.” I replied that as I hadn’t heard one for years, I should be delighted to hear one again.”Well, you’ll hear plenty tonight” he replied, and his words came true, for I had scarcely made myself comfortable in my blankets before a nightingale stuck up close to the tent. I lay and enjoyed it, and shortly another challenged him, and another, and away in the distance others were faintly heard, until the whole wood fairly rang with their music.”

He then continues to say he couldn't sleep and describes the singing with much flowery language – which I will spare you!

I wonder if there are nightingales in Stapleford Woods these days? I have my doubts and perhaps the woods were still mixed deciduous then rather than conifers.

The local history interest is that we knew that Col. Thorpe allowed the Sherwood Rangers to have camps on his land - we have a couple of postcards of them. But we have not had any information as to where they were situated so at least this article gives a clue. The date on this card ties in fairly well with "over twenty years ago" as it is dated 1905/6/8 - it's not clear.



## REPORT IT

The District Council have a link on their website to make reporting issues as easy as possible.

So, to report issues such as fly-tipping, antisocial behaviour, planning breaches, lost dogs and much more, search 'Newark and Sherwood District Council' and click on 'Report' on the left-hand side of their home page.

<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/report/>

# **Coddington History Group**

## **Speakers Programme 2024**

**All the events are on the third Thursday of the month in the Village Hall, Main Street starting at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome, Members FREE, non- members £2 - includes refreshments**

***Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Josephine McKenzie – The Victorian Renovation of All Saints Church, Coddington.*** Josephine kindly agreed to repeat her talk which she gave earlier in the year at the church, several people were unable to attend so we thought a second chance to hear it would be welcome.

***Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Martin Stott - Nottingham's 'Royal' Garden.*** Martin Stott is a former BBC journalist and enthusiastic gardener. In the centre of Nottingham lies a rare Georgian town garden, part of Grade 2\*-listed Bromley House, now the home of a fabulous subscription library.

***Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024. David Ives – 1943 The Secret Eakring Oilfield.*** The first commercial oilfield in the UK sector (including the North Sea) was at Dukes Wood, Eakring in 1939, you can still see evidence of it there. This is the story of its development for WWII.

And we even have the October talk organised already, I saw it elsewhere last year and it is very well presented and most interesting.

***Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. William Ruff - The Gunpowder Plot: The Nottingham Connection.*** The description says it all but doesn't convey how interesting it is!

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### Danielle Clayton

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## Village Hall News - Live performances.

By the time you read this all our scheduled performances will be over for a while, hopefully there'll be more later in the year. We've had a very successful "season" so far from July to January; the three performances have averaged an audience of over 70 people, with yet one more to come in February as I write. It seems that once folk have been to one event they generally return – thank you!

Many thanks also to Paul who very kindly does the reviews for us – he's SO much better at it than me!

Isobel Turner.

### Review: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 - A Christmas Cracker.

#### The Churchfitters at Coddington Village Hall



On a night coming in the middle of the first real cold snap of this winter, The Churchfitters appeared at the Village Hall for what they affectionately reminded us was their sixth appearance at Coddington.

In their previous performances Rosie Short, her brother Chris Short and self-described 'part mad-inventor', Boris Lebet (from Brittany in France) have collected such local support that it wasn't surprising that the hall was packed again this time. This may have been further evidenced by the entry on their current on-line tour-list where this evening's gig was labelled as "*Back in Coddington – We love you!*"

This season, The Churchfitters are touring with *Christmas Cracker*; a show including 14 songs that span poignant, multi-instrumental, multi-prop and even wonderfully silly pantomime.

Of course – the evening was very ‘Christmassy’ – where the cosy inside of the hall contrasted with the outside chill. Most tunes were obviously utterly familiar to the whole audience, making the show easily accessible for all. From the opening song (*Wassail*), the on-stage action was brilliantly choreographed, eclectic and certainly eccentric. The result was a quite joyous elevation of their material, lifting spirits in the room quite audibly.

We have become used to some of their ‘standard fare’ but under the backdrop of tinsel and twinkle lights, the trio managed to deliver an extravaganza big-stage dance musical (*Riverdance*), a truly dramatic shadow puppet show (*King Wenceslas*), a very gregarious tribute to Doris Day (where the band was joined on stage by horse, Silly Billy for a whip-cracking and hilarious version of *Deadwood Stage*). All this finally peaked as Boris gave us his balletic take on *Over the Rainbow*.

But within all this frivolity there were standout performance elements: Chris was beguiling as he picked out a magical atmosphere using his unique glass harp: 27 individually selected and differently-sized wine glasses, carefully tuned to resonate perfectly. Not content with this mesmeric sound and on top of his trademark fiddle work, he also demonstrated his carpentry skills with bow and cross-cut saw – why did we ever need the synthesiser?

Seriously, you needed to be there! Right in the middle of the set, Rosie treated us to her own composition (*Annie*) based on the Little Match Girl fable. It was delightful and had the effect of keeping the audience grounded without taking the pace out of the band’s performance. Along with all this, it was notable that no one mentioned the infamous upcycling prowess of Boris (homemade scrap metal instruments) thus, almost normalising his unique approach to the bass section. This uniqueness still causes much interest by on-lookers though – often leaving folk awestruck by the sound he gets out of an ex-frying pan or a former car wheel.

Another great event at the village hall, marked out by someone remarking that the last Churchfitters’ Christmas gig was seven years ago! Let’s hope we can get them back before another seven years have passed.

Paul Birkett

## Review: 20th January 2024 – Flatworld at the Village Hall



Flatworld describe their sound as "Vibrant world music from all points East" and their Live and Local appearance at Coddington on 20th Jan didn't disappoint.

As a band they have been around since 2001, with a gig-list spanning many festivals - including Glastonbury - but this was their second outing in 2024 with a relatively new five-piece line-up; Neil Poulter (guitars, Láúd mandolin and vocals) was joined by Olly Blanchflower (double bass), Rachel Bridgen (oboe), Garry Low (drums, and percussion) and Kimberly Turnbull (violin and vocals).

But their relative newness as a unit was not obvious and their playing sounded effortlessly in-step with tightly formed melodies - as if they'd always been playing together. So the audience were quickly enjoying some very fine rhythms, sometimes lead by guitar/mandolin, sometimes by oboe combined with spirited violin and all kept together by double bass and distinctive well-timed percussion.

They began with a tune called Eden, followed by the Serbian folk song Ajde Jano.

Neil, as a founding member of the band, was careful to explain the origins of each tune. He was grateful for acquiring a lot of material, often taught to him by original artists as they toured over here. After the first six numbers, Neil let slip that the set-list seemed to contain all the slower numbers in the first half and that all the "hooligan" ones would be at the end. But this

looked like a tease as the band skipped through a jaunty Makedonsko Devojče and it worked out to set up the second half nicely.

It's fair to say that the whole performance reflected a wide-ranging journey around many cultures - with tunes and songs that either originated in the east and were given a western influence, or were obviously West European and fused with Eastern sounds and styles.

At the interval, it was clear that Flatworld were being well-received in Coddington with flattering chatter from the audience during half-time refreshments.

This positivity continued when they began the second half with an English interpretation of the Shantel song, Disko Boy, which really should have been rather incongruous but was worked so well by the band that it added to the audience's growing applause.

What followed was songs such as the haunting Sun during which Gary's chimes added a shimmeringly atmospheric tone throughout the hall.

But any sense of calm was soon dissipated with a tune that Neil introduced by explaining that whilst we are used in this country to Folk Rock, they would tackle another, maybe less-known genre – 'Folk Pop'! Then the band demonstrated this with what they noted had been a huge Macedonian hit titled Mashala.

Just to hammer home the theme of Flatworld's fusion of World, Roots and Folk, they then produced a "sandwich" of tunes, none of which, by their own admission, sounding like where they originally came from! Thus, this energetic medley was fronted by a French tune (not sounding French) with a middle from Hungary (Sétalós Kopogós, and apparently not sounding very Hungarian) then finishing with an Irish slip-jig (claimed not to sound very Irish but actually turning out to be unmistakably emerald) – in reality though it all moved through with a foot-tapping pace that quickened as the tempo did.

Out of enjoyment rather than just politeness, the audience demanded and received an encore and the band obliged by wrapping things up with their interpretation of Masetlov.

There's no doubt that Flatworld's first visit won them some new fans at Coddington Village Hall and their eclectic brand of Eastern folk sounds was keenly received by a very satisfied audience.

Paul Birkett

Jan 2024

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December - Keith Thompson number 40

January 2024 started the next 6 months of the Village Hall fundraiser, running from January to June.

Our first winner was;

January - Margaret John number 41

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Well done to you lucky people.

Remember 'Be in it to win it.'

Thank you to you all for your continued support, good luck in the months to come.

How does it work.

Each number you choose will cost you £2.00 each month, payable 6 months in advance. Numbers available are 1 to 50 with numbers 51-59 reserved for the Village Hall. The draw is made on the first Saturday of every month. The winner will receive £50 cash and the Village Hall will receive £50, which goes towards the maintenance and refurbishment of the hall.

You can contact me on:

Mobile 07727040504 or Land Line 01636 674741

Email [sheilabache@sky.com](mailto:sheilabache@sky.com)

## **M2M Fabs-Thursday (Move 2 Music)**

We meet ever Thursday afternoon in Coddington Village Hall at 1.45pm to 2.45pm.

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£3.00 per session

You are welcome to come along and try our session to see if it suits you.



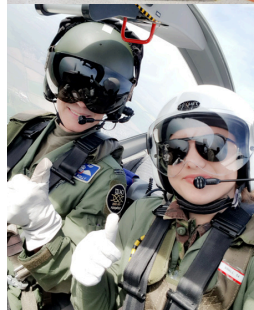
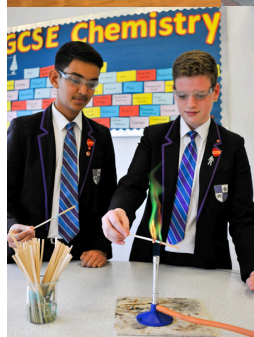


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Contact Booking Clerk - Maggie George  
maggiegeorge@gmail.com

07790 719870

Mon	10:00 - 11:00	Tai Chi	sueross3347@gmail.com
Mon	17:00 - 19:15	Danielle's School of Dance	welsim@hotmail.com
Mon	19:20 - 21:20	MLM Adult Ballroom	maggiegeorge@gmail.com
Tue	10:00 - 11:00	Pilates	sgatherer@hotmail.com
Tue	13:30 - 17:00	Women's Institute	susansprig@gmail.com
		<i>(2nd Tuesday of the month)</i>	
Tue	19:15 - 20:45	Private Hire	
Wed	09:20 - 10:20	Newark Dance Academy	newarkdanceacademy@outlook.com
		Over 60's Tap Dance	
Wed	10:45 - 11:45	LABAN Dance Fitness	
Wed	14:00 - 16:00	U3A Group	
		<i>(2nd Wednesday of the month)</i>	
Wed	17:45 - 20:00	Brownies	lbunkle@yahoo.co.uk
Thur		Morning - Hall Cleaning	
Thur	13:45 - 14:45	Moving 2 Music f-abs	sheilabache@sky.com
Thur	19:30 - 21:00	Coddington History Group	iturner@coddington.org.uk
		<i>(3rd Thur in Month)</i>	
Fri	09:20 - 10:20	Newark Dance Academy	newarkdanceacademy@outlook.com
		Over 60's Ballet	

### Weekends Available for Hire

### Bookings taken for Children's Parties

### SCOUT HALL

Mon	16:30 - 19:15	Danielle's School of Dance	Danielle	01522 696100
Tue	19:00 - 20:30	Newark Brazilian Jujitsu	Jack	07946 289135
Wed	18:00 - 19:00	Beavers	Steve	07920 258666
Wed	19:15 - 21:00	Scouts	Steve	07920 258666
Thur	18:30 - 20:00	Cubs	Steve	07920 258666
Fri	Available for hire			
Sat	Available for hire			
Sun	14:00 - 15:30	Newark Brazilian Jujitsu	Jack	07946 289135

## **CODDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Phone - 07985 386638

Email - office@coddington.org.uk

Mon	09:15 - 10:15	Pilates	Karen	07495077068
Mon	11:00 - 12:00	Moving 2 Music	Niki	07803710640
Mon	09:00 - 11:00	Cook Stars	Jess	07423593550
Mon	16:15 - 18:15	Spotlight Maths, English & Science after School tuition ages 9 to 18	Suzanne suz.wells10@gmail.com	07855392166
Mon	19:00 - 20:00	Pilates	Sharon	07810171864
Mon	20:30 - 21:30	Kung Fu	Craig	07900687137

Tues	09:30 - 11:10	Caterpillar Music	Anna	07443536758
Tues	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Craft ( <i>3rd Tuesday, monthly</i> )	Niki	07803710640
Tues	19:00 - 21:00	Private Booking		

Wed	11:00 - 12:00	Mini and Me	Caroline caroline@cbphysicalvitality.co.uk	07790283591
Wed	18:00 - 19:00	Rainbows ( <i>Term Time only</i> )	Louise coddorainbows@hotmail.co.uk	07887843535
Wed	20:00 - 21:00	Private Booking		

Thur	09:15 - 12:30	Toddlers ( <i>Term Time only</i> )	Joanne	07505178695
Thur	13:00 - 15:00	Post Office Services		
Thur	13:30 - 15:30	U3A 'Knit & Natter Group' ( <i>1st Thursday, monthly</i> )	Anita	01636646559
Thur	16:15 - 18:15	Spotlight Maths, English & Science after School tuition ages 9 to 18	Suzanne suz.wells10@gmail.com	07855392166
Thur	18:30 - 19:30	Private Hire		
Thur	19:30 - 21:30	Parish Council ( <i>1st Thurs in month</i> )	coddingtonpc@hotmail.com	

Fri	09:15 - 11:00	DJ's Coffee Morning( <i>Term Time only</i> )	Joanne	07505178695
Fri	14:00 - 16:00	Short Mat Bowls and Boccia	Angela	01636678990
Fri	19:30 - 21:30	Private Hire		

Sat		Slimming World	Katie	07539849670
Sat	10:30 - 11:30	Spotlight Maths, English & Science after School tuition ages 9 to 18	Suzanne suz.wells10@gmail.com	07855392166

**If you have any updates to this information please contact the editor.**

## **COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB - SEASON 2024.**

Collingham Bowls Club has been located at Dale Field since 1933. (accessed via Collingham Cricket Club)

It is a friendly Club which is always pleased to welcome new members, whether experienced, intermediate or beginners .

Our members are looking forward to the new outdoor season.

In preparation for this the Club will be holding a pre-season coffee morning.

**SATURDAY MARCH 16th . 9.30am - 11.30am**

**IN THE MAYFIELD ROOM, COLLINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL .**

If you are interested in playing bowls during the summer come along to this coffee morning to chat to our members about this local club and its various activities .

**THE OPENING OF THE GREEN EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE  
ON SATURDAY APRIL 20th . 1.30pm FOR A 2pm START .**

The outdoor season runs from April to September and during this time the Club competes in four different local leagues, (3 in Lincolnshire and 1 in Newark).

The members also participate in various competitions and social events run by the Club starting and ending with fun social days.

New activities for this season will include Social Bowling Sessions on some Sundays and Thursdays throughout the season , starting on Sunday May 5th , 1pm for a 1.30pm start . Contact Malcolm Baker for more information.

A friendly match is also arranged for mid season .

Beginners are always welcome and help in learning the game is available.

Informal roll - ups for practice and experience are held on Friday evenings at which potential new members of any standard are welcome.

These will run from Friday April 26th , 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

Simply turn up at 5.30pm at the Club with enthusiasm and a pair of flat soled shoes.

Everything else you might need will be provided.

For further information contact our Chairperson,

Malcolm Baker on [malcolmjbaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malcolmjbaker@yahoo.co.uk)

or

Nina Ward on [ninajward17@gmail.com](mailto:ninajward17@gmail.com)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.**

**Collingham Bowls Club Committee.**



# QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH**  
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# Coddington Community Centre

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start by thanking the trustees of the Community Centre for their work in keeping things running and in order.

We have started the year with quite a lot of maintenance.

The main hall has been tidied up with a coat of paint around the lower areas where contact marks have been building up.

At the end of last year we observed that the Velux windows were beginning to leak so these have been serviced and blackout blinds have been fitted to address a long running problem with parties not being dark enough for some activities.

Also at the end of last year we had a large bill for our internet, the trustees all agreed that it was time to dispense with the mobile dongle and have a fibre connection installed. This should be up and running very soon.

As you see from the WI report we hosted an evening with Professor Sir Jonathon Van Tam, this went well and was a lovely evening but it did highlight some issues which we need to improve if we are going to do this in future.

Firstly we need to sort out the noisy heating in the room. When the Community Centre was built it had the best facilities available, things have moved on and better technologies are available to us. I am planning to attend a presentation on Infra-Red heating which will reduce the noise and also our gas costs to heat the main hall.

We also need to look at and improve some of the equipment which has been around for a long time and is now out of date.

We also need to invest in more chairs as we have 2 activities in the building and not enough chairs for both.

If you think you would like to help with these projects or anything else we do please contact me and I will be very pleased to speak with you.

Malcolm Baker - Chairman

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms on thin brown branches, with some buds still closed. The flowers are in soft focus, with some in sharp focus in the foreground.

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# MOTHERING SUNDAY

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**All Saints, Barnby in the Willows**

**10.00 am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**All Saints, Coddington**

*Sunday 10th March 2024*





# 1st Coddington Scout Group

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[www.facebook.com/friendsof1stcoddington](https://www.facebook.com/friendsof1stcoddington)

## Section News

Our Beavers and Cubs are taking part in the Big Bird watch 2024, they have made their own feeders to take home and have been learning about how to identify and log the birds that they see.

Scouts have been planning and preparing a delicious meal and filming their efforts in the style of a TV chef. Our Scout Leaders took on the role of Food Critics and a great time was had by all. In the coming weeks they will be designing and building us a wood store in our garden.

## Thank you

A massive thank you to the Angell family and to all who visited their annual Christmas Display on Beckingham Road, Coddington. As a result of their and your generosity we were given £682.77 which we will be putting towards the installation of a new internal ceiling in our reception hall to include insulation and a fresh lick of paint.

We are currently seeking quotations for this work if anyone knows anyone in the village that is able to undertake such works please get in touch!

## Join Us

We are operating a waiting list for places at 1<sup>st</sup> Coddington Scout group which has now moved to a District waiting list rather than operating our own. You can add your child by visiting <https://www.newarkscouts.org.uk/> and clicking on the join us button for the relevant section.

Nationally there is a shortage of adult volunteers not just running the sections but also helping keep our scout groups running and Coddington is no exception.

We are running a 4 week trial for adults where you can arrange to come and visit a section for 4 weeks to see what we do and if Scouting is for you. If you would like more information, please email [gsl.coddington@newarkscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl.coddington@newarkscouts.org.uk).

## Hire our Scout Hall

With our newly refurbished toilets and kitchen, large hall, reception area and our large floodlit garden available for your exclusive use, have you considered hiring our Scout Hall for you group, party, meeting or event?

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## Fundraising

As a registered charity we are always looking for opportunities to apply for grants or funding that can help us keep our building and equipment up to modern standards. We are looking to create a small 'fundraising team' whose role it will be to identify opportunities and apply on our behalf. If you are interested please email [gsl.coddington@newarkscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl.coddington@newarkscouts.org.uk).

## What's on at The Scout Hall

**Mondays** – Danielle Rawlinson School of Dance (4.30pm-7.15pm)

**Tuesdays** – Available for hire

**Wednesdays** – Beavers (6pm-7pm) Scouts (7.15pm-9pm)

**Thursdays** – Cubs (6.30pm-8pm)

**Fridays** – Dance Fit with Sophie (6.15pm -7.15pm)

**Saturdays** – Available for hire

**Sundays** – Ninjutsu (12.00-2.00pm) Newark Brazilian Jujitsu (2.00pm-3.30pm)

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## **The Village Readers**



The Village Readers book club meeting at The Plough in Coddington.

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We are a lively and friendly group and at each meeting, we discuss that month's book choice, and decide what to tackle for the next month.

Phone: 07908 986538

New members to our book club are always welcome.



## **Donald James Walster**

**Born 08.11.1921**

**Died 09.07.1993**

Don was born in Coddington, Newark, his father was George Rowland and his mother was Ruth Annie (nee Hough), Don was the youngest of five children.

Don was educated at Coddington School and the Grammar School in Newark.

He joined up a week before the war when he was seventeen (he lied about his age but was determined to join the forces) and joined the Sherwood Rangers (no.557905). Previously, he had been in the Territorials. He was made up to

Corporal before they left for France this was the first time he had travelled abroad. They travelled to Marseilles by train and took eight hundred horses. Many of the horses suffered during the journey and several of them died. The regiment was shipped across to Palestine although they didn't see any fighting there. He saw Jerusalem and Galilee. By this time, he was the most senior corporal in his unit but he wasn't promoted because of his age.

He heard that they were recruiting for the SAS and volunteered. He joined *Dett* 1<sup>st</sup> SAS Regiment at Kabrit, Egypt. He had to drop rank to trooper but that didn't bother him and his training began at Bitter Lakes at Kabrit. Part of his training was unarmed combat, desert survival, attaching bombs to underside of ships & tanks etc and parachuting. He parachuted a number of times behind enemy lines.

He served under the command of David Stirling; they lived in the desert for months at a time mostly in the Qatari Depression. Don went many raids the "Malta Convoy Raids", he also went on many raids inside German held Territory. He was on the Benghazi raid and took a bullet. He was taken prisoner at the same time as Col. Stirling during the final push up the desert near Tripoli. They were taken to an Italian compound (Camp number 70 Monturano (Parma), postal mark number 3300) where he and other SAS were beaten and some killed. They were then taken to German headquarters where Rommel was in command. The order from Berlin was that all captured SAS were to be executed Rommel fortunately disobeyed the order. They were moved out of Tripoli and shipped to a prisoner of war camp outside of Capua. He was then taken by truck into Germany to Dachau where he spent ten months of hell. He was then sent to another prisoner of war camp Stalag

344, Lamsdorf, Poland POW 220843. When the Russian advance drew nearer, the men were given two days warning that they were marching west as were thousands of other prisoners. Eventually they arrived at Gorlitz near Hanover and were rescued by the allies, taken to a Belgian airport and flown back home. During his service abroad of six years and 186 days he had served in Palestine (19-1-40 to 1-10-40), Cyprus (2-10-40 to 13-1-41), Egypt (14-1-41 to 26-1-41), Crete (27-1-41 to 31-5-41), Egypt (1-6-41 to 16-12-42) Libya, Italy & Germany (POW)(17-12-42 to 20-4-45) and received two medals (The King George VI 1939 – 1945 Star & The Africa Star).

Don was in poor state of health by this time having been beaten, starved, travelled in cattle trucks with eighty-six men other men, made to dig out mass graves, walk for miles & miles in feet of snow and ice, and starved again. By now he was attached to the Royal Armoured Corps.

The army classified him as 'Ceasing to fulfil Army Physical Requirements' and he was finally invalided out in March 1946 with a disability pension of £2 a week. The pension continued for two years! On his discharge Certificate his military Conduct was stated as Exemplary.

It took him almost a year to get well enough to work again and he decided to start his own painting and decorating business with his father to help him. Donald and his father did all the joinery work on the village hall (Coronation Hall) when it was built in the early fifties. Years later he launched his own taxi service and eventually worked in the car industry at Wadham Stringer until he retired.

He married Kathleen Mavis Burton in July 1947 at St. Mary Magdalene church in Newark. Kathleen died April 1989. There were no children...

His nieces & nephew took his Ashes to be scattered at the SAS Regiment in Hereford on the 29.07.1993

*Don's Goddaughter Barbara Horton wrote this article.*

*August 2000*

*The Walster family:- Don's grandfather George Henry, his grandmother Mary and their thirteen children.*



*Back:- John Thomas b. 1878, James Robert b. 1879, George Rowland b. 1880*

*Middle:- Louisa b. 1899, Sarah b. 1888, Margaret b. 1886, Edith b. 1884, Fred b. 1882*

*Front:- William b. 1892, Helena b. 1896, George Henry b. 1856. Mary (nee Roberts) b. 1854 Harry b. 1899, Annie b. 1894, Arthur b. 1890*

*Four of the boys served in the Great War:- John Thomas, Fred, Arthur W (Joe) and William (Billy)*

***Four of Don's uncles served in WW1:-***

### **Walster, Fred Aged 32, Notts & Derby Regiment**

George Henry Walster married Mary Wood Roberts in Coddington Church on 17 Nov 1877. George Henry was a carpenter and Mary had been Sewing Mistress (when her father John Roberts was headmaster). The family lived initially with John Roberts on Chapel Lane, but later moved to Charity Farm.

Frederick, the fourth child, was christened at Coddington Church on 12 Nov 1882. The children attended Coddington School. By 1901 Fred was a baker, living in Newark with his employee. In 1911 he was a grocery salesman aged 28, lodging at Southwell.

### **Military Service record: Regt no 15418, 616162 Sgt.**

Fred served in the Gallipoli campaign. Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British Victory

The 9th Bn Notts& Derby Regt sailed from Liverpool in early July 1915 for Gallipoli, landing at Suvia Bay 7 Aug 1915. It took part on the assault on Scimitar Hill. They were evacuated in December 1915, and moved to Egypt via Imbros. Later they moved to France in July 1916.

### **Walster, John Thomas MM Aged 36, Royal Field Artillery**

John Thomas, the eldest child of George and Mary Walster he *was christened at Coddington Church on the 8 Sep 1878.*

In 1901, he was a professional cricketer, aged 22, still living with his parents. Later he was a groom. By 1911 with wife and four children he was living at Barnby in the Willows, Newark. John was now a gardener aged 33.

**Military Service record:** John enlisted on 19 Jan 1915 Regt No L23207, trained in England until 12 Jan 1916. He disembarked at Havre, Army B213 France, was promoted to Corporal 2 May 1915 and transferred to the Royal Field Artillery. On 29 June 1918 admitted to hospital Boulogne with an RI Hernia injury. He returned to England 31 Mar 1919.

Medals, MM (London Gazette 29.8.18)

L/23207 Cpl, but A/Sgt Royal Field Artillery), British, Victor





**WALSTER, Arthur W. ("Joe") MM Aged 23,  
Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry**

Arthur W ("Joe"), the sixth child of George Henry and Mary Walster, was christened at Coddington Church on 22 Mar 1891

Arthur married Nellie and they had two children. The photo shows Billy and "Joe" (Arthur W) Walster.

**Military Service record:** Sergeant Arthur W Walster served with Major Hugh Tallents in the Gallipoli Campaign, and was mentioned in the regimental memoirs Hugh wrote. They arrived Suvla Bay 18 Aug 1915. 27 Aug, on patrol with Maj Tallents to select the position of a new line, Sgt Walster climbed a willow tree to get a better view of the Turkish positions 300 yds away. Unfortunately he left his rifle in the tree, and trying to recover it 'afforded good sport' to the enemy riflemen, watched by his compatriots in Poplar House. The Regiment were evacuated on 2 Nov 1915 to Alexandria, and served in Egypt (1915 -16), Macedonia (1916 - 17) and Palestine (1917 - 18). On the way to Palestine the troop ship Cestrian was torpedoed and sank.

Arthur was wounded at Mosque Hill near Suffa on 28 Nov 1917, in an action to retake the crest against machine guns. Heavy losses meant the force had then to be withdrawn into regimental reserves. Arthur was wounded again on 30 Apr 1918 in an action at Shunet Nimrim on the east side of the Jordan Valley.

Sgt. 275025 William A Walster was awarded the MM: London Gazette 10.4.1918. Page 4392.

**WALSTER, William (Billy) Aged 22,  
Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry**

William, the ninth child of George and Mary Walster, was christened at Coddington Church on 31 Jul 1892.

By 1911 Billy was a groom aged 19, living at The Stables, Stanford Hall, Loughborough. He married Daisy Crampton and they had two children.

**Military Service record:**

Regt No. 1744 Pte; Corps of Hussars Regt no 275182 Pte, Egypt. Medals: 1914 -15 Star, British, Victor.



### ***His relation who also served in WW2***

#### ***Dernie, James H2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Sherwood Foresters.***

In the 1930s Jim joined the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry as a trooper. He went with the regiment (including their horses) to Palestine in 1940 as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Division (read Lady Ranfurly's book "To War with Whitaker"). He was in Palestine for his 21st birthday and was selected for Officer training, I think this was in Egypt. He was then assigned to the Sherwood Foresters and ended up in Tobruk where he was taken prisoner at the end of the siege. Thereafter he was taken to Italy and then Germany. I believe he was on the same transport



as the late Col. Derry. Whilst in prisoner of war camp he took his Land Agency exams courtesy of the Red Cross. He also learnt to play bridge! He was repatriated at the end of the War. There is a photograph taken in Newark Town Hall by the Newark Advertiser, at the end of the war, of the men of the Newark area who had been in prison camp and returned home. Uncle Jim is on that. He died quite young in 1973 but his Widow, Monica (Pacey) is still with us aged 88 and I speak to her every Sunday.

#### ***Military Service record:-***

Reg No 235300. In 1943 he was a Prisoner of War in Italy:- P.O.W. Camp Number 21, Cheiti Old Convent, Postal Mark Number 3300

Sue Kitchen 21/8/13

More details of Coddington Men who served in WW1 can be found on the internet:-

Coddington History Group – Timeline - 20<sup>th</sup> Century – Book “The Great War Coddington Remembers”. Scroll down.

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At our November meeting, Louise from Bells and Blooms showed us how to make a Christmas wreath, which she kindly donated to our raffle.

December saw us getting together for our Christmas Party. The buffet was provided by the Committee, who also circulated with various drinks. We members simply had to sit, eat, chat and enjoy the afternoon. We managed two quizzes whilst talking and eating. Our table obviously wasn't as knowledgeable as we'd hoped we were, as we failed to win! The afternoon ended with a choir of children from Coddington School arriving to sing a variety of songs. Our thanks go to Coddington School and its excellent choir, the choir were the perfect end to a perfect afternoon.

The sun shone for our January meeting, which was welcome after weeks of almost continuous rain. Dave Moylan came from Derby to entertain us with songs, jokes and magic tricks, and it was great to sit and laugh, and we certainly laughed a lot.

So far this winter we have carried on with our monthly walks followed by a pub lunch, travelled to Thursford to see the wonderful show they put on every year, helped to supply mince pies and cupcakes for the Coddington Carols around the Christmas tree and organised a talk by Professor Sir Jonathan Van-Tam. Professor Van-Tam has waived a fee and all proceeds from the talk are going to Beaumond House. Many thanks to all who attended, ticket sales raised £600 while the raffle raised £323. Plus the donations put in the seals buckets which were returned to Beaumond House.

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Applications should be made in writing to the Clerk, Mr Alasdair Morrison, 26 Kirkgate, Newark, NG24 1AB or to any Trustee.

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## Coddington Trust Fund

Coddington Trust Fund has arranged with Collingham Rural Advice Centre for the residents of Coddington to have access to the services of an adviser from the Citizens Advice Bureau in Newark and Sherwood.

C.T.F will continue to support C.R.A.C. financially so that residents of Coddington can still seek help and support via CRAC.

If you need help or advice regarding:

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PLEASE could you let me have your contributions by 1<sup>st</sup> May at the latest.

If any parishioner would like to contribute an article of local interest for inclusion in the Coddington Village News please contact the editor.

Please be aware that the font selection and print size may be changed to enable me to fit articles into the publication and to make them easier to read.

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### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES**

<u>DATE:</u>		<u>VENUE:</u>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	19:30	Village Hall - Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	19:00	Village Hall - Annual Parish Council Meeting Followed by the Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	19:30	Coddington Community Centre

More details of minutes, reports, planning comments and Hot News are in the  
Parish Council's web-pages on the village website:

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