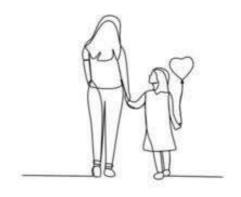
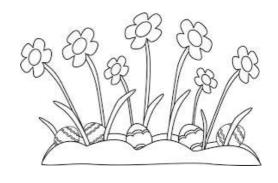


Village News

Mothering Sunday 30th March



Easter Sunday 20th April



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Welcome to the spring edition of the Coddington Village News.

The end of 2024 saw 'Carols round the tree' take place with the school choir giving a lively performance and the Newark Town development band accompanying the singing of carols. Thanks to everybody who came along to make it an enjoyable night and thanks to all who organised and helped at the event.

The village consultation on the Tritax (big box development on the A17) took place on 30th January, an excellent turnout at the Village Hall raised some useful points for the developers to take away. If you attended or want to send your views through ,please make sure you submit your comments in to Newark planning portal by 24th March on the link from the QR code ..



Or use this one and type in Coddington in the search box (this will list all the planning applications in Coddington)

https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/

Upcoming Events

Coddington Parish Council have organised an opportunity to spring clean and sell anything you don't need anymore. The village garage sale will take place on 26th April and a map will be circulated of all the addresses taking part. We will publicise this in the local area so hopefully we will get a good turnout of buyers.

More information on how to register later in this issue.

The Coddington summer event will take place on the school playing fields on 28th June 12-4pm. Put the date in your diary . As at last years event, all the village groups will be represented and we will have live music, bouncy castles and face painting which will all be free thanks to donations from the Parish Council and Coddington Trust Fund. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Money made from the BBQ and refreshments will be donated back to the groups supporting the event.

Volunteers are required for the BBQ and refreshments so if you can spare an hour while at the event please get in touch.

Finally this is a useful link if you need to research any of the following

Food Banks and emergency food provision • Food Hubs and Social Supermarkets • Warm spaces and coffee mornings • Social eating • Financial support • Council Tax support • Careline Service.

Living-Well-A4-Booklet 2024-(2025-version)-Digital-ver.pdf

King regards

Mike Ayers -Chairman Coddington Parish Council mayers@coodington.org.uk 07831464598

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Coddington Parish Council have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

If you would like to be considered for co-option to the Council, please email the Parish Clerk for more details:

Miss Dawn Hockenhull

coddingtonpc@hotmail.com

To be eligible, a candidate must be 18 years of age or above and be on the Electoral Roll of the Parish, or during the whole of the past 12 months have either lived in the parish, owned or leased land in the parish, worked in the parish, or lived within 4.8 kms (3 miles) of it.

The Council meets once a month except in August and December, to discuss issues such as planning, roads/pathways and open spaces.

The Parish Council's Co-option Policy can be viewed on the village web site – village.coddington.org.uk

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The Revd Louise – writes:

Dear friends,

Over recent days, I have taken time to walk around my garden and take note of the bulbs beginning to appear. The hellebores are wonderful, one of my favourites, as they stand tall in their new growth and beautiful flowers. Even the sharp frosts have not deterred them, and in amongst their display, the snowdrops and hyacinths begin to appear. I never tire of looking at the wildlife around me, whether in my garden or out on a walk. The seasons are a blessing to us and an important reminder of the resilience of life in the face of so many challenges.

At the beginning of February, the Church marks the feast of Candlemass, commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. It was also on this day that candles would be brought into church to be blessed for the coming year.

Light is a powerful symbol in the Christian tradition, and although we no longer need candles as we did prior to having electricity, they are still used to make a profound statement about the presence of God. Candles are lit for services to reflect God's presence with us, and many people use candles at home during their prayer time; I do and find it a helpful way to acknowledge that I am sitting in the presence of God.

At our Christingle services during Advent, we shared the light of each Christingle, and from my vantage point at the front, I had a wonderful view of the light being shared around the buildings. The lights were turned down, and each individual light flickered in the hand of its recipient. It was a profoundly hope-filled moment.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that".

What struck me, as I looked at the Christingles shining and as I pondered Jesus' calling to us to be a light in the world, is that we can all do that, where we are and in our own way. As the old Sunday School song reminds us, "You in your small corner, and I in mine.".

As we approach the lighter season of spring and look toward the amazing light of Christ at Easter, I pray that our community can bring light to those who need it through acts of kindness and support. We may, at times, feel that we can barely keep our light burning, but we were never meant to shine alone, and it is amazing what lots of small lights can do together.

I do hope we can share in this journey of light together and that you will be able to attend at least one of the many services being held at your beautiful church of All Saints' here in Coddington.

We have our regular monthly Holy Communion services at 10.00am on Sundays 23rd March, 27th April & 25th May to which all are welcome.

Our **Mothering Sunday** service will be held Sunday 30th March at 10.00am. An opportunity to celebrate not only our own mums but also the 'Mother Church' and the life and work of Constance Penswick Smith – who helped revive this day to keep it as a Christian celebration.

This builds up to our greatest celebration of all - Easter Day when we rejoice at our Lord's rising from the dead. So please come and join us on Sunday 20th April at 10.00am for our **Easter Sunday** service.

All our services are followed by refreshments and happy conversation.

With love and prayer,

Revd Louise

Vicar of the United Benefice of Balderton, Barnby & Coddington.



Coddington Christmas Lights

We raised £518.02 in cash plus £50 through Go Fund Me for Coddington Scout Group.

Thanks to all who donated.

For more information go to the facebook page https://www.facebook.com/coddingtonchristmaslights

OUR SERVICES

Everyone is really welcome



1st Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION St Giles Church, Balderton

6.00 PM FREE TO BE St Giles Church, Balderton

2nd Sunday of the month

10.00 AM: FAMILY COMMUNION St Giles Church, Balderton

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

Every Thursday

10.00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION St Giles Church, Balderton

Baptism & Weddings

We love to celebrate with you! By request at Vestry Hour Every Tuesday between 6 and 7pm in St Giles' Church, Balderton

More information on individual services can be found on our website

www.bbc-churches.org.uk



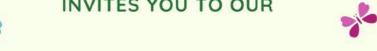
MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.00 am FAMILY COMMUNION St Giles, Balderton

10.00 am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE All Saints, Coddington

Sunday 30th March 2025

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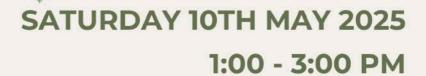
IN CHURCH 2.00 - 3.30 PM

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025

PLANT sale

in the Church & Churchyard of All Saints' Coddington

Refreshments available



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Village Hall News

Well, the first news is that it's my turn to be chairman! Many thanks to Maggie George for holding the fort for a couple of years as well as taking good care of the bookings department.



To mark our marvellous new toilets we are holding an event so that anyone interested can come to see the hall – we are aware that many villagers have not yet ventured into the hall much less the loos! So an **Open Afternoon**" - **Saturday 22**nd **March 2 till 3.30pm** is currently being organised at which there will be refreshments and we hope to have displays or representatives from the many groups who currently use the hall to give further informationperhaps tempt you into joining them.

As ever, there's been a few changes in **bookings** so please do consult the listing in the centre of the newsletter. Sadly we lost Newark Dance Academy's popular Over 60's Ballet and Tap as they now have their own premises. But we have gained another U3A class who are learning German, also a yoga class will have started by the time you read this and fortunately enquiries keep coming along.

A special mention must be made of the Quiz in January that was held in honour of **Phil Waller** who was such a good friend to the Village Hall. I met Phil and Janet on possibly their first look-around the village prior to buying their house; they called in at the village hall to see (and use!) the facilities when a few of us were doing some maintenance. Phil and his wife were one of our four teams of volunteer cleaners that kept the hall looking wonderful until the outbreak of COVID made that impossible. Subsequently we have had to resort to paid cleaners. Phil was also very active in supporting the popular Live Performances at the hall which contribute significantly to hall funds. Not only did he help sell tickets but also enjoyed being the "doorman" welcoming the audience - and had the important job of operating the main lights! The quiz added the fantastic sum of £472 to village hall funds – very well done to all the organisers and helpers and of course those that supported the event.

We have a volunteer **Maintenance Team** who help keep the inevitable myriad of small jobs at the hall done for minimum cost. We generally do one morning per month; we find it's quite a sociable morning and of course enjoy the inevitable tea/coffee/biscuit break! We welcome anyone who would like to join us so if you'd like to help please get in touch.

Isobel Turner, Chairman. 01636 708781







VILLAGE HALLS WEEK 17th to 23rd March

Coddington Village Hall will be open
On
Saturday 22nd March
2.00pm to 3.30pm

Come along and see our Village Activity groups and meet the Volunteers, find out what is on offer for you to enjoy at the Village Hall.

An opportunity for you to also see the facilities you can hire, the new kitchen and the recently re- furbished toilets.

Refreshments available

CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL BONUS BALL DRAW

We are now into the first six months of 2025 (January to June).

Congratulations to Helen Aldridge who was our January winner with No 28.

Congratulations to Carolyn Whiting who was our winner for February with no 2.

'Many Thanks' to those of you who support this fundraising scheme for the Village Hall, it's really appreciated.

Numbers 1 - 50 are available to reserve at £2 per number per month depending on availability, and numbers 51 - 59 are reserved for the Village Hall.

As before, the winning bonus ball will be drawn on the first Saturday of each month.

The winner will receive £50 and £50 will go to the Village Hall.

Remember 'BE IN IT TO WIN IT'

Sheila Bache - 07727040504



Check the notice board outside the community centre for any unavailability

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E top Ups

Citizens Advice gives advice on Energy Bills.

As temperatures drop throughout the country it's natural to worry about the cost of the energy you are using. To stay in control of your energy costs we are offering advice on how to make sure you are on the best tariff for your energy and what to do if you are in debt to your provider.

If you're trying to save money on your gas or electricity, you might consider either:

- switching suppliers
- switching to a different tariff with your current supplier

An energy tariff is a pricing plan for gas or electricity from your energy supplier. A tariff includes the rate you'll pay for the gas or electricity you use and a daily fee called a 'standing charge'. You'll pay this no matter how much energy you use.

There are 2 main types of tariffs:

- standard variable tariff your rate goes up and down with the price of energy
- fixed tariff your rate stays the same for the length of your contract

There are different kinds of energy tariffs to choose from - you can use most of them with gas and electricity. To work out the best one for you, think about your budget, type of meter and any specific needs you have, for example, if you need more energy at night.

If you want to switch tariffs, you'll need to work out the best one for you based on your situation. You'll need to think about how the cost of energy could change and what this would mean for your deal - it could end up costing you more.

To check if you can switch, you need to know what energy tariff you're on. If you don't know, check your latest bill or log in to your online account with your current energy supplier.

If you're on a standard variable tariff

If you're on a standard variable tariff you can switch at any time.

If you're on a fixed tariff

If you're on a fixed tariff contract you can switch if you have 49 days or less left on your contract.

If you have 50 days or more left on your contract, you might have to pay an exit fee to leave your contract early. Contact your supplier to check.

If you'd have to pay an exit fee to switch, check:

- when you'll be able to switch without paying an exit fee
- how much you'd save by switching

You might save more by switching, even if you have to pay an exit fee. 15

When your fixed tariff ends you'll usually be automatically put on your supplier's standard variable tariff.

When you might not be able to switch

You might not be able to switch energy supplier or tariff if you owe your energy supplier money.

If you pay your landlord for your energy you won't be able to switch yourself, you'll have to ask your landlord to do it.

If you're on a heat network you can't switch suppliers. If you think your bills are wrong or unfair you can contact your supplier.

Get help if you're behind with your energy bills

If you're struggling to afford your gas and electricity bills, contact your supplier to discuss ways to pay what you owe them.

Your supplier has to help you come to a solution. You should try to negotiate a deal that works for both of you.

If you don't try to negotiate with your supplier, they might threaten to disconnect you. If your supplier decides to disconnect you, they must give you a chance to pay your debt through a payment plan. If you haven't already, you should talk to your supplier about your repayment options.

There are certain situations in which your supplier cannot disconnect you. Please contact us to talk through these in more detail.

If your supplier doesn't disconnect you, you should still arrange to pay what you owe them. This protects you from being disconnected in the future.

Tell your supplier that you want to pay off your debts in installments as part of a payment plan.

You'll pay fixed amounts over a set period of time, meaning you'll pay what you can afford. The payment plan will cover what you owe plus an amount for your current use.

Your supplier must take into account:

- how much you can afford to pay give them details about your income and outgoings, debts and personal circumstances
- how much energy you'll use in future they'll estimate this based on your past usage, but give them regular meter readings to make this more accurate

If you would like help to negotiate a payment plan with your supplier we can assist you in doing so. Come along to one of our drop in sessions with your latest energy bill or call us on 01623 861769 to arrange a call back.

If you are worried about energy debt or any other type of debt we are here to help. Our friendly team of debt advisors offer free,impartial, FCA regulated advice. Please give us a call or drop in to arrange a debt appointment. You can also email us at clients@ca-centralnotts.org.uk if you use a computer.

For further help or information on this or any other issue. You can call us or visit us in person, on the details below.

In person

- Newark office Tuesday/Thursday 9.30 2.30, Castle House NG24 1BY
- Ollerton office Monday/Wednesday 9.30 2.30, 5
 Forest Court, NG22 9PL
- We also have a number of **outreaches** throughout the local area which may be closer to home - to access the dates and times check online at our website or call us on the below number.
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Winthorpe Garden Club

Our speaker for March has had to withdraw and a replacement has not been found at the time of writing. April sees our AGM and plant sale on the 16th at 7.30 in the Winthorpe Community Centre. There are no meetings in June, July and August but coach outings in June and July. The June trip on 24th to 26th is to RHS Rosemoor in Devon. We will also visit gardens on the outward and homeward journeys. Overnight accommodation will be in an hotel on dinner, bed and breakfast basis for two nights. We will also have a meal on the return journey.

The day outing on July 16th will be to the garden at Breezy Knees in Yorkshire. Once again an evening meal will be included.

These trips follow a long tradition with the club and we are regularly joined by non - members. The atmosphere is light hearted and friendly and newcomers are always welcome.

If you are at all interested and want more details please contact either Julie Parker on 0163689371 or lan Wilson on 01636686249.



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CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

For all residents of the village

To be held in the Village Hall

on Thursday 24th April 2025 at 7.30pm

There will be an open forum for residents to raise and discuss any issues or suggestions for the improvement of the village.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

CODDINGTON TRUST FUND

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Village Hall Live Events Sunday 27th April 2025 - Behold ye Ramblers.

The mass trespass on Kinder Scout in 1932 is well known but few realise that it was merely the climax to a series of mass trespasses dating back some 20 years and that these were inspired by a newspaper, *The Clarion*?

'Behold Ye Ramblers' is the story of the beginnings of the struggle for the right to roam freely across open moors on ancient paths and enjoy the benefits of outdoor activities and pursuits. It's a history based



in the Clarion movement that in the 1890s onwards encouraged and celebrated healthy community activity such as cycling, music and choral singing, drama groups, handicrafts, whilst collectively building Clarion Houses as rural community centres to enable people to escape the daily grind of work and cramped city living. There are active Clarion Cycling Clubs and Choirs to this day! Find out how this happened, who fought for our Right to Roam and be entertained at the same time with this highly entertaining celebration through Music Hall, poetry and song. A show for all to see and to be determined to be able to walk alone and with others!

• Warmly intimate and entertaining, serious yet wonderfully lighthearted, Behold Ye Ramblers brings vibrant variety and interest to a slice of history that has eternal relevance. Eileen Caiger Gray, Doncaster Cast

Tickets £12.50 purchased in advance, £14 on the door. Juniors £6.

Available from Isobel (708781) and Catherine (07984 849730)

Doors open 7pm. Tea, coffee and juice will be available at the interval, or bring something stronger if you wish.

Advance Notice.....

Thursday July 17th – Ralph Allin Quartet. *Multi-award winning virtuoso violinist, Ralph Allin. https://www.ralphallin.uk/*

Thursday September 18th – Churchfitters, back in Coddington for the 7th time! https://www.churchfitters.com/

Review - An evening with Kellys Heroes, Sunday 15th December.

Coddington Village Hall was absolutely packed for a brilliant gig with Kelly's Heroes on Sunday 15th December. This energetic folk group consists of Tony on vocals and bodhran, Steve on guitar, Helen playing the button accordion and Patrick on violin and mandolin. We were entertained with a selection of traditional music including many Irish and Scottish reels and jigs which had people literally dancing in the aisles, and a nineteenth century music hall song which was considered quite risqué at the time.



The set was balanced with some gentler ballads, all interspersed with some interesting anecdotes. One particularly memorable song told the story of a ship called the Jeanie Johnston which took emigrants to America to escape the Irish potato famine. The ship completed several voyages, saving two thousand five hundred people. On one voyage a baby was born and was named after all twenty seven members of the ship's crew!

At the interval we enjoyed a range of refreshments, including festive mince pies. The raffle raised the magnificent sum of £150 which helps to cover the costs of running this type of event in the village hall and also makes a valuable addition to general funds.

Many thanks to all who supported this enjoyable evening.

Nick and Liz Grundy

Village Hall - 9th February. AWOL

Sunday evening at a packed Village Hall.

So, we have these two old men Neville and Cyril in Venetia House, the Care Home from Hell.

They already have Patrick, the Assistant under their control thanks to a little blackmail and when Cyril's grand-daughter, Lily, visits and reveals that she is playing in a Band at the Monsters of Death Festival, they hatch an escape plan. This involves Patrick, lots of "weed" and stowing away in a delivery vehicle to deliver them into the festival, where we meet Lily, Rock Stars and a Comedy Drug Dealer.

They are pursued by Belinda, the Matron through the throng in a touch of slapstick, but fortunately all the heroes survive and the baddies get sacked.

Rob Gee and Stuart Tavendale took all of the parts, without props or costume but with plenty of wit and not a little talent.

The audience showed their full appreciation, to the cast, Stuart on Control and Izzie Turner for organising. Check out what's on next!



Jonathan Smith – (another) Guest Reviewer!

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Coddington History Group

Despite a conspicuous lack of information flooding in about previous Mystery Photos, I've been tempted into putting this one in. It seems to be a christening and the info we have is:

Ellen and Bill Tomlinson, Řev Bully/Blore, Charlie and Jean (Tomlinson?) (A1266). There's not enough names listed so can anyone correct us please? We can't locate the record in our transcribed list of baptisms – but our list is incomplete.



You do not need to be a member to come to our Speaker evenings which continue to be interesting and well attended. Talks since the last CVN have made us more informed about Trinity House (the November talk) and January's showed us many interesting places around the district, some known to us, others yet to tempt us into exploring nearby villages.

Isobel Turner, 708781, iturner@coddington.org.uk

Coddington History Group Speakers Programme 2025

All the events are (almost always!) 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 20th March 2025 – Karen Winyard, Rufford Abbey and its 19th century 'Savile' custodians. This is a fascinating talk by one of the authors of "Rufford Abbey and Beyond", focussing on the people involved.

Thursday 10th April 2025 Peter Liddle - Rutland's Roman Villa. The discovery of a Roman villa on farmland in Rutland in 2020

created a sensation in archaeological circles, including featuring on the BBC's "Digging for Britain". Peter Liddle was formerly County Archaeologist for Leicester and Rutland.

Thursday 15th May 2025 Stephen Gay – Woodhead, the lost railway. Stephen needs no introduction to much of our audience as he's been several times before when we have thoroughly enjoyed his marvellous photos and entertaining descriptions.



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Jan Phillips

The Village Readers



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

These generally take place at 7.30 pm on the last Monday of the month.

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.

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What is going on in Coddington

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	ct Booking Cle iegeorge@gma	rk - Maggie George ail.com	07790 719870
Mon Mon		Danielle's School of Dance MLM Adult Ballroom	welsim@hotmail.com maggiegeorge@gmail.com
Tue Tue	10:00 - 11:00	Pilates Women's Institute	sgatherer@hotmail.com susansprig@gmail.com
Tue	13.00 - 17.00	(2nd Tuesday of the month)	susarisprig@gmail.com
Tue	19:15 - 20:45	,	
Wed	14:00 - 16:00	U3A Disco Group	
Wed	14:20 15:20	(2nd Wednesday of the month) U3A German Group	
vveu	14.30 - !3.30	(1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of the month)	
Wed	17:45 - 20:00	•	lbunkle@yahoo.co.uk
Thur	09:30 - 11:30	Yoga	braveyogaspace@gmail.com
Thur	13:45 - 14:45	Moving 2 Music f-abs	sheilabache@sky.com
Thur	19:30 - 21:00	Coddington History Group (3rd Thur in Month)	iturner@coddington.org.uk
Thur	19:00 - 21:00	History Group (3 rd Thur in Month)	iturner@coddington.org.uk
Fri	Morning	Morning - Hall Cleaning	
Fri	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Funtography (Last Friday of Month)	
Fri	18:00 - 19:00	Youth Choir	rebekkamcandrew@gmail.com
Sun	10:00 - 13:00	Redeemed Church of God	

Available for Hire at other times Bookings taken for Children's Parties

SCOUT HALL

For details - please see the Scout Group report.

CODDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Phone	e - 07985 3866	38	Email	- office@co	oddington.org.uk
Mon Mon Mon Mon	09:00 - 11:00	Moving 2 Music			07495077068 07803710640 07423593550 07855392166 0@gmail.com
Mon Mon	19:00 - 20:00 20:30 - 21:30	Pilates		Sharon Craig	07810171864 07900687137
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Letter from Councillor Johno Lee

Dear Residents,

Over the past few months, quite a lot has changed. I recently made the difficult decision to step away from the Conservative group at the District Council and become an unaligned councillor.

To be clear, this choice was entirely my decision and mine alone. There was no pressure, influence, or encouragement from others to step away. Regardless of any



rumours or speculation, this was a decision I made after careful thought. It may not be a permanent change, but for now, it is the best decision to allow me to focus fully on the needs of local residents.

This decision does not change my commitment to the Conservative Party. I remain a proud Conservative County Councillor and will continue working hard in that role. However, stepping back from the District Council group at this time will allow me to dedicate my full attention to the issues that matter most to you during these final two years before the District Council is disbanded as part of the transition to a unitary authority.

The Unitary Authority and Its Impact

The move to a unitary authority will bring significant changes to Newark and Sherwood District Council. We know the District Council will cease to exist within two years, but many details about the new council remain unclear.

We do not yet know what the new wards will look like, how the council will be structured, or when key decisions will be made. What we do know is that this process will reshape local governance, and it is critical to ensure the needs of residents remain at the heart of these changes.

The next confirmed elections will be for Nottinghamshire County Council in May. I look forward to supporting the Conservative candidates in those elections and working with whoever represents your area to ensure your voices are heard and your concerns addressed.

A Thank You to the Residents

While the future brings change, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the past. Representing Coddington as part of Newark and Sherwood District Council has been an honour and a privilege. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the residents of Balderton and Coddington who, back when I was a young, inexperienced 22-year-old, put their trust in me to represent them. Without your support, I would not have been able to achieve what I have or to advocate for you on the issues that matter most.

This may feel like a goodbye letter, but I assure you I will continue to work hard over the next two years and do my utmost to serve you during this period of change.

For those who have supported me, I thank you. For those who have held me to account, I thank you as well. And to those who have been particularly challenging, you have motivated me to push even harder. Thank you all.

Councillor Johno Lee Newark and Sherwood District Council Castle House, Great North Road Newark, Notts, NG24 1BY

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Coddington Community Centre

Hello Everyone,

Here at the Community Centre we continue to see interest in booking the hall for both the regular or the ad-hoc celebration uses. We are looking forward to our busy period over the next few months.

We have a number of sports activities at the Community Centre which include Table Tennis and Badminton.

We have personal wellness events for both adults and children along with activities run by the U3A. We have after school education support 3 times a week.

Our Saturday mornings are booked out by Spotlight for after school education and the Slimming world. Which leaves Saturday afternoon free for party bookings. We have a local church group book one of the rooms on a Sunday evening which leaves most of Sunday for party bookings during the day.

We are always looking for ways which will help us to save money at the centre. We are currently reviewing our heating systems to see if we can reduce our costs. The building is maintained to a high standard regardless of how many users we have using the building.

As usual we are looking for help in the decision making area of our Community Centre. The Trustees meet every 2 months for about an hour and a half to discuss what is going on behind the scenes with respect to the management of the facility. Occasionally there may be something to do in addition to this but not very often. Being a trustee and volunteering can be a useful item on your CV, additionally we can give you an understanding about what it takes to run a building of this nature.

If you think this is something you would like to be a part of we would like to hear from you. Our next meeting is on 5th March 2025, if you are interested we would love to see you.

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Tenpe's Adventures

Hi, I'm Tenpe. A ten pence piece. I was made in Wales, so I suppose I am Welsh. When I was made there were 1000's of different other coins made, 50p, 2p, 1p's. We were all gathered together and stacked together in a big steel safe. I was placed at the top of the stack, so when the man came and collected us, I was first to leave. We were all put in a great big blue van. We all chatted with excitement as we set off on our travels.

We were taken to a bank in London, it was the Bank of England and I felt so proud to be there as we had all heard of this magnificent place. I stayed in the Bank of England for a short while, but soon I was taken to another bank, not far away.

I didn't stay there very long either, a man came and collected about 100 of us and took us home to his shop. The next thing I knew I was gangling away in a man's pocket, with a smelly old petrol lighter and a few other coins I hadn't met before.

Next I was on my travels again, the man took me to the pub, I didn't really like it there as I didn't get time to get to know any of the other coins, as we were always in passing, anything was better than being with the smelly old lighter.

In the pub, I was back and forth, from pocket to till, from till to pocket, I didn't know whether I was coming or going. Then one night, off I went home in a pocket, this time with lots of other change, some chewing gum, 2 elastic bands and a stone.

Stone told me he was lucky and the man took him everywhere. That night, all of us change were taken out of the pocket and put into a big green long necked bottle. I stopped there for quite a long time, each night more coins would join us, I made lots of new friends, I felt safe and comfortable in the bottle.

Then one night, just as I was dosing off to sleep, I heard the man yelling at the top of his voice, FIRE, FIRE, FIRE.

The next thing I knew there were firemen running about everywhere. Accidentally one of them kicked the bottle over smashing it to several pieces. All of us coins went scattering across everywhere, rolling across the hall, down the stairs and into different rooms.

I ended up in the living room, on a soaking wet carpet, surrounded by ashes and burnt furniture, the smell was awful, there was a lot of mess, I thought my end had come. A few days later as I was laying there feeling sad, wet and miserable, I heard a loud scrapping noise. The next thing I knew I was being shovelled up into the air on a large spade, along with a few other coins and a load of ashes.

We were then all tossed into a large skip. I lay in the skip along with my old friend sixpence, a couple of farthings, 2p's, 1p's and three 10p's. Once again I thought my end had come.

Then off to the tip I went, I felt quite safe because sixpence was still with me. We seemed destined to stay together. I felt I had to be strong and look after him as he was very old.

It was a nice summers day and we were just lying around on the tip when we heard some children searching through the rubbish, into their pockets we went. Saved at last I said to sixpence.

Straight to the sweet shop we went. The sweet shop owner took one look at sixpence and decided he was worth keeping, not me though, into another pocket I went. I felt lost without my friend sixpence. Next I found myself in a piggy bank, I had not been in one before so it was like a new adventure, with lots of other new coins to make friends with.

I stayed there for about three months, when all of a sudden there was a mighty bang. Someone had smashed the piggy bank with a large hammer, I started to feel frightened, just like when the fireman broke the bottle.

Then I was collected up and taken to the nearest bank. The bank assistant took one look at me and put me in a seperate pile with a load of other 10p's, as now I was getting too old, I was also slightly bent and scorched from the fire.

Back to Wales I was sent with the rest of the group of 10p's. We were told that we were to be melted down and made into new shiny coins so that was the end of my journey, or so I thought....

I am now part of a shiney new £2 coin, happy and looking forward to some new adventures.

The End

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COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB SEASON 2025.

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 22nd MARCH 9.30am - 11.30am

THE MAYFIELD ROOM, COLLINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL.

If you are interested in playing bowls during the summer come along to this event 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 19th.

11am for a 11.30am START.

Please note that this competition is for members only.

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), with matches either home or away each week.

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

The Club hopes to build on the successes of previous seasons.

A friendly match against Woodhall Spa is also arranged for mid season.

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

Free " Have a Go " sessions are held on Friday evenings at which potential new members of any standard are welcome.

These will run each week from Friday April 25th, 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.com.uk

or Nina Ward on ninajward17@gmail.com

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Collingham Bowls Club Committee .

1st Coddington Scout Group

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Volunteers urgently needed!

As it stands from September, we currently have no volunteers for our Cubs section and this will mean no Cub pack for your children to attend unless we get new volunteers come forward as soon as possible.

By stepping up now we can ensure a smooth transition and minimal disruption to the group however I have to be blunt... If we do not have volunteers come forward we may be forced to close the section which would be a great shame for your children, their friends and the Coddington Community.

This is your Scout Group, it is run entirely by volunteers and at this time the future of the Cub section is in your hands.

If you are interested, want to know more or want to come along to a session to see if its for you please get in touch with: glv.coddington@newarkscouts.org.uk

Limited Spaces in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

We currently have a limited number of spaces in 3 of our 4 sections to get your child registered please visit www.newarkscouts.org.uk and click on join us. Our Squirrel Drey is currently full but we are operating a waiting list as and when spaces become available.

Scout Hall maintenance

We will shortly be undertaking the installation of new windows thanks to a grant from Newark and Sherwood District Council and the repair of our wall to the left hand side of the property. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this essential maintenance.

Our next project will be to redecorate the reception hall, if any local firms would like to quote please get in touch with: glv.coddington@newarkscouts.org.uk

What's On at Coddington Scout Hall

Monday – Danielle Rawlinson School of Dance (4.30pm-6.15pm)

Tuesday – Squirrels (6pm- 7pm)

Newark Brazilian Jujitsu (7.30-8.30pm)

Wednesday – Beavers (6pm-7pm)

Scouts (7.15pm-9pm)

Thursday – Cubs (6.30pm-8pm)

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

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We have a ladies softball and a hardball team for ladies and girls from age 13.

Competitive games are available for all juniors from age 5.

Weekly training sessions for seniors and juniors take place at Kelham Road every week in the summer from the end of April to September.

Winter training sessions are available as follows:-

Coaching is available, for children from age 5 upwards, softball and hardball for ladies and girls from age 13 and senior men.

Training outside starts after the Easter holidays but below are the indoor winter training sessions. We hope to see you there.

Winter Net Sessions

Seniors

Newark Academy Sports Hall 5/2/25 - 19/2/25 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Seniors, U13's & U15's

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U11's, U12's and Kwik Cricketers

Suthers School Sports Hall 24/2/25 - 31/3/25 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Ladies

Newark Academy Sports Hall 28/2/25 - 4/4/25 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Any enquiries please contact Elizabeth Evans

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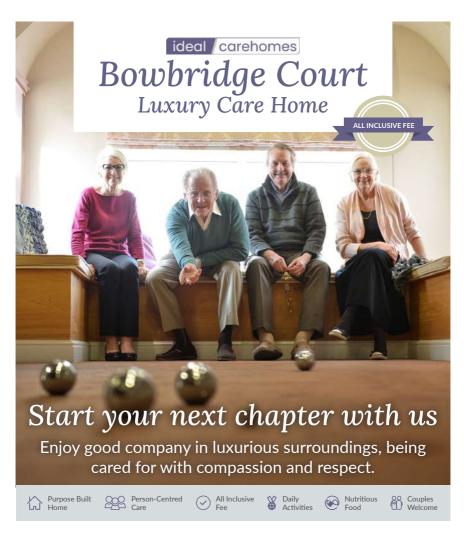
D & J's TEA & COFFEE MORNINGS

Whether you are a newcomer to the village or a long time resident I can heartily recommend dropping in for a cuppa at D & J's Tea & Coffee on a Friday morning, between 9.15. & 11.15. Although I had lived in the village for a while I had spent my time working in either Leeds, Newark or Lincoln and had not really got to know my neighbours or indeed the village. This was despite our excellent village news, however the knowledge gained from this is nowhere nearly as good as actually meeting people and finding out about things – and I have always been a "people person".

So, when I retired, I decided to visit the Community Centre one Friday morning, and the rest – as they say- is history. The atmosphere is relaxing and fun, I have met many very friendly people over the years and learnt a lot about Coddington, made many new friends, have become involved with some of the residents and their activities, which greatly enhanced what I had learnt from the village news.

Debbie and Joanne make a great effort to create a friendly atmosphere and provide an interesting layout and décor, I particularly love the crockery which is very interesting, plus, of course the coffee and, on occasion, someone brings cakes! Within this environment I have found it easy to become interested in new activities based within the village, such as a chair-based exercise class, short mat bowls (plus playing dominoes there) and doing craft (and chattering) at one of the several U3A groups that meet there.

So, whether you would like to say a quick hello and grab a "cuppa", have a good old natter, meet some more of your neighbours, or find out what is going on, do come in and support the enterprise. What a shame it's only during term time. We look forward to seeing you. Fred Reed





I visited my grandma at Bowbridge Court yesterday, it was actually her 91st Birthday. My son and I both felt Grandma was being very well cared for. It was clear to see that all the staff care about the residents, treat them respectfully and ensure they are happy. We were particularly impressed with the lovely garden room, cinema room and relaxing outdoor area.

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In December we had our Christmas party. This year it was a 'faith' lunch, all members providing a dish for a buffet and the spread was excellent! The committee served us plenty of drinks during which we had a quiz which was very competitive! We were also given a hilarious 'report' regarding possible sightings and things that may happen in the sky on Christmas Eve! If that wasn't enough, we had a visit from the excellent choir of children from the Coddington school, to sing us Christmas songs and Carols. How lovely to see their smiling faces and the enthusiasm they showed in their singing! What a lovely end to the day! Members kindly donated a substantial and generous amount of toiletries and wrapped sweets for the Women's refuge which were delivered by one of our members. Finally, mince pies and cupcakes were provided by W.I. members for the Coddington Carols around the Christmas Tree.

Also during December our monthly 'Swallow' walkers ended the year with a Christmas lunch. Our W.I. members also enjoyed a trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular, to see the wonderful show which they put on every year.

Luckily after snow and local flooding, our January meeting was extremely well attended, and we had a talk and a slide show from a gentleman who travelled the country by rail and took marvellous photos along the way.

Coddington W.I. fully support Beaumond House hospice in Newark. We have members who volunteer at the Hospice and the Shops in and around the Newark area. Every month at our meeting we collect 'Pennies for Friendship'. A collection box is passed round and if you wish, you can help raise funds for the Hospice by giving any spare coins you may have in your purse. It's surprising how it mounts up.

We hold our meetings at Coddington Village Hall starting at 2pm until 4pm on the second Tuesday of every month. Visitors are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Jane Wright



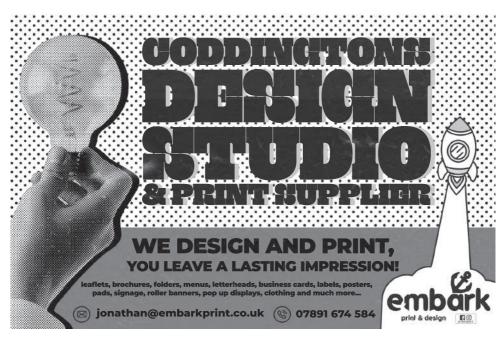
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Chef Matt has settled in nicely, offering a wonderful menu that we are truly proud of. We've also recently brought back some of the previous deals, with out 2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £45 on a Thursday night being a popular hit! The Sunday dinners continue to fly out of the doors, and we still highly recommend booking. Matt's food has been immensely popular, he's been a fantastic part of the team since starting in October!

Charlie and her team are ready to welcome you, whether it's for a function like Christenings or Wakes, or a crafty pint or even a cocktail! August will see the return of our Sausage and Cider festival -Saturday 23rd August for your diaries! Join us for a variety of sausages, ciders and of course live music and a bouncy castle!

The Plough continues to be the social hub of the village, and we all look forward to seeing you there soon!

With thanks for you continued support

Matt, Nigel & Charlie



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Coddington Trust Fund

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES

	<u>VENUE:</u>
19:30	Coddington Community Centre
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19:30	Village Hall - Annual Parish Meeting
19:00	Village Hall - Annual Parish Council Meeting
	Followed by the Parish Council Meeting
19:30	Coddington Community Centre
	19:30 19:30 19:00

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