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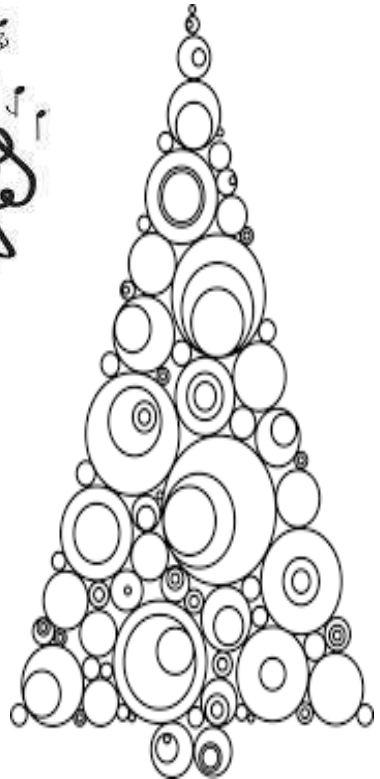


Seasons Greetings

Carols around the Tree

Coddington Community Centre

Wednesday 10th December 2025
6:00 pm for 6:30pm



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Welcome to the winter issue of the village news.

A few volunteers from the parish council kindly assisted in placing the poppies for Remembrance Day throughout the village, and the Scouts presented their wonderful display outside the Scout hall.

The parish council also planted 120 bulbs around the Millennium garden, anticipating their bloom next spring, Chelsea flower show watch out !

We currently have no further updates from Newark & Sherwood concerning the recent Tritax big box warehouse on the A17. We will, of course, keep the village informed as soon as any developments occur.

Our next community event will be 'Carols round the tree' on Wednesday, December 10th 6pm for a 6.30 pm start . The Newark Town development band will be joining us again, alongside the school choir whose performance last year stole the show. As always, refreshments will be provided by the Parish Council and WI, including mulled wine, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, mince pies, and cakes.

The Reverend Phil will be leading this festive event, and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

May I wish you all an early Merry Xmas and a Happy NewYear

Kind regards
Mike Ayers
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If you see an issue in our village, you can now report it directly to the appropriate council using the following websites.

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Click on 'Report a road problem' to report any highways problems such as potholes, street lighting and signage, trees and hedges, and drainage.

If you don't have access to the internet, then please phone them.

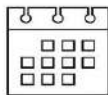


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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

This is one of the central truths of the Christian faith — God’s eternal Word, became flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ. This mystery is at the heart of what we believe about who Jesus is.

For ancient philosophers, the concept of *Logos* — or “the Word” — was an abstract rational principle that held the universe together. John takes this idea and gives it radical new meaning. The Word isn’t just some distant concept; it’s a person. Jesus is the Word made flesh. Jesus is the God who spoke the *universe* into *being*, now living among us as a *human being*.

God becoming human is a radical, mind-blowing idea. Why would God do such a thing? The answer lies in God’s love for us. God didn’t want to remain distant or far away. God longs for relationship with us and so enters our world — not as a king in a palace, but as a humble baby, born in a stable. Jesus’ entire life, from birth to death upon the cross, was a powerful act of love. God was not content with merely telling us of their love, Jesus demonstrated it as the Word made flesh.

What does all this mean for us in 2025 as we look forward to 2026? It means that God is not far off and distant. God draws near. Jesus shows us God’s very nature through his acts, his loves, his care for the broken, the sick, and the lost. If you want to know what God is like, look to Jesus.

The Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, invites us into a new way of living. We are called to reflect that same love for the world through our lives. To love others and live to show grace to an expectant world. Jesus shows us the way of God, and his life challenges us to follow in his footsteps.

This Christmas, may we experience God’s presence with us anew and demonstrate his love to those we serve here across our benefice.

With love and prayer,
Revd Louise Holliday

Vicar of the Benefice of St Giles, Balderton, All Saints, Barnby in the Willows & All Saints, Coddington



You're invited - Celebrate the joy of Christmas with us !

Saturday 29th November

10.00 am - 12.00 noon Christmas Fair, All Saints, Barnby

Sunday 30th November: Advent Sunday

6.00 pm Advent Carol Service, St Giles, Balderton

Saturday 6th December

10.00 am - 12.00 noon Christmas Fair, St Giles' Community Hall

Sunday 7th December

10.00 am Gift Service, St Giles, Balderton

3.00 pm Christingle, All Saints, Coddington

Wednesday 10th December

6.30 pm Carols Round the Tree at Coddington Community Centre.

Saturday 13th December

3.00 pm Carol Service, All Saints, Coddington

Tuesday 16th December

6.30 pm Carol Service, All Saints, Barnby

Wednesday 17th December

Carol Singing at Brisbane Court, Balderton. Time to be confirmed.

Thursday 18th December

6.00 pm Carol Singing around the Tree, St Giles, Balderton

Saturday 20th December

10.00 am - 11.00 am Carol Singing outside Sainsburys, Balderton

Sunday 21st December

6.00 pm Carol Service, St Giles, Balderton

Christmas Eve

2.00 pm & 4.00 pm Christingle, St Giles, Balderton

11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist, St Giles, Balderton

Christmas Day

10.00 am Christmas Communion, All Saints, Barnby

10.00 am Christmas Communion, All Saints, Coddington

10.30 am Family Service, St Giles, Balderton

Sunday 28th December

10.00 am Holy Communion, All Saints, Coddington

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Christmas in our Churches



Monthly Pattern of Services

1st Sunday

- 10:00am Family Communion
St Giles, Balderton
- 6:00pm Free to Be
St Giles, Balderton

2nd Sunday

- 10:00am Family Communion
St Giles, Balderton
- 10:00am Holy Communion
All Saints, Barnby

3rd Sunday

- 10:00am Family Communion
St Giles, Balderton

4th Sunday

- 10:00am Family Communion
St Giles, Balderton
- 10:00am Holy Communion
All Saints, Coddington
- 4:00pm Sunday Together
All Saints, Barnby

Every Thursday

- 10:00am Family Communion
St Giles, Balderton

Everyone is Welcome



Village Hall News



CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

We hope you have admired our smart new path to the main door at the hall. This was an enabling job for our next ambition which is to have the outside of the hall refurbished, including much-needed insulation. The hall will retain its now rare green corrugated iron exterior (as it must anyway as it is in the Conservation Area) but it will be NEW! Yes, it is still available. We will also renew windows with double glazed wooden ones but also hope to improve the look/location of them – subject to the vagaries of the planning system. We have had a pre-planning meeting with the Conservation and Planning Officers and are currently awaiting their written response.

We will need drawings etc for planning permission so if anyone could help us with that it would be most useful – please! We will also need to get grants as our Improvement Fund is now exhausted. It didn't help the finances by discovering that the shed roof was leaking, partly because the rear fence leaning on it had distorted the gutter, so it couldn't be repaired until the fence was replaced; fortunately the paving contractors also did fencing so also made a good job of that. Because of the urgency we were unable to apply for grants in advance but fortunately the Parish Council agreed to part fund the repair.

We have also paid for repairs to the main hall front doors, the skirtings in the small room and adjustments to the hall door.

The **Volunteer Maintenance Team** then fixed the leaky roof with roofing felt and gutter, both donated.

The change of paving level meant the adjacent garden needed reorganising so we have now embarked on an Autumn planting "sortout" – to be continued. Also various painting and small repair jobs have been done in the hall and the existing slabs have been jetwashed – they are the same as the new ones but didn't look it! With Autumn come the leaves so gutter cleaning is always on the list!



We generally do one morning per month, it's a sociable occasion naturally with the inevitable tea/coffee/biscuit break! More hands make light work so please get in touch if you might like to join us, no particular skills needed but woodworking or electrical experience/knowledge would be particularly helpful.

Bookings are quite strong and there's a few changes on our timetable – we've managed to source a Tai Chi class which is proving very popular so do check out the list in the centre pages. They will be pleased to see you and your support at the hall is always appreciated.

The December live event is booking up fast! See elsewhere in CVN for further information.

Isobel Turner, Chairman.
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CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL BONUS BALL DRAW

Village Hall Bonus Ball Fundraiser.

Winning numbers for the July to December period so far have been;

July	number 15	-	Yvonne Lawrence
August	number 56	-	Village Hall
September	number 24	-	Norma Herron
October	number 42	-	Marilyn Kirk
November	number 29	-	Alan Phillips

Many thanks for your continued support. 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.

The winner will receive £50 and £50 will go to the Village Hall. As before, the winning bonus ball will be drawn on the first Saturday of each month.

To reserve your number or join the scheme contact Sheila on the number below.

Remember 'BE IN IT TO WIN IT'

Sheila Bache - 07727040504



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Citizens Advice gives advice on volunteering.

Did you know your local Citizens Advice service is mainly made up of volunteers? Our service could not operate without our volunteers who work tirelessly to deliver advice and support face to face, over the telephone and via email. Could you find some time to dedicate to supporting others in your area? Below we talk about what it means to be a volunteer with Citizens Advice and how you can get involved.

You can make a real difference in your community by volunteering with Citizens Advice.

Our teams of volunteers across England and Wales are vital to the work we do. They help people access the information and advice they need to move forward with their lives.

Citizens Advice believes everyone deserves access to independent, free advice to help them deal with life's problems and challenges - you can help us do that.

Volunteers are at the heart of how we deliver the Citizens Advice service, whether it's:

- helping people online, over the phone, or in person
- raising funds
- researching and campaigning for policy change
- helping witnesses in court in our Witness Service
- helping the service to run smoothly in our admin and customer service roles
- as a trustee

Last year the value of volunteering within our organisation was over a million pounds. We currently have over 70 volunteers with various roles from managing reception to sitting on our trustee board.

Here is what some of our volunteers had to say about volunteering with us:

“I was worried that I didn’t have any experience to become an adviser but I got all the training and support I needed to fulfil my role.

You gain skills and experience that stay with you for life. There is a great support system in place...it makes you feel like you are part of something great.”

“The most enjoyable part of volunteering is seeing the difference we make. You meet a person who might be nervous and not know what will happen to them - in some cases they will be quite distressed. At the end of the day they leave smiling and thanking you for all that you have done for them.

Before volunteering I struggled with public speaking, interpersonal communication and anxiety about talking to people that I don’t know. Two years later, I have found the voice that was always there, but hidden due to a lack of confidence.”

If you are looking for a new challenge and would like to get involved please contact us on the details below to find out more or drop us an email at admin@ca-centralnotts.org.uk.

If you need any advice or support we are here to help. All of our sessions are drop in and there is no appointment needed. If you use the internet you can find out details of all of our locations on our website www.ca-centralnotts.org.uk or alternatively please give us a call on 0300 5610330 to speak to us over the telephone.



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Centre

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Contact Niki - 07803710640

M2M
F-abs
Thursday



Moving 2 Music F-abs
Thursday is an established
gentle exercise class.

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1.45 pm to 2.45 pm
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with trainer

Sara-lou

For more information
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Sheila - 07727040504

Village Hall Live Events

Review: Churchfitters at the Village Hall - Thursday 18th September



Brittany based trio, Churchfitters are proud of their album *Old Friends*; released to celebrate over 40 years of being a self-proclaimed “folk band like no other”.

But old friends is also an apt portrayal of their many visits to Coddington and they made their seventh appearance at the village hall on an unseasonably warm evening.

Such is the long association with the village; siblings Rosie and Chris Short, along with the French wing of the band, Boris Lebet, chose Coddington to be the first date in their latest tour ‘over here’. On the night they were welcomed by a keen audience, quite eager to be entertained by the band’s eccentric folk once again.

With a stage packed with instruments (but missing Chris’ fabled glass harp) they opened with *Open the Door*. As expected, they brought to life a very quirky collection of madly transformed items that Boris had somehow adapted to be good to strum!

Rosie was soon at her percussive best with a rapid penny whistle alongside her well-travelled bodhrán-inspired tea tray. This made their song *Eyam*, written by Rosie about the Derbyshire ring-a-ring plague village, rise above the tragic episode. It benefited very nicely from a converted frying pan - played by Chris and made by Boris - alongside a cinefilm-cannister and spanner mash-up bass from Boris (also made by Boris!). Quirky, yes! But comical, certainly not! The resulting sound was vibrant and even rock-like, possibly a bit more so than all the times we’ve seen the band before.

And then, just to slow the pace a little, Rosie acknowledged the influence that Fairport Convention, and particularly the late, great Dave Swarbrick, had on her early folk career by producing a delightful version of *To Althea from Prison*.

After the interval the tempo upped to foot-stamping with *Kerry* performed as a duel between Rosie (whistle) and Chris (violin), while Boris worked fluently to beat out the rhythm with powerful force. The effect was another example of a more rock-like sound from the band.

With Rosie introducing their staple, *Farm (We Know Better)*, she was careful to give creative credit to writer, Anthony McCartan. Every time they perform this song it reveals the full range of versatile vocals from Rosie once more.

Then came the moody *Strangest Stones* where Chris literally fashioned ethereal sounds from a musical saw while Rosie & Boris played skilful banjo and acoustic solos to tie everything together.

Boris returned to his uniquely built bass guitar for *Spring-heeled Jack*, his dashing rhythm telling Jack's tale at speed. Almost acting as a one-man rhythm section, his nimble playing was interlaced with backing of folksy jigs & reels from Rosie and Chris.

For the last song we had Rosie's tin tray drumming again, this time combined with a clever and quite dramatic thunder machine along with stage-thumping from Boris and deft finger work from Chris, all supplemented by their demonstration of coordinated stage craft; all synchronised in-time steps reminiscent of the Shadows in their foot-tapping heyday.

Following well-deserved and encore-requiring applause, Chris spoke up to note that the Churchfitters have been coming to Coddington for years and in that time have seen consistent improvement to the village hall. It was a satisfying tribute to the continuing efforts of the village team involved in developing the venue.

To finish - and following a quick chorus-lesson for the audience - the final sweet and moving encore of *Sing for our time on Earth* featuring 'old friends' prominently in its lyrics, left everyone going home with a warm glow.

Here we are then, Churchfitters have delighted Coddington once again. Rosie sustains with her expressive voice, Chris is flawless, not only with his fiddle but with everything he plays and what can we say about Boris? Unrivalled probably?

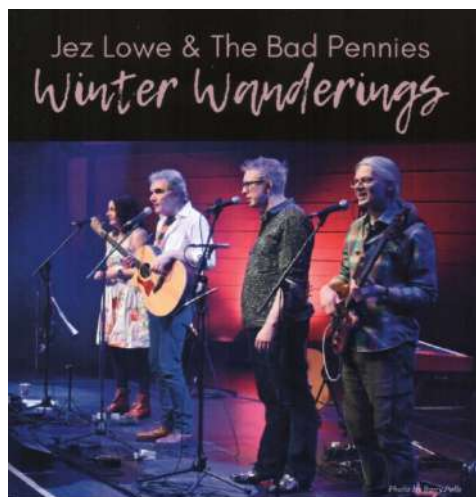
The conclusion from another great evening from this band is that Coddington Village Hall continues to host quality live music and drama at ticket prices that make it hard to pass up.

'til the next time Churchfitters. Well done, again!

Paul Birkett

Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies Winter Wanderings *Sunday 7th December 2025*

Award winning songwriter and BBC Radio 4 presenter Jez Lowe returns with his toe-tapping folk music quartet for a night of good-humoured seasonal music and stories from North-East England with Jez's trademark songwriting artistry and a good dose of laughs along the way. Come and enjoy the harmony vocals, guitars, fiddle, Northumbrian pipes, bass and piano.



Please bring some cash for refreshments and the inevitable fundraising raffle which makes a big difference to the improvements we are able to make at the hall - and admire our posh new paving on your way in!

The performance starts 7:30pm, doors open 7pm. Refreshments: Tea, coffee and fruit juice available at the interval... and mince pies as it's getting on for Christmas!

Seats: £15.00 in advance, £16 on the door, Juniors (12-16) £6. From: Isobel (01636 708781) & Catherine (07984 849730). Payment by cash, cheque or bank transfer - but please book before paying.

All Proceeds to Coddington Village Hall funds (CIO No:1188363)
<http://village.coddington.org.uk/index.php/village-hall>
Box Office Email: iturner@coddington.org.uk

Forthcoming Event:

Tuesday 21st April 2026 – Badapple Theatre with “Crumbs”

Nicholas Collett presents "Mettle"

Saturday 17th January 2026

Set in November 1942, the HMS Vanessa is detached from Convoy HX213 to join Convoy SC107, which faces devastating attacks from a wolfpack of U-boats over four days, resulting in the heaviest loss of ships from any trans-Atlantic convoy that winter. Gordon Collett, a 19-year-old from Sheffield, volunteers for the Royal Navy in 1940 to combat fascism and serves on the HMS Vanessa during these perilous times.

"I know this because I am his son, and I'm going to tell you his story," says Nicholas Collett. This moving and often humorous odyssey takes audiences from Liverpool to the USA, via Freetown, highlighting the courage of those who braved the sea's perils.

The story spans from 1930s Sheffield through the outbreak of war, U-Boat attacks, and treacherous weather, to the relative calm of West Africa and even a Glenn Miller concert.

The Pocket Choral Society

Sunday 8th March 2026

A comedy acappella touring show combining beautiful close harmony singing and quirky song writing, with much laughter and even improvised singing sessions, the Pocket Choral Society features four experienced singers blending into one. Singing unamplified the quartet bring their own songs and new arrangements of some from other songwriters such as Lennon and McCartney, Lou Reed, Flanders & Swann and Tom Waits.

"Utterly quirky and hugely engaging very clever and very silly"

Seats for both the above: £12.50 each in advance, £14.50 on the door, Juniors (12-16) £6. From: Isobel (01636 708781) & Catherine (07984 849730).

The Pubs of Coddington: A Historical Journey (continued)

Fortunately we still have two thriving pubs but have lost some:

The Catch'em Inn – once stood at a bend of the Newark Road, close to where a tollbar once stood. It was also known as the **Blue Bell** and was part of a smallholding. In September 1786 the *Stamford Mercury* refers to a Mr Richard POYNTELL being “*master of the Bell public house, generally known by the name Catch-'em-inn*”.

Other documents held by *Notts Archives*, quote Thomas GOSS as keeper of *The Blue Bell* in the mid 1820s and a notable and delightful article from the *Nottingham Review* proclaims in 1833 that: “*Mr. James MARSHALL, the jovial landlord of the Bell, commonly called Catch'em Inn, in the parish of Coddington, near Newark, in taking a hive of bees, in full profit, found to his inexpressible surprise, the astonishing weight of 40lbs weight of honey and comb, the produce of the industry of this little tribe. What a lesson is to be learned from this, being diligent in business.*”

By the time of the 1918 *Thorpe Estate Sale*, the inn had ceased to be a pub, but the area was still known as “*Catch-em-Inn corner*”. It had become a smallholding and the buildings there were eventually demolished to make way when the A1 was built.

The Rose and Crown was once sited “*north on Turnpike Road ... in Linger Leas*”. There are records of Thomas WAITE holding the property in the 1780's as “*victualler*” or “*servingman*” and, following his death at the end of 1788, it's possible that his widow, Anne (née DAWS) kept the pub before marrying John BIRKETT in 1794 at which time he became landlord. Shortly after, William CARBY (the younger) would take possession and close the public house before subsequently building a cottage and a blacksmith's shop on the site.

Intriguingly, in Oct 1815 the *Stamford Mercury* announced “*To be Sold by Private Contract, All that old-established & well-accustomed Freehold Public-House, the Carpenter's Arms, in Coddington*”. The advert described the property as consisting of a “*Stable, Outbuildings and Appurtenances*” and being in the occupation of likely tenant-publican, Benjamin JOHNSON “*who is under notice to quit at Old Lady-day next*”. Frustratingly, we have found no other references to this pub name in Coddington records although the year before, Benjamin himself is noted in the Coddington Parish Baptism Register as living in Coddington and is described as a publican.

The Red Lion Inn was a more long-lasting Coddington drinking place, once well-established on Main Street, almost opposite the lower entrance to Church Lane and it was kept into the 1960s with beer supplied by Warwicks Newark Ales. However, it and the nearby cottages were demolished in the so-called “*improvements*” to the village in the 1960/70s.



Main Street, Coddington with the *Red Lion Inn* opposite

Chapel Lane and the *Plough Inn* in the background on the left

The Victorian era saw a transformation in village life as industrialisation and the arrival of the railway in Newark gave rise to greater mobility, and Coddington's pubs adapted to changing times.

During this time, beer houses became subject to increasing licencing regulation from local magistrates. In an attempt to restore some order, landlords could be prosecuted for watering down drinks, being open outside licencing hours and the drunken behaviour of customers and there are numerous examples where Coddington licensees were caught out.

Right up until the 1960s, the Plough and The Red Lion existed as pubs at the heart of Coddington, both being hubs for local gossip, celebrations, and the occasional village dispute.

But as pubs, they had developed almost as community centres. They hosted meetings for parish matters, accommodated various clubs and societies, organized local sports and games, and, during harvest time, became the venue for much-anticipated feasts. They even served more formal purposes, often becoming the venue for inquests and sometimes public meetings such as political electioneering. They retained their central place in village life by hosting darts leagues, music and quiz nights, and supported village fêtes and flower festivals. At this time the Plough Ladies' darts team were frequently local league champions.

But once the Red Lion closed in the 1960s, the previously private Dice House Country Club changed hands and the licence was changed from club to public house and the business was turned into a steakhouse, for a short

time called the Stableford (or Stapleford) Inn before becoming the Inn on the Green. Over several years it traded as part of the wider restaurant chains of Rob Roy and Hungry Horse before returning to independent management.

There are many advertising examples of The Plough conducting a wide variety of themed events in the last years of the 20th century.

Since the turn of the century the Plough and the Inn on the Green have continued to support the village - apart from a short period where the Plough closed before transformation into the business that exists today.

A detailed history and chronology of pubs and landlords is available on the Coddington History Group's website at: <https://www.coddington.org.uk/pubs-timeline-mobile-view/>

Paul Birkett - Coddington History Group – July 2025

Speakers' Programme 2026

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

Everyone welcome

Thursday January 15th 2026. *Nigel Amos - The Greatest Knight that ever was.* Born 1147 William Marshall rose to be one of the most powerful Barons in England One of his final duties was to successfully lead a charge for the child king against the French at the Battle of Lincoln in 1217.

Thursday 19th February 2026. *Ian Jackson – The Derwent in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.* The power of water, and harnessing it to aid technology.

Thursday 19th March 2026. *Andrew Smart – Their names will live on.* An illustrated talk about local unsung war heroes, drawn from his book of the same name.

Thursday 16th April 2026 *Denis Hill – The History and Heritage of Wellow village.* – That's the one with the maypole! Discover more about this quintessential North Nottinghamshire village

Thursday 21st May 2026 *Stephen Gay – Woodhead, the lost railway – Part 2.* One of our favourite speakers; Stephen's talk leads us along the rest of the line.



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Think NHS 111, if you need help fast but it's not an emergency think NHS 111. Open 24/7. Either call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk



URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE

You can visit your local Urgent Treatment Centre for sprains, fractures, minor burns and skin infections.



DENTAL TREATMENT

For urgent dental care please call your local NHS dental practice. For urgent care, advice out-of-hours, call NHS 111.



MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

If you're worried about your mental health, or experiencing a mental health crisis, call the 24/7 crisis line on 0808 196 3779.

Find out more here: www.nhs.uk

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

999

**Emergency
(UK)**



112

**Emergency
(EU-wide)**



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**Police
(non-emergency)**



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**NHS
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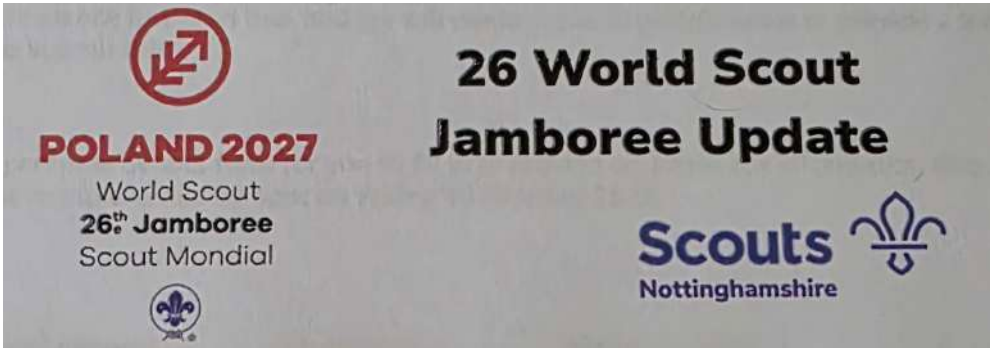


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Hi, my name is Sennan, I'm 13 years old, and I've been selected along with Lucy an Explorer from Balderton to represent Coddington, Newark, and Nottinghamshire at the 26th World Scout Jamboree in Gdańsk, Poland in 2027! PL

This once in a lifetime opportunity brings together over 50,000 Scouts from around the world to share cultures, build friendships, and take part in adventurous activities. Learning leadership, teamwork, and communication skills that will stay with me for life and I'll be proudly representing the UK and our local community.

To attend the Jamboree, I need to fundraise £3,500. I've already started fundraising through:

- 🌿 Gardening services in my community (£5/hour)

👤 🎨 Selling my acrylic art work, scout badges and planned fun events with Lucy.

In January, the Nottinghamshire Emergency Scout Support Team runs one of the most challenging events in the Scouting calendar, the NESST Challenge Hike. 🥾

This isn't just a walk in the woods. It's a massive test of teamwork, endurance, perseverance, determination and navigation, often in freezing, unpredictable weather conditions. Routes range from 10 to 18 miles, sometimes more, depending on how well a map can be read in the dark!

I will have to push myself physically and mentally. Keeping moving and working together is key especially when legs are tired and fingers and toes are cold. It will be my first NIGHT NESST Hike. It will be tough, hard work but 100% worth it, how happy will I be when the finish line is in sight!

Every donation big or small helps get closer to this amazing experience. I'm seeking sponsorships, so if you're a local business offering support please get in touch 😊

How you can help.....

- By sponsoring me for the hike.
- Sharing my story with friends, family, and local groups
- Coming along to an advertised event and having some fun.

Thank you so much your support means a lot.

<https://gofund.me/149d38b59>

Doctors Surgery's New method of contact

Appointment GP form online - More ways to get in touch with your GP practice

You can now use an online form on your GP practice website to request an appointment between 8am and 6.30pm, Monday to Friday. This is one of three ways to get in touch, alongside phoning or visiting your practice.

The online form will include a few questions so your practice staff can ensure you get the help that's right for you.

They will help you with the next step of your care, tailored to your needs: it could be a face-to-face appointment, a phone or video consultation, or a simple text or email message. These can be more flexible and often mean we can help you sooner.

When you get in touch, practice staff will ask you what you need help with. They will use the information you give to choose the most suitable doctor, nurse or other health professional to help you.



Save *The* Dates



Lucy & Sennan's events

13 Dec 10-2 | Christmas Fair

1st Balderton Scout Hall

20 Dec 1-4 | Biscuit & A Brew

1-4pm 1st Balderton Scout Hall

29th December 7-10 | Film Night

7-10 Venue TBC

10th January | Quiz Night

1st Coddington Scout Hall



What is going on in Coddington

VILLAGE HALL

Contact Booking Clerk - Maggie George
maggiegeorge@gmail.com

07790 719870

Mon 10:00 - 11:00 Equinox Tai Chi

equinoxataichi@gmail.com

Mon 17:00 - 18:30 Danielle's School of Dance

welsim@hotmail.com

Mon 18:45 - 20:45 MLM Adult Ballroom

maggiegeorge@gmail.com

Tue 09:50 - 11:15 Pilates

sgatherer@hotmail.com

Tue 13:00 - 16:00 Women's Institute

susansprig@gmail.com

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

Tue 14:00 - 16:00 U3A Handbell Ringers

(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Tue 13:30 - 15:30 U3A History Group

(4th Tuesday of the month)

Tue 19:15 - 20:45 Private Hire

Wed 09:00 - 11:30 Go Photography

marg.roberts@btinternet.com

Wed 14:00 - 16:00 U3A Disco Group

(2nd Wednesday of the month)

Wed 14:30 - 15:30 U3A German Group

(1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Wed 17:45 - 20:00 Brownies

lbunkle@yahoo.co.uk

Thur Morning **Available for Hire**

Thur 13:45 - 14:45 Moving 2 Music keep fit

sheilabache@sky.com

Thur 19:30 - 21:00 Coddington History Group

iturner@coddington.org.uk

(3rd Thur in Month)

Fri Morning **Available for Hire**

Fri 13:30 - 16:00 U3A - Funtography

(Last Friday of Month)

Fri Evening **Available for Hire**

Sat 09:00 - 11:00 Private Hire

Sat 16:00 - 18:00 Redeemed Church of God

(2nd & 4th Sat of Month)

Sun 10:00 - 13:30 Redeemed Church of God

Sun Evening **Available for Hire**

Available for Hire at other times

Bookings taken for Children's Parties

CODDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Mon	09:00 - 11:00	Cook Stars	Jess	07423593550
Mon	09:30 - 10:15	Pilates	Karen	07495077068
Mon	11:00 - 12:00	Moving 2 Music	Niki	07803710640
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	19:00 - 21:00	Table Tennis	Steve Fox	
Mon	20:30 - 21:30	Kung Fu	Craig	07900687137
Tues	09:30 - 11:10	Caterpillar Music	Anna	07443536758
Tues	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Kurling(<i>1st Tuesday, monthly</i>)	Dave	07443507615
Tues	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Craft (<i>3rd Tuesday, monthly</i>)	Niki	07803710640
Tues	Evening	Available for hire		
Wed	Morning	Available for hire		
Wed	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Kurling(<i>3rd Wednesday, monthly</i>)	Dave	07443507615
Wed	18:00 - 19:00	Rainbows (<i>Term Time only</i>)	Louise coddorainbows@hotmail.co.uk	07887843535
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	07889721000
Thur	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Sewing Group	Angela	07929718806
Thur	16:15 - 18:15	Spotlight Maths, English & Science after School tuition ages 9 to 18	Suzanne suz.wells10@gmail.com	07855392166
Thur	18:00 - 19:00	Blossoms - Childrens Craft	Georgina	07958588597
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	Evening	Available for hire		
Sat	06:00 - 11:30	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
Sun	16:30 - 18:30	Beacon Church Group	Brian	01636 674232

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

Winthorpe Garden Club

As we look forward to Christmas, we take a December break at the Garden Club as our gardens quieten down for winter and everyone becomes busy inside making all the preparations. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

On the 21st January 2026, we have our social evening, where we catch up with old friends and new and enjoy a delicious buffet and a glass or two to toast in the new gardening year.

On 18th February 2026 we look forward to a meeting listening to an entertaining speaker and welcome an old favourite, Martin Fish. Martin is a horticultural expert, garden writer, broadcaster and RHS judge. You might remember him from his days as the garden expert on BBC Radio Nottingham and BBC East Midlands Today. He's a local lad, starting his gardening career as an apprentice in the Newark Parks Department before studying horticulture at Brackenhurst College in Southwell. When he last visited us in October 2024, he talked about his North Yorkshire garden. After returning to his roots, this time he will be telling us about creating his Lincolnshire Garden.

Some dates for your new 2026 diary! Our Garden Club holiday will take place on 17th to 18th June 2026. We will be visiting RHS Bridgewater, near Manchester as well as another garden. The holiday will include coach travel, an overnight stay at a hotel nearby, dinner on 17th and breakfast and dinner on 18th. Cost and further details will be announced in the new year.

Our day trip will take place on 15th July 2026 when we will visit Stone House Cottage Nursery near Kidderminster in Worcestershire. Cost and further details to be announced.

Both of these trips are open to members and non-members.

If you would like to join us, please contact Ian Wilson on 01636 686249 or email i.wilson2@ntlworld.com.

Beaumont House invites you to Light up a Life this Christmas

Beaumont House Hospice Care invites you and your family to attend one of their Light up a Life services in Southwell, Newark, Balderton, and Collingham. Open to all, each service will feature readings, music, and moments for reflection and remembrance

Christmas can be a time of great joy, but Beaumont House understands that for others, it can feel lonely. The hospice hopes you will join them to gather as a community, supporting each other and sharing memories in memory of those loved ones who are no longer with us.

This year, Beaumont House is delighted to partner with The Shed@Collingham to offer a hand-crafted, limited edition candle holder. Made from upcycled oak from a 175-year-old church pew, each piece has been carefully created to be a lasting keepsake.

“We’re excited for this collaboration between Beaumont House Hospice Care and The Shed @ Collingham. Memorable things happen when working together, especially between two organisations that have care and well-being at the forefront. Individuals from our respective organisations have brought together their diverse skills, perspectives, and ideas to create a centre point for this year’s Light up a Life.”

“The importance of this collaboration for members of The Shed @ Collingham can’t be underestimated,” says Dez Williams, Lead for Shed Well-Being. “They take pride not only in what they make, but also in knowing that what they create will be cherished forever by the recipient.”

Candle holders can be ordered via beaumonthouse.co.uk/events/light-up-a-life and collected from Beaumont House reception, our charity shops, or at the services.

Andrea Ward, Individual Giving Fundraising Manager at Beaumont House, adds: “Our Light up a Life appeal is a special way to remember our loved ones at this time of year. Join us to make a dedication, light a candle, enjoy beautiful musical performances, hear reflections, and share memories. Every donation helps us continue providing the very best care for patients and families.”

Donations start from £5 per dedication, and supporters can also purchase a limited edition Light up a Life pin badge. Dedications and donations can be made online at beaumonthouse.co.uk/events/light-up-a-life.

Dedications are welcome in memory of anyone, not only those with a connection to Beaumont House.

You can also hang a personalised tag on the Christmas trees at each church during the services and light a candle in memory of your loved one.

Service details:

- Tuesday 2nd December - St John the Baptist Church, South End, Collingham
6.30pm for 7.00pm start
- Thursday 4th December - Southwell Minster, Church Street, Southwell
6.30pm for 7.00pm start
- Monday 8th December - St Giles Church, Church Lane, Balderton
6.30pm for 7.00pm start
- Tuesday 9th December - Hope Methodist Church, Barnby Gate, Newark
2.30pm for 3.00pm start

Please feel free to join us at the service of your choice, no booking is required.

To find out more, please visit beaumondhouse.co.uk/events/light-up-a-life or call the hospice on 01636 610556.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Beaumont House is a registered charity that has been committed to providing supportive palliative care to patients and their families living in Newark and district since 1987. We have four in-patient beds for people with palliative care needs, Day Therapy and Wellbeing service, as well as Hospice at Home providing compassionate support in the community.

Providing care and support to patients and their families costs Beaumont House around £2.8million every year. This means that around £2.2million of this needs to be raised through donations, our shops, and local businesses throughout Newark and Sherwood.

This year, Beaumont House will receive £555,000 towards the cost of delivering our in-patient, day therapy and wellbeing service and hospice at home commissioned through the End of Life Together Alliance (funded from the Integrated Care System), which contributes to our overall operating costs.

Each year we provide care for over 550 patients and support to their families, caring for around 100 patients at any one time. All of our direct care services are provided free.

We are registered with the Care Quality Commission. We offer care and support for people with any diagnosis who have a palliative care need whether this is a cancer, long term condition, neurological disease, frailty or are naturally coming to the end of their life through old age.

Christmas Message from Councillor John Lee

As we approach the festive season, I'd like to wish everyone in Coddington a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For many, this is a time of celebration, family, and reflection — and it's also a chance to look back on what we've achieved together as a community.

It's now just over 14 years since I was first elected to represent Coddington. When I started, many people didn't know who their local councillor was or what they did. Over the years, I've worked hard to change that — being visible, approachable, and active all year round, not just at election time. My goal has always been simple: to make sure Coddington's voice is heard and that we see real improvements on the ground.

We've achieved a lot together in that time. From protecting our green open spaces against illegal access, to investing hundreds of thousands of pounds into play equipment across our parks, I've focused on projects that make a lasting difference to families and to our village. I've also made sure that you're kept informed about what's happening locally — because open communication and trust are vital in public service.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Councillor Emma Oldham, who recently stepped down due to personal reasons. Over the years, I've had the pleasure of serving alongside David Payne, Betty Brooks, and Emma Oldham — each of whom made their own contribution to Coddington. Through all those changes, I've been proud to provide consistency and to continue representing our community's interests year after year.

Working closely with the Parish Council, we've fought unnecessary developments, supported the extension of our primary school, and maintained high standards in keeping our roads and pavements clean. We've won some battles and lost others, but we've always stood firm in protecting what matters to local people.

Looking ahead, there's still work to do. Speeding through the village remains a serious concern — especially with Coddington now the only route out of Newark still above 30mph. I'll keep pressing for change on that. We must also stay alert to the upcoming changes in local government through the proposed unitary authority, and to the ongoing discussions around gravel extraction, which could again bring challenges for our area.

As I write this, we're in the middle of a by-election, and by the time you read this, a new councillor will have joined me in representing Coddington. Whoever is elected, I look forward to working constructively with them to keep delivering for our community.

Over the next two years, I'll continue doing what I've always done — working hard for you, being accessible, and making sure that Coddington continues to have a strong and consistent voice.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Johnno Lee

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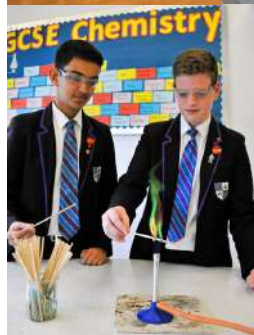


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Newark's Charity Santa Dash 2025

Sunday 7th December 2025 | Newark Town Centre

Get ready to dash, jingle, and spread some festive cheer — Newark's most joyful fun run of the year is back! The **Charity Santa Dash 2025**, in support of the **Children's Bereavement Centre**, returns on **Sunday 7th December 2025**.

The event promises a heart-warming day filled with community spirit, laughter, and plenty of Christmas sparkle.

The route starts opposite the Children's Bereavement Centre, Mount School, taking dashers on a festive journey through the beautiful church gardens, past the iconic Palace Theatre, and alongside the police station, before finishing in Newark Market Place — the perfect backdrop for a joyful town celebration.

Every participant will receive a special commemorative medal, kindly supplied by Newark Town Council and sponsored by Newark Royal Market. Along the way, dashers can enjoy the ever-popular "Present Grab", from the Newark & District Round Table sleigh, where festive surprises — and even a Golden Ticket Star Prize — await!

Top prizes have been generously donated by Currys and Newark & Sherwood District Council, including a £50 Newark & Sherwood Gift Card.

Entry fees:



£10 Adults



£2.50 Children



£20 Family (2 adults & up to 3 children)

Katie Gibson, Fundraising Executive at the Children's Bereavement Centre, said:

"The Santa Dash is a great festive event that brings families, friends, and colleagues together for some Christmas fun while taking a leisurely saunter around our beautiful town centre. We're hoping that by bringing people into Newark, it will make for a vibrant Sunday lunchtime atmosphere. There's free parking available in NSDC car parks, and we're looking for dashers to take part — as well as

volunteers to help steward the route and cheer on participants. All proceeds raised will ensure local bereaved families can continue to receive the vital support they need. The medals were kindly supplied by Newark Town Council, and we're grateful to Currys and Newark & Sherwood District Council for donating this year's top prizes."

This year's event will feature live festive music from Radio Newark, keeping dashers motivated and spirits high along the route. And of course, everyone is welcome — even dogs — so bring your four-legged friends dressed in their best Christmas outfits!

So pull on your Santa hat, lace up your trainers, and join the Children's Bereavement Centre for a day of festive fun and community spirit.

Register now and be part of Newark's most heart-warming event of the season!

👉 www.childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk/Event/santadash

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Coddington Community Centre

Hello Everyone,

The planned projects are now complete. Thank you for your understanding during this time, we worked hard to minimise the disruption.

We have upgraded the pump and control systems in our waste water handling system, you can see the new control box at the end of the car park and hear it humming to its self.

We have had the new block paving put down to improve the area for access to the school. We have also had the footpath installed to the rear of the building.

The last project involved decommissioning the large hot water tank and placing 2 separate water heaters in the roof space which are smaller in size and will not need to recirculate the hot water around the building.

Regular bookings are increasing and weekend adhoc bookings are doing well.

As usual the car park is not being respected by parents during the afternoon pick up. I have personally witnessed a car parked in a manner which blocked the exit for another parent who had to wait 10 minutes for them to return to their car before they could leave. I ask you to think, what if that were me and I needed to get somewhere. I would not be happy.

I am working with the Parish Council trying to find a solution to this situation which does not involve restricting the access to the car park.

As always 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 7th Jan 2026.

Malcolm Baker - Chairman

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Jan Phillips

The Village Readers



The Village Readers book club meeting at The Inn on the Green in Coddington.

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

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MONDAYS: 7 - 8pm Coddington Community Centre

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For more information and to book a place contact:

SHARON GATHERER - 07810171864

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Affordable Quality - The Final Stop That Makes a Difference

Beaumont House Hospice Care is delighted to announce that its Charity Discount Store on Sherwood Avenue, Newark, will be offering all items at £2.00 or less, with a huge selection priced at just £1.00.

In a time of rising prices and increasing waste, the store provides an opportunity for good-quality items to find a new home and purpose. Serving as a 'final stop' for donated goods from the other five Beaumont House shops, the store ensures that every item has one last chance to be loved and used before being recycled or responsibly disposed of.

Shoppers can expect unbeatable bargains across a wide range of products including clothing, household goods and more, all while supporting a their local hospice. Every purchase helps reduce waste, supports local families and contributes directly to the vital, compassionate care Beaumont House provides across Newark and Sherwood.

Sally Thomas, Head of Retail at Beaumont House Hospice Care, said:

"We are thrilled to relaunch our Charity Discount Store and offer even greater value to our community. It's not just about bargains, it's about giving everyone access to affordable, good-quality items while supporting the essential work our hospice does every day. Every penny spent here helps fund care for local people and their families."

The store is open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.00am – 4.00pm, and welcomes donations of pre-loved goods as well as new volunteers to help keep the service running.

Whether you're looking for a bargain, looking to support local care, or doing your bit for the planet, Beaumont House invites everyone to come along and discover the difference their shopping can make.

The store is located at Richardson House, Sherwood Avenue, Newark NG24 1QF.

You can follow the shop at @BHDDiscountStore on Facebook.

To find out more about Beaumont House charity shops, visit www.beaumonthouse.co.uk/shops.



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Come and try cricket at Newark R & M Cricket Club, the Junior section provides Winter indoor skills training & games (see details below) for children from 6 to 15 years old & Seniors.

Kwik cricket - (Suthers School) Mondays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
23/02/26 - 30/03/26 - 6 weeks

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23/02/26 - 30/03/26 - 6 weeks

U13's/U15's/Seniors - (Barnby Road) Thursdays 5:45pm - 7:45pm
15/01/26 - 05/03/26 - 8 weeks

Ladies Softball - (Barnby Road) Mondays 5:45pm - 6:45pm
12/01/26 - 09/02/26 - 4 weeks

Also, summer outdoor skills training and games will delivered on Friday evenings at Kelham Road, Newark (from 19th April), 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 or telephone 07887702412.

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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

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CODDINGTON WI QUARTERLY REPORT

October 2025

The numbers of ladies attending since July have continued to be steady and we have welcomed several new members.

We don't usually have a speaker at our August meeting but a 'Social Afternoon' instead. As our numbers this year have steadily increased, it was an opportunity for members to talk and get to know each other. Fun and laughter was present as always!

In September the speaker was an Award winning buildings Archaeologist and a former Stone Mason. His talk was amazing and had us all enthralled with uncovering myths v facts about buildings in and around Newark and Nottingham.

October's speakers' were two women who belong to a special unit within the police force, who visit local groups and individuals who have been victims of 'Scams' to offer help and advice, and they gave us some very useful booklets on how to protect ourselves from fraud. Members were encouraged to share their own experiences to enlighten all of how we can be aware of 'Scammers'.

Coddington WI fully supports Beaumont 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 tin 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 is surprising how it mounts up.

We will continue to hold raffles and make donations for our chosen Charity which, as above, is Beaumont House hospice in Newark.

Trips are held during the year, along with quizzes, lunches, coffee mornings and activities.

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.

Sue Sprigings



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Wednesday 16.00-22.00
Thursday 12:00-22:30
Fridays & Saturdays 12:00-23:00
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Coddington Trust Fund

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Help can be given with expenses due to illness or lack of mobility or with household repairs or replacements. Parents can apply for help with the cost of school uniforms or outings. Students can apply for a grant towards the cost of textbooks and/or field trips.

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.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES

<u>DATE:</u>		<u>VENUE:</u>
Thursday 8 th Jan	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 5 th Feb	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 5 th Mar	19:30	Coddington Community Centre

More details of minutes, reports, planning comments and Hot News are in the
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