



Village News

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at
Coddington C of E
Primary and Nursery School

Saturday 27th June
12 - 4pm

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Parish Council Report May 2026

Welcome to the latest village news edition and some welcome spring weather

The Parish Council have been working together with local district and county councillors to elevate the need to repair our roads and paths. Some pothole patching has taken place around the village and we're chasing to get them to complete the ones they've missed !.The Newark Road path is now planned to be resurfaced this financial year and Balderton Lane resurfacing is scheduled for the following year, (we are hoping this might be brought forward)

The councillors have also been working in cutting the ivy back at Pages Wood and clearing the dyke between the community centre and school.

We have also facilitated Coddington Trust kindly paying the Community Centre so the school can use the indoor space for after school extra curricular activities and PE . Thanks to the Trust for their generous donation.

The village sign is showing signs of peeling so the council have taken the decision to replace it with a metal or plastic version which will last a lot longer

The Tritax big box warehouse on the A17 finished last April has now been let to Curry's and the next stage looks like it could start before the end of this year.

Lastly two events to put in your diary

Village Fete on 27th June 12-4pm

This year we have a fire engine, police, live music, tug of war, free bouncy castles and face painter. BBQ and refreshments are available to purchase as well as loads of stalls & games. We also have performing the school choir, Middlebeck Gymnastics and the local line dancing group.

The village Garage Sale is also planned for the 5th September if you would like to take part please email Imosedale@coddington.org.uk

We hope to see you all at the village fete on the 27th June

Regards

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NEWS TO ME

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD



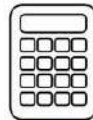
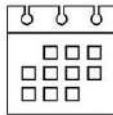
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The Green	12:25	12:50
Stapleford Woods	13:00	13:15

**9th Jan, 6th Feb, 6th Mar, 3rd Apr, 1st May, 29th May, 26th Jun,
24th Jul, 21st Aug, 18th Sep, 16th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec**

For information about requested titles or particular items of stock, please contact Southwell Library on 01636 812148

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The Revd Phil Smith writes:

Dear friends,

As I write this letter, the Easter Season is drawing to a close as we look towards the Day of Pentecost on the 24th May. Spring will be behind us and on June 1st Summer begins – at least in calendar and that of the Met Office.

One of our Easter readings from John's Gospel was entitled 'Jesus the Good Shepherd' and it spoke of Jesus as being the gatekeeper to the fold where His sheep were safely gathered in.

Jesus reminds us that it is his role to protect his sheep – who represent the people who are his followers from any danger – not least from 'false prophets' who try to influence their minds in to believing things which are true – literally trying to lead them astray.

Two thousand years after these words were recorded Jesus could not have imagined how the world would have changed with the advent of technology and the introduction of artificial intelligence – which in the most part is a force for good – but in the wrong hands a force for evil and falsehood. We sadly live in a world now where we simply do not know what is true or false. A world where 'AI' can create an image in seconds which can be totally false – and yet look totally real. A world of hackers, scammers and con-men (and women) as well as 'Fake News'. We have reached a point now when you simply don't know if what you are looking at or listening to or reading from – is for real.

As Christians we are lucky in so much as we do have at least one constant in our lives – and that is Jesus Christ himself. His life, his work and teachings faithfully recorded in all four gospels as well as other writings – all of which have been carefully studied, tried and tested over the last two millennia and have found to be the truth.

I am sure that we have all heard the expression 'that there are only two certainties in life – death & taxes' coined by Christopher Bullock in 1716 and I guess we can't argue with that, with the one exception, that we as members of the 'faithful flock' totally believe, that once our time here on earth has ended, we will get to share new life in heaven with our dear shepherd. As for taxes – they were around way before Jesus's time and I suspect they are not going anywhere soon.

So, I say to you all - be careful so that you don't fall victim to these modern day 'false prophets', always err on the side of caution and please do come to see us at All Saints' to discover more about the amazing truth which is Jesus.

Happy Holidays

Revd Phil.



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



SONGS & SCONES

in All Saints' Church, Coddington

Saturday 18th July 2026

2.00 - 4.00 pm



A live concert for Summertime of Popular Music and
Songs from Steve & Lorna Caddy

Entrance: £5.00 per person, including a cream tea'

Please book your place with:

Lorna Caddy - Tel: 07568 929 232

Sue Lovell - Tel: 01636 676707

Barbara Horton - Tel: 01636 678788

All proceeds from this concert have very kindly been donated to All Saints' Coddington by Lorna & Steve

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Sunday 12th July 2026
@ 3pm
All Saints, Coddington

All
Welcome

Bring your pets and join us
as we give thanks for them
and the wonderful part
they play in our lives.



Coddington Village Hall Bonus Ball.

The Bonus Ball fundraiser is still running very successfully for the Village Hall. Funds raised help with the maintenance and running costs of this village facility, whilst giving some lucky people the chance of winning £50.

Winners so far this year are:

January - No. 4 Sara-Lou Mace

February - No. 40 Keith Thompson

March - No.19 Robbie Wood

April - No. 52 Village Hall

May - No. 19 Robbie Wood

We will be going into our next 6 Month period very soon, July to December.

Sheila Bache



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Village Hall News



CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Good news – **planning permission** has been granted for our major project to improve the thermal efficiency of the original 1885 corrugated iron building. Having achieved this major milestone, we are now investigating grant making bodies to raise the required capital. Unfortunately, the lead-time for them to assess applications and make a decision means that the project is unlikely to commence this summer - and summer is really the best time for the work as it will involve removing the exterior cladding and roof covering. However – if you know of anyone with the odd £50,000 to spare – it could be sooner!

We are pleased to say that the fairly new weekly **Tai Chi** class is well supported and that it looks likely that we will have a daytime **Line Dance** class starting shortly. We are always keen to attract new classes/activities so do let us know of any tutors looking for a venue or any ideas for different activities that we could attract.

The **Volunteer Maintenance Team** has been busy as usual with various painting and small repair jobs, we generally do one morning per month; it's a sociable occasion 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 or knowledge would be particularly helpful.

Our Live Events are an essential part of our fundraising and have been well supported, bringing in a considerable number of visitors from neighbouring areas. Having had three events up till April, we are now taking a break until September and December - see the next CVN, the website or notice boards in due course for further information.

Isobel Turner, Chairman. 01636 708781 iturner@coddington.org.uk



Coddington Village Hall

<https://villagehall.coddington.org.uk>



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at



Coddington C of E
Primary and Nursery School

Saturday 27th June
12 - 4pm

Come and join us

Events:

BBQ

Stalls

Free Face Painting

Live Music

Free Bouncy Castle

Refreshments

Ice Cream Van

Line Dancing Performances

Fire Engine and Police Vehicles

Free Event



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Citizens Advice gives advice on Travel Insurance

With the holiday season right around the corner many of us will be looking to book our next getaway. Arranging travel insurance can be tricky and time consuming, below we outline the key things to be looking for when shopping for your insurance.

Travel insurance can give you extra protection if your holiday doesn't go as planned. So you should make sure you have cover if you're planning a trip away. It's particularly important to take out travel insurance if you are travelling independently because you may find yourself stranded with no way to get home and no-one to help sort out your holiday problem.

Top tips

- travel insurance is essential, particularly if you are travelling independently
- choose a policy that covers your needs
- compare policies on the cover they offer as well as the cost
- check if you have other insurance that will cover you away from home

Travel insurance can protect you against the following things going wrong:

- cancelling or cutting short your trip for reasons beyond your control
- missed transport or delayed departure for reasons beyond your control
- medical and other emergencies
- personal injury and death
- lost, stolen or damaged items, including baggage, passports and money
- accidental damage or injury caused by you.

If you don't have travel insurance you will have to pay out of your own pocket to deal with a problem while you're away. Or you may lose money if you have to cancel a trip and can't get your money back. This could cost you thousands of pounds.

Where can you buy travel insurance?

Travel insurance is widely available. You can buy it from:

- insurance companies
- banks
- retailers and supermarkets
- travel agents
- online comparison websites
- holiday companies.

Sometimes, travel insurance might be included as an extra service offered through your bank account or credit card. You should check how much you're paying for this and what kind of cover it offers. For example, cover

may be limited for your spouse or partner. It might be better to buy a stand alone policy.

Your travel agent may offer you travel insurance as part of a package holiday. You can opt for this if you want to but you don't have to buy this insurance. The travel agent is breaking the law if they try to make you take it out or charge you more for your holiday because you refuse to accept it. If this happens, you should get advice.

Before you buy holiday insurance

It's important to get the right type of cover for your needs. Think about:

- where you're travelling to. For example, if you're travelling to the United States you will need extra medical cover
- how old you are. Travel insurance can cost more if you're over 65. There are special policies for older travellers which may be worth looking at
- how often you travel. If you go away several times a year, it may be better to buy an annual travel policy rather than several single-trip policies
- what you'll be doing while you're away. You may need extra cover if you're taking part in dangerous sports, such as skiing or scuba diving
- whether you're travelling independently or on a package holiday. Package holidays usually offer you greater protection if things go wrong with transport or accommodation so you may not need to make a claim on your travel insurance
- how you're travelling. Cruises and budget airline flights may not be covered by some insurance policies.

What cover should travel insurance include?

Your travel insurance should always include the following cover:

- medical expenses and cover for getting you home if you're injured or fall ill abroad
- personal injury and cover for accidents or damage caused by you
- cover for lost or damaged items
- cover for lost or delayed baggage
- cover for cancellation or missed departure.

How much you pay for your insurance depends on the amount of cover you're likely to need. You should never under-insure yourself just to save money. However, you may be able to keep costs down.

If you would like any further help or assistance with this or any other issue please contact us on the details below.

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Monday

Moving

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Music

(M2M)

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Every Monday Morning at Coddington Community Centre

11.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Contact Gill - 07398171075

M2M

F-abs

Thursday



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

Every Thursday

1.45 pm to 2.45 pm

at Coddington Village Hall with trainer

Sara-lou

For more information contact:

Sheila - 07727040504

Village Hall – Live performances – Reviews.

The Pocket Choral Society - Coddington Village Hall – 8th March



Another stand-out gig was enjoyed at the Village Hall on Sunday 8th March when the intriguingly titled *Pocket Choral Society* performed at Coddington.

Set in the fictional but recognisable village of Pocket, the performance unfolded in character; Oli Carpenter played the local farmer, Jonathan Darby was convivial publican of the Crippled Pigeon, Beth Naylor as the friendly village shop assistant, and Alastair Elliott was Pocket's long-serving vicar.

Together they opened with close a cappella harmonies combining with high-spirited actions to immediately set the theme for the show. This theme was played out like a concept album; combining straight covers, original songs and witty parodies where arrangements married cheeky new lyrics with some very familiar tunes.

Without instruments, other than multiple kazoos and a song entirely dedicated to a Tootlefootler (aka "Master Key Chromatic Pitch Instrument", aka real-life Pitch Pipes), such was the range of songs the audience was taken from the delights of pies - '*Put a crust on it*', through a 'search for musical certainty' (*Is it Blues?*), fused at times with edgy political satire. (*Is it fair? etc.*).

This evening of eclectic songs needed an ambitious set of arrangements, demonstrated by the original song *Where Did I Leave* - where multi-overlaid lyrics called out the modern 'thing' that it is to lose car keys and other 'stuff'. And then *Village Summer Fete* cleverly took on the choral style of the big musical genre.

But what set this performance apart was contemporary improvisation. During the first half, Oli noted that the next song hadn't been written yet! This introduced *Psalm 511*, an ode to the Patron Saint of Tombola featuring in the lyrics, Coddington's famous interval tradition of the impending raffle!

After the interval there was more improv with each performer coming down from the stage to conduct group singing with everyone in the hall. Packaged as '*a journey of modulation*', any potential inhibitions were soon lost and the impromptu Coddington 'choir' passed the 'audition' with tuneful enthusiasm.

The breadth of material was impressive and the second half again carried some potentially uneasy subjects, wrapped up brilliantly in upbeat lyrics. We had a delightful breakfast parody to the tune of *Do They Know It's Christmas*, - and a poignant tribute to the disaster that has hit our native trees with the *Ash Die-back* song including a nod to the similar tragedy affecting elm trees 40 years ago.

Then the Quartet performed their trademark Topical Song; choosing to feature a reverential homage after the recent sad loss of Neil Sedaka. Of course, this included an energetic workout to *Amarillo*, with the audience inevitably joining in. Check out this special live Coddington performance of the song at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJe9SBU_Foc.

Further moments of comic originality included more eccentric topics: there was a fine song about our four-legged friends (*Doggy Disco*) - *I like bones - I like bones - I like bones* – imagine a Donna Summer a cappella tribute act thrilling the audience, dance style. We had the Passing of the Slow Train delivering memories of pre-Beeching village branch lines, sung almost trad-like. And the *History of Pocket* had yet more comical lyrics set to the tune of *Favourite Things* before Oli performed a zany Spinal Tap-style song that brought out his extreme vocal range.

It seemed that nothing was out of bounds as their '*Getting old*' song made musical-light with a quite mocking lamentation about the inadequate 15-minute limit of social-care home visits and, because they'd done lots of songs about the delicious side of food, they countered by taking a huge swipe at the ultra-processed variety.

Allowing the spotlight to fall on each singer, a slow, beguiling cover version of *Perfect Day* gave each one the chance to demonstrate their impressive vocal abilities and *See You Later Alligator* where well-warmed harmonies, strong lead singing and syncopation had the audience stamping and demanding more.

As the performance neared its end Oli spoke strongly from the stage to thank the audience for attending live music along with a heartfelt plea for village hall participation everywhere. And in a bit of playful theatre, promoting the notion of inter-village friendship, he called Izzie Turner to the stage and presented a Twinning Certificate, linking Pocket and Coddington forever, before the last song sent everyone home very content indeed.



Paul Birkett

“Crumbs” by Badapple Theatre - Coddington Village Hall – Tuesday 21st April.

Badapple Theatre Company, run by Kate Bramley, are a well-established (25 years) travelling group who have produced many excellent show – we previously enjoyed “The Frozen Roman” some years ago.

It was quite difficult to get a suitable date for us as part of their National tour but the regular Tuesday night ballroom dancers very kindly relinquished their date for us – thank you!



Incredibly, “Crumbs” is the 27th show that Kate has written for Badapple and bravely, it involved making bread dough and baking it live on stage and the audience even got to taste it afterwards!

The story revolved around Petronella Parfait, an ex-TV baking show host attempting a new career as an online influencer. A lively solo performance by Ellen Carnazza saw her swiftly changing into the various characters involved in her previous career, some for good - and some who contributed to her downfall!



Most had amusingly suitable name so we met Lady Payne - her estranged mother, Gloria Glutton - a barrister wanting revenge, Penny Puttanesca - her sponsor, Demelza Dreek, her timid long-suffering assistant (pictured), Mrs Crumble – the cook who taught her baking, and last but definitely not least Big Tony – the “muscle” for a rival pizza business. Ellen swapped swiftly between being Petronella and Big Tony, whirling around making a convincing (and hilarious) job of fighting herself! (below)

Badapple have another show available next – so maybe we will see them again next year doing something completely different with different actors. Watch this space....



COFFEE & CHAT



A great place to go to on a Friday morning is the Community Centre for a relaxing tea or coffee and a chat with neighbours.

Debbie and Joanne make a great effort to create a friendly atmosphere and provide an interesting layout and décor, sometimes there are even cakes to enjoy!

It can be relaxing and fun, you may meet old friends, and make new ones. Together with finding out about what is going on within the village. Did you know there are chair-based exercise classes, short mat bowls, dominoes, table tennis, crafts, and much more.

So, whether you would like to grab a “cuppa”, have a good old natter, meet more people, or find out what is going on, do come down and say hello. Profits go towards helping worthy charities!

Every Friday in school term, at the Community Centre

9:30am to 11.15am

All welcome



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Coddington History Group

Historic Anniversary: 200 Years Since the Auctioning of Turnpike Tolls Between Leadenham and Newark

This year marks the bicentenary of a notable event in the history of the village, the auctioning of the toll rights along the turnpike road that passed through Coddington - the route from Leadenham in Lincolnshire to Newark, which, with various deviations became the A17 which thankfully has now bypassed the village entirely.

A notice was posted in the Stamford Mercury on 23rd June 1823 advertising an auction for the opportunity to take over the right to collect tolls on this road. On 15 July 1826, bidders would have gathered at the Rutland Arms Inn in Newark, vying for the lucrative business of collecting tolls from several key gates: the Beckingham Toll-gate, the Beacon-Hill Toll-gate, and the Coddington Side-gate. This latter we believe was a short way along Balderton Lane.

At the time, these gates represented substantial annual revenue streams, with the Beckingham gate yielding £450 and the combined Beacon Hill and Coddington gates bringing in £340 in the previous year. These revenue amounts were generated after deducting collection expenses. The auction was overseen by the Trustees' clerk, William Edward Tallents (part of the Tallents legal dynasty that still exists in Newark today), followed legislation set forth during the reign of King George IV, ensuring fair competition and strict financial security from successful bidders. To maintain the right to collect tolls, rent was to be paid monthly in advance, and toll contracts were offered in parcels or lots, as the Trustees deemed appropriate.

This practice was emblematic of a period when Britain's rapidly expanding network of turnpike roads relied on public-funding for maintenance and improvement. The annual letting of tolls not only provided essential funding for road upkeep but also mirrored the entrepreneurial spirit of the era. Two centuries later, this moment stands as a testament to the evolution of travel and commerce reminding us how Coddington contributed to one of the vital arterial roads into Newark.

Paul Birkett – Coddington History Group

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

equinoxtaichi@gmail.com

Mon 17:00 - 18:45 Danielle's School of Dance

welsim@hotmail.com

Mon 18:45 - 20:45 MLM Adult Ballroom

maggiegeorge@gmail.com

Tue 10:00 - 11:00 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 19:15 - 20:45 Private Hire

Wed Morning **Available for Hire**

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 **Cleaning**

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

sheilabache@sky.com

Thur 19:30 - 21:00 Coddington History Group

iturner@coddington.org.uk

(3rd Thur in Month)

Fri 09:45 - 11:45 Line Dancing

jackie_france@yahoo.com

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

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Mon	09:30 - 10:15	Pilates	Karen	07495077068
Mon	11:00 - 12:00	Moving 2 Music	Gill	07398171075
Mon	13:30 - 15:30	U3A Book Reading (<i>3rd Mon, monthly</i>)	For Contact see below	
Mon	14:00 - 15:30	U3A Book Reading (<i>1st Mon, monthly</i>)	For Contact see below	
Mon	16:15 - 18:15	Spotlight Maths, English & Science after School tuition ages 9 to 18	Suzanne	07855392166 suz.wells10@gmail.com
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>)	For Contact see below	
Tues	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Craft (<i>3rd Tuesday, monthly</i>)	For Contact see below	
Tues	19:10 - 20:10	Dance Group		
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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>)	For Contact see below	
Thur	16:15 - 18:15	Spotlight Maths, English & Science after School tuition ages 9 to 18	Suzanne	07855392166 suz.wells10@gmail.com
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	
Thur	20:00 - 21:00	Line Dancing	Jackie	
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Sun	16:30 - 18:30	Beacon Church Group	Brian	01636 674232

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

A Busy Year Serving Our Community

By Councillor Johno Lee

It's been a very busy year, and now in my 11th year as your local elected member, it continues to be an absolute pleasure to serve our community.

Over the past 12 months, there have been a number of significant developments at district level which will have a direct impact on residents across Coddington and the surrounding areas. I want to focus on what matters most locally, while also keeping you informed about the bigger changes coming down the line.



Local Government Reorganisation

The biggest structural change on the horizon is the proposed move away from the current two-tier system of local government.

At present, responsibilities are split between Nottinghamshire County Council (covering highways, education and social care) and Newark and Sherwood District Council (covering waste, housing, planning and environmental services).

The government is now progressing plans to replace this with a unitary authority model, where a single council would deliver all services.

A proposal has been submitted to create a new “Sherwood Forest” authority covering Newark & Sherwood, Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling and Mansfield, alongside a second authority covering Nottingham, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe.

I want to be clear I do not agree with that direction.

In my view, our area has far stronger links with Broxtowe and Rushcliffe. Those connections economically, geographically, and in terms of how people actually live and travel should not be ignored in favour of a model that pulls us away from them.

This decision now sits with government, with a final outcome expected in 2026 following consultation. I hope that outcome better reflects the real-world links our communities rely on.

Recycling and Waste Changes

There have also been important updates to recycling and waste services.

From April 2026, more materials can now be placed in the silver recycling bin, as part of the national “Simpler Recycling” changes designed to make the system easier and more consistent.

Looking ahead, a bigger change is coming:

Weekly food waste collections are due to begin in October 2027

This will mean new bins, new vehicles, and changes to how households manage waste

These changes are being driven nationally, but they will have a clear impact

locally. As plans develop, I will be pushing for clear communication and a smooth rollout so residents are not left second-guessing what goes where.

Local Investment and Parks

At a more local level, consultation has now started on improvements to the Thorpe Oaks and Stirling Drive areas as part of the Parks Fund.

This project for Stirling Drive is something that I've been pushing for for six years so I would encourage everybody to take part .

And I'm hoping we can get Stirling Drive finally brought into the fold as the missing piece for the parks in Coddington

This is exactly the kind of practical outcome I focus on making sure our area doesn't miss out.

Day-to-Day District Work

Alongside these larger changes, the day-to-day work continues.

This includes:

- Planning and development decisions
- Housing delivery and standards
- Environmental services
- Supporting local facilities and community groups

These are often the decisions that residents feel most directly, and I continue to engage where needed to ensure local concerns are properly represented.

Additional Update

Finally, wearing my Nottinghamshire County Council hat for Balderton , I'm pleased to confirm that Main Street in Balderton is scheduled to come forward for works around June.

This is something I've been pushing for, and it's good to see progress being made.

Final Thoughts

There's a clear theme at the moment change is coming, whether through structural reform or national policy shifts.

My focus remains simple:

Make sure residents understand what's happening

Ensure our area is not overlooked

Push for practical outcomes that benefit people on the ground

If you have any concerns or questions, please do get in touch especially as these changes begin to take shape.

Cllr Johno Lee

Beaumont House launches ‘Catering with Care’ service to help fund hospice care in the community

Beaumont House Hospice Care in Newark has launched a new fundraising service, Catering with Care, delivering beautifully prepared food, all whilst helping to fund vital hospice care in the community.

The new service offers freshly prepared cream and savoury tea boxes, corporate breakfasts, catering for events, meetings and special occasions and individually wrapped biscuits. Every booking made through Catering with Care will help fund nutritious meals for patients cared for by Beaumont House.

Catering with Care has been developed by Beaumont House’s experienced catering team. By extending their expertise to the wider community, the hospice aims to create a sustainable new income stream that directly funds nutritious meals for their patients.

Food plays a vital role in hospice care, offering not just nourishment but familiarity and enjoyment. Funds raised through Catering with Care will be reinvested into providing high-quality meals tailored to individual patient needs, preferences and cultural requirements.

Jo-Anne Wilson, Catering & Housekeeping Team Manager at Beaumont House said:

“Food is about so much more than eating. It’s about comfort, routine and human connection. Catering with Care allows people to enjoy beautifully prepared food for their own events while knowing they are helping us provide meals that bring comfort to our patients and families.”

The Catering with Care service is ideal for businesses, community groups and individuals looking for catering with a meaningful difference. Cream and savoury teas can be ordered for a range of occasions, including celebration and workplace events.

Catering with Care forms part of Beaumont House’s ongoing commitment to finding innovative ways to fund vital hospice services, at a time when demand for end-of-life care continues to grow across the local community.

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Winthorpe Garden Club

June for the Winthorpe Garden Club means it's time for our two-day coach holiday to the Cheshire area of the country visiting RHS Bridgewater and Tatton Park.

The Garden Club last visited the beautiful Bridgewater garden in 2022 when it was still relatively new, opening to the public in May 2021, after a delay due to covid.

Located in Salford, Greater Manchester, on the former Worsley New Hall estate, the 154 acre site is the fifth RHS garden and the first to be created in an urban area.

Our speaker in October 2025, Doug Stewart, told us about the 'world's largest garden project,' explaining how the £35 million project had been built, so we're looking forward to seeing how this garden has grown and matured over the last four years.

Tatton Park is a stunning historic estate set within 1000 acres of Cheshire parkland, featuring a grand mansion, 50 acres of gardens and a working farm. Somewhere for both history lovers and gardeners to enjoy.

On 15th July we're looking forward to our day trip by coach to Stone house Cottage Garden and Nursery near Kidderminster in Worcestershire and John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries, near Dudley in the West Midlands.

In August we look forward to some hopefully good weather when we have a summer break from our meetings and visits and enjoy spending time relaxing in our own gardens.

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We are working to keep up with the changes addressing how things are done with new waste handling systems to the requirements to comply with Martyn's Law. Everything takes time and money.

The inevitable price rises make it necessary for us to increase our prices in order to keep running. Over the last few years we have been trying to keep up with the increases in running costs while keeping the centre a viable proposition for users by being selective with our price rises.

To date we have never needed to apply for core funding grants, however we have used a considerable amount of our reserves to get us to the point where we are turning the corner and keeping on top of our operating costs.

We are looking closely at the future projects to determine which ones to complete first in order to improve our position.

We are also looking at simplifying our hire rates by removing the ones that do not get used. This will leave us with a price for Non Profit groups and a price for business users. All hire rates will be confirmed by the trustees in order to keep us an attractive venue to hire.

Our AGM will be on 1st July at 7pm at the Centre.

As always if you think you would like to be a part of the decision making process please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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The WI celebrated their 92nd Birthday Party in March and the Trustees served a lunch of pie, peas and mash, followed by cake and fruit. The annual competition prize, £25 M&S voucher, was awarded to Pam McVay and two names were drawn to win £60 bursaries each to spend on Federation Events. The afternoon ended with some fun games of Bingo.

We had an excellent speaker in April, a retired Beefeater, who gave us a fascinating talk on the Tower of London, and he will return next year to talk about the Crown Jewels.

We had a very enjoyable river cruise on the river Trent, aboard the Princess from Colwick, with a fish and chip lunch, on a sunny day at the beginning of May.

We held our Annual Meeting in May where the WI finances were discussed and the President and Committee have been agreed.

Coddington WI is an active branch, with currently 47 members. We meet in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm, and ladies are very welcome to visit a meeting to see if it suits them. We usually have a speaker or an activity, followed by tea and cake and time for a chat.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at the YMCA for coffee and chat and meet for lunch at a local pub, four times a year. We have outings several times a year and a two-night break in Norfolk in May.

Sue Sprigings

Secretary Coddington WI



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

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES

<u>DATE:</u>		<u>VENUE:</u>
Thursday 4 th Jun	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 2 nd Jul	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 3 rd Sep	19:30	Coddington Community Centre

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