Village News

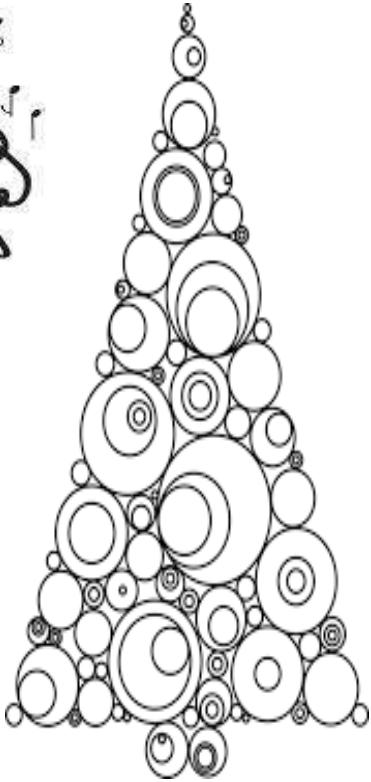


Seasons Greetings

Carols around the Tree

Coddington Community Centre

Wednesday 16th December 2026
6:00 pm for 6:30pm



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Parish Council Report
December 2026

Welcome to the latest village news

Since the last edition, Balderton Lane,Drove Lane and the Newark Road path have been resurfaced. The Parish Council also recently had a village walk with representatives from VIA (Nottingham Highways) and Janette Barlow our county councillor discussing resurfacing parts of Newark Road and Valley View. The same walk also looked at speed management ,reducing speed limits within the village ,the monitoring of traffic flow and also the number of vehicles ignoring the 7.5t weight limit. We'll keep you posted of any developments.

Work on the next phase of three Tritax Big Box warehouses are due to begin in January with the field nearest the A17. Ground work will commence at the same time on the next field above that one ,but building work won't commence until the first warehouse has been completed and rented.The Biodiversity area will also start to be landscaped at the same time in the top field nearest Yew Tree Wood. The current work taking place in this field relates to the latest archaeological survey.

Tritax have also confirmed a right of way has now been agreed with the owner to provide access from the Thorpe Oaks estate down the concrete road onto the biodiversity area. Once this is open we will notify the village. The Parish Council are also in talks with another landowner to link the same roadway through the A1 underpass and linking it to the Beacon Hill Conservation Park.

Carols Round The Tree takes place on the 16th December at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Newark Town Band will be joining us along with the school choir, refreshments will be provided by the Parish Council and cakes and mince pies by the WI. Please come along and enjoy the festivities.

Date for your diary

Summer Fete 3rd July - we're still hopeful of securing another flypast for this event which could be the Lancaster ,fingers crossed.

Mike Ayers
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Dear Friends,

As we step into the festive season, our streets and shopfronts are glowing with Christmas lights, and our homes are filled with the familiar rhythms of festive hits - Wham is my favourite - decorations and all the preparations. Yet, if you have followed the news this year, you will know that we are also living through a time of rapid change. We find ourselves firmly in the age of AI. With a few keystrokes, artificial intelligence can now generate stunning artwork, write complex essays, and mimic human conversation with uncanny precision. It is an extraordinary feat of human ingenuity and has the potential to be of huge benefit to humanity.

Yet, for all its brilliance, technology often leaves us with a quiet, lingering question: What does it actually mean to be human?

In a world increasingly fascinated by data, algorithms, and artificial minds, the message of Christmas offers a radical, beautiful, and deeply comforting answer. At the heart of the Christian faith is not a complex code or a cold, remote system, but a person. Christmas is the celebration of the Incarnation—the breathtaking truth that the infinite, eternal God chose to clothe Himself in fragile human flesh.

Think of the contrast. AI is built on vast networks of data, operating in a digital cloud, completely detached from physical reality. It cannot feel the bite of a winter frost, it cannot weep at a graveside, and it cannot experience the physical warmth of a hand held in the dark.

But Jesus did.

The God we worship did not send a broadcast from the heavens or an automated message of peace. He arrived as a breathing, crying, vulnerable newborn baby, laid in a rough wooden manger. His skin was warmed by the breath of animals. He grew up to walk on dusty roads, to taste real bread, to shed genuine tears of grief for his friends, and to feel the physical agony of the cross.

By becoming one of us, God sanctified our physical, messy, beautiful human existence. The Incarnation tells us that our flesh-and-blood lives matter. Our bodies, our heartbeats, our tears, and our laughter are not obsolete data points. They are the very place where God chose to dwell.

Technology can mimic human words, but it can never mimic love. Love requires a heart. It requires a choice to be present, to sacrifice, and to share in another person's vulnerability. That is exactly what God did for us on that first Christmas night. He became present.

As we gather with family, friends, and neighbours over the coming weeks, let us celebrate the physical wonder of being human. Let us relish the real hugs, the shared meals, the sound of live voices singing carols, and the quiet moments of face-to-face connection.

Amidst a digital world, may you encounter the real, living presence of the Christ Child this season.

Wishing you all a peaceful, blessed, and truly wonder-filled Christmas.

With love and prayer,Revd Louise

Coming Up:

Holy Communion Services at 10.00am :

Christmas Day Friday 25th December, Sunday 27th December, Sunday 24th JanuarySunday 28th February all followed by refreshments, apart from the Christmas Day service.

Other services : **Christingle Service** Sunday 6th December at 3.00pm with the Coddington Primary School Choir **Carol Service** Saturday 12th December at 3.00pm followed by a glass of mulled wine & mince pie.

Carols around the Christmas Tree at the Coddington Community Centre on Wednesday 16th December at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.**Other events :**

Quiz Night at the Coddington Village Hall on Saturday 20th February 7.30 to 9.30pm.

You are invited to join us at our Christmas services

www.bbc-churches.org.uk



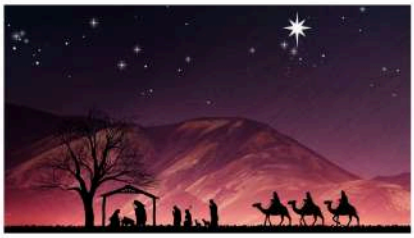
Christingle
on Sunday, 6th December at 3.00 pm

Carol Service
on Saturday, 12th December at 3.00 pm

Christmas Communion
on Friday, 25th December at 10.00 am

Holy Communion
on Sunday 27th December at 10.00 am

All Saints, Coddington



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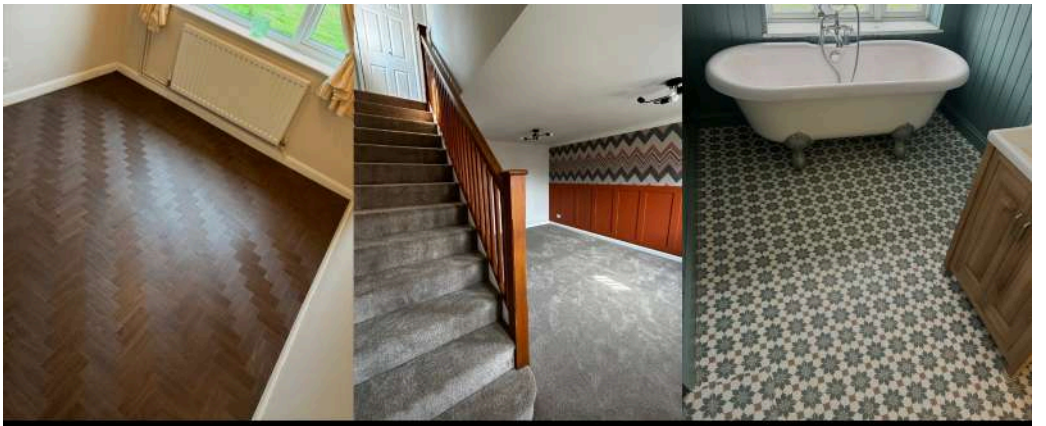

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Village Hall News



The work towards the **major project** to improve the thermal efficiency of the original 1885 corrugated iron building is progressing with the preparation of drawings and calculations for an application to Building Control. We have engaged an outside company for this as it is beyond our skill-level. Also ongoing is the application for grants from various bodies.
There have been a few new classes start up so see the centre pages for information as to what's on.

Fundraising. In August a garden on Balderton Lane opened for the National Gardens Scheme and the owners (Thank You!) kindly arranged that the proceeds from the refreshments and plant sales were donated to the hall raising several hundred pounds – and diminished considerably my collection of propagated plants! (thank goodness!) In September we had Simcha, a Lincoln band, entertaining us for the evening (see review) which was much enjoyed by all, doubtless we will have them back in the future.

Maintenance. We have had the main hall floor professionally recoated and the volunteers have been busy with lots of smaller tasks – painting, garden maintenance, sweeping, adjusting doors, cleaning and mending tables etc etc. Never a dull moment - there's generally "matters arising" to keep us on our toes. The latest amusement (and it did cause a lot of merriment!) was when the lock on one of the cubicle doors in the Ladies toilets got thoroughly stuck – with the children's dance tutor inside! Fortunately it was the one with the window and the fairly numerous young ladies, with much giggling, safely and most capably "caught" the trapped lady as she escaped through the open window. It was apparently declared to be the best class ever! An impromptu maintenance session then had to be held with the use of power tools to cut the door lock to get the door open - so now there's a new lock!

New people always welcome, please contact me for dates.

Isobel Turner, Chairman. 07733 655279 iturner@coddington.org.uk

Coddington Village Hall https://villagehall.coddington.org.uk

Coddington Village Hall has had a Fundraiser called the 'Bonus Ball', running for the last few years, very successfully, raising money to make improvements and maintaining the hall to a high standard.

The Bonus Ball runs from January to December.

How does it work.

You buy a number between 1 - 50 for £2 per number per month. The year is split into a 6 month period. So you pay £12 each 6 months.

How do you win !

If your number is the National Lottery Bonus Ball drawn on the 1st Saturday of each month, you win. Only the 1st drawn number not the second.

You will receive £50 and the Village Hall will receive £50.

If you would like to join the scheme please contact me

Sheila on 07727040504 or email sheilabache@sky.com.

ASAP please, so we are ready to go into 2027.

'Be in it to Win It'

Sheila Bache

AUTUMN LEAVES

Yes, they can be a problem, but we ask you not to sweep or blow the leaves from your property or from the grass verges, onto footpaths and roads. In some areas in the village, where leaves have been swept from properties, there have been issues such as drains becoming badly blocked, which then causes flooding onto footpaths and roads, resulting in dangerous slippery surfaces.

Please collect the leaves, put them into black bags or into your garden bin, or better still they are very beneficial as mulch in your garden. Worms will gradually take them down into the soil where the rotting leaves will much improve the texture of the soil. Heaps can be left in corners of your garden for hedgehogs, other small creatures and insects to overwinter and to give Mother Nature a helping hand.

With many thanks

Coddington Parish Council



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0800 111 999 – The National Gas Emergency Service. Call this free, 24/7 hotline immediately if you smell gas, suspect a leak, or think carbon monoxide is present.

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111 – NHS non-emergency medical helpline. For urgent health concerns or medical advice that are not life-threatening.

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Village Hall – Live performances

These are entertaining events that contribute significantly to raising funds for our popular hall – do come along and try them, it's a very pleasant way to support the hall!.

Thursday 10th December, Churchfitter's Christmas Cracker. Visiting us yet again from Brittany (just the eighth time since 2011!), their Christmas entertainment always goes down well; it will be a joyful evening – as usual! *Full house expected*.

They are a band like no other – bass guitars made out of frying pans and hub caps, add fast foot-stomping fiddle, the musical saw and glass harp along with stunning vocal. Not forgetting the flute, mandolin, tin whistle, ukulele and there's a magical evening's entertainment in store.

- Mike Harding is a huge fan – he calls them "totally brilliant and beautiful.

Saturday 27th February 2027, Terence Blacker – "Old enough to know better".

This show comes to us highly recommended by one of our regular audience members.

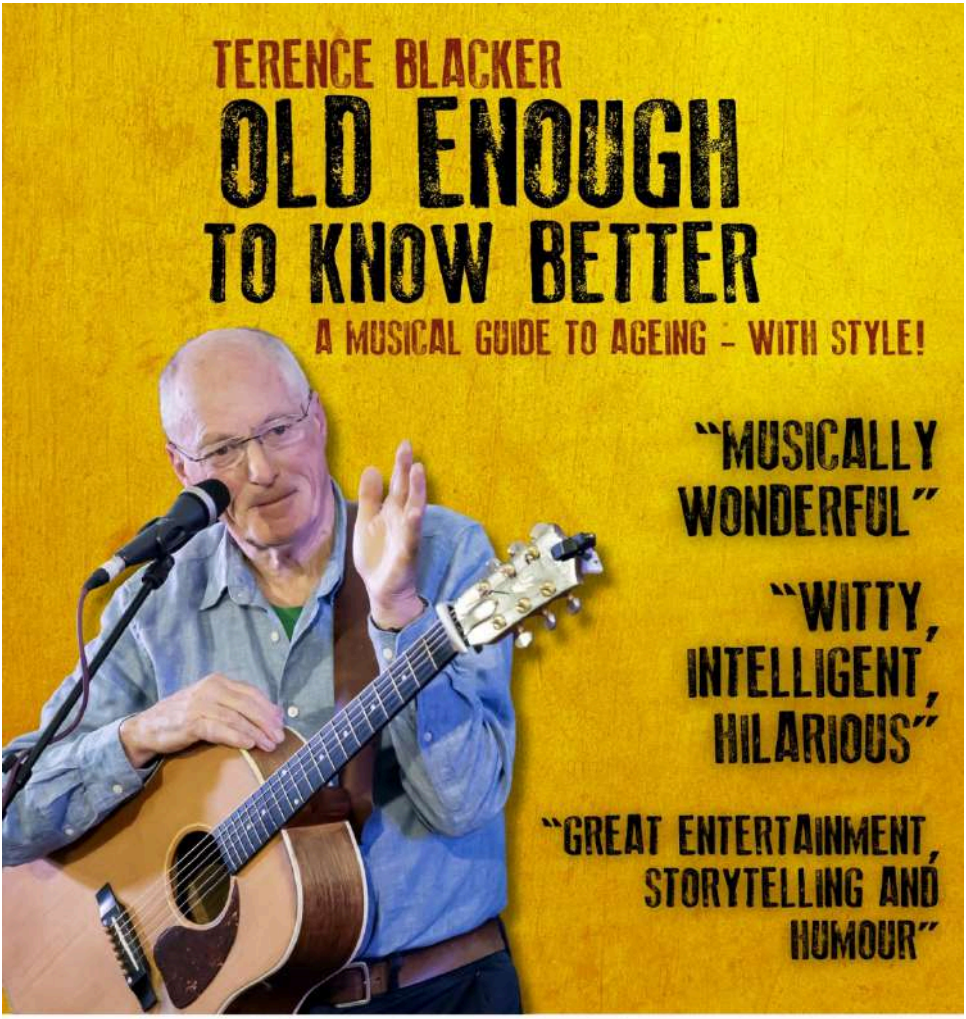
Join songwriter and author Terence Blacker as he brings his unique musical journey, 'Old Enough to Know Better', to the stage for a feel-good evening of comedy and music

This entertaining performance offers a heart-warming and humorous exploration of aging with grace with a refreshing, joyful perspective on growing older with laughter and insight.

Forget the clichés of retirement homes and rocking chairs, 'Old Enough to Know Better' reveals that getting older can be an adventure full of delightful surprises.

Bring your family and friends to experience a show that promises to entertain, uplift and remind everyone of the joy in every stage of life.

There will be posters around the village to remind you nearer the time.



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Simcha – Lincoln's Klezmer Band – Coddington – 25th September

Lincoln based Klezmer Band Simcha ('simcha' is Yiddish for 'celebration') was enjoyed by a captivated audience at the Village Hall on Friday night, September 25th. The band, composed of seven very talented musicians, entertained with music from pre-war Eastern European Jewish communities. The fusion of Jewish, Balkan, Gypsy and Arabic styles was sometimes tragic, mostly joyful, and always moving. It certainly brought out smiles, a lot of foot-tapping and even occasional dancing from the audience.

One thing everyone noticed straight away was the funny hats the band members wore. These were explained during the show with the following story: Simcha was created in 2017 by accordionist Robert Young. His father was one of the Kindertransport children. Robin's grandparents owned and ran a textile factory in Teplice, Czechoslovakia, which was requisitioned by the Nazis and subsequently they perished in one of the camps. The factory specialised in making fezzes (traditional short cylindrical hats without peaks) for the Turkish market. In honour of Robin's grandparents, the band decided to wear hats during their performances.

Besides the accordion, played by Robert Young, the clarinet with some wonderful solos and improvisions was played by Jonathan Rider. The omni dextrous Neil Cawley covered both the flute and the saxophone. Hanna Borrill on the violin and Martin Datta on the guitar also sang beautifully, both in English and in Yiddish. Enzo Puzzovio, who led us through the evening, played what they jokingly called a saucepan, which in fact it was a Turkish cümbüş. The whole sound came together and would not have been the same without the deep sound of the double bass played by Barbara Henighan.

It was a lovely evening of culture and music and once again some great entertainment at Coddington Village Hall – watch out for future dates as Simcha has promised to return!

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Coddington History Group

Our speaker meetings are open to all and are generally well attended. We had a last minute predicament in October when the speaker fell ill the day before but we were rescued with an excellent talk about the Newark Torc from Dr Tess Machlin who seemed to us to be the world's expert on torcs – who knew they were so variable in design? Despite doing the talk for U3A in the afternoon she kindly repeated it for us in the evening.

We had an enquiry from Jimmy Wright's daughter Jane asking if we had information about her family or Windrome Cottage on Balderton Lane near the showground.

We were not able to help much as we do not have any photos or specific information – is anyone able to assist at all?

Apparently the Godson family (Harry and Joyce) lived at the cottage before them and there is a ghost story about them there, she would like further information about this too.

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Here is a bit of history from the Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury, 23rd June 1826

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WM. EDWD. TALLENTS,
Clerk to the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road.
Newark, 6th June, 1826.

Speakers Programme 2027

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 £3 - includes refreshments.

Everyone welcome

January 21st 2027. **Adrian** ***Gray – The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest.*** Exploring the debauchery, financial ruin, and marital disasters of the aristocracy who lived in "The Dukeries" between the 1600s and 1900s.

Thursday 18th February 2027. Lesley Piper – The Aftermath of the Titanic Disaster. You've seen the film – but what happened afterwards? A quiz, a talk and memories from those who survived.

Thursday 18th March 2027. Roger Blaney – The origins and importance of the Archbishop of York's Palace. A fresh look at the origins, importance and history of the Palace at Southwell Minster throughout its history.

VILLAGE HALL

Contact Booking Clerk - Maggie George 07790 719870
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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 - 20:30	MLM Adult Ballroom	maggiegeorge@gmail.com
Tue	10:00 - 11:00	Pilates	sgatherer@hotmail.com
Tue	13:00 - 16:00	Women's Institute (*2nd Tuesday of the month*)	susansprig@gmail.com
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 - !5:30	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 chair keep fit	sheilabache@sky.com
Thur	16:45 - 19:15	Irish Dance	berns43@hotmail.com
Thur	19:30 - 21:00	Coddington History Group (*3rd Thur in Month*)	iturner@coddington.org.uk
Fri	09:45 - 11:45	Line Dancing	jackie_france@yahoo.com
Fri	13:30 - 16:00	U3A - Photography (Last Friday of Month)	
Fri	Evening	**Available for hire**	
Sat	09:00 - 11:00	Private Hire	
Sat	Afternoon	**Available for hire**	
Sat	Evening	**Available for hire**	
Sun	Evening	**Available for hire**	

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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 (*3rdt Mon, monthly*)	For Contact see below	
Mon	14:00 - 15:30	U3A Book Reading (*1st Mon, monthly*)	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 (*1st Tuesday, monthly*)	For Contact see below	
Tues	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Craft (*3rd Tuesday, monthly*)	For Contact see below	
Tues	19:10 - 20:10	Dance Group		
Wed	14:00 - 16:00	U3A - Kurling(*3rd Wednesday, monthly*)	For Contact see below	
Wed	18:00 - 19:00	Rainbows (*Term Time only*)	Louise	07887843535 coddo_rainbows@hotmail.co.uk
Thur	09:15 - 12:30	Toddlers (*Term Time only*)	Joanne	07505178695
Thur	13:00 - 15:00	Post Office Services		
Thur	13:30 - 15:30	U3A 'Knit & Natter Group' (*1st Thursday, monthly*)	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 (*see back page*)	parishclerk@coddington.org.uk	
Thur	20:00 - 21:00	Line Dancing	Jackie	
Fri	09:15 - 11:00	DJ's Coffee Morning(*Term Time only*)	Joanne	07505178695
Fri	14:00 - 16:00	Short Mat Bowls and Boccia	Angela	01636678990
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	07855392166 suz.wells10@gmail.com
Sun	10:30 - 13:00	Redeemed Church		
Sun	16:30 - 18:30	Beacon Church Group	Brian	01636 674232

U3A contact details: membershipsec@newark-u3a.org.uk

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

Resilience

By Councillor Johno Lee



A Christmas Message

As Christmas approaches, I want to thank everyone who has supported me, challenged me or taken the time to share their concerns this year.

Whatever next year brings, my commitment remains unchanged: to listen, to work hard and to represent the residents of Balderton North and Coddington Ward to the very best of my ability.

It remains a privilege to represent you, and I will continue working for our communities for as long as you place your trust in me.

Representing Our Residents

As we approach the end of another year, one word comes to mind when reflecting on our communities and my role as your councillor: **resilience**.

With local elections approaching next year, I hope to be selected to represent the Conservative Party once again.

Less than 18 months ago, I made the personal decision to sit as a non-aligned councillor following differences of opinion on certain District Council policies.

I want to emphasise that this was a decision made with mutual respect. I have always valued the support of the local Conservative Association and my Conservative colleagues, and that support has continued throughout. Equally, my commitment to the Conservative Party has never changed.

Sometimes public service requires difficult decisions, but I firmly believe that respectful differences of opinion are part of healthy local democracy.

> *My guiding principle remains simple: to listen to residents and represent their interests, regardless of politics.*

If I am fortunate enough to be selected and then re-elected next year, it would be a privilege to continue serving you. Ultimately, that decision rests with you.

Protecting Our Play Parks

Resilience also means protecting what we have worked hard to achieve.

I have recently received complaints about the condition and maintenance of the play parks at Thorpe Oaks and Thorpe Close, which is disappointing.

Many will remember these areas before I was elected. They had suffered neglect and repeated illegal encampments.

Through considerable effort, hundreds of thousands of pounds were invested in improvements, including play equipment, protective bunds, tree planting and landscaping.

I am concerned that some of those improvements are not receiving the ongoing care they deserve.

The current Council Labour and Ind administration has invested in public artwork across Newark. While others may see this as a worthwhile priority,

> *I would rather see investment directed towards our communities, particularly the play parks and recreational areas that residents and their families use every day, than towards artwork that many residents may never see.*

I believe public money should benefit the people and communities it is intended to serve.

Whatever our political differences, protecting public investment and keeping our play parks safe, welcoming and well maintained should be something we can all agree on.

Wishing You All a Merry Christmas

As we close another year, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Merry Christmas,

Johno Lee

Your Local Councillor





Monday
Moving 2 Music
(M2M)

Moving 2 Music is Coddington's long running Chair Based exercise class with Sara-lou.
Every Monday Morning at Coddington Community Centre
11.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Contact Gill - 07398171075

M2M
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Thursday



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1.45 pm to 2.45 pm
at Coddington Village Hall with trainer
Sara-lou
For more information contact:
Sheila - 07727040504



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!

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Further information is available via:

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- www.mansfieldandashfieldccg.nhs.uk
- www.newarkandsherwoodccg.nhs.uk
- Patient Experience Team Freephone: **0800 028 3693**

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WINTHORPE GARDEN CLUB

In September, we welcomed Jonathan Sheppard, who spoke about his transition from working as a political lobbyist to holding the national collections for hollyhocks and cosmos – and winning Gold Medals at Chelsea. After the horrific Westminster Bridge attack in 2017, Jonathan left his job and decided to work his plot of land at his home in Brant Broughton, even though he was a complete novice to horticulture. He had never even been to a flower show but on his first visit to Hampton Court, he came across the Plant Heritage national collections stand and signed up for two (hollyhocks and cosmos). He then set about learning how to grow them! After trials and tribulations, Jonathan has succeeded in becoming an expert grower of both.

In October, garden writer and communicator Geoff Hodge, took us into the world of soil with his talk "All Muck and Magic". He explained how good soil allowed plants to thrive and fight pests and diseases and introduced us to the delights of compost, manure and mulching. He also described how plants photosynthesise to produce their food but also access additional nutrients by "teaming up" with soil microbes and fungi to exchange sugar produced by the plants for different chemicals. Geoff gave us a tour of a table top full of different plant feeds and fertilisers and talked through how each worked, which should make shopping a lot easier the next time we're at the garden centre!

Our next meeting: Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm in Winthorpe Community Centre will be a talk by Rob Potterton entitled **"A Beginners Guide to Alpines, Bulbs and Woodland Plants".**

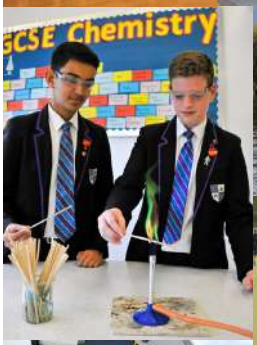
Our 2027 Garden Club trips are to Dumfries and Galloway 16th-18th June (2-day trip); RHS Harlow Carr on 22nd September and a visit to Coton Manor in July (date to be arranged).

If you would like to become a member or attend one of our talks, please contact Ian Wilson on 01636 686249 or email i.wilson2@ntlworld.com.











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Coddington Community Centre

Hello Everyone,

As you are aware we have a number of projects that we are working to complete. To allow us to fund these we applied to the National Lottery Community Fund and were successful for funding for the installation of a new solar panel array.

We are also talking to Tritax with respect to funding that will be available once the new warehousing is underway. We are aware that there are other good causes that Tritax will be considering for funding.

The main project we will be looking to work on after the solar panels is the Infra Red Heating throughout the building. Other projects include replacement of our Intruder Alarm and Fire Alarm which are 20 years old.

Our Facility Manager has been with us since 2009 and has kept the building looking good and available for users for 17 years. Ian has advised the Trustees that he intends to retire at the end of the year. While we are looking for a new Facility Manager I will move from the position of Chairman in order to perform the duties that Ian has been doing to keep the centre running. If you think you would like join the team as a Facility Manager please take a look at the Job Advert in this publication.

This will be my last article as Chairman of the Community Centre Trustees. The position of Chair will be taken on by Maggie George who will keep things going.

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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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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- Hours: 2.5 hours per day (4 days on / 4 days off rota)
- Pay: National Minimum Wage
- Location: Coddington Community Centre

About the role:

This is a practical, hands-on role focused entirely on site security, basic upkeep, and safety checks. Please note: there is no booking administration or event coordination involved. It is ideal for a trustworthy, active person who enjoys working independently and staying on their feet.

No experience? No problem!

Prior practical experience is preferred but not essential as full training will be given on all aspects of the building operations.

How to apply:

If you are interested or would like to see the full job description, please email your CV and a brief letter of introduction to **malcolmjbaker@outlook.com**.

Closing date for applications - 15th Jan 2027

Coddington accounts

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Coddington WI Report August – October 2026

There was a lot of laughter at our August meeting when we held a games afternoon, with Rummicub, Beetle, Mahjong and various other teasers. We also had a 'seasonal' lunch at the Swan & Salmon later in the month.

In September our speaker gave us a very interesting talk titled 'Bletchley Park and the Little Secret'. We had an outing to Bletchley Park several years ago, but we may return because there was so much to see.

We were entertained at our October meeting by a lady who gave us an amusing talk about the history of Melton Mowbray and the famous pork pie. She even demonstrated how the pies are made, and told us how they must be made in a confined geographical area to trade on the name.

Each month we have an informal get together at the YMCA for a coffee morning. Nottinghamshire Federation also provides lots of events through out the County that members can attend, including craft workshops, murder mystery meetings, bingo, afternoon teas and bridge meetings.

Coddington WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Coddington Village Hall and any ladies are welcome to attend as a visitor to see if it suits before joining.

Sue Sprigings

Secretary Coddington WI

susansprig@gmail.com

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The Social Hub Of Coddington

Located in the heart of Coddington, The Plough provides a warm and welcoming environment all year round. This dog-friendly village pub serves both food and drink - whether it's a local ale, a gin and tonic or a traditional Sunday dinner you're looking for, The Plough can provide.

In 2016 the pub underwent refurbishment before opening its doors for the first time in nearly 2 years. Since then, it's come on in leaps and bounds - from opening a kitchen that serves delicious pub food, to hosting small parties and Christmas functions.

When are we open?

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 16.00-21.30
Wednesday 16.00-22.00
Thursday12:00-22:30
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Sundays 12:00-21.00

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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.

Trustees

Mrs P Bartley Mrs G Southgate Cllr R O'Donnell Cllr D Armstrong
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Coddington Trust Fund

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

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

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SHARON GATHERER - 07810171864

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PLEASE could you let me have your contributions by 1st Feb at the latest.

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

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

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES

DATE:		VENUE:
Thursday 7th Jan	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 4th Mar	19:30	Coddington Community Centre
Thursday 8th Apr	19:30	Coddington Community Centre

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

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