

Meden Mosaics Make Colourful Comeback

Millennium Mosaics Unearthed in Memorial Garden

While preparing the new memorial garden behind the library, three long-hidden mosaics were discovered beneath the undergrowth. Created in the year 2000 by children from the Meden family of schools, the mosaics depict rural and historical scenes from across Warsop Parish.

Lovingly uncovered and cleaned by Kenny Bonsall, the mosaics add a colourful and nostalgic touch to the garden's peaceful setting.

The Parish Council would love to hear from anyone who remembers being involved in the project or who helped create these beautiful pieces of community art.



Wildlife



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Have you celebrated a special occasion?
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Forever Part of the Parish: A Quiet Tribute to a Big Heart

Bench dedicated to Glynn Morris in Memorial Garden

A new memorial bench has been unveiled in honour of Glynn Morris, a well-respected Parish Councillor remembered for his friendly nature, community spirit, and ever-present 'can do' attitude.

The ribbon was cut by his wife, Carol, in a small ceremony attended by family, friends, fellow councillors, and members of the community. With quiet dignity and the support of those closest to her, Carol shared, **"Glynn would have loved this."** Another family member added, **"It's a lovely way to honour his service."**

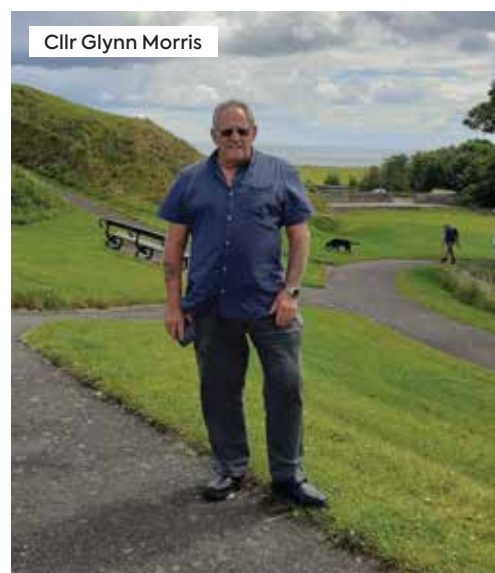
Glynn was known as someone who could always be counted on – if he couldn't solve a problem himself, he would find someone who could. His contribution to the Parish was lasting and heartfelt, and his absence is deeply felt by those who worked alongside him and knew him well.

The bench now sits in a small area behind the library car park, which has been thoughtfully tidied and transformed into a peaceful memorial garden. It offers a space for quiet reflection and remembrance and stands as a lasting symbol of Glynn's commitment to the community. It will also serve as a tribute to other Parish Councillors who sadly passed away while serving in office.

The bench was generously donated to the Parish Council by the Lee Bonsall Memorial Fund. The project was brought to life through the efforts of Parish Councillors Karen Bonsall and Nadine McGuiness, along with their supportive (and, by all accounts, long-suffering) partners Kenny and Richard.

Before the ribbon was cut, Councillor Bonsall said a few words, paying tribute to Glynn's years of service and the positive impact he had on all who knew him.

After the ceremony, guests were welcomed back to the Town Hall for tea and cakes; a warm and friendly gathering in true Glynn Morris style.



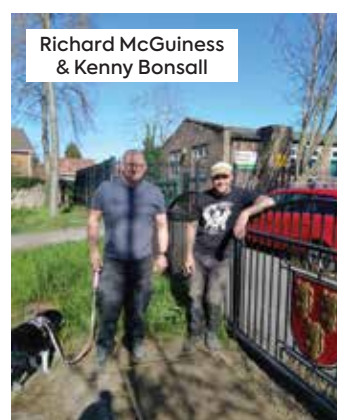
Cllr Glynn Morris



Carol Morris (2nd left) and Family with Cllrs Bonsall and McGuiness



Carol Cuts the Ribbon



Richard McGuiness & Kenny Bonsall



Councillors K Bonsall and N McGuiness

Welcome to the latest edition of Warsop Parish News

It's a real pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of Warsop Parish News, your community paper dedicated to celebrating life in every corner of our Parish. In this edition, we're shining a spotlight on what makes our area special with our feature "Destination – Warsop Parish." It's a proud reminder of everything we have to offer as a town – from our green spaces and rich heritage to our creativity, resilience, and strong community spirit.

We also bring you the story of a touching tribute to a much-loved Parish Councillor, with the unveiling of a memorial bench in the newly created garden behind the library. As part of this project, three beautiful mosaics – made by local schoolchildren back in the millennium year – were also uncovered. We'd love to hear from anyone who helped create them! You'll also find feedback from the latest Police Beat meetings and updates from local groups and organisations doing great work across the Parish.

As ever, Warsop Parish News belongs to the people it serves. If you're involved in a local project, campaign, event or good cause – we want to hear from you. Your stories are what bring these pages to life, and this paper is just one small way we can keep each other informed, connected, and inspired. **We would also like to say a big thank you to Gemma Blagg and Amanda Cooper for all their hard work on previous editions of WPN.** Thank you for reading – and we hope you enjoy this edition.



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UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL BEAT TEAM

On 11th April 2025, the Warsop Neighbourhood Policing Team held a bike marking event which was well attended by the local community. We would like to thank everyone who came along to have their bikes marked under the national Bike Register scheme.

If you missed the event but would like your bike marked and registered, please get in touch with us and we can arrange a visit.

We have seen an increase in the use of e-scooters, e-bikes, and motorbikes across the ward. We would like to remind residents that to use these vehicles on public roads, they must be road legal. Failure to comply could result in the vehicle being seized and the rider facing prosecution.

We also urge parents to be aware of what their children are doing, particularly in the evenings. There have been several reports of anti-social behaviour involving groups of teenagers around the Warsop Health Hub. We are currently working to identify some of the individuals involved, and home visits will be carried out.



Other reporting information

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Swallows Green: A Community Triumph

Warsop Parish Council Chair, Councillor Jack Stephenson, presented the Warsop Parish Community Award 2024 to Bev Land, Nicola Spencer and her daughter Elexi, representatives of the Swallows Green Community Group, at the start of the council meeting on 17th February 2025.

The award recognises the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers who have helped to transform Swallows Green from a neglected space into a much-loved community asset for local children and families.

The Swallows Green Community Group was formed in 2020, founded by then District Councillor Debra Barlow and local residents who shared a vision for Swallows Green's future. Debra fondly recalled how the group came together with a clear plan to transform the field into a valued community asset, and how local resident Tony Hubbard inspired everyone with his vision, energy, and unwavering determination to see the project succeed.

With a clear plan in mind, the group's first challenge was to raise the necessary funds. Thanks to a huge community effort, enough money was secured to begin work, with Tony Hubbard and Kev Spencer leading the way by constructing a path around the Green. In the words of the Head of Parks at Mansfield District Council, it was the **"most precisely laid path he had ever seen"** – a testament to the care and commitment that went into every step.

Tony and Kev took time away from their full-time jobs to build the path, and many residents and children also joined in, moving stones, planting bulbs, strimming grass, and clearing rubbish that had been left untouched for decades. Their efforts soon led to small community events: dog shows that drew the crowds, Santa visits where every child received a present, and Easter Egg Hunts that grew larger each year, thanks to Tony's enthusiasm and generosity.

Tony Hubbard's role in the project cannot be overstated. From buying Easter eggs out of his own pocket to helping install benches, tables, and welcoming signs, Tony's passion for Swallows Green was infectious. He believed wholeheartedly that the Green would one day boast trees and play equipment for children, and his determination encouraged others to believe in that vision too.

Reflecting on Tony's contribution, Warsop Parish Council Chair Jack Stephenson said: **"Tony was more than just a community member he was a leader, someone who cared deeply and worked hard for the good of others. His impact will not be forgotten."**

Thanks to the passion of Tony and the entire Swallows Green Community Group, what was once an overlooked field is now a flourishing space filled with hope, smiles, and possibility.



Warsop Town Centre Blossoms with Vibrant Displays

Warsop's Town Centre has been given a colourful new look, thanks to the efforts of the Vibrant Warsop Gardening Group. Over the course of a busy day, Caroline and the team assembled and put up 40 beautiful hanging baskets, while the group also provided colourful trough flowers to brighten the streets.

It wasn't just a day of hard work – it turned into a real community occasion. Councillor Nadine McGuinness reported that it quickly became a family affair, with her daughter and in-laws pitching in to help. What started as a gardening project soon became a lively gathering filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of shared pride.

Reflecting on the day, Cllr McGuinness said, **"It was very enjoyable, and it showed us what we can achieve when the community comes together."**

Thanks to the dedication of local volunteers, Warsop's Town Centre is now blooming with vibrant colour – a wonderful reminder of what can happen when people roll up their sleeves and work together.



Egg Hunts and Big Smiles at Swallows Green

This year's Easter Egg Hunt at Swallows Green was a heart-warming tribute to Tony, organised by Leonie Hubbard and Nicola Spencer.

Tony, who had been the driving force behind the Easter Egg Hunts in previous years, had spoken about wanting to organise another one this spring. Sadly, he was unable to see it through himself. Wanting to honour his wish and continue the tradition he loved so much, Leonie and Nicola were determined to make it happen.

Thanks to the generous support of local residents and businesses, a fantastic number of chocolate eggs were donated. As in previous years, there were prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and beyond, until all the eggs had been given out. One lucky participant also found the special GOLDEN egg, winning a large prize egg.

The day itself was filled with smiles and laughter, as children and families gathered to enjoy the Easter fun. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped make the event a success from those who assisted with setting up and litter picking to those who donated chocolate treats.

There are already hopes to continue the Easter Egg Hunt next year, keeping alive the spirit of kindness, joy, and community that Tony so passionately championed.

Jayden Hall shows off his Easter Egg haul



Leonie Hubbard and Nicola Spencer who arranged the Easter Egg Hunt



Destination – Warsop Parish

Our Rural Heart

WARSOP WILDLIFE RESCUE TEAM

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to inform the community that the mesh barriers have been reinstalled at the top of the weir at Carrs Dam. These measures are in place to protect young water birds, giving them time to mature before they are able to navigate the steps independently.

The barriers will remain in place until it is safe to remove them, and we appreciate your understanding and support in helping to protect our local wildlife.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our team. Thank you.



Warsop Wildlife

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Welcome to the first part of our Destination – Warsop Parish feature, where we celebrate the natural beauty, open spaces, and community spirit that make our Parish such a special place to live, work, and explore.

In this edition, we focus on the rural heart of our area, the footpaths, woodlands, meadows and green spaces that surround and connect our communities.

There are updates and insights from local groups working to protect our wildlife, preserve habitats, and encourage people to get out and enjoy nature.

From wildflower verges to hidden bridleways, this section is a celebration of everything green and growing in Warsop Parish, and a reminder of just how important these spaces are to our wellbeing, identity, and future. We hope it inspires you to explore, appreciate and perhaps even get involved.

Dukeries Eco Watch – Summer 2025

It feels like we've swung from one extreme to the next, last year's winter and spring felt endlessly wet, and now we've just had the driest March in over 60 years. Wildfires have already started burning. This isn't just bad luck with the weather. Human activity has rapidly accelerated global warming, and it's up to us to take action. March 2025 was 1.6°C warmer than pre-industrial levels, yet another month breaking through the 1.5°C target.

The effects are clear: disrupted weather patterns and increasing pressure on wildlife already struggling with habitat loss. Bird populations are plummeting, and hedgehog numbers are now estimated to be below one million in the UK. But we can all help: even small actions make a real difference.

Bees, Plastics & Pollutants

- Mass honeybee deaths in the USA this spring are a reminder: bees pollinate many of our food crops. Yet bee-killing pesticides are still commonly used in gardens and on farmland. Please avoid using chemicals in your garden.
- Sadly, our local Warsop Refillery has closed a loss for the community and the environment. Until we widely adopt reusing and refilling, plastic pollution will continue to blight our countryside.
- Be mindful of household chemicals. Some "fresh smelling" laundry additives now warn they're "harmful to aquatic life" and "should not be released into the environment." Yet they're designed for everyday use, with wastewater often discharged straight into rivers.

Small Changes, Big Impact

You don't need a garden to help. In fact, doing less can be better for nature — and save time and money too.

• Provide Freshwater

During dry spells, leave out water in bird baths, small ponds, or recycled containers with stones for safe access.

• Be Wildlife-Aware in Spring

Don't rush to clear up. Hedgehogs may still be hibernating in leaves and long grass, and strimming can seriously harm them. Nesting birds (February–August) need undisturbed trees and hedges, so hold off on trimming and keep cats away from fledglings.

• Leave Autumn Messy

Dead leaves, wood, and nettle patches offer essential winter habitat and food for beetles, caterpillars, and butterflies — which in turn feed birds and other wildlife.

• Plant for the Whole Year

A variety of flowers and shrubs blooming through the seasons helps provide food and shelter all year round. Great wildlife-friendly UK species include: ivy, holly, honeysuckle, hazel, hawthorn, English lavender, teasel, dandelion, thistle, rowan, silver birch, and oak.



Warsop Footpaths & Countryside Group

More butterfly sightings are a sign that summer is here. It is pleasing to see that some of the butterflies that had a hard time last year seem to be recovering. Several species did well last year in the East Midlands in 2024, including the Orange Tips, Peacocks and Commas. But Small Tortoiseshells and all the blue butterflies had a hard time. Nationally, over half of our butterfly species are in long-term decline, with Small Tortoiseshells having declined by 86% over the last fifty years. Does this matter? Butterflies may be thought of as 'canaries in the coal mine', warning us of the wider impacts of climate change, habitat loss and pesticide use.

The Footpaths Group are looking forward to becoming involved in wildflower projects that could provide more nectar plants for butterflies and other invertebrates. Aspects of this will involve propagating wildflower plants that can be planted in suitable sites around the parish and also sharing expertise amongst volunteers to help enhance the biodiversity of our parish, both in wild spaces and in gardens. Look out for details about how to become involved.

Anybody with a garden can help butterflies. Growing plants like Aubretia, Buddleia, Candytuft, Hebe, Lavender, Michaelmas Daisy, Marigold, Perennial Wallflower or Red Valerian provides good nectar sources. Allowing a patch of grass to grow longer also helps, as can allowing Dandelions to flower.

At this time of year, the Footpaths Group are shifting our focus to ensuring that many of our public footpaths are accessible to as many folk as possible. Between May and September, we usually manage to maintain over four miles of paths. Once this work is completed, we move on to tasks at the Rhein o' Thorns at Warsop Vale and the Church Warsop Doorstep Green. Our small team of volunteers completed over 350 hours of work during 2024, and we urgently need some more folk to join us. Please get in touch if you would like to help. We find our work sessions good fun, good exercise, and it's satisfying to make a difference to the quality and accessibility of our countryside. It's not all hard work — as well as using mowers and other machines, our tasks include litter picking, sweeping up cuttings, explaining what we do to passers-by and preparing our hot drinks! Let us know if you would like to come along on a Thursday morning. We usually post on Facebook where we are going to be working.

It was good to join in the hedge planting around the Carr Lane playing fields last winter. Hopefully, these plants will get off to as good a start as those planted on two sites at Warsop Vale. We now need regular rainfall over summer to help these plants get established.

If you encountered us with clipboards, waders and litter bags between the Mill Dam and Stonebridge sometime in May, it was our annual survey of the local water vole population. We are hoping there may be an increase in signs of their activity. Please let us know if you spot a water vole anywhere in the parish. There is a project in Nottinghamshire aiming to enhance water vole numbers.

You can follow our activities on our Facebook page and find ideas for local walks on our website.
warsopfcg@icloud.com | facebook.com/Warsop1816 | warsopcountryside.wordpress.com

Our Secretary can be contacted on **01623 846281**.

The Friends of Thynghowe

On one Friday each month, volunteers from the Friends of Thynghowe join Forestry England to help with the management of the woodlands. Typical tasks include controlling birch and bracken around Thynghowe, clearing a halo around ancient oaks, managing invasive laurel and rhododendron plants, and clearing the sides of paths.

Get in touch if you would like to join the team. It's good fun, good exercise, and a fine way to learn more about the forest. Our work has helped to improve habitats for many species, including glow-worms.

It may appear that in recent years the Friends of Thynghowe have shifted their focus away from historic to ecological activity. This is partly because we have facilitated as much archaeological surveying on Thynghowe as is feasible at the moment, and we have investigated most of the features we have identified from LiDAR data. However, it could be argued that the flora and fauna of the woodlands have as much to tell us about the past of the forest as the archaeological features. The ground vegetation and the distribution and condition of trees can provide many clues to how the woodlands were managed in the past.

Our Annual Perambulation to Thynghowe in April was the last of our planned activities until the autumn. However, we may schedule a couple more evening walks to check on the nocturnal wildlife following the success of this type of activity last summer. We will put details on our website if these take place.

Contact us for more information about how to join in our activities – our email address is friendsofthynghowe@gmail.com. Send us an email if you would like to receive emails about our news and events.

More information can be found on thynghowe521978831.wordpress.com, and our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/Thynghowe.



WARSOP WILDLIFE RESCUE TEAM

BABY SEASON IS HERE

Spring is in full swing, which means it's baby season for much of our local wildlife! From nesting birds to bunnies hidden in the grass... our animal neighbours are busy raising their young.

What to Do If You Find an Injured Baby Animal...

• Contact Warsop Wildlife Rescue

Reach out as soon as possible for guidance and assistance.

• Prepare a Suitable Container

Use a pet carrier, cardboard box, or plastic storage tub with a secure lid (ensure there are air holes). Line the container with soft materials such as a towel, tissues, paper towels, or newspaper.

• Gently Contain the Animal

Using a towel or blanket, carefully scoop up the baby and place it in the prepared container.

• Note the Location

Record the exact spot where the baby was found. This is crucial for possible reuniting or release.

• Check for Additional Animals

Survey the immediate area to ensure there are no other babies that also need assistance.

• Create a Calm Environment

Keep the animal in a warm, dark, and quiet place, away from children and pets. Avoid handling, as this causes unnecessary stress. Do not feed the animal.

• Practice Good Hygiene

Wash your hands thoroughly after handling, as wild animals may carry diseases or parasites.



Destination – Warsop Parish

Small Shops, Big Spirit

A quick word to our wider business community...

We couldn't fit in everyone this time (we'd need a whole magazine just for the High Street) – so please know this is just the start.

From Market Warsop to Meden Vale, from Church Warsop to Spion Kop, Warsop Vale to Sookholme, every business matters. We'll be visiting more areas across the Parish in future editions.

A Town Centre With Heart

There's a new energy on the High Street, and a great example is Retrovault, a retro gaming and collectables shop. Owner Jen Straw says:

"We've loved meeting the community and seeing people's faces light up when they spot something nostalgic. We buy unwanted games and consoles too – that's been really popular locally. There's so much already here in Warsop, we just want more people to rediscover it."

Across the street, Grandma's Bakery continues to keep Warsop sweet with cakes, bread and warm welcomes.

Owner Lianne Rawson Chruscinski shared:

"The High Street's in good shape. Traffic can be a bit fast at times – especially for families crossing – but it's always kept clean. Barry, our local litter picker, does a fab job!"

Newer businesses are slotting in alongside stalwarts like Connolly's, who say they're **"going from strength to strength"** and have built quite the fanbase for their tasty food in a short time.

Celebrating The Shops, Sounds and Spirit Of Our Thriving Parish

How is it summer already?

I'm Councillor Siobhan Sorrell, and I've had the pleasure of serving on the Parish Council since October 2024. I've lived in Warsop Parish for several years now and one thing I've learned is that community really is everything here. The warmth, resilience and neighbourliness you find in Warsop is something truly special – and it's time we shouted louder about the amazing things happening all around us.

Together with Councillor Nadine McGuiness, we're shining a spotlight on our town centre, and the small businesses at the heart of it. From new faces to old favourites, there's more going on than you might think. So, let's take a walk through what's happening, who's thriving, and what we're excited about.

Eats, Treats & Treasures

No. 19 Café is a constant hum of activity and conversation, and a firm favourite with shoppers. Staff told us:

"We really feel part of the community. It's more than just coffee – it's connection."

Their customers certainly agree saying 'The food is lovely and the coffee is great.' The Town Centre Co-op is also a vital fixture:

"We're proud to support local people and projects and we're here for the long run."

As we chatted with shoppers, the reviews were glowing. One visitor said:

"Bella loves a pamper at Dirt Dogz, we wouldn't go anywhere else!"

Others were surprised by how much choice there really is:

"You don't always realise what's here unless you stop and look. There's a lot going on!"

Some of our longstanding shops have loyal followings for good reason:

The Fashion Shop, with its ever-changing rails and personalised service.

Greetings, a lifesaver for last-minute birthdays or 'just because' moments.

Josondil, with its unique gifts and hidden gems.

The Allotment Box, offering fresh, locally sourced treats and friendly service.

Buds & Blooms, for beautiful flowers that will grace any occasion.

And of course, there's **Scrooges** – the shop that somehow always has exactly what you didn't know you needed.

A Taste of Tradition

Family-run butchers **Maloney's** and **Wetton's** continue to serve generations of local families and their reputation speaks for itself. Meanwhile, **Boyes** delivers that comforting department store feel, all under one roof.

You'll also find salons, barbers, hairdressers, tattoo studios and beauty spots tucked into every corner – you can truly walk into the town centre and walk out feeling like a new person.

The mix of local takeaways, eateries, and pubs ensures that Warsop Parish isn't just a place to shop, it's a place to savour every moment, with something to satisfy every craving. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite or enjoying a night out, our food scene is as vibrant as the community that supports it.

Shopping That Gives Back

Let's not forget our charity shops – offering bargains, giving back to good causes, and serving as safe, welcoming community spaces. Whether you're buying, donating, or just browsing, their impact goes far beyond what's on the rails.

The Future is Local

There's a shared sense of optimism and ambition amongst business owners we spoke to. What could a thriving town centre look like? Ideas include:

- Seasonal events and themed markets
- Joint promotions
- Creating more footfall through events and local awareness campaigns
- Stronger connections between businesses and community groups

The will is there and with a bit more joined-up energy, we could turn good into great.



It's Not Just About Daytime

As we continue to support our daytime businesses, let's also celebrate our evening economy, it's part of what makes our community full of life, connection and shared stories.

The Town Centre isn't just for shopping, Warsop and the surrounding Parish has a great nightlife scene too. From lively pubs and social clubs to live music and quiz nights, there's something for everyone. Or you can perform yourself at the 'Open Mic' every month at Vibrant Warsop.

Local venues like **The Black Market** and **The Memorial Club** regularly host bands and performers, creating opportunities not just to enjoy great nights out, but to support talent and keep the cultural heart of the Parish beating.

And let's not forget, Warsop Parish is the home of **Ferocious Dog**. This homegrown band has taken their unique blend of folk-punk far beyond our borders, building a loyal following around the country and beyond. They're not just a brilliant act to watch live; they're a testament to the creativity, grit, and spirit that runs through our Parish. Whether you've seen them on stage or just know someone who has, there's no doubt - Warsop Parish rocks.

Final Thoughts

To all the businesses, traders, volunteers and supporters: thank you. Whether you've been here 40 years or 4 weeks, your presence matters. And to those we didn't manage to mention this time, we see you. We'll be out and about across the whole Parish in future editions. Your corner shop, home-run business or creative venture could be next. Let's keep building momentum, and pride, in everything our Parish has to offer.

Let's make Warsop Parish a true destination - one that's rooted in tradition, open to change, and proud of everything it is.

Thank You to Scrooges and Michael Shipley

Warsop Parish Council would like to extend a huge thank you to Michael Shipley at **Scrooges** on Sherwood Street for his generous support of our Hygiene Poverty Appeal.

Michael has not only provided essential hygiene items at wholesale prices but has also added a **Scrooges** bonus - an additional 10% of goods - to help us reach more people in need across the Parish. Newly elected Chair, Cllr Nadine McGuinness, said:

"Working with the support of businesses like **Scrooges** is a vital part of building a strong, caring community. We're incredibly grateful for their generosity and commitment to local people."



KHTE Building Services: A Lifesaving Community Gift

In a remarkable show of community spirit, **KHTE Building Services** has made a significant contribution to the safety and wellbeing of Warsop Parish by installing a defibrillator for public use. Located on Sherwood Street, the defibrillator is now available for anyone in need, providing an essential life-saving tool in case of a cardiac emergency.

This initiative is part of the company's ongoing efforts to give back to the local community. In emergency situations, a defibrillator can greatly increase the chances of survival, and having one in a high-traffic area can be a literal lifesaver.

The machine is user-friendly and comes with easy-to-follow instructions, ensuring that even those with little experience can use it in an urgent moment.

A huge thank you to **KHTE Building Services** for their generosity, and for helping ensure that Warsop Parish is a safer place for everyone.



Retrovault

Based in the heart of Warsop's High Street, **Retrovault** is a friendly, independent games shop packed with retro and modern treasures. We buy, sell, and trade video games, consoles, and collectables—whether you're after a blast from the past or your next big find, there's always something new to discover



Mint Indian Restaurant, Market Warsop

Welcome to **Mint**, the new and exciting place to enjoy authentic Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine.

We are passionate about bringing you the best flavours and aromas from Asia, with dishes that are freshly prepared and cooked to perfection.

To Dine-in or Takeaway contact **01623 843 499**



Destination – Warsop Parish

Community Life

Old Warsop Society

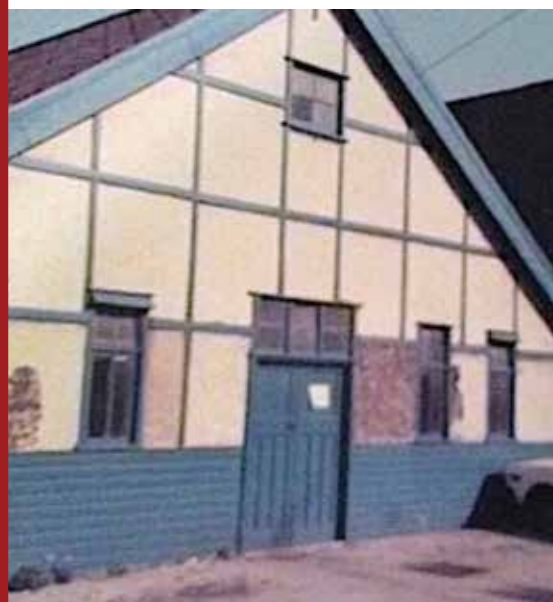
Everybody is welcome to come along to our meetings, which are held on the last Wednesday of each month, apart from August and December. The topic for the presentation each month is shared on Facebook ahead of the meeting. We meet in the Parish Centre's Fitzherbert Room, starting at 7:30pm. You don't need to be a paid-up member to attend (although a small donation is welcome), but we will be pleased to sign you up if you would like to join us. Most sessions focus on the history of Warsop and the surrounding area, reflecting on the people and places that made the parish the place it is today. Recent topics included the Langwith munitions factory, Warsop Main Colliery, and the Parish of Sookholme.

If you enjoy viewing pictures showing Warsop's past, you can view many images on our Facebook page.

facebook.com/oldwarsopsociety, where you are welcome to add your recollections, comments, and corrections when we get things wrong! We are also grateful for any donations of old local photographs, especially those showing Warsop scenes.

We have finally completed scanning and cataloguing all of the photographs in our albums. Our spreadsheet now lists over 2,700 images. However, this includes many duplicate copies of the same picture, so we are now sorting through these to identify the best versions. We are also attempting to organise them into a more logical order.

This picture from our archives is a view of the Empress Ballroom or Boys Brigade Hall that stood on Burn's Lane until the fire of 1990.



Warsop Parish is bursting with energy, thanks to the many community groups, schools, centres, and passionate individuals who bring people together. Whether it's a local history project, a creative hobby group, a school initiative, or a vital community service, there's always something happening here that helps make our parish such a special place to live.

In this edition, we're shining a light on some of the brilliant things happening across our communities. From local projects to social meetups, each one shows the strength, kindness, and creativity that thrives in Warsop Parish.

Inner Wheel Club of Warsop – A Busy Start to the Year

President Jean has been focusing on the skills and knowledge of the members and has invited them to host the monthly meetings. In January, Judith gave a very interesting talk about her own artwork and presented some of her stunning work. At the end of the session, Judith gave a quick drawing lesson to the members, who all produced a well-drawn tulip.

In February, our International Service Officer Joan organised a show and tell and encouraged members to bring in items from their travels to show the other members. Joan and her helper Mavis gave a presentation on how a baby bundle is made up with the clothes, nappies and blankets supplied to the club from members and supporters, before asking members to do their part. Members were enthusiastic and brought along items from far and wide and spoke about where they bought the item and its meaning. A very informative and fun event.

Later in the month, 8 members attended the district quiz evening. They formed 2 teams and President Jean's team came a respectable 2nd place.

March brought Face Yoga to the meeting. This was tried by all the members and some strange faces were created along with laughter. Several members have said they will continue to use the techniques learnt to help keep their face and neck looking trim and fresh.

The end of March/start of April saw 8 members travel to Harrogate to attend the Inner Wheel G, B & I Conference. This was 5 days of business, friendship, but most importantly, fun. The group, along with almost a thousand other members, saw a presentation from Angela Rippon, who informed us that yes, she does do the leg stretches in the ad!, as well as giving anecdotes from her working life with the Royal Family and doing Strictly.

Charity speakers also gave informative talks about their work. Each evening held events for attendees to meet friends old and new and have fun. The "Last Night of the Proms" evening was a great hit with the fabulous Carlton Main Frickley Band getting the crowd waving their flags, clapping and singing the classics. The last evening saw members dressing up in costumes from the 60s, 70s and 80s for an evening of dancing to live music from the eras. Everyone was on the dance floor from the start of the first song. Sore feet were definitely on the cards.

If you would like to join us, please feel free to attend a meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at The Hostess Restaurant starting at 7pm. We enjoy a carvery meal for £13 including tea or coffee and you will be made very welcome.



Mags Prichard and Ruth Harrison



Joan Green, Shirley Isard, Charlotte Somerville, President Jean Mountain and Ann Holland

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Childrens book club 3.30 3- 8years

share a story and enjoy a craft

Wednesday – Places of welcome Coffee Morning 10am-12:30am

Enjoy a chat, read the paper, and meet likeminded people, whilst have a nice warm drink and a biscuit or two!

Friday – Craft and Chat 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Struggling to find something to do on a Friday afternoon? Do you like crafting or just having a chit chat? If you have answered yes to these questions, then pop in and say hi.

Every day we are open

We always have a community jigsaw on the go.

why not pop in put a couple of pieces in

Community garden

Help us with the plants or just relax in our lovely outside space.

Adult Book club

we bring a collection of recommended titles, no pressure to read them all. We then meet for our brew and review.

Look out for our children's craft sessions that take place every half term.



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Hetts Lane Infant & Nursery School

World Book Day Activities

On Thursday 6th March children and staff dressed as a book character and brought their favourite book to school, as part of our World Book Day celebrations. One of our year 2 classes went to the library on Friday 28th February and met the author Caryl Hart, they had a great time. To support our literacy/English curriculum our classes take it in turns to visit the library each week.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 14th March children wore non-uniform/wore something red to raise money for Comic Relief, we raised £87.30.

Ofsted

We were delighted to receive our positive Ofsted Inspection in January, the report praises our school and concludes that we have taken effective action to maintain the good standards identified at our previous inspection.

We are pleased that the report recognised the hard work of our children, staff, governors and our whole school

community to be able to maintain this good standard. In particular we were really pleased that inspectors recognised and saw how amazing all the children at Hetts Lane are, identifying that they:

- Enjoy learning
- Know why the school values and rules are important
- Work hard
- Are kind to one other and help each other out
- Behave well
- Are enthusiastic
- Share, take turns and are well mannered

The children were fantastic during the inspection and were a credit to themselves, the school and to parents and carers.

Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for governors at our school, this could be you. As a governor you would be a part of our school community that is committed to ensuring Hetts Lane is a caring and inclusive school where children can feel safe, happy and valued, enabling them to develop a love of learning which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Governor meetings take place twice per term, as a minimum and training is available to help support you in this important role. If you think you may be interested in becoming a governor, please email the school office at office@hettslane.notts.sch.uk

Destination – Warsop Parish

News From Around the Parish

A Family's Love for Dogs Sparks New Community Venture

When Liam and Cathy McRell, along with Liam's children Morgan, Sophie and Jacob, and Cathy's mum Shirley, looked around their local area, they noticed something missing – a safe, enclosed space where dogs could run freely, make friends, and just be dogs. So, they decided to do something about it.

The McRells, a dog-loving family with four furry companions of their own (including two amazing tripod pups), have opened a new dog-friendly space designed with both dogs and their humans in mind. Whether it's for social play, secure training, or simply giving your four-legged friend a good runaround without worry, this new venture offers a much needed local haven.

As Cathy puts it, **"We just wanted to create a space we'd want to use ourselves – somewhere friendly, safe, and welcoming, for dogs of all kinds."**

Situated at The Old Rectory in Church Warsop, the space is also available to hire for private sessions, perfect for nervous pups, recall training, or anyone who just wants peace of mind knowing their dog can't wander off. You can contact them through their facebook page: **Warsop Doggy Social Club** or Call: **07581 236 352**

It's more than just a field — it's a place built with heart, by people who truly understand what dogs mean to us.



Cllr David Hughes presents a thank you certificate on behalf of Smile to Andy Richardson Chief Executive, Power Saving Solutions.



It's A Wrap – Warsop Parish Christmas Smile

Our final delivery on Christmas Eve brought our record-breaking year at Warsop Parish Christmas Smile to a close. We saw a 30% increase in the number of families supported compared to 2023, and the launch of our first Communal Smiles to local care facilities. It was a massive undertaking — at times it felt impossible to get everything bought, wrapped, and delivered in time — but we did it. This year's highlights:

- **Almost 450 gifts wrapped**
- **Over 250 hours of volunteering**
- **120+ children supported across 44 families (plus parents and guardians)**
- **Over 100m of tape and 45 rolls of wrapping paper**
- **44 family hampers**
- **8 Individual Silver Smiles**
- **1 Communal Silver Smile**
- **... And a partridge in a pear tree 🍷**

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers, who sorted, wrapped, delivered (and even sang!) You truly made it all possible. And thank you to everyone who helped deliver across the parish — we still don't know how Santa does it in one night.

Once again, the generosity of Warsop Parish residents has amazed us. Your donations and good wishes made a real difference. Community spirit is alive and well, not just at Christmas but all year round.

We're also incredibly grateful to our generous sponsors. The success and future of our campaign is only possible because of them. Special shoutouts go to:

- **Power Saving Solutions – Meden Vale**
- **Warsop United Charities**
- **Warsop Parish Council**
- **CSR Workshop (BBQ Workshop Employees)**
- **Meden Vale Charitable Fund (Charity Shop)**
- **Mansfield District Councillors David Hughes, Jack Stephenson, Andy Burgin**
- **Nottinghamshire District Councillor Bethan Eddy**
- **John Coxhead (in collaboration with Radio Mansfield)**
- **Tuesday's Fit Together Coffee Morning Group (held at Vibrant Warsop)**
- **Josondil Home & Garden**
- **Warsop Library**

Lastly, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to Lifespring Centre & Church for generously allowing us to use one of their rooms and for doing so for free — your support means a great deal to us.

These are just the first of our Smile thank you presentations – we still have more to come. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make Christmas 2024 so special.

Meden Vale – Bioswales Pencil Park

Following questions from residents in Meden Vale Cllr David Hughes (District Councillor Netherfield) leapt into action: As many of you will be aware, Severn Trent Water have recently completed construction of SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) around Meden Vale, with sites up Marston Avenue, by the shops on Ossington Close, and in Pencil Park recreation ground.

The bioswales system in Pencil Park is much larger and deeper than anyone in the community, including myself, expected, significantly reducing play space for local children.

I asked Severn Trent about this and their response was: **"The SuDS interventions have been positioned in the best place to capture rainfall early on in a heavy rain cycle/storm event, so that water is captured uphill of areas lower downhill that tend to flood. This is flooding to properties we have overwhelmed the sewer system, as there's nowhere for the rain to be soaked up other than rolling over the landscape and going into drains, thus making them blocked/overflowing."**

I appreciate what you say about a loss of space for playing. We have added the bioswale to help alleviate flood, so it is with good intentions to help the community."

The plants now in the bioswale will hopefully soon become established and grow, improving the general look of the area. This is what Severn Trent anticipate the plants will look like in time.



Cllr David Hughes presents a thank you certificate on behalf of Smile to Linda Williams Meden Vale Charity Shop for their donations since Christmas 2022.



Warsop Writers' Group

We're a warm and friendly bunch of local wordsmiths who love to share stories, poems, musings, and everything in between. Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting to dip your pen in the ink, you're more than welcome to join us!

Organised by Vibrant Warsop, we meet at the Lifespring Centre (Warsop Town Hall) on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**, and each session is a lovely mix of creativity, inspiration, and laughter. There's no pressure – just a supportive space to express yourself, listen to others, and enjoy the company of fellow storytellers.

After the Hurricane 1987

Between the graves of Edith Minnie Tonkin who “Fell asleep in Jesus, July 11th 1890” and Matilda Jane, beloved wife of William George Phillips “Not lost but gone before 26th May 1890”, a great old oak has fallen; brought down by the weekend’s winds. Its bare branches, now dark and sodden by the stormy rains, straddle the gravestones, it is slowly dying. Dying from the sudden exposure of its great ball of roots. A tangled mass of ligament and clods of clay torn up as the tree fell. It has pushed aside the mossy granite headstones of Matilda’s and Edith’s dark graves.

Upturned a cavern where once the tree was rooted. The torn soil is a tunnel letting in a little light deep down into the fetid underground. Do the souls of Matilda and Edith shrink from this sudden upheaval and coming of light ?

Or will they, gather courage and slip out of their graves. Will these two souls take up the challenge; seize their chance to leave their earthbound, mossy beds; slide through the tunnel of dark soil and out into the silver moonlight where, they may stretch and stride and find themselves as sisters ? These two who have lain alone yet side by side for almost a hundred years. I should like to think it so.

Margaret Gosley

Hum-drum

Door closes, click.
Assailed by an odorous haze,
adjust gaze,
focus, survive the day.
Breathe in and hum.

Overwhelmed, cloistered, entombed.
Stifled, unable to move,
step forward, onward, outward.
Breathe in and hum.

Crashing in,
melancholy in the bin,
No way for a walk to begin.
Wailing voices, screaming noises,
all sounding the same.
Breathe in and hum.

Confusion, bewilderment, fear,
metal chunks, nauseating,
frightening, invasive, sinister.
Nostrils flaring, stench within the air,
a sight to impair the mind.
Breathe in and hum.

Whirring, trundling, clanking, scraping, grating.
Another thunderous roar.
Un-ignore-able, to closed eyes
forego the sight.
Take stock, not flight
Breathe in and hum.

Diesel, petrol, caramel coffee,
honey tea, a tang of lemony
freshness pierces the dreary morning breeze,
swirling, unfurling, beguiling.
Breathe in and hum.

Throat choking,
sickly provoking,
strawberries and cream faking.
Breathe in, breathe out and hum.
Unnerved, stumbling, walking feet
unstable steps on broken concrete.
Besieged on all sides,
long to be free.
Breathe in and hum.

Aggressive horns honking
warning of danger,
driver scowls in anger.
Breathe in and hum.

Step off the curb into a puddle,
black and white stripes.
A rabbit in the headlights.
Reach the other side;
flashing bulb of orange fades.
Breathe in and Hum.

Socks drenched, feet wet,
is the destination reached yet?
Revolving doors,
people in scores.
A solitary desk,
by a window is yours.
Sit down, breathe and Hum.
Tranquility restored
until the next breath.



John Payne

Roses for a Handsome Biker

It was a typical British January morning. A blanket of low-lying fog, quite dense in places, was probably the reason why she hadn't caught sight of him earlier. He was tall, more than six feet, with a slim handsome youthfulness suggesting someone in his late teens, but it was a mane of red hair tumbling over the collar of his black motorcycle leathers that attracted her. Edging nearer, she noticed a monogrammed patch on his sleeve, the initials JP stood out in gold lettering. Annie smiled but received nothing in return. Thinking to engage him in conversation she asked if he were trying for a lift and that perhaps two thumbs would stand a better chance than one. Annie's offer went unacknowledged. The man's expressionless gaze passed through her; he seemed preoccupied, as if searching for someone in the gloom. She made further attempts to attract his attention, without success. Shrugging, Annie told herself it was his loss. After all, catching the attention of a sympathetic car driver was her priority. She began to panic, her lecture started in half an hour; this was her first day at university, she couldn't be late.

A gap year hiking round Australia made her an expert at bumming lifts. With a multicoloured woollen scarf tucked into the top of a black duffle coat and a brown bobble hat pulled low over her forehead, she gave an impression of someone frozen to the core. It was only a couple of minutes before the ploy worked, a battered red Ford Escort responded to her outstretched thumb. The female driver asked Annie where she wanted to be, then motioned for her to get in the car. Annie took a moment to peer back along the path; her handsome biker had gone, swallowed by the fog. She climbed into the front passenger seat, grateful to be in the warm.

'Thanks,' she said.
The driver turned towards Annie.
'You're welcome,' she replied in a soft cultured voice, 'I'm Angela, one of the university chaplains so this is your lucky morning,'

Caught in heavy city traffic they inched forward, the fog, now heavily mixed with exhaust gasses, had become worse, high intensity rear lights glared at them like angry fireflies. Having given up on her lecture Annie's thoughts drifted to the attractive biker, wondering if she'd see him again. The yellow aura of a street lamp fell across a bunch of roses propped against a damaged wall.

'Very sad,' murmured Annie.
'Yes,' said Angela, 'he was one of our students. His bike skidded on a patch of ice. His funeral was yesterday.'
'Did you know him?' asked Annie.

Angela said his name was Jimmy Parker; he'd only had his bike for a few days. His girl friend had left the roses; she said they matched the colour of his hair. Annie felt the blood drain from her face; she sank into her seat. Being stuck in traffic gave her time to tell Angela what she'd seen. At least, she was sitting next to someone who would listen.

Peter Birchenall

World War II in Warsop Parish: The Home Front

Marking the 80th VE Day Anniversary – A Time to Remember

This May, we paused to mark 80 years since Victory in Europe Day – a moment that echoed across continents with relief, joy, and the weight of sacrifice. On 8th May 1945, the guns fell silent across Europe, bringing an end to a war that had shaped and scarred a generation. Streets once darkened by fear were lit with celebration, but behind every cheer was a story of resilience, loss, and hope.

Eighty years on, the world looks very different, but the lessons of that time still speak to us. VE Day reminded us of the cost of freedom and the power of unity in the face of adversity. It was a day to honour those who served – not only the soldiers on the frontlines, but the nurses, land girls, codebreakers, miners, factory workers, and families who bore the weight of war at home.

It was also a day to reflect on the quieter legacies: the rebuilding of communities, the strength of shared purpose, and the importance of never forgetting the stories that shaped us. As we marked this milestone, we remembered not just the end of war, but the hope for peace that followed – a hope still needed in our world today. May we carry their courage forward, in how we live, how we treat each other, and how we tell their stories – not only with solemnity, but with gratitude. Many thanks to the Old Warsop Society for allowing us to share items from their archives.

VE Day Party in Warsop Parish

Home Guard outside Longden Terrace Pavillion 1942

Birklands Hurricane



VE DAY
80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 MAY 2025



Norton Prisoner of War Camp

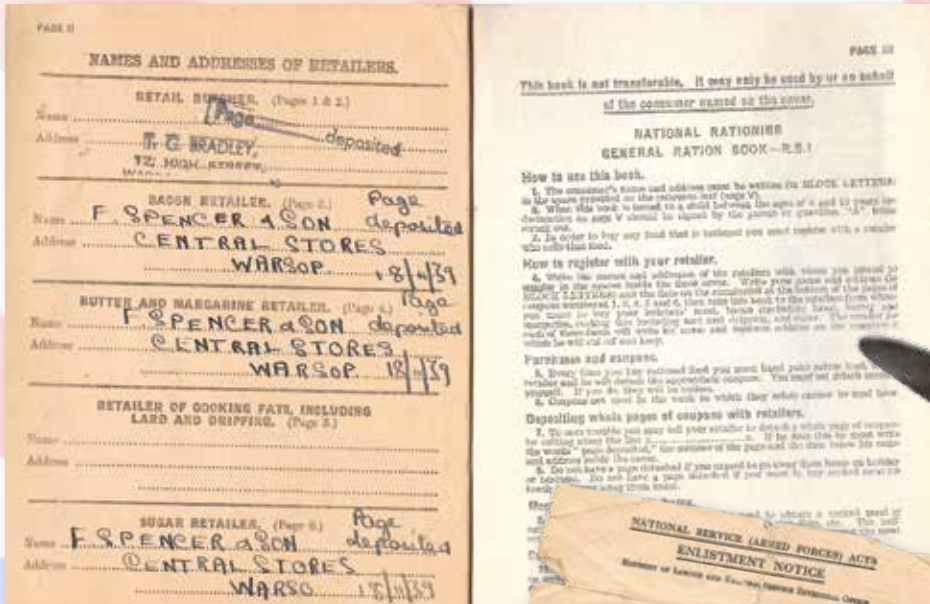
The two wooden angels at the entrance of the chancel of Warsop Parish Church are a link to the Prisoner of War camp at Norton. They were carved by Franz Egmont Seibel whilst he was detained at the camp that unofficially became known as the "University of Barbed Wire."

Prisoners from the camp also created a scroll that was displayed in the Bethell Church for many years.

After initially receiving nazi soldiers in 1944, Norton camp became a study camp in August 1945. Courses were provided for the low risk German prisoners to enable them to make a positive contribution to rebuilding the country on their return home. They covered sixth form education, teacher training and theological studies.

From December 1946 until the camp's closure in April 1948 the prisoners were able to meet up with local families. There are accounts of friendships formed over a shared meal or a drink, with some keeping in touch after their return to Germany.

(Information from (An Appreciation of Norton & Carburton POW Camps 1944-48' by The battle of Hatfield Investigation Society 2019)



Lancaster Bomber Crash

In the early hours of 4th March 1945 the Luftwaffe deployed Junkers JU88 nightfighters to intercept allied bombers returning to base. One of these fighters came across a Lancaster Bomber based at RAF Wigsley that was on a training mission over the Bassingbourne ranges.

The Lancaster was hit in the starboard engine and the crew bailed out near Warsop Windmill. The plane crashed into a field near the railway embankment at Sookholme. Six of the seven crew survived but Sgt R Campbell the mid gunner was killed.

A Different Sort of Day

They were dancing and singing, jumping and swinging,
In the town centre 'til night.
Everybody was there, with no worries or care,
It was an incredible sight

A girl nearly kissed me, good job she missed me!
Because I'm a married man!
But my joy's been diminished,
as the war's still not finished,
We're fighting away in Japan.

I was offered a drink, (pint of mild I think),
I refused it but then thought 'why not?'
Then we all raised a toast, to those we miss the most,
And promised they won't be forgot.

So, celebrate this day, with a hip-hip-hooray,
Churchill lifts the two fingers on his hand.
But I'll shed a tear, for my mates who aren't here,
Sleeping soundly in some foreign land

Chris Wade 2025



Services in St. Peter & St. Paul Church Warsop with St. Augustine Sookholme

Sunday Morning Worship – St. Peter and St. Paul – 10am Holy Communion (Sung)

St. Augustine Sookholme – 11.30am Holy Communion – 1st and 3rd Sundays only

The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul Warsop is open daily from 9–12noon.

Parish Church Office hours: Tuesday 10.30am – 3pm and Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm

Baptism and wedding bookings by appointment only.
Contact: Parish Administrator:
office@warsopparishchurch.org.uk. Telephone: 01623 842165

St. Peter & St. Paul Church Warsop Prize Draw

200 Club Prize Draw January 2025 – 211 124 271
200 Club Draw February 2025 – 355 08 61
200 Club Draw March 2025 – 262 495 266



Funerals

6th January 2025 – Martin Peat – Aged 62

8th January 2023 – Karen Butler

17th January 2025 – Iris Parkin – Aged 84

20th January 2025 – Derek Land – Aged 80

30th January 2025 – Yvonne Gray – Aged 86

3rd February 2025 – Anthony Hagues – Aged 83

4th February 2025 – Valerie Rose – Aged 80

7th February 2025 – Sybil Baldwin – Aged 90

12th February 2025 – June Kirk – Aged 90

18th February 2025 – Wendy Vickers – Aged 82

19th February 2025 – Michael Miles – Aged 87

21st February 2025 – Marilyn Moakes – Aged 82

27th February 2025 – Violet Crathorne – Aged 65

12th March 2025 – Kathleen Spinks – Aged 80

14th March 2025 – Alan Butler – Aged 74

19th March 2025 – Irene Hodgson – Aged 80

20th March 2025 – Keith Ducker – Aged 63

28th March 2025 – Richard Russell – Aged 90

31st March 2025 – Norman Deakin – Aged 97

Garden of Remembrance – Warsop Churchyard

The Garden of Remembrance at Warsop Churchyard is a place of quiet reflection – a space for remembering loved ones and spending a time of peace with them, and with God.

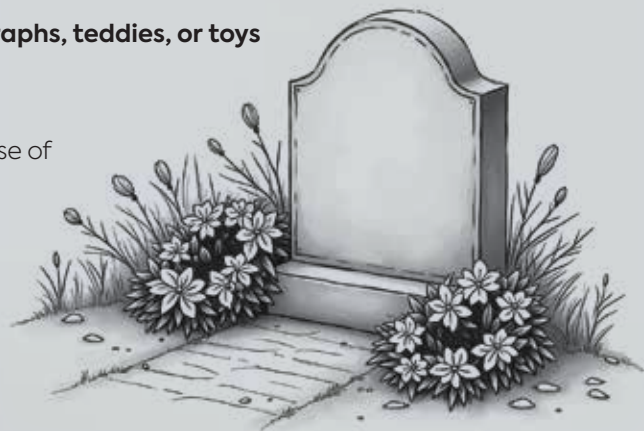
To help maintain the dignity and tranquillity of this shared space, we ask that all visitors adhere to the following rules:

- **Only fresh flowers may be laid directly over the plaques.**
- **Any other flowers in vases, must be placed into the stone remembrance wall.**
- **Vases, artificial flowers, ornaments, photographs, teddies, or toys should not be placed on the graves.**

These rules are in line with those set by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and apply to all Churchyards under its care.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us preserve the peaceful nature of this sacred space.

With thanks, The Churchwardens





Councillor Updates

Cllr Jack Stephenson

I'd like to begin by announcing that I will be standing down as Chair of the Parish Council at the annual meeting. Due to work and District Council commitments, I can no longer give the role the time it deserves. The time feels right for someone new to bring a fresh perspective.

This past year has brought its challenges but also some real highlights. It was a privilege to take part in the Parish Council's Remembrance event and lay a wreath on behalf of the Council. Huge thanks to the brilliant Warsop Poppy Gang — their displays are among the best in the country.

Despite difficult weather, our Christmas event went ahead, thanks to the tireless work of staff member Gemma Blagg. Moving it from the High Street wasn't easy, but cancelling was never an option after so much planning. Thanks also to The Shed for use of the building and to all the volunteers who helped make it happen.

On a personal note, the Grief and Bereavement Group I support now runs from Warsop Library on the first Saturday of each month, 09:30–11:00. Huge thanks to Mansfield Refillery for hosting us free of charge for over a year. I also hold a resident "surgery" at the same time for anyone wanting a private chat about local issues.

I'm also proud to have secured funding to install goalposts on Swallows Green, giving children a dedicated place to play safely away from the streets. Thanks go to Cllr Andy Burgin (Carrs Ward) for supporting this with his ward allowance.

As always, I'm available by email, phone, or at Parish Council meetings, where members of the public are welcome to attend and raise questions.

Thank you for your support.



Cllr Karen Bonsall

I have been working hard getting the 10 noticeboards around the parish updated and looking clean and fresh.

The uniform support is going well. We operate from the Lifespring Centre (formerly Warsop Town Hall) from 3pm to 4.30pm every Monday. Please come and have a browse and help yourself to school uniform items for free.

I am excited to announce that Cllr Nadine McGuiness and I have been working hard on a new Parish Council Memorial Garden. This is situated behind the car park at the top of the High Street. Also, the production and hanging of the new town centre floral display baskets. We are very grateful for the help of our husbands and also Vibrant Warsop in making this achievable.



Mansfield District Councillors

Market Warsop Ward – Cllr Jack Stephenson

Warsop Carrs Ward – Cllr Andy Burgin

Netherfield Ward – Cllr David Hughes

Meden Ward – Cllr Andy Wetton

Warsop Parish is made up of 4 Wards with 3 Councillors on the Parish Council for each Ward.

Warsop Parish Councillors

Market Warsop Ward

Cllr Jack Stephenson, Debra Barlow & Nadine McGuiness

Warsop Carrs Ward

Cllr Andy Burgin, Karen Bonsall & Phil Dackombe

Netherfield Ward

Cllr David Hughes, Siobhan Sorrell, Karen Hardy

Meden Ward

Cllr Andy Wetton, Grant Simpson, Nicola Hughes

Cllr Andy Burgin

After over four years of reporting the poor condition of the road surface at Sycamore Street, Church Warsop, it seems that there has finally been a decision made to do some resurfacing works.

I would like to thank the residents who have got in touch with me and contacted the County Council to let them know how bad the road is. It seems our collective efforts in reporting the many potholes and the general poor condition of the road have at last been heard, and some work will be carried out this year.

It is a pleasure to be part of the Friends of Warsop Vale. We continue to build The Centre as a hub for activities in the village. We put on events such as weekly coffee mornings, where people can come together to socialise over a warm beverage and have a friendly conversation.

Our fortnightly bingo and quiz nights continue to be successful, and anyone who likes a bit of trivia or a game of bingo is very welcome to come along on Wednesday evenings. Please get in touch with me if you would like to know when the next event is taking place.

In addition to the regular events, The Centre is available for private hire and is a wonderful venue for family events such as birthday parties or other special occasions. It is a versatile space with a kitchen that can accommodate various group sizes, so it is a perfect local place to celebrate milestone events.

I'm sure that, like me, everyone is looking forward to this year's carnival. My thanks go to the committee for their dedication and the hard work they put into organising the wonderful summer event.

I hope to see you there.



Cllr Phil Dackombe

It is a busy time of year for me, with many things happening and being planned.

In light of the sad news that the Mansfield Refillery is closing, our Grief and Bereavement Group has now relocated. It's such a shame that Warsop will be missing such a valuable asset to the community in everything that the Zero Waste Mansfield Refillery have done for the people of Warsop and the surrounding district.

We have loved the space we had with John and the team there. It provided just the right feel and welcome to the many people we had join us.

Having said that, the Grief and Bereavement Group will carry on. We were offered the opportunity to hold our group at the Warsop Library. The library is only three doors away from where we were, so for anyone still joining us, you won't be able to miss it.

We look forward to seeing you all again on the first Saturday of every month at 09:30am.

Being the chairman of the Warsop Carnival Committee, I'm happy to tell you that plans are well and truly underway for this year's festivities. What a day we have planned: the music stage with some great artists playing until 5pm, the bar area open until 6pm, free attractions for the children, and several superb acts for the main arena. This year, amongst other acts, we welcome the Corps of Drums, a Caribbean Dance Troupe, and also—not to be missed—we have the amazing Sherwood Outlaws with their interactive performances. Come and say hello to Robin and his band of merry men.

On a more serious note, the Warsop Carnival Committee is always on the look-out for new members. If you believe that you have something to contribute in helping with the Warsop Carnival, then we would love to hear from you.

Cllr Nadine McGuiness

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and getting out and about in our lovely Warsop. It's been a busy but productive few months for me.

We have changed our uniform support day to a Monday, 3:00–4:30pm.

Summer stock is now available, and we have plenty of brand-new shoes from Clarks and Start-Rite for starting back to school. Please come and have a look — everybody is welcome.

Also on a Monday, Lifespring are running a food bank. There's a simple form to fill out, and we have food parcels ready to go.

If you have any non-perishable food items that you can donate, it will be greatly appreciated — please drop them into the Town Hall. Thank you.

Working alongside Councillor Bonsall has been great fun and very rewarding. We hope that people will enjoy the memorial garden and colourful hanging baskets on the High Street and Sherwood Street.

Lastly, I am looking at having some doggy poo-bag stations installed on The Carrs to help with the amount of poop on the grass — so there will be no excuse for not picking it up!

If you have any thoughts or comments on this or anything else, please let me know.

Cllr Nicola Hughes

Hello everybody, I'd like to introduce myself, following my co-option onto the Parish Council in February. I have been attending the Parish Council meetings and learning a lot about how the Parish Council works and what it does. It was interesting to attend the annual budget-setting meeting, where Councillors worked to balance the books and plan for the new financial year.

Though I represent Meden Ward, I've been busy generally across the Parish. I hope you've seen the freshly painted sign at The Carrs footbridge entrance. Local firm Riley & Co very kindly came to clean down the sign and give it a shiny coat of green paint. Finished off with smart gold lettering, I hope you'll agree it makes a massive difference and really does welcome people to our wonderful Carrs.

I've also attended the Beat Surgeries, held across the Parish by the Local Policing Neighbourhood Team. They are held at different venues and at different times and days, so that as many as possible can attend with any issues they may have. The Parish Council will promote the upcoming dates of these surgeries via social media. If you can't attend, please feel free to contact me or any other Parish Councillor, and we will do our best to attend and ask on your behalf.



Cllr David Hughes

Pencil Park

Following the Day of Action in October 2024, work continues to replace damaged timbers around flower beds and benches. Additional litter bins have been installed, and I urge everyone to use them.

Fly-Tipping

Fly-tipping remains a problem across the ward. If you can't dispose of household waste in your bins, please use the recycling station on Netherfield Lane in Meden Vale or the Recycling Centre in Warsop. Fly-tipping can result in large fines. If waste is traced back to an individual, prosecution is possible. Clearing dumped rubbish uses Council Tax funds, which pushes up costs for everyone.

Flooding in Old Church Warsop

I've attended several meetings with residents about flooding concerns in Old Church Warsop. The latest meeting, with the Environment Agency, discussed how vegetation clearance may increase flood risks for properties near the River Meden.

Welbeck Memorial Garden & Pit Wheel Project

A small working group is developing plans for a memorial garden in Meden Vale to commemorate those who lost their lives at Welbeck Colliery. It will include a plaque and half a pit wheel set in the ground. The other half of the wheel will be placed at the roadside entrance to the village. We have agreement in principle and are now fundraising for the project.

Traffic Surveys

Recent traffic monitoring on Netherfield Lane by police shows drivers are still being caught speeding in the 30mph zones.

Warsop Parish Christmas Smiles

We're very grateful for the generous donations to Warsop Parish Christmas Smile from Power Saving Solutions of Meden Vale and the Meden Vale Charity Shop. Thanks to their kindness, even more children received gifts last Christmas.

WARSOP PARISH COUNCIL

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WARSOP CARNIVAL



SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025, 12NOON - 5PM
THE CARRS RECREATION GROUND, WARSOP

Medieval Fun

Robin Hood Themed Arena Show
Medieval Activities • Archery
Live Music Stage • Tug Of War
Junior Football Tournament • Funfair
Free Attraction Area • Local Business Stalls
Hot Food And Drink • Licensed Bar



Attractions may change on the day of the carnival depending on circumstances