

WAR SOP PARISH NEWS

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Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR
Winter 2025



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Together in Remembrance

This year's Remembrance Sunday once again brought the community of Warsop together in a moving and heartfelt tribute to those who gave their lives in service.

The parade, expertly coordinated by Parade Marshall FS Esther Taylor, assembled at Carr Lane and set off promptly at 10:20 a.m., led by the 1208 (Warsop) Squadron Drummers, trained by Mark Wells, Richard Warriner, and Trevor Pritchard. Their steady rhythm carried the parade along as it made its way to the Cenotaph, passing by the silhouettes and tributes carefully placed by Warsop's very own Poppy Gang. Their thoughtful display grows more powerful each year, reminding us of the personal and local stories behind every name remembered.

The Kohima was said by Cliff Meredith and the representative for the Deputy Lieutenant gave a reading. And the Vibrant singers lifted their voices to enrich the hymns. Poems written and read by pupils from Birklands and Sherwood schools added a deeply personal touch to the morning, showing that the spirit of remembrance is alive and meaningful for the younger generation.

The service at the Cenotaph was led by Pat Brewin (Church Reader), whose words provided both comfort and reflection. The clear, haunting notes of the Last Post, played by Ebony Broughton, brought a hush over the crowd as heads bowed in silent remembrance. The Names of the Fallen were read aloud by Candice Hall, Edwin Tattersall and Mark Wells, ensuring that every life remembered remains part of the fabric of our community.

Sincere thanks go to The Royal British Legion, Warsop Parish Council, and Vibrant Warsop for their dedication in organising this important event, and to Nottinghamshire County Councillor Andy McCormack for his support in funding the road closure that made the parade possible. Also thank you to all the volunteers who helped in the run up to Remembrance Sunday and on the day itself

Together, Warsop once again showed its pride, unity, and gratitude.

Thanks go to Rob Callum Roe and Media Images Photography for supplying all the photographs.



Editorial – Winter 2025



Welcome to the Winter edition of Warsop Parish News. As the days get shorter and the festive season draws near, there's plenty happening across our Parish to keep spirits bright.



Inside this edition, you'll find a heartfelt report on Remembrance in our Parish, celebrating the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives for our freedoms. We also have a fond farewell to Barry, who has sadly left us for pastures new, and a colourful look back at Warsop Carnival in July, an event always eagerly anticipated and enjoyed by all.

Our local councillors provide updates on matters affecting the community, and for a touch of seasonal cheer, there's a festive section filled with Christmas stories, poems, and puzzles.

There's been some changes at Warsop Parish Council this season, with a new Chair and Vice Chair taking the reins, and we are delighted to welcome two new members of staff, Jade and Natalie. You can read more about them and their roles inside.

Finally, everyone at Warsop Parish Council would like to wish you a warm and joyful Christmas. We hope the New Year brings health, happiness, and everything you hope for. Thank you for being part of our community, here's to another wonderful year together in Warsop Parish.

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NOTTS ALERTS

Sign up for updates on crime in your area



Warsop Safer Neighbourhoods Team

The Safer Neighbourhood team have recently carried out 2 successful drugs warrants in the local area. This continues to be a priority not only for the Warsop Team but for Nottinghamshire Police.

A day of action regarding speeding in the local area was a great success resulting in 38 speeding fines being issued. The Parish Council and Police are working together to go live with a speed watch scheme. The equipment has been supplied and is ready to go. We need volunteers to come forward and attend a training session with the Police. Once this has been done the Parish Council can then run the scheme.

Anyone willing to volunteer please drop an e-mail to: PCSO 7297 Dee Eyre leaving your name and number.

We will be holding Beat Surgeries in the area on a regular basis to include:

**Sunday 16th November 11am
Vibrant Warsop Clumber Street Warsop
17th November 18.30 hours Warsop Town Hall**

Please come along and speak to us regarding any concerns or issues you are aware of or just to meet your local Police Team.

You can sign up for Police Alerts in your local area by visiting the website www.nottsalerts.co.uk or attend a beat surgery.

You can also report via the online reporting system on the Notts Police Website: www.nottinghamshire.police.uk

**Calling 101 for non-emergency incidents
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Warsop Safer neighbourhoods team report

The safety and security of the residents of Warsop and surrounding area is our priority.

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HELP MAKE WARSOP'S ROADS SAFER – Join Community Speedwatch!

Warsop Parish Council is teaming up with our local police to launch a Community Speedwatch campaign – and we need volunteers!

As part of the team, you'll be trained to use a speed gun and carry out speedwatch sessions safely in our neighbourhoods.

The role is simple but important:

You won't be issuing fines, but you will be helping to raise awareness of speeding and make our streets safer for everyone – pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

It's a great way to get involved in your community and make a real difference.

Interested?

Contact Warsop Parish Council today at: clerk@warsop-pc.gov.uk



A Fond Farewell to Barry Snowdon

By Phoebe Cox - CHAD

After more than two decades keeping the streets of Warsop tidy and safe, Barry Snowdon is stepping down from his role, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, courage, and community spirit.



For 21 years, Barry has been a familiar and much-loved figure around the parish, known not just for his hard work but for the remarkable way he looks out for those around him.

His bravery has been widely recognised: from confronting a thief to tackling a dangerous vehicle fire, Barry's quick thinking and calm under pressure have earned him accolades and the admiration of all who know him.

Life on the streets has never been dull with Barry on the job. Over the years, he has been part of extraordinary moments - from nearly helping deliver a baby during his rounds to keeping spirits high with his playful and festive antics. Christmas has always held a special place in his heart, and his decorated barrow and Santa hat have become a treasured sight for residents each year.

Even during challenging times, such as the 2020 lockdown, Barry found ways to bring joy to the community, donning a stormtrooper costume to lift spirits during difficult days. Barry's commitment, kindness, and sense of fun have made him more than just a street cleaner - he has been a friend, a local hero, and a cherished part of the community. Warsop will miss his presence dearly, and we wish him all the very best in the next chapter of his life.

Thank you to Phoebe Cox and Mansfield Chad for the above article and pictures.

East Midlands Mayor Community Fund



Over the past few weeks, I've had the pleasure of hosting three community meetings across Market Warsop Ward to discuss the East Midlands Mayor's Community Fund and what it could mean for our area.

The sessions, held at Wellington Close Community Centre, were a great opportunity to talk with residents about local priorities and where funding could make the biggest difference.

I heard a wide range of ideas and concerns — from improving community spaces and supporting youth activities to enhancing local facilities.

It was encouraging to see so many people take the time to attend and share their thoughts. Hearing directly from residents helps ensure that any proposals for Market Warsop truly reflect the needs and aspirations of our community.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who came along, asked questions, and contributed ideas. Your input will play an important part in shaping how we move forward and how we make the most of the opportunities the Mayor's Fund provides.

I'll continue to work closely with the East Midlands Combined County Authority and local partners to make sure Market Warsop's voice is heard loud and clear when funding decisions are made.

Clr Jack Stephenson
District and Parish Councillor for Market Warsop Ward

Thank You Warsop

I would like to thank the residents of Warsop for welcoming me in October.

Your local parish councillors hosted a series of events to see how you'd like to spend the Mayor's Community Development Fund. I was thrilled to be able to attend the final meeting and hear some of the ideas that have been suggested.

I launched my Community Development Fund to let people take control of shaping their own neighbourhoods.

The people that live in Warsop know what Warsop needs more than anyone else. Your local councillors hosted these meetings to bring everyone together to make a joint bid for your area.

The money can be used to fund local community projects. This might be helping an existing group which provides support for the community of Warsop (EG: a group which offers skills and employability support, health and wellbeing activities or groups set up to reduce isolation and loneliness).

It could also be used to create or improve community spaces, or something unique to Warsop that meets local priorities.

Although the ward selected is Market Warsop, it is my hope there will be a positive, knock-on impact for the community of Warsop overall when the project is completed.

I'm excited to start reading through the applications already!

Thank you,

Claire Ward – East Midlands Mayor

Honouring the Fallen: Warsop Vale Remembers

The Remembrance Service at Warsop Vale was held on 11th November 2025 and led by Sharon Scott.

Attendees included Ady Garner and Cliff Meredith from the Royal British Legion, Councillors Andy McCormack, Andy Burgin, and David Hughes. Members of the local fire service were present, alongside Chris Guy, Wilf Burton, plus Derek Edwards from the Poppy Gang.

The service provided the community with an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served and sacrificed in the armed forces. Wreaths were laid, and a period of silence observed, honouring the memory of fallen soldiers.

The event serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of remembrance and the enduring gratitude of the Warsop Vale community



Please send all articles and submissions for the Spring 2026 issue of Warsop Parish News to: warsopparishnews@gmail.com Article submission date to be advised.

DESTINATION WARSOP PARISH:

Meden Vale - A Village with Heart and Heritage

by David Hughes

Nestled on the banks of the River Meden, just north of Warsop, Meden Vale is a village built on strong community spirit and deep roots in Nottinghamshire's coal mining history.

Established in the early 20th century, the village has grown into a proud and close-knit community that continues to celebrate its past while looking confidently to the future.

That heritage is now being honoured through the Welbeck Memorial Garden and Pit Wheels Project, which will create a lasting tribute to those who worked, and lost their lives, at the colliery.

Welbeck Memorial Garden & Pit Wheels Project
A group has been established by Cllr David Hughes to create a memorial garden for Welbeck Colliery in Meden Vale. There are two phases to the project – the first will be to create a memorial, designed by local artist and performer Ken Bonsall, which will include the pit wheels from the former colliery. Secondly the project aims to set a pit wheel at the entrance to the village on Netherfield Lane.

Cllr Hughes, a Colliery Overman at Welbeck before its closure said "We need to have somewhere to remember the workforce and those who lost their lives at the colliery from 1912 to 2010. The pit was the reason this village was established. We should celebrate the heritage and provide a place to remember, reflect and understand the history." The project group have identified sites for the memorial and wheel and are applying to several sources for funding to deliver the project.

Meden Vale Charity Shop

The Charity Shop was broken into at the end of June, causing substantial damage to the large front window, the flooring and the stock.

The ongoing insurance claim to cover the damage has recently been approved. During this time the shop has had to remain closed.

Following a small revamp the shop is hoping to be open around the end of November, ready for Christmas. Updates and progress are available on the Charity Shop's Facebook page. All at the Charity shop would like to thank everyone for their messages of support during this difficult time.

Loughborough University published an interesting study on the closure of pubs and the impact on the local community.

The Three Lions, which closed in 2021 is one of the three pubs featured in the study, written by Thomas Thurnell-Read.

Read it in full at: <https://after-last-orders.lboro.ac.uk/the-three-lions>



Church Warsop
Aerial image of site location taken from the developer's leaflet.

Proposed Development at Meden Vale

Residents in Meden Vale may be aware of a potential housing development being explored for land off Netherfield Lane. At this stage, it is important to note that no formal planning application has been submitted to Mansfield District Council, and the proposal remains at the consultation stage.

Gleeson Homes has outlined an early concept for a development of 107 new homes on the site. The information was first shared publicly on Monday 17th November, when the developer began canvassing local opinion and inviting feedback from residents. As with any significant proposal, the community response has been varied. Some residents have raised concerns about existing infrastructure, the amount of housing already earmarked for Meden Vale, and how additional development might affect local roads - particularly the junction near the Church which is already busy. Questions have also been asked about the proportion of affordable housing within the scheme.

The consultation period offered residents an opportunity to share their views directly with the developer, with comments invited via email to netherfieldlane@peacockandsmith.co.uk no later than midday Friday 28th November.



The Three Lions – After Last Orders

Coffee Morning at The Meden

Vibrant Warsop hold a coffee morning at The Meden (Methodist Chapel) on Egmanton Rd every Friday from 9:30 to 11:30.

As well as drinks and biscuits and a good chat, the group have quizzes, play card games, have an indoor bowls and gentle exercise sessions, suitable for all abilities. Come and join the group for some company and friendship right here in the village. Mansfield District Councillor for Netherfield Ward Cllr David Hughes attends to talk to constituents about any issues they may have in the community.



Community Gathers for Meden Vale Remembrance Service

Meden Vale Remembrance Service was led by Minister Dave Keegan.

The last post and reveille played by Blaine Betts. Wreaths were laid by Cllr David Hughes, (Mansfield District Council), Cllr Nicola Hughes, (Warsop Parish Council), Phillip Shead, (Meden Methodist Chapel), Alan Spencer, (Nottinghamshire NUM), and Graham Hall BEM, (Meden Vale Colts).

At the service the congregation read out the names of the Fallen, and also the list of miners from Welbeck Colliery who lost their lives at the pit. At the service, the congregation read out the names of miners who lost their lives in service at Welbeck Colliery.

The Colts Go From Strength to Strength

Meden Vale Colts FC is a thriving community football club based in Meden Vale, Nottinghamshire.

Established in 2019 to revive organised football in the village after decades without a formal team, the club began with youth sides ranging from under-7s to under-13s, plus a men's Sunday squad.

Since then, it has grown rapidly. The club now supports over 30 teams, including boys' and girls' youth teams, men's, women's, and disability football. Their men's first team competes in the Nottinghamshire Senior League Division One, underlining their commitment to both grassroots and competitive football.

Meden Vale Colts is more than just a sporting outfit; it's a real community hub. In early 2025, they launched a fundraising campaign to build a dedicated community hub at their ground, aiming to raise £10,000. This facility would provide social space for players, families and supporters, with a fully licensed bar, games, and events; helping to deepen the club's role as a social as well as sporting centre.

MEDEN VALE



Raising Voices

Based in the heart of Meden Vale, Voices of the Vale Young Performers offers a wide range of classes in dance, drama, singing and music for all ages. Students enjoy fantastic performance opportunities, take graded exams and can even follow career progression routes through a teacher training programme.

Earlier this year they celebrated a huge milestone – a sell-out production of Matilda the Musical which was so popular 2 additional performances were added.

Let's hear from them directly about their success

Voices of the Vale Young Performers was founded in May 2016 in Meden Vale, starting out as a small children's choir with one simple aim – to give children a place to socialise, grow in confidence, and learn new skills through the joy of performing.

The growth over the past nine years has been absolutely phenomenal. What began as a few voices singing together has blossomed into a thriving performing arts school offering a full timetable of dance, drama, singing, and music.

During lockdown, we took time to reflect, plan, and grow. When we reopened, we came back bigger and better – expanding into new areas such as dance, drama, acrobatics, and music tuition, while continuing to nurture the same warm, family feel that makes Voices of the Vale so special.



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We now have a team of 14 talented teachers, each passionate about helping students achieve their full potential. Our students have the opportunity to perform in shows, take graded exams in dance, drama, and singing, and even join our teacher training programme designed to inspire the next generation of performing arts educators.

The next natural step for us was to open our brand-new Warsop Branch, located on Church Street. This exciting new venue allows us to bring our ethos and energy to even more local families.

Across our two branches, we now offer classes for babies through to adults, covering a huge range of subjects including Ballet, Tap, Modern, Theatre Craft, Acrobatic Dance, Lyrical, Freestyle, Commercial, Jazz, Street, Irish Dancing, Musical Theatre, Introduction to Dance, Latin, Choreography, Dance Fitness, Yoga, Singing Lessons, Guitar Lessons, Acting, Acting Through Song, and Music Theory.

No matter your age, experience, or confidence level, there's a place for you at Voices of the Vale. We believe that performing arts can truly change lives – building confidence, teamwork, and resilience that last a lifetime.

We can't wait to welcome the people of Warsop into our Vale family and to see even more local performers shine on stage.

To find out more or to book a free trial, contact Amelia via text or WhatsApp to 07710463974 or message our facebook page "Voices of the Vale Young Performers"



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DESTINATION WARSOP PARISH:

Warsop Footpath & Countryside Group

Almost 30 years ago Warsop Footpaths & Countryside Group was formed to manage the footpaths around our parish along with conservation tasks, wildlife recording and promoting our special countryside.

Our volunteers continue to keep many public paths clear by mowing them at least twice during the summer months. This year's weather made this task easier as drought conditions restricted the height of the grass.



The dry conditions have also impacted on the local wildlife. Many wildflowers suffered from the lack of moisture and I can't recall a year when there were so few orchids flowering. Butterfly numbers were also down, most common species were spotted but with much reduced numbers. Small Tortoiseshells were one of our most common butterflies until a couple of years ago, this year I only saw them in ones of twos.

This year we have started a wildflower project by propagating seeds in spring before transferring the plants to selected green spaces around the parish this autumn. So far we have planted around 500 wildflowers of around 20 different species. This work was supported by a donation from a local Friends of the Earth group. We have also planted another 400 wildflower plugs around the BMX track. They were bought as part of their project to improve the track.

Our annual survey looking for evidence of water voles between the Mill Dam and Stone Bridge revealed that they are still around if not in the same numbers as a few years ago. Our results were validated by the guys from the Wildlife Trust's water vole recovery project who found evidence between the silt trap and the steps on The Carrs. They are also working to reduce the threat from mink to native wildlife across the county.

Once again we have been attempting to manage the invasive non-native Himalayan balsam plants along our waterways. We only had to remove a few plants from the banks of the River Meden upstream from the Mill Dam. After several years when both Sookholme Brook and Shire Brook were clear a few plants have appeared near a culvert close to Shirebrook sewage works. Downstream from the Mill Dam the balsam is out of control although we have managed to clear a few areas in an attempt to reduce its spread.

Now that our footpaths mowing is over for another year we are starting our winter tasks that include grassland management at Warsop Vale's Rhein o' Thorns, trimming hedges once the birds have consumed the hedgerow fruits, clearing paths around the Church Warsop Doorstep Green and tackling brambles at Warsop Vale and on a part of The Carrs local nature reserve. However, we are a very small team of volunteers and without some new recruits we may not be able to continue for much longer. If you can help us on our weekday work session or any in any other way please contact us on warsopfcg@icloud.com

When we visit a site we usually end up collecting a bag full of litter. This task is made easier thanks to the number of folk who regularly litter pick whilst out walking. Thanks to all who help to keep our countryside tidy!

Getting outside into the fresh air and enjoying the countryside has been found to be vital for our sense of wellbeing. On the shorter, cooler winter days it is particularly important to get outside, even if it is only for a short walk. In Warsop we are so fortunate to have so many attractive walks so, if you are able, get out there and enjoy the fresh winter air! I particularly like winter walks through the local woods when trees have no leaves and a low sun illuminates the landscape.

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.

Warsop Footpaths and Countryside Group is a community group whose members share an interest in the countryside. We maintain the public footpath network in Warsop, we undertake conservation projects and we share information about the local environment.

Dukeries Eco Watch A prickly subject!

Hedgehogs are an iconic part of the British countryside and a childhood favourite, thanks to Beatrix Potter and The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle.

Sadly, their numbers have fallen from over 50 million to less than 1 million. Hedgehogs are now on the Red List for British Mammals, classed as vulnerable to extinction. Why have they declined?

Hedgehogs traditionally live, nest and forage along hedgerows but since the 1950's, developers and farmers have ripped out over 118,000 miles of hedgerows and fragmented the hedgehog's natural habitat and food source. In gardens, we use pesticides to poison their invertebrate prey – slugs, caterpillars, beetles, etc., which the hedgehog then eats. Careless gardening – mowing, strimming, hedgecutting, clearing leaf piles and lighting bonfires without checking for nests first - injures or kills many of these harmless creatures. Off-lead dogs often sniff them out of the undergrowth.

What can we do to help?

- Get together with neighbours to create safe foraging "hedgehog highways" between gardens. Gaps in fence bottoms (13cm) or under gates allow hedgehogs to move from one garden to another, information at hedgehogstreet.org.
- If you see a hedgehog, notify bighedgehogmap.org – their awareness campaign is mapping hedgehogs and supporting hedgehog highways across the UK.
- Leave "wild" garden edges of longer grass and leaf/ log piles to create hedgehog habitat. Build a hedgehog home – lots of info online
- Provide water in shallow bowls and meaty (not fishy) cat/dog food or cat biscuits – no milk or bread please, they make hedgehogs very sick.
- Cover garden hazards like drain holes or small openings where they could get stuck. Put escape ramps in ponds. Reduce litter – plastic rings and bags often prove fatal.
- Garden with awareness - check for nests, cut out pesticides, don't use ground level traps or netting.
- If you accidentally disturb a hibernating hedgehog, re-cover it with nesting material - leave in peace and protect from dogs.



Photo credit: jacksons-fencing.co.uk/hedgehog-fencing

Hedgehogs are nocturnal so daytime activity is unusual but could mean a Mum is foraging while young hoglets sleep - if moving purposefully or collecting nesting material, please leave in peace. Urgent help is needed, however, if the hedgehog is lethargic, wobbly, wounded, has flystrike/parasites, is thin or is a young hoglet alone. BHPS advise gently picking up the sick/injured hog using a folded towel or gardening gloves, pop into a high-sided box and keep warm with a towel-wrapped, warm, not hot water bottle, with another towel draped over the hedgehog to keep the warmth in. Make water/food available but do not force-feed. Then get the patient to a rescue as soon as possible for specialist help.

Specialist advice is available from the British Hedgehog Protection Society - call 01584 890 80, website below. Become hedgehog-aware and help save our hedgehogs from a prickly situation! Lots more information and advice at britishhedgehogs.org.uk or search online.



Give hedgehogs the edge

- wild areas are great for hedgehogs!

Wild edges, log piles & leafy corners will attract natural food and offer shelter for hedgehogs!

BHPS The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Hedgehog House, Dhurstone, Ludlow, Shropshire SY9 3PL
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OUR RURAL HEART



By Warsop Wildlife Rescue Team

Local Wildlife Team Calls for Community Support This Winter

This year has been one of the busiest on record for Warsop Wildlife, with a wide variety of species arriving in need of care and rehabilitation.

From tiny baby mice and hedgehogs to majestic birds of prey, bats, and even the occasional deer, the dedicated team has worked tirelessly to give each animal a second chance at life.

Thanks to the generosity and compassion of the public, hundreds of creatures have received food, shelter, and medical care.

We can't thank our supporters enough. Without the kindness of local people, none of this would be possible.

Creating sheltered areas in gardens like log piles, leaf corners, or hedgehog houses offers safe havens for hibernating or nesting animals.

Homeowners are also urged to check bonfire piles before lighting them, as hedgehogs and frogs often take refuge inside. Covering drains, securing rubbish, and keeping an eye out for injured or disoriented wildlife can make a world of difference.

For those wishing to do even more, donations of pet food,

SICK OR INJURED WILDLIFE HELP IS AVAILABLE

For Sick, Injured, or Orphaned Wildlife, our dedicated volunteer team is here to help.

No matter if it's a hedgehog, bird, bat, or swan if you find an animal in distress, don't leave it call us right away.

Volunteer Contacts:
 Glenn - 07709 784549
 Becky - 07940 247437
 Beth - 07521 437250
 Simon - 07368 126444

Warsop Wildlife Rescue Team
 Caring for local wildlife, one rescue at a time

Direct donations to help with our life saving work can be made to:
Warsop Wildlife Res
 Account number 8387085
 Sort code 51-70-06



As winter approaches, the team is reminding the community that there are many simple ways to help wildlife survive the colder months.

Providing clean, unfrozen water and leaving out food such as seeds, nuts, or mealworms can be a lifeline for birds and small mammals when natural sources are scarce.

blankets, or funds to help with vet and feed bills are always welcome. Every small act of kindness helps protect the local ecosystem through the harsh winter season.

"This time of year can be especially tough for wildlife, by working together, our community can ensure that more animals make it through to spring."

To learn more about how to support the team or how to report injured wildlife, visit our Facebook @WarsopWildlifeRescueTeam

The Friends of Thynghowe Thynghowe and the forgotten heritage of Sherwood

For the past 20 years the Friends of Thynghowe have been investigating the heritage of the Viking Age assembly site of Thynghowe and the surrounding Forest of Birklands on the eastern edge of Warsop Parish.



To share the stories from this landscape we hold events continuing the ancient of assembling in the woodlands and perambulating its boundaries.

On Saturday 6th December we will be walking around part of the boundary of the Crown Forest of Birklands visiting sites mentioned in accounts of old perambulations. We will meet at 10am at the parking spaces near Budby Pumping Station. The walk will be up to six miles so there will be plenty of time to get to Warsop Winterfest at 4pm!

On Sunday 21st December we will be celebrating the winter solstice by assembling on Thynghowe at the time of the sunrise. This will be the eighth time we have marked the solstice but we have yet to see the sun rising however that does not prevent us marking the changing seasons.

We have pencilled in Saturday March 14th for an ecologically themed walk around Birklands. More details nearer the day.

Our traditional perambulation to Thynghowe will take place on Saturday 25th April. This is a good opportunity to discover more about the history of Thynghowe and the surrounding woodlands with a springtime walk through the forest.

Details of all our events can be found on **thynghowe521978831.wordpress.com** and our Facebook page is **www.facebook.com/Thynghowe**

The Friends of Thynghowe also assist Forestry England with conservation tasks in Birklands. Our work sessions take place on one Friday each month and involve tasks including managing bracken and birch to create heathland habitats, creating halos around veteran oak trees, clearing the sides of rides to improve habitats, and eating cake! Get in touch if you are interested in joining us.

Last September we welcomed the re-enactors of Regia Anglorum to Sherwood Pines for a weekend of living history with authentic demonstrations of skills and battle techniques from 1000 years ago. This event was initiated in 2013 to share the story of Viking Age Sherwood with a wider audience and Regia enjoyed the venue so much that they have returned most years since. They are provisionally planning to return in 2026 in late September.

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.



The Vikings of Sherwood project is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

www.thynghowe.org.uk

DESTINATION WARSOP PARISH:

Warsop Probus Group

The Warsop Poppy Group shows in so many ways what is good in Warsop.

Our Probus group recognises a caring group of people, which is part of the community, that receives no financial help in its work to make Warsop so popular in the displays it creates that reminds us all of why we remember Remembrance Day and the people who fought for our freedom.

So on Wednesday 20th of August Warsop Probus Group gave a donation of £100 to the Warsop Poppy Gang, a group of volunteers responsible for creating and displaying Remembrance commemorations, which include soldier outlines along the road and crochet poppies hanging from trees. The Poppy Gang was initiated for the centenary of the First World War in 2014 but has grown in a decade to include World War II.

This August, Tim Dennis, the chairman of the Poppy Gang, and Martyn Whatmore, the group's treasurer, accepted a £100 donation from the Club. The donation was presented by Probus vice president Hugh Ashton and treasurer Roy Woolley.



Warsop Probus club is a community-based, non-political, and non-sectarian association designed ideally for retired and semi-retired people, and provides opportunities for networking, social activities, outings, and presentations from both members and guest speakers. Members meet regularly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Plough Inn in Warsop at 10:30

Warsop Probus has been active for over 40 years. Originally a men's only club, it now includes female members.

Probus club president Brian Bradley remarked that it was a privilege to support the group's hard work, noting that Warsop's Remembrance display "gets better each year".

To find out more about the Probus Club you can check out their public Facebook page or email brian3141@icloud.com

Warsop & District u3a

On Thursday 8th May 2025 to celebrate the 80th VE Day commemorations, the Warsop & District u3a committee put on an Afternoon Tea party for our members.

Approximately 50 members attended and were treated to sandwiches, crisps, sausage rolls, cakes and tea or coffee, which ever they preferred. Some members even came along with their own 'Bubbly' to enhance the day!

There was music from the war time period playing on the CD system which some members really enjoyed themselves in, and games such as Garden Jenga, Boules and darts for those willing to take part.

Although the weather the day before, whilst setting up the Marquee, was warm and sunny, the day itself was rather overcast with a cool breeze.



Inner wheel club of Warsop

What a fabulous few months Inner wheel club of Warsop have had with President Jean hosting her last two meetings with fun and a little competition.

A beetle drive in May and then a quiz in June definitely got the grey cells working along with friendly rivalry. The trusty inner wheel crafting fairies hosted a summer craft day as the last fun and fundraising event of Presidents Jean's year. Lots of laughter was heard as beautiful creations were made.

President Jean then had the honour of presenting her checks to her chosen charities. Her main charity was the British Heart Foundation in memory of her mum, A fitting tribute to a lovely lady, and checks were also presented to The Oaklands and Warsop sporting trust.

President Jenny took the rains in July and has got off to a running start with the tea tent at Warsop carnival being a busy but enjoyable day where we sold out of everything. A sunny walk in the grounds of Thorsby hall saw cobwebs being blown away and a dash for the porta loos for some!

At the start of September President Jenny held a coffee morning at her home which was a lovely time to catch up and have a chat. President Jenny has many more fun activities planned and all will have friendship at the forefront. The club has had memorable talks from a variety of presenters, and we look forward to more in the new year.

The club's annual Christmas fair is being held on 20th November at The Fretwell Centre from 10am till midday, so why not join us and get some Christmas bargains. If you would like to join the club, or just visit to get to know more about what we do please feel free to call or text past president Charlotte on 0796935577 or email innerwheelwarsop@gmail.com.



Old Warsop Society

Everybody is welcome to come along to our monthly meetings held on the last Wednesday of every month apart from December and August.

Next year we will be changing to a new venue as the room at the Warsop Parish Centre will no longer be available. We would like to thank the Parochial Church Council for providing an appropriate home for our sessions for the past 40 years.

From January we will be meeting at the Oaklands Centre. We hope that this new venue may attract some new members who find this location more convenient. The meetings start at 7:30pm with the doors open from just after 7pm. If you are not a member we appreciate a small donation if you come along but it only costs £10 a year to join the society.

In recent years we have focussed on local topics for our monthly meeting. Topics we have covered in the last year included the Langwith First World War munitions factory, Warsop Vale, the life and times of Edmund Ilett the Warsop stonemason, the history of Sookholme, the Warsop Rotary Club, how to organise your family's history and images from Warsop's past. We usually announce the next topic at the previous month's meeting. This gives us the flexibility to follow up on an interesting theme or respond to member's suggestions.

We are continuing to upload a Facebook post every day, sharing pictures from our archives and other local history information. Our Facebook page is reaching many folk who don't live locally and we have often been contacted by several people with interesting information. A builder in Cornwall sent images of a piece of timber with the

Wood Bros name on it. Our followers were able to identify it as a part of a Ministry of Defence packing case. Another contact sent copies of documents relating to an incident in 1905 involving Frederick Slaney (Warsop's pinder and town crier) and six horses. You can view our page on facebook.com/oldwarsopsociety



The picture above shows the Post Office on the corner of Burns Lane with Sherwood Street.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Warsop Parish Christmas Smile 2025

By the time you're reading this, the Warsop Parish Christmas Smile 2025 campaign will be in full swing.

This year, we're hoping to bring as much joy as we did in 2024, supporting a similar number of residents and families across our parish.

We've made a few tweaks for 2025. Our Family Smiles will continue to provide bespoke gifts, and Christmas Smile parcels, Silver Smiles will still offer a small Christmas hamper and gifts, and we've started our Individual Smiles for suitable nominations. We are also working with Warsop Library, who will be supporting our Silver Smiles.

As always, donations make all the difference. Christmas treats, toys, wrapping paper, sellotape – everything is welcome and appreciated.

Thanks to generous contributions so far from Warsop

United Charities, Warsop Parish Council, Councillors Andy McCormack, Jack Stephenson, and David Hughes, and the Friends 500 Club, we can continue to support nominated residents and bring smiles to many faces this festive season.

We'll again be based at Lifespring (formerly Warsop Town Hall), and donations of Christmas goodies and gifts can be brought in Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We look forward to sharing a full update on this year's campaign in the next edition of Warsop Parish News.

From all of us involved in the Christmas Smile campaign, a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you everything you hope for.



St Peter & St Paul's Church Christmas Tree Festival

13th December • 10am - 4pm

Trees from local schools and organisations will be on display, and we welcome everyone to come and vote for your favourite.

Admission is free, and there will be various stalls and refreshments.
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Warsop, Mansfield NG20 0SW



Warsop Church Open Day

On Saturday 17 May 2025 Warsop Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul's opened its doors for a lively OPEN DAY

With stalls a tasty breakfast cob stall and a popular tombola drawing locals in. Visitors enjoyed a rare chance to see and hear the church organ in action and, via a climb up the church's narrow spiral stone staircase, reached the bell room for a fascinating bell-ringing lesson.

A spirited auction also offered the unique prize of a trip to the very top of the tower.

The event blended community fun with a taste of the building's long history: the tower is the oldest part of the church, with 11th/12th century origins, while later arcades and a 15th century clerestory reflect medieval rebuilding. The bells themselves have a well-documented past and were even broadcast on BBC radio at Christmas in 1975, evidence of the tower's continuing role in village life. The organ, installed in the late 19th century and housed in a purpose-built organ chamber added during Victorian restoration, and remains a cherished part of the church's musical tradition.

The Open Day celebrated both local fellowship and the living heritage of a Grade I-listed parish church.

Inspire Nottinghamshire Libraries

Everyday events at Warsop Library

Tuesday

Rhyme Rattle and Roll
for Under 5's
Friendly rhyme sessions for toddlers
10am - 10.30am
Term time only

Book club
for under 11's
Enjoy a quick story and craft
3.30pm - 4pm
Term time only

Wednesday

Places of Welcome
Join us for a free cuppa with friends
All welcome
10am - 12noon
Every week

Friday

Craft and chat
Bring along your craft and enjoy a cuppa with friends
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Every week

Every week

Adult Christmas Craft Sessions –
28 November @ 2.30
crafts TBC

Children's Christmas Craft
2nd December come along and make a felt Christmas tree ornament

9th of December -
We will be making painted circle Christmas cards

Christmas Quiz
12th December @ 10.30-12.30
Why not join us for a bit of Festive cheer and a fun quiz.

All Free events

Nottinghamshire County Council | inspireculture.org.uk

A-Z Trading Card Shop

We are A-Z Trading Card Shop. Alice & Ziggy (& Wyatt!)

We are based in Warsop. 28a Sherwood St, NG20 0JW. We have had some ups and downs, should have opened June 2025 if we hadn't had a flood (in the middle of a heatwave!!)

A little about us. Wyatt and Alice moved to Warsop in 2013. Wyatt attended Hettys Lane, Sherwood Juniors then Meden. During the 6-week holidays before starting at Sherwood Wyatt had to have splints to correct his walking posture, we later learnt this is a common trait with autistic kids.

Sherwood supported us through diagnosis and helped us understand him more. In 2018 Ziggy joined us and helped even more with our understanding of gamers and gaming. By this point Wyatt was already a regular at Retro Play, my saving grace. I would never have gotten him out of the house. He met some wonderful people who helped him work on his social skills and showed him there were others who think like him!

Wyatt's choice in TCG's changed over the years but Retro Play was a safe consistent in his life. Due to unforeseen circumstances Retro Play was no longer available. Which meant Alice was driving all over just to take him to other similar shops.

It was then her and Zig realized, this small market town needed a place like this of its own! A place where everyone can feel welcome, safe and comfortable.

So, A-Z Trading Cards formed. We have included additional options to make it accommodating for all. Along with the vast range of Trading Card Games and accessories, we also have tables for hire to play our selection of board games (Family fun or date nights!) a book swap (raising funds for Salvation Army who gifted some of the board games) and a dedicated area for D&D or other TTRPGs (Tabletop Role Play Games).

In addition to the above, we are in talks with Games Workshop regarding stocking their fantastic range and holding workshops on painting/playing the game!

On the subject of workshops, we plan to have plenty! Fun and practical, even a little random. We are currently collecting can ring pulls with an aim to making "high end designer pieces"

Where possible we aim to be able to provide free or cheap activities, and workshops to Warsop residents.

A-Z Trading Card Shop aims to be a safe space for all and welcomes well-behaved dogs (& children). Be it grandparent duty day or a date night we want you to feel welcome and safe. We have highchairs and activities for smaller, younger children.

We are far from perfect, but we are learning and growing more and more. Welcoming feedback and suggestions. One of which is anytime drop in for residents who wish to do a big shop, or small shop online and have it delivered.

Alice also works in the security industry (thanks to a fund in Warsop some years ago now) and holds a valid SIA license, first aid certification and enhanced DBS check. Her and Ziggy have also completed online courses relating to behaviours that challenge, mental health and neurodiverse (Autist, ADHD etc) As a whole we are non-judgmental and supportive.



TRADING CARDS & TABLE TOP GAMING

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Titan plus much much more!!

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 @A -Z Trading Cards

**OPEN 3pm - 9pm Week Days
& 11am - 6pm Weekends**

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**FUN • LAUGHTER
CASH PRIZES**

Every Tuesday 2-4pm!

**WELBECK & WARSOP RETIREE'S
& MINING OLD BOYS**

The Plough Inn Warsop • Every Wednesday morning 10-12

**Don't sit in lonely this winter come and join us,
meet old and make new friendsover a cup of tea or coffee**

**Pool • Darts • Cards • Dominoes
Hot food available**

VIBRANT WARSOP

December 2025



New Connections Vibrant Warsop Teams Up with Warsop Fire Station

Vibrant Warsop is thrilled to announce a brand-new community partnership with Warsop Fire Station for the year ahead.



As part of this collaboration, officer's such as Carl (pictured at our Macmillan Coffee Morning) from the fire station will be joining Vibrant Warsop's upcoming community events.

They'll be bringing along their fire engine for residents to explore and setting up information stalls packed with practical advice on fire safety at home.

Details about where and when the fire crew will be appearing will be shared via Vibrant Warsop's social media channels, so keep an eye out for updates!

VIBRANT'S CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

**13TH DECEMBER, 2PM
AT THE VIBRANT VENUE**

**Ticket's £3,
this includes refreshments**

To find out more or to buy tickets please call Maddy on: 07984367153 or email: maddy@vibrantwarsop.org

The Vibrant Venue, Portland Street, Warsop. NG20 0LZ

VIBRANT WARSOP Wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas Closure

Please note that The Vibrant Venue will be closed for Christmas on **Thursday 18th December, and will re-open on Monday the 5th January.**

If you need any support whilst we are closed, please contact Maddy on: 07984367153 or Vicky on: 07817478521

New PA System for The Vibrant Venue

The Vibrant Venue is sounding better than ever, thanks to the installation of a brand-new PA and lighting system!



The equipment was purchased using funds raised through Vibrant Warsop's popular Open Mic Nights and professionally installed by Electric Bear.

The new system got its first outing at October's Open Mic Night, which also served as a fond farewell to Karen and Ken Bonsall. Both have been long-time supporters of Vibrant Warsop and have played a huge part in the success of the Open Mic events. We wish them all the best in their move.

The night featured fantastic performances from Ken and his Ferocious Dog bandmates, a special guest appearance by Darwin's

Rejects, and of course, our wonderful local residents, who make these evenings so special.

Open Mic Nights take place on the second Monday of every month.

Doors open: 6:30pm • Entry: £3
To book a performance slot, contact Maddy at: maddy@vibrantwarsop.org or 07984 367153

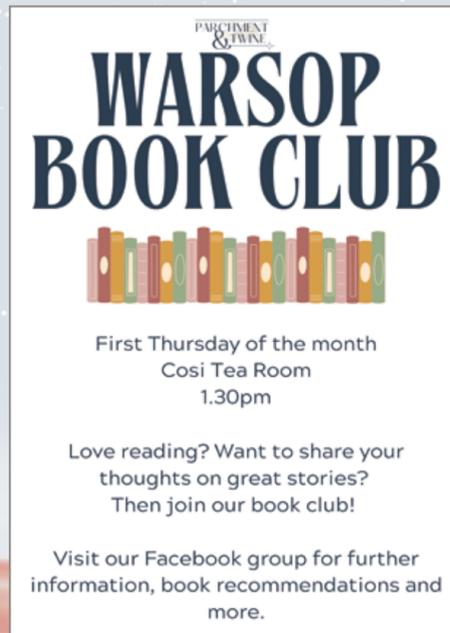
Or simply come along on the night to enjoy great live music.



WAR SOP CHRISTMAS MARKET
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
2PM-5PM
THE VIBRANT VENUE
PORTLAND STREET
WAR SOP
NG20 0LZ
PARCHMENT.TWINE@GMAIL.COM



CRAFT & CHAT
Mondays 1.30pm - 2.30pm
at the Vibrant Venue
Portland Street, Warsop. NG20 0LZ
Do you have a project you are working on?
Perhaps you need help with a certain craft you just started to learn, or want to learn something totally new?
Would you like to show off your finished projects with like-minded people?
Then join us for our craft & chat session!
Come along to meet other crafters and share ideas over a cuppa. We have some supplies to get you started and members with the knowledge to teach others - crochet, knitting, cross stitch and more.
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
SUGGESTED £3 DONATION
For further information, please email:
parchment.twine@gmail.com



WAR SOP BOOK CLUB
First Thursday of the month
Cosi Tea Room
1.30pm
Love reading? Want to share your thoughts on great stories?
Then join our book club!
Visit our Facebook group for further information, book recommendations and more.

Introducing Parchment & Twine

Friends Charlotte Littler and Jodie Blinstone have launched Parchment & Twine - a local business celebrating their shared love of crafts and books.



The name reflects their passions: Parchment for all things paper — from cardmaking to origami — and Twine for fabric crafts like sewing, crochet, embroidery, and more. Between them, they can knit, bake, bind books, and personalise gifts.

Long connected to Warsop, Jodie moved here in 2014 after years of visiting her grandparents, while Charlotte, a former Meden School pupil, settled in the town in 2018.

Together they run a Craft & Chat group every Monday at The Vibrant Venue (1.30pm), welcoming anyone with a portable craft to enjoy a friendly afternoon of creativity and conversation.



They've also launched a monthly Book Club at The Cosi Tearoom (first Thursday), where readers discuss a selection of titles over tea and cake.

Their indoor craft market, also at The Vibrant Venue, runs monthly and features stalls selling cakes, crafts, gifts, and charity fundraisers — all supporting the local community. Parchment & Twine's own stall offers handmade bookmarks and 'Blind Date with a Book' bundles, which are mystery reads wrapped with treats.

Charlotte and Jodie's dream is to one day open their own creative space in Warsop, providing a welcoming hub for workshops, reading, and relaxation.

Follow their journey on Facebook or Instagram by searching Parchment & Twine.



Discover Watercolour Painting This New Year

Looking to take up a new hobby in the New Year?

Perhaps you used to paint, or have always wanted to give it a try.

Why not join Watercolours for Beginners, meeting every Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 pm at The Vibrant Venue?

This group offers a relaxed and welcoming approach to painting. Unlike traditional watercolour classes, there's no rigid format, you're free to explore your own creativity at your own pace.

Each week, members are provided with inspiring images and simple guides

to help develop new techniques and build confidence with the brush.

Themes often reflect the seasons, from remembrance poppies and autumn pumpkins to festive winter scenes, some of which have even been turned into Christmas cards sold at Vibrant's charity coffee mornings.

More than just a painting group, Watercolours for Beginners is a friendly social space where people come together to create, chat, share tips, and enjoy good company (not to mention a slice of cake and a hot drink!).

So, if you're ready to discover your artistic talent and make some new friends, come along and give it a go.

Creative Play at Vibrant Warsop

For three weeks in October, Vibrant Warsop's Stay and Play group enjoyed a special creative treat when they were visited by Michelle Reader and Miriam Keye, associate artists from Mansfield Museum.

Together, Michelle and Miriam have been developing a performance for early years children, inspired by the sea and seabirds. They combined Michelle's puppet-making and puppeteering skills with Miriam's talents as a movement artist and yoga teacher.

The children had the chance to interact with handmade puppets and objects crafted from recycled materials, helping the artists test ideas and explore new possibilities for their upcoming show.

To find out more about the artists, visit:
www.michelle-reader.co.uk
www.miriamkeye.com

If you would like to join our Stay and Play, please come along every Wednesday morning 9-10:30am (term time only) to The Vibrant Venue on Portland Street. It is £2 for adults and under 5's are free. Your stay includes refreshments and a biscuit for the children.



WORD SEARCH
Find words associated with CHRISTMAS in the puzzle below. There is one example.

Tick the words off as you find them.

CRACKER
 PRESENT
 REINDEER
 BAUBLE
 SLEIGH
 NATIVITY
 MINCE PIE
 HOLLY
 SANTA CLAUS
 TURKEY




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S N B K H V T N E S E R P N I

CREATIVE WRITING
Are you a poet, writer or playwright or are you interested in learning more about creative writing?
Join our creative writing group for adults. Warsop Writers is a space for writers of all stripes and abilities to meet, create and connect.
6.30-8.00pm
Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month
We'd love to see you there!
If you'd like to join us, please email Maddy on maddy@vibrantwarsop.org
We support local writers to develop their writing skills and improve their confidence.
Lifespring, Church Street, Warsop. NG20 0AL
Mansfield District Council Cultural Services



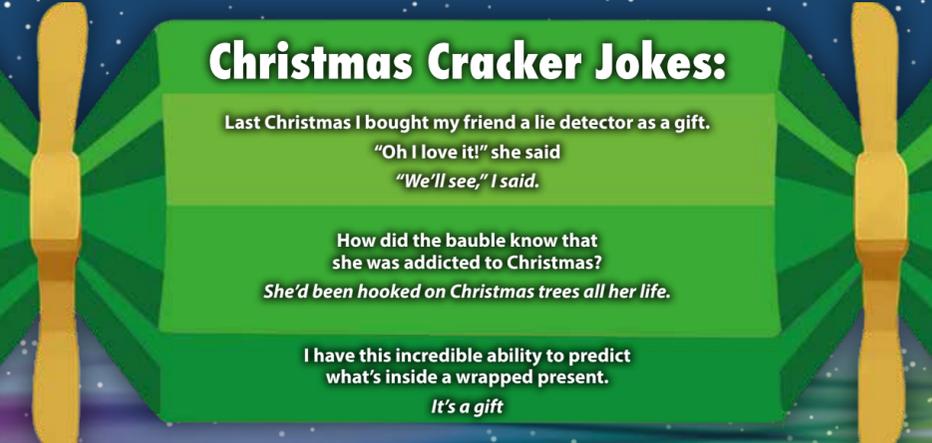

Wildlife Friendly Reindeer Food Recipe:
We all know how important it is to sprinkle some special reindeer food on Christmas Eve, but we need to make sure that it is safe for other wildlife, who might also like to take a nibble.
Here is a recipe that is safe for all wildlife, and which will give Santa's reindeers the boost they need on their busy trip:
Mix together:
Porridge oats
Wildbird seed
Chilli powder (to keep the rodents away)
Dried or fresh cranberries

Christmas Cracker Jokes:

Last Christmas I bought my friend a lie detector as a gift.
"Oh I love it!" she said
"We'll see," I said.

How did the bauble know that she was addicted to Christmas?
She'd been hooked on Christmas trees all her life.

I have this incredible ability to predict what's inside a wrapped present.
It's a gift




Christmas Events Dates:

2nd December
CHRISTMAS ELF DAY
Memory Lane Cafe,
The Oaklands, 1:30-3:30pm

2nd December
CHILDREN'S CRAFT:
Make a felt Christmas tree decoration,
Warsop Library, 3:30-4.30pm (Free)

5th December
SANTA VISIT
with a gift for every child,
The Centre at Warsop Vale, 5-7pm

6th December
WINTER FAIR WAR SOP WILDLIFE,
Church Warsop Memorial Club, 12-3pm

6th December
CHRISTMAS FAYRE,
The Oaklands, 10am-12pm

6th December
WAR SOP CHRISTMAS OPEN NIGHT
The Shed, Church Street - 4-7pm

7th December
WAR SOP CRAFT MARKET,
The Vibrant Venue, 2-5pm

8th December
Vibrant Warsop Christmas Open Mic Night
The Vibrant Venue,
doors open 6:30pm £3 per ticket

9th December
CHILDREN'S CRAFT:
Make a Christmas card,
Warsop Library, 3.30-4.30pm (Free)

13th December
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL,
Warsop Church 10am-4pm.
The decorated trees will be left in the church thereafter until January and you can view them in the mornings.

13th December
VIBRANT VARIETY SHOW,
The Vibrant Venue, 2pm onwards, £3 per ticket

14th December
CHRISTMAS MARKET,
The Black Market, 11am-4pm

17th December
CHRISTMAS GAMES NIGHT
(Bingo etc & buffet),
The Centre at Warsop Vale, 7pm - £12

18th December
Warsop Parish Christmas
MEMORIAL SERVICE,
Warsop Church, 6:30pm

WAR SOP CRAFT MARKET,
The Vibrant Venue, 2pm-5pm

24th December
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
There will be mince pies and refreshments
Lifespring (former town hall), 6pm.



Warsop Residents Brew Up Support for Charity

A big well done to everyone in Warsop Parish who came together to raise an amazing £500 at Vibrant Warsop's annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and John Eastwood Hospice.

The event was a true community effort — with residents baking cakes, donating prizes, and turning up in great numbers to enjoy coffee, cake, and good company.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the morning such a success and for keeping this much-loved annual fundraiser going strong.

Would you like to learn new steps to wellbeing?

Tai Chi

Qigong Shibashi

£5 per session
Thursday's 4-4:45pm at The Vibrant Venue

Balance, breathing and mindfulness are key to our good health. These sessions are standing or seated according to your need.

For more information contact Caroline on 07970093447
The Vibrant Venue, Portland St, NG20 0LZ

Find Balance and Wellbeing with Tai Chi

Looking for a gentle but effective way to improve your health, breathing, and balance? Why not give Tai Chi a try.

Tai Chi is an ancient form of exercise suitable for everyone, regardless of age or ability. Sessions take place every Thursday from 4:00–4:45 pm at The Vibrant Venue, led by Caroline Hughes. Each class costs just £5.

Caroline adapts the movements for both standing and seated participants, ensuring that everyone can take part comfortably.

Dating back thousands of years, Tai Chi has been shown to offer a wide range of health benefits — from lowering blood pressure and easing

arthritis pain to improving balance (which helps reduce the risk of falls) and even reducing symptoms of depression. One regular attendee shared their experience: 'It's like exercising in slow motion. It's controlling your breathing to flow with your movement. You come out knowing that you've exercised, but more than that, you've been concentrating, creating a mind and body flow.'

Congratulations...

...to the local community groups who received funding from The Warsop Community RoLo Fund this year.

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| Warsop Carers and Parters Group | 2nd Warsop Scout Group |
| The Oaklands Centre | S.E.Nsational Minds Playgroup CIC |
| Church Warsop Bowls Club | Friends Of Warsop Vale CIC |
| Warsop Wildlife Rescue Team | Welbeck Cricket Club |
| Welbeck and Cuckney Walking Cricket Group | Longden Terrace Bowls Club |
| St Theresa's Community Café | Warsop Repair Café |
| | 1208 Warsop Air Cadets |

Also many thanks to the following organisations for their donations to keep the fund running:

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| United Charities | Mansfield Rotary Club |
| Warsop Motor Company | Vibrant Warsop |



Looking Back at Warsop Carnival

Summer may now feel like a distant memory as the nights draw in and our thoughts turn toward Christmas and New Year festivities.

Yet it wasn't long ago that Warsop Parish came together in July to celebrate one of the most anticipated events in our calendar - the Warsop Carnival.

Each year, this much loved tradition draws visitors from near and far, ready to enjoy a vibrant day of family fun, community pride, and local creativity.

From lively entertainment and colourful displays to brilliant activities and stalls run

by our fantastic local traders, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Even when the weather tested us, the spirits of those attending certainly did not.

Smiles, laughter, and warm community spirit shone throughout the day.

Here are a few highlights from this year's Carnival:

Thanks to Eric Hill for the photographs.



THANK YOU FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the entire team, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us this year at the Warsop Carnival. Your presence and support truly made the event a spectacular success.

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated committee members for their unwavering hard work and dedication in organising such a fantastic event. Without their tireless efforts, none of this would have been possible.

We also want to express our appreciation to the stall holders for bringing a wide array of fabulous stalls to the carnival, adding to the vibrant atmosphere and creating a memorable experience for all. Your creativity and enthusiasm were truly appreciated.

To the catering stalls, volunteers, and the entire community of Warsop, we are grateful for your contributions in making this event a huge success. Your participation and support have helped make Warsop Carnival the jewel in the crown of our community.

Thank you once again to everyone who attended, contributed, and participated in the Warsop Carnival. We look forward to seeing you again at future events and continuing to celebrate the spirit of our wonderful community together.

Warm regards,
Warsop Carnival Committee



Warsop Carnival Committee – A Community Thank You

Warsop Parish News would like to extend the heartfelt thanks of our community to everyone involved in making the annual Warsop Carnival such a wonderful success.

The Carnival is one of the most treasured events in our local calendar, bringing together families, friends, neighbours, and visitors to celebrate everything that makes our parish special.

While many of us enjoy just a few happy hours on the day – listening to music, sampling food, browsing stalls, enjoying the activities and soaking up the atmosphere – there is a dedicated team who work tirelessly behind the scenes all year round.

The Carnival Committee give their time, energy, and creativity freely, planning entertainment, securing attractions, fundraising, coordinating

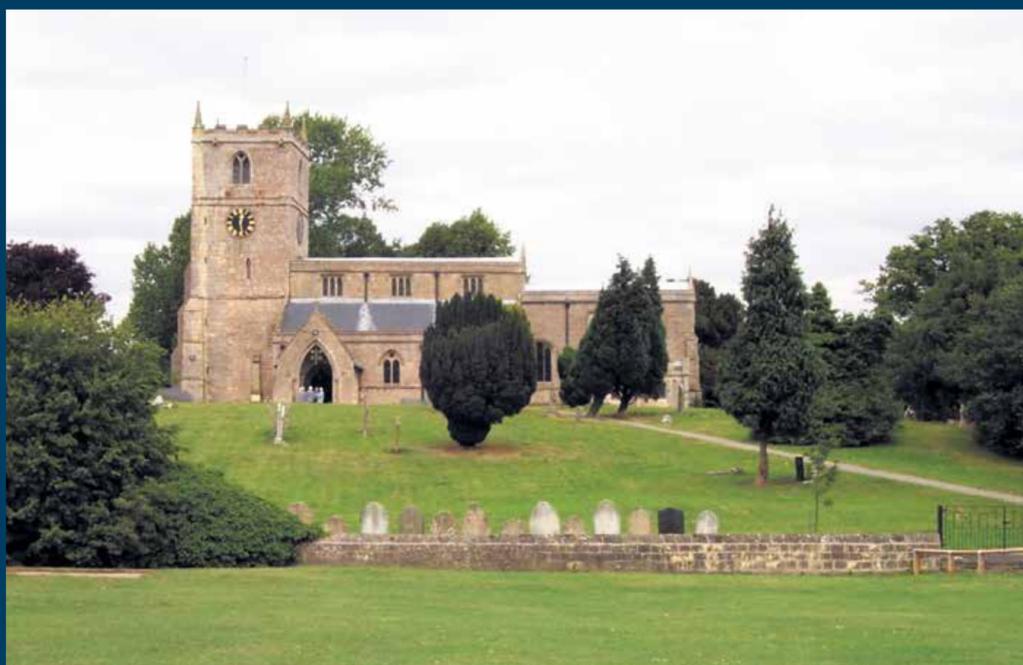
volunteers, and ensuring the day runs safely and smoothly.

In the days leading up to the Carnival, committee members and volunteers can be found on the field for long hours, setting up stages, marking out pitches, organising equipment, and preparing every detail. And when the crowds have gone home, their work continues as they tidy, dismantle, and pack away long into the evening and the days that follow.

They do all this for the simple reward of seeing our community smile and come together. Their dedication brings joy, pride, and a true sense of belonging to Warsop Parish.

From all of us – thank you. Your hard work, spirit, and commitment are deeply appreciated.





Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the April 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

493 305 195

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club. Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the May 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

72 277 195

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club. Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the July 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

14 415 78

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club. Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the August 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

42 433 437

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club. Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the Sept 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

07 04 66

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club. Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the Oct 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

232 387 238

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club. Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

St Peter & St Paul's The Parish Church of Warsop with Sookholme

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

Sunday Morning Worship
St. Peter & St. Paul 10am Holy Communion (Sung)
St. Augustine Sookholme 11.30am Holy Communion
1st and 3rd Sundays only

The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul Warsop
is open daily from 9-12noon.

Parish Church Office hours:
Tuesday 10.30am - 3pm Thursday 9.30am - 3.30pm
Baptism and wedding bookings by appointment only.
Contact: Parish Administrator:
Email: office@warsopparishchurch.org.uk
Telephone: 01623 842165

Services in Warsop/Sookholme Church for Advent and Christmas 2025

Sun 7th Dec	6pm	Service of Hope and Remembrance	Warsop Church
Sat 13th Dec	10am - 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Warsop Church
Sun 14th Dec	3pm	Christingle	Warsop Church
Thurs 18th Dec	6.30pm	Evening of Remembrance	Warsop Church
Sun 21st Dec	3pm	Carol Service	Sookholme Church
	6pm	Carol Service	Warsop Church
Mon 24th Dec	3pm	Nativity	Warsop Church
Christmas Eve			
Tues 25th Dec	10am	Holy Communion	Warsop Church
Christmas Day			

REGISTERS FOR WARSOP PARISH CHURCH

FUNERALS

2nd April 2025	Kathleen Burton	86
4th April 2025	Lynn Parker	51
9th April 2025	Christopher Curtis	72
11th April 2025	Brian Johnson	66
15th April 2025	Sheila Robinson	89
28th April 2025	Mollie Glover	92
29th April 2025	Janet Pearson	88
1st May 2025	Tanya Nicholson	80
1st May 2025	Jeffrey Bailey	36
15th May 2025	Hazel Strickland	94
21st May 2025	Thomas Hook	91
22nd May 2025	Vera Brailsford	100
27th May 2025	Elaine Foster	76
30th May 2025	Christine Frew	67
2nd June 2025	Marie Willetts	85
7th June 2025	Brenda Whitfield	88
11th June 2025	Ann Siddle	71
23rd June 2025	Barbara Shipley	89
3rd July 2025	John Thompson	95
10th July 2025	Hanora Easom	80
15th July 2025	Joyce Vernon	95
16th July 2025	Marcelle Antcliff	66
31st July 2025	Robert Hind	79
1st August 2025	Leon Mithinson	39
12th August 2025	Margaret Moody	94
20th August 2025	Robert Gill	78
27th August 2025	George Trinder	80
28th August 2025	Patricia Leverton	86
1st September 2025	Peter Mayfield	68
3rd September 2025	David Dring	73
4th September 2025	Gordon Thornally	95
12th September 2025	Maurice Bytheway	82
15th September 2025	Hubert Powers	94
17th September 2025	David Richards	87
19th September 2025	Kevin Rhodes	56
7th October 2025	Marjorie Griffin	95
10th October 2025	Corrinna Parkin	62

WEDDINGS

19th April 2025	Joshua Canning and Jordan Siviter
10th May 2025	Joshua Plant and Amber Hunt
23rd May 2025	Nigel Rider and Aimee Casson
8th June 2025	Simon O'Neill and Charlotte Frisby
2nd August 2025	Brandon Layton and Adrienne Nussey
10th August 2025	Ashley Millington and Kirsty Etches
19th September 2025	Edward Kirkham and Kirsty Pickering
18th October 2025	Paul Erod and Emily Keeling

BAPTISMS

11th May 2025	Remi Renee Howard-Allen
21st May 2025	Isabella Evelyn Louise Brotherton
8th June 2025	Chester Haslam-Brown
22nd June 2025	Winnie Louise Hodgson
27th July 2025	Heidi Jayne Sentance
21st September 2025	Sienna Rose Stroh
12th October 2025	William John Patrick Daws
12th October 2025	Jakob Paul Ryan Daws

The Warsop Grief and Bereavement Group

Continues to be held at the Warsop Library. The library is ideally set next to the free carpark in Warsop and being all on one level in the library, access is so much more accommodating.

We look forward to seeing you all again on the 1st Saturday of every month at 09:30am.

Whether you're looking to meet new people who understand, chat with old friends, or simply get together in a supportive space, you're warmly invited. We believe in the power of shared experiences and companionship during difficult times.

Feel free to share this with anyone who might benefit. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

This year, our annual Christmas Memorial Service will be held at Warsop Parish Church. This will be the third year this has been held now.

The Warsop and District Grief and Bereavement Friends Together We Are Stronger

Please come along for a cuppa, cake and open chat with friends.

Want to know more?
Come and join us for our get together..

Every first Saturday of the Month
at 9:30am until 11am.

Meeting monthly every first Saturday of the month.

At
The Warsop Library
High Street, Market Warsop.

Remember, that whilst grief may seem unbearable and lonely, there is hope and positivity within reach. The journey you are on will seem less painful with time.

For details or further support please contact:

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Next Issue of Warsop Parish News will be Spring 2026 (Mar/Apr). Deadlines to be advised.
Anything received after the deadline date will not be included

**Do you have a story to share?
Have you celebrated a special occasion?
If so, we'd love to hear from you!
We want to hear from local people with local stories.**

PLEASE NOTE:
The email to send your advertising or editorials to is The Editor at the email address below:

warsopparishnews@gmail.com
or for further information telephone:

01623 846011

Warsop Parish Christmas Memorial Service

Thursday 18th December

Starting 6:30pm

At

Warsop Parish Church
Church Street, Warsop NG20 0SN

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the joyous occasion of Christmas, and also take a moment to remember our loved ones gone before us.

We understand that this season can be particularly challenging for those who are grieving. Let us stand together as a community in support and love for each other.

Hosted by Warsop Parish Church
and Civil Celebrant Phillip Dackombe

With special guest readers and performers

Please join us afterwards for a Sherry and Mince Pie

For further details please contact

Phillip Dackombe on 07885614885

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A stunning Autumn picture sent to us by Phoebe Cox

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Meeting Schedule 2025/2026

Our monthly full council meetings are a chance for our community to come together, discuss local matters, and have your say. All meetings take place at Lifespring (Old Town Hall) Church Street, Market Warsop, NG20 0AL from 6.30pm onwards.

Upcoming Dates

January 19/01/2026 April 20/04/2026
February 16/02/2026 May 18/05/2026
March 16/03/2026



Warsop Parish Council's New Chair and Vice Chair

We hope you are all well and settling in with the darker evenings, It's a good excuse to light a candle and enjoy a hot drink,

It's been a busy year for myself and Councillor Karen Bonsall, having been elected Chair and vice chair, we've learnt a few new skills in how a council works, and we were part of a team that has recruited new staff members to our Council, so welcome to Jade Wilson our new Proper Officer Clerk and RFO, and Natalie Stevenson, our Events & Liaison Co-ordinator.

They have already made a great impact on the short time they have been with us, and we look forward to an exciting future working with them to provide Warsop with new initiatives. If you have any ideas of projects you would like to see, please get in touch with us, we would love to hear your ideas.

This year saw the Memorial garden project completed, the plaques are now on the bench providing a nice quiet area to sit and reflect.

The uniform support group is still going strong on a Monday afternoon, 3 - 4.30pm

So far over 120 families have benefited from this service, thank you to all that have donated, it's been amazing to see it grow, We would like to introduce "Lisa" to the team. She is a tremendous addition and has already made such a difference, using her 20 years plus of experience to get us more organised!

Passing the Baton

We're delighted to welcome fresh faces to the Parish team, ready to carry forward ongoing projects and support new ideas

Our thanks go to those who have served our community so far, and our best wishes to everyone stepping into their new roles.

Our new Chair and Vice Chair were elected in May, although we sadly lost Cllrs Phil Dackombe and Siobhan Sorrell from the council who left to concentrate on other commitments.

We also welcomed a new office team in September with Jade and Natalie settling into their new roles.

Our October Council Meeting saw two new Parish Councillors co-opted:

Andy McCormack
(who is also Warsop Parish's County Councillor)
Andy Hawkins
who is a local resident.

Look out for their updates in our next edition.

As always, donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at Lifespring (town hall).

And lastly we hope to see you all at the councils Christmas "winterfest" on the 6th December, 4 - 7pm, all activities are free for the kids, we have music for all featuring "Red Ken and guests", and the Sherwood Brass Band to keep you entertained and maybe enjoy a hot drink or alcoholic beverage to keep you warm!

We hope to see the community having a great time, and with that we wish you a Merry Christmas

Nadine McGuiness Chair of WPC
Karen Bonsall Vice Chair of WPC

WPC New Faces

Clerk to Warsop Parish Council

Jade joins Warsop Parish Council as our new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

She brings a wealth of experience, holding both a CILCA qualification and a business degree. In addition to running her own business with her husband, Jade currently works with Nether Langwith Parish Council and has previously served two other Parish Councils.

Events & Liaison Coordinator

Natalie joins us as our new Events & Liaison Coordinator.

She has a background in event management, having delivered local and international events for the University of Nottingham, as well as running her own creative business.

Natalie will be taking the lead on our events and Warsop Parish News moving forwards.



Warsop Health Hub Awarded

Warsop Health Hub won the UK Active "Build of the Year" Award. The award is designed to recognise projects that raise the bar in terms of design, sustainability, inclusivity, and community value.

Cllr Andy Burgin said, It's wonderful that Warsop Health Hub stood out for what we have delivered for the following reasons:

- Community-first approach: The design process began with the engagement of local residents, partner organisations, and stakeholders, meaning the resulting building reflected the actual leisure and wellbeing needs of Warsop Parish and wider area.
- Inclusivity & accessibility: From the Changing Place facilities to flexible community rooms and multi-use sports areas, the hub is designed to serve all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- Sustainability & future-proofing: Built with solar panels and sustainable drainage embedded into the scheme, the hub demonstrates environmental awareness alongside physical activity provision.
- Demonstrated impact in its early days: Within its first year the Hub recorded over 121,000 visits, attracted more than 2,000 active members.

Looking Ahead to 2026

The Parish Council is working hard to strengthen compliance and transparency.

We're committed to ensuring that your council operates openly and effectively for the benefit of the whole community. We will be working on new policies, tighter financial controls and governance, ensuring information is regularly updated on the website and that you can speak to us when you need to. We're also working on making our offices and meetings more accessible to everyone. Remember, Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month (excluding August and December), and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

The Parish Council is currently preparing the budget and precept for 2026/27, and we remain committed to ensuring residents receive value for money from their council tax. We will continue to keep the Parish precept as low as possible, recognising the ongoing cost of living pressures faced by many.

Did you know that your Parish contribution helps to fund a wide range of important local services — including keeping the public toilets on the High Street open and maintained, providing grounds maintenance at St Peter and St Paul's Church, managing and maintaining the High Street car park, and producing the Warsop Parish News throughout the year. It also pays for three part time members of staff and rent at the town hall, storage of all our events equipment and the necessary insurance and subscriptions to make sure we are legally compliant. It also enables us to organise, support and contribute to local events and provide financial assistance to community groups across the parish.

The Parish Council now has a new website – warsop-pc.gov.uk – where you can find meeting information, agendas, minutes, and updates. We will post information regarding public consultations, road bulletins and closures and events. Councillors also have new official email addresses, making it easier for residents to get in touch directly. We'll soon be launching a new Facebook page to help us engage more easily with residents about local issues, events, and meetings.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're excited to begin planning more events for the parish, including a potential Halloween disco and Easter crafts or hunt for children. We'd love to hear your ideas for other activities you'd like to see take place in the parish. We also expect to hear more about the Local Government Organisation proposals, which may bring new opportunities for our community. Watch this space.

Our staff are available at the Town Hall, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 1pm, so please do pop in if you need advice, want to report something, or would simply like a chat – you'll always be most welcome. The Clerk would also like to reassure residents that if anyone finds it difficult to get to the Town Hall, she is very happy to visit other community venues within the parish to meet residents who may need advice or support regarding the services the Parish Council provides or can signpost to the appropriate authority.



Cllr Andy Burgin and Mansfield Mayor Andy Abrahams.

These factors impressed the UK Active judges, earning Warsop Health Hub the top spot in the Build category.

It's wonderful that Warsop Health Hub has been crowned "Build of the Year" at the prestigious UK Active Awards 2025, celebrating excellence and innovation in the leisure, health, fitness, and wellbeing sector. In addition to this major win, we were also nominated for the "Outstanding Achievement Award", this nomination recognised the exceptional impact the Hub has had on our community since opening last year.

I'm incredibly proud that Warsop Health Hub has been recognised by winning this national award. This award is a testament to the hard work, vision, and dedication of everyone involved in creating a facility that truly serves the people of our community.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Burns Lane Safety Consultation Continues

A section of Burn's Lane, particularly the single-track stretch between Nethercross Drive and the turn-off to Manor Road, has been the focus of ongoing discussion and consultation regarding road safety and potential closure.



The lane is used by residents and schoolchildren, especially at the start and end of the school day, and its narrow layout has prompted concerns about pedestrian and vehicle safety.

Since 2019, three slight accidents have been recorded in this area. A 2023 review suggested that the road could be made safer by introducing speed-calming measures such as speed bumps. However, as part of a wider review of safety on local

Steve Yemm



"As always, it has been a pleasure to serve and represent Warsop as your MP over the last few months.

I have been working hard for Warsop and Mansfield, and I have been grateful for the helpful interactions that I have had with residents during visits, surgeries, and written correspondence.

I was delighted to meet with Warsop's Parish Council to discuss Market Warsop Ward being designated as a priority area to benefit from the Mayor of the East Midlands' Community Development Fund. Over the next three years, this will entitle community groups to funding aimed at improving local skills, increasing community resilience, and giving residents the power to shape their own neighbourhoods. I have been campaigning, along with many others, for more funding to make improvements in Market Warsop, so it is great to see Mayor Claire Ward allocate this funding.

Recently, I hosted a parents and carers forum at Church Vale Primary School. Many expressed concerns about road safety- an issue that frequently comes up in discussions with Warsop residents. Parents highlighted that many cars are parked on yellow lines outside the school, making it difficult for children to safely cross the road. I have written to Nottinghamshire County Council urging them to use their full range of powers to make the route safer.

Based on other concerns raised by parents I have also asked the County Council to install a formal pedestrian crossing at the junction of Bishop's Walk and the A60 Church Road. I know this has been a concern of parents and others for a while and I have written to the Council on the matter before. Having seen the site in person, I recognise the urgency of introducing a formal pedestrian crossing.

Finally, I know that residents in Warsop are disappointed by the state of roads littered with potholes, especially on the A60 near the junction close to the Warsop Family Hub and the intersection of Church Street and Wood Street. This is despite earlier repairs to these sites. Therefore, I requested that the County Council arrange for a lasting solution such as resurfacing the roads in these areas.

Rest assured I will keep putting pressure on the Council on your behalf until these issues are resolved.

If you have any issues which you would like to bring to my attention or if I can help you in any way at all, please do not hesitate to email me at: steve.yemm.mp@parliament.uk, or call: 01623 325057

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to contribute- we'd be pleased to do so in the future also, should there be the opportunity.

roads, Nottinghamshire County Council and Via East Midlands have consulted on whether closure of the lane to vehicles may be a more effective long-term solution.

Warsop Parish Council submitted an objection to the proposed closure, noting that the measure did not appear proportionate to the recorded risk. The Council emphasised the importance of exploring alternative options, including speed bumps, a weight restriction, and a legal 20mph limit, rather than an advisory one. They also highlighted that there was no published evidence of traffic-impact assessments for nearby junctions, specifically Eastlands Lane and Hetts Lane.

Of particular concern was the Hetts Lane junction, which already experiences significant traffic at school pick-up and drop-off times. The Parish Council expressed the view that closing Burn's Lane could divert additional traffic into this area, potentially increasing risk to children and other pedestrians.

While the Parish Council agreed that safety improvements on Burn's Lane are necessary, it stated that these may be achieved through means other than closure.

Following a meeting with Steve Yemm MP, it was agreed that local residents in the Burn's Lane area would be contacted by letter to gather their views and experiences regarding the road and safety concerns. A wider consultation may follow to ensure any future decision reflects the needs of the community. At the time of writing, the County Council's consultation remains open, with the second phase due to close on 26 November. Further updates will follow once the outcome is known.



Local Government Reorganisation – What’s Happening?

At our October Parish Council meeting, we welcomed Sarah Bingley, the Executive Programme Manager for Local Government Reorganisation at Mansfield District Council, who gave councillors an update on plans to change how councils in Nottinghamshire are run.

In simple terms, the Government is exploring moving away from the current two-tier system (County Council + District and Borough Councils) to a unitary system, where fewer councils would deliver all local services. The aim is to create a simpler, more efficient structure - but exactly what that looks like is still being decided.

Here’s where things stand:

- February 2025: Government invited Nottinghamshire councils to put forward proposals
- March 2025: An initial plan was submitted
- Summer 2025: A six-week public engagement period gathered feedback from residents and businesses
- Now: Councils are reviewing three possible models and refining the proposal
- 28 November 2025: Full proposal due to be submitted to Government
- Early 2026: Government expected to make a decision.

If approval is given, we may see shadow councils elected in 2027, with the new arrangements potentially in place by April 2028.

While the process is well underway, nothing is decided yet - and the final say rests with the Government. Whatever the outcome, it could shape how services are delivered locally and how our community in Warsop is represented in the future.

We will continue to follow developments closely and keep residents informed as more information becomes available.



Litter and Fly Tipping

Fly Tipping and littering in the Parish is a constant blight. Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste onto land or into water and is a criminal offence.

Not only is it illegal, it harms our environment and spoils our community. Clearing litter and fly-tipping comes at a cost, which means increases to our Council Tax bills.

So what can residents of Warsop Parish do? Firstly, use litter bins if you're out and about or take your rubbish home. Ensure you use the correct bins for disposing household waste either by kerbside collections or at the recycling points in the community.

Next, use the Warsop Recycling Centre. If you can't dispose of rubbish yourself, take care that any "man with a van" service has a licence to dispose of waste. Some of these businesses fly-tip your waste - if anything in this dumped rubbish has your details on it you could and probably will be prosecuted as if you'd dumped it yourself.

Finally, Mansfield District Council offers a bulky waste collection service for households to dispose of large items that aren't suitable to be donated to charities.

Help to keep on top of fly-tipping by reporting it swiftly at <https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/flytipping> Getting it cleared up quickly reduces the likelihood that others will dump their rubbish in the same spot.

The Cost of Litter and Fly Tipping in Mansfield District Did you know that fly tipping in Mansfield District cost local taxpayers £100,000 in 2023 alone? That's money that could have gone to other amenities and projects.

For the year 2022/23, Mansfield District Council reported 2,133 incidents of fly tipping, costing approximately £99,054 to clear.

In addition, the Council's street cleaning team works seven days a week to keep our streets clean.

If you spot fly tipping on Council land, the good news is the team aims to remove it within 24 hours. Offenders may also be investigated, so think twice before dumping your rubbish illegally.

The penalties are serious:

- Fly tipping: £400 standard, or £122 if paid within 7 days.
- Littering: £100 standard, or £80 if paid within 7 days.

Even small acts of littering can add up, costing our community time, money, and pride. Let's all do our part to keep Warsop parish clean.



Cllr Andy Burgin

The Friends of Warsop Vale continue to put on activities at The Centre, it the coming weeks our coffee mornings will be on every Thursday morning, fortnightly bingo on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.30pm, craft evenings fortnightly on Thursdays.

We have even arranged for Santa to stop by in early December so the local children can come and tell him what they would like for Christmas.

Creative Writing Group – Our Festive Selection

This month, our Creative Writing Group brings you a small seasonal offering to celebrate the festive spirit. Enjoy a trio of short pieces with a Christmas twist; a little warmth, a little fun, and a touch of winter magic. We hope they bring a smile as we head into the holiday season.



A Winter Animal by Leanne Moden

The Glove (genus: Handius Warmicus) is a small, penta-pedal mammal, native to North America, East Asia, and parts of Northern Europe.

There are four main species of Glove left in the wild: Woollen, Leather, Bird-Eating, and Mitten, of which the Mitten is by far the most ferocious.

Gloves are crepuscular creatures, appearing most frequently at dawn and dusk when they come out to hunt for insects and car parking receipts (which are their favourite foods). They hunt by lying perfectly still at the bottom of handbags, or in the back seats of reasonably-priced cars. Then, they strike.

A fully-grown glove can eat up to ten spiders a day. For this reason, Gloves are highly-prized in the homes of arachnophobes. They are also often imported to Australia for pest control purposes.

Gloves usually hibernate in the summer months, burrowed down into the pockets of old winter coats where they subsist on fluff and unwrapped cough sweets. It is unwise to disturb a Glove when it is in its dormant state. People who've stumbled upon Gloves in hibernation speak in hushed tones of the size, quantity and sharpness of their teeth. (If, indeed, they live to tell the tale.)

Despite their carnivorous tendencies, Gloves are unlikely to harm humans unless severely provoked. In fact, many Gloves develop strong bonds with the people they share a habitat with - even going so far as to envelope human hands with their entire bodies, in a practice scientists call "hand snuggling".

However, as with all wild animals, one must always be wary. Gloves can be very dangerous. They mate for life so, if one of your bonded pair goes missing - DO NOT ATTEMPT to wear a single Glove! Especially if you value your fingers!

You have been warned.



Being Frank by Chris Wade

Frank didn't know how he'd got here. He didn't even know where he was. He had always been looked after but now found himself face down in something. Some of it was wet, some of it was dry. Come of it was soft, some of it was squidgy. However if felt to him, it stunk.

He couldn't move either. He was stuck in this, whatever it was. He was unable to move. Helpless. Lonely. Scared.

Suddenly Frank was shunted forwards. Then again. Once more. He didn't know what was causing this but every time he was nudged forwards, he felt a little warmer. Before too long the heat would become unbearable.

Just as all hope seemed lost, he was grabbed by a hand. He didn't know whose, but he had felt hands grab him countless times before. But this hand was much bigger. It lifted him up into the air before being gently placed down on his back. Frank could see the bearded face of a man with a large smile. Frank had seen him before, but he didn't know from where. Before he could figure it out, once again all he could see was darkness.

Frank saw nothing for weeks. He had been moved and tossed around for much of this time and had given up hope, until one day everything changed.

Frank could see light again, for the first time in a long time. Once his eyes adjusted to this sudden brightness, he noticed another happy face smiling back at him, though this one was much younger.

'Mummy, that's Fantastic Frank!' said a young voice.

'I know, sweetheart. Now it's not the one you wanted but Santa's been very busy this year in his workshop and -'

'No, Mummy, you don't understand. It's Fantastic Frank! FANTASTIC! FRANK!'



'But you asked for Magnificent Molly?'

'I know Mummy, but Fantastic Frank was kidnapped by the evil Zokka Cult twenty years ago but look at him! He's broken out of their impenetrable Oblivion Prison! Magnificent Molly never did that!'

'But you asked for Magnificent Molly. That was the toy that all your friends asked for. Are you sad that you didn't get Magnificent Molly?'

'No, not at all! Everyone will have Magnificent Molly! I bet no one's got Fantastic Frank!'

Frank was carefully placed on a table as the child put on a yellow hood and a bright blue cape with a large red 'A' in the middle. Frank was picked up again and held triumphantly in the air by the child's small hand.

'Yes, Fantastic Frank and Amazing Ash, off to save the universe together!'

Frank knew he was not a superhero. He was only a plastic toy. He had been thrown out into the rubbish and left there, unloved after years of fun. He had been forgotten, but now he was found again. He wasn't a superhero, but if he could make Ash feel special, he felt like the greatest superhero of all time.



Driving Home for Christmas by Karen Hardy

It was only a week to Christmas Eve And Santa was busy preparing to leave. The elves were all rushing, packing the toys Lots of surprises for girls and for boys.

Rudolph was shining the sleigh up with glee Sorting it out for the year's MOT But although a reindeer, he felt quite an ass.

When a man from the garage said, 'this sleigh I won't pass.'



'It's an absolute death trap, rusty and old, The runners are cracking; the brakes have got mould. The headlights are dimming, so heed what I say, Go advise Santa to buy a new sleigh.'

When Rudi told Santa he just shook his head. 'I'm too old for a sleigh, let's buy a new car instead. It could be an Audi or even a Five There's nothing else for it, you must learn to drive!'

Well, if Rudi was worried it just didn't show And the very next day they bought a Polo. They fastened their seatbelts; the voice told them to. Then looked through the manual to find what to do.

'Key in ignition, into gear and don't stall! Rudolph started the engine, backed into a wall. He pressed all the pedals, but still had no luck. Turned his head rather sharply, his antlers got stuck.

'Oh dear me,' said Santa, 'I really do fear. We'll be lucky to start the deliveries this year. We must find a solution and find it today.' Cried Rudolph in pain, 'please let's buy a new sleigh.'

So, Santa relented, and they both went to see, A nice modern sleigh with wi-fi and TV.

Rudolph was happy, everything turned out right.

And they soared through the skies, bang on time Christmas Night.



Have Your Say: Join Us at Parish Council Meetings

We're always pleased to welcome residents to our Parish Council meetings, and we'd love to see even more of you there.



These meetings aren't just for councillors - they're a space for everyone in our community to ask questions, raise concerns, and share views on the issues that matter locally in the Public Participation section. You are then welcome to stay to listen to the rest of the meeting. Your perspective genuinely helps shape the decisions we make.

Each meeting also includes updates from our County and District Councillors, who sit as members of the Parish Council. It's an ideal chance to hear first-hand what's happening at both District and County level and to find out how wider decisions may affect

our parish. In addition, we receive a regular update from the local police, offering insight into community safety, neighbourhood priorities, and current initiatives.

Whether you want to stay informed, raise a point, or simply listen in, you are warmly encouraged to come along. Meetings are open, friendly, and a great way to stay connected with what's happening across the parish.

Meeting dates can be found on page 18 of this edition of Warsop Parish News, with all sessions starting at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there - your voice really does make a difference.

WARSOP WHISPERS

GHOSTLY TALES FROM THE PARISH

There's something about autumn in Warsop Parish that stirs old stories from their rest. Mist clings to the hedgerows, the church bells echo down the lanes, and the past seems to lean a little closer. Ask around long enough, and you'll hear that not all of Warsop's residents are among the living.

The Hooded Walkers of Sookholme

They call them the Hooded: a silent procession through the mist.

One summer evening in 1925, a birdwatcher resting near Sookholme Church looked up to see twelve hooded figures in dark robes crossing the field before him, walking in single file, each with a hand on the shoulder of the one ahead. They made no sound and left no footprints, vanishing as suddenly as they appeared.

Local historian Eric Hill adds some weight to the tale. Sookholme Church, built in the early 1100s, was once owned by the monks of St Oswald's Priory at Nostell, near Wakefield. Though records are scarce, it's believed the church served as a resting point for monks travelling the old packhorse road, now Sookholme Lane, on their journey north.

Perhaps those travellers are still walking their ancient route, seen now and then when the mist hangs low around the churchyard wall.

The Horseman of Rectory Gardens

In the 1960s, a young family moved into one of the new houses built on the old Rectory Gardens. One sunny afternoon, a three-year-old boy climbed to the top of his slide and froze.

"Come on, down you go!" his mum called. But he shook his head.

"I can't," he said. "There's a man on his horse wants to go by."

He waited a few seconds, then smiled.

"He's gone now," he said, and slid down as if nothing had happened.

He doesn't remember it, but his mother never forgot, that brief, cold moment when it felt as if a rider from Warsop's past had passed quietly through their garden, unseen by all but a child.

The Lady of Warsop Mill

At Warsop Mill, Tracey Squirrel says she's long shared her home with a gentle presence. "I've never actually seen anything," she says, "but I sense someone around. There's often a strong floral smell near the back stairs, and I've felt something brush past me there too. Things get moved and turn up in the most bizarre places, but I'm never afraid. I'm sure it's a lady, and she's very welcome to live alongside us."

Perhaps that lingering perfume is the last trace of someone who simply loved the place too much to leave.

The Miner of Sherwood Forest

Places not far from the Parish have their mysteries. Michael Tucker recalls a night shift at Centre Parcs:

"We went outside for some fresh air and saw an old miner walking past, his lamp swinging by his side. We both looked at each other in disbelief. He kept walking for a couple of minutes, then straight into one of the restaurants and disappeared. He was heading towards Clipstone pit. Years ago, it used to be forest there, so maybe he was taking a shortcut to work."

That lone miner, lamp glowing faintly in the dark, is an image that's hard to forget.

The Woods Between Church Warsop and Langwith

Many locals mention the woods on the way to Langwith from Church Warsop, a place of rustling leaves and uneasy silences. Will Burkinshaw remembers walking there one summer evening with his brothers when they heard a scream: a woman's voice, close and clear. They returned the next evening, same place, same time and heard it again.

"I've walked my dogs there with my dad," he says.

"Sometimes you just feel watched. It's an unsettling place."

Whether it's echoes carried by the trees or something older, the woods have a reputation for making visitors glance over their shoulders.

The Witch's House

And finally, for the bravest ghost-hunters, there's the old "Witch's House" in Three Corner Woods. Local investigator Brad Spires once carried out a full investigation there, recording what he called "multiple pieces of ghost evidence." He didn't say much more; perhaps wisely.

Warsop Parish wears its history lightly, but every lane, field and wood seems to whisper fragments of the past. Whether you believe in ghosts or not, these stories say something about the place itself, about memory, belonging, and the lives that came before ours.

And on quiet nights, when the mist drifts low and the lights flicker, you might just feel that Warsop's history isn't quite as distant as it seems.

We'll leave the last word to local resident David Jones: "I once took a shortcut through the graveyard on a really foggy night. As I walked through, I could hear a tapping sound coming from behind one of the gravestones. To my relief, when I looked round the other side, I saw someone engraving a name.

I said, 'You had me worried then, I thought you were a ghost! Why are you doing that at this time of night?'

He looked up and said, 'They've spelt my name wrong!'"

Christmas Wordsearch

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 W T M T N T K T V U W T A V U
 A R A D S D C C Y P O H T Y P
 S E E I S R E A O B N P H S B
 N E R S K I U E N T S O P A F
 R H V I H C R D R D S L O T T
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 C O O K I E S F S L A C E A I
 G E M U A Q E Z L B P S A S P
 T R E S Y O T R D E E H Y N U
 S N O W F L A K E R A F Y F E
 M A E O N F S K P O T O U V P
 E A V A A W O N R A N A P Y B

Can you find the hidden words?

- SNOWMAN ORNAMENT REINDEER NORTH POLE SNOWFLAKE
- STOCKING SANTA PRESENT CANDY CANE WREATH
- ELF COOKIE RUDOLPH CHRISTMAS TOYS

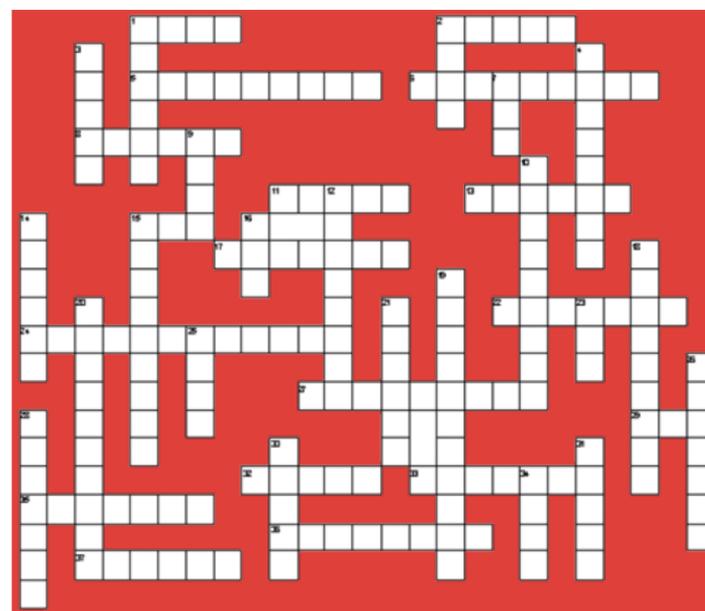
Christmas Crossword

ACROSS

- The mother of Christ.
- People often mail these to friends and acquaintances.
- Santa's home and workshop are located here.
- Traditional red-and-white-striped candy.
- Santa's vehicle.
- A Christmas song.
- Christmas.
- If you _____ a live Christmas tree, you must throw it out after the holidays.
- A treat commonly left for Santa.
- They followed a star to find the Christ child.
- The night before Christmas.
- Decorations commonly hung on trees.
- The color of Rudolph's nose.
- Claus.
- Kris _____.
- A "door" for Santa.
- St. _____.
- These electric decorations were introduced as a safe replacement for candles on Christmas trees.

DOWN

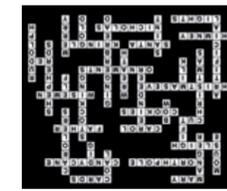
- Baby Jesus had this for a bed.
- Naughty children may find a lump of this in their stockings.
- "not a creature was stirring, not even a _____"
- People who go door to door singing Christmas songs.



- If you _____ up a live Christmas tree, you may plant it after the holidays.
- Another word for present.
- These should be hung by the chimney with care.
- The animals that travel with Santa.
- Christmas Eve services are held here.
- "I'm dreaming of a white _____"
- A colorful decoration often added to the top of a package.

- Angels announced Jesus' birth to these people.
- These spicy holiday cookies are often shaped as people.
- This type of Christmas tree may be used year after year.
- A round object often hung on a door.
- A small person who helps Santa.
- Santa's preferred beverage.
- He guided Santa's sleigh one foggy Christmas Eve.
- String this to decorate the Christmas tree.

- Old _____ Nicholas.
- _____ Christmas!
- One of the three gifts the wise men brought to the Christ child.



The Christmas Conundrum

Round 1: Christmas Traditions

- What date is Boxing Day celebrated in the UK and many other countries?
- In which country is it traditional to eat KFC for Christmas dinner?
- What red-and-white Christmas plant is native to Mexico?
- What type of pie is traditionally left out for Santa Claus in the UK?

Round 2: Christmas Movies

- In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
- Which 2004 animated movie is about a train that takes kids to the North Pole on Christmas Eve?
- In Elf, what are the four main food groups for elves according to Buddy?
- Who plays Kris Kringle in Miracle on 34th Street (the 1994 version)?

Round 3: Songs & Music

- In "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what gift is given on the fifth day?
- Who originally sang "All I Want for Christmas Is You"?
- What Christmas song begins with "City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style"?
- What famous Christmas carol includes the lyrics "Sleep in heavenly peace"?

Round 4: Festive trivia

- What colour were Santa Claus's clothes before Coca-Cola popularised the red suit?
- Which country started the tradition of putting up Christmas trees?
- What is the best-selling Christmas single of all time?
- In the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," what dessert do the singers demand?

ANSWERS
 1. December 26th, 2. Japan, 3. Poinsettia, 4. Mince pie, 5. Pars, 6. The Polar Express, 7. Candy, candy canes, candy corns, and syrup, 8. Richard Attenborough, 9. Five gold rings, 10. Mariah Carey, 11. Silver Bells, 12. Silent Night, 13. Green, 14. Germany, 15. White Christmas, 16. Figgy pudding

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