

Welcome to the

Warsop Parish News



Winter 2024

CHRISTMAS OPEN NIGHT

Saturday 7th December

Road and Car Park Closures Notice

Due to this year's Christmas event Warsop Parish Council would like to advise you that the following areas will be affected by road closure and car park closures -

Full Road Closure

High street will be closed on Saturday 7th December from 10am - 9pm

Car Park Closures

High Street car park (next to the Library) - Closed from Friday 6pm until Saturday 9pm.

Talbot/Co-op car park - Closed from 9am - 9pm.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your ongoing support for our community events.

Please note: failure to adhere to the above closures can result in prosecution.



WE WISH YOU ALL A

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Next Edition of Parish News
MARCH 2025

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:
Warsopnews@aol.com or for further information telephone: 01623 845 858

DEADLINE DATE FOR STORIES, ARTICLES & UPDATES: **6TH JANUARY 2025**

Warsop Parish Remembrance

Warsop Parish honours our fallen heroes surrounded by the touching tributes of the Warsop Poppy Gang.

Our Remembrance Sunday event took place at the Cenotaph on Sunday 10th November 2024, with further Remembrance events at Meden Vale and Warsop Vale.

The community came together to parade from Carr Lane, along Robert Bye Way to the cenotaph, led by the fantastic drummers, who created the perfect atmosphere in tribute to those who gave their lives to save our freedoms.



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The Service was led by Church reader Pat Brewin and wreaths were laid in honour of those who lost their lives protecting our country. It was attended by veterans, cadets, dignitaries, local schools and groups, local businesses, and the people of Warsop Parish who take this event to their hearts each year.

The incredible work of the Warsop Poppy gang unfolded in the weeks before Remembrance Sunday culminating in a Service watched over by the silent silhouettes of those who fought for us. Their presence reminding us why we were gathered.



Sue Dennis - Poppy Gang

"The community of Warsop parish have been solid when showing support for our poppy displays. After an appeal was made on social media, many donations were made—even some from overseas! The gang have been hard at it over the past few months repairing, re-painting and making many more soldiers, as well as working on the new additions for this year's display, we hope you loved them! Thank you for your ongoing support!"

This year's remembrance event was brought together by Warsop Parish councillor Karen Hardy, Maddy Pritchard (Vibrant Warsop) but it could not have happened without the help of the fantastic volunteers and organisations involved, a Special thanks goes out to each and everyone of them, from the parents who stepped in to marshal at the last minute to the organisations who attended meetings throughout the year and to those who took part. Thankyou!





NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE – Policing for you

Meet your Neighbourhood Team

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WORKING TOGETHER
POLICE & COMMUNITY



Anti-Social Behaviour Team

(Mansfield District Council)
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Please remember that if you are reporting a crime you need to contact:
Call 999, if life is threatened, someone is injured or if there is a crime in progress.
Call 101, To report to Nottinghamshire Police if an offence has happened and the offender is no longer at the scene. You can report online by visiting www.nottinghamshire.police.uk

Update from your local Beat Team

We are pleased to tell you that a new officer has joined the Beat, PC 658 Chance who has recently transferred from Response Policing to your local Neighbourhood team. Officers will continue to conduct beat surgeries for members of the community to come and voice their views and concerns. Dates are still yet to be confirmed but will be advertised on Notts alert and social media so look out for that!

To find out what is happening in your area please sign up to Notts alert and like Mansfield Police page on Facebook. See you out and about and have a safe and Happy Christmas. www.nottsalerts.co.uk

Other reporting information

Noise Nuisance: www.mansfield.gov.uk/noise-nuisance

Fly-tipping: www.mansfield.gov.uk/.../report-fly-tipping

Abandoned Vehicles: www.mansfield.gov.uk/.../reportabandoned-vehicle-1

Environmental Health: www.mansfield.gov.uk/environmental-issues

Dog Nuisance: www.mansfield.gov.uk/dog-ownership/dognuisance

Potholes: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole

Streetlighting:
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/street-lighting/report-a-streetlight-defect

LET'S TALK

You're in control - choose the type of alerts you would like to receive, from organisations you can trust and have your say about policing where you live.



Crime alerts from police in your area



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Decide how you receive messages



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News from your local council



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Speak up about crime.
Stay safe.
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Tell our charity what you know.
We take information in over 150 languages.

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

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crimestoppers-uk.org

Crimestoppers is a registered charity. All donations and contributions are welcome.

NEW UPDATE

on your Warsop Parish News

We Hope you are enjoying your new look sample of Warsop parish news, here at the council we have been working with new printers and designers to produce your mini Autumn & December edition! We will be working hard to put together a new look full edition for the end of March, so look out for that and thank you for your patience.

Just a reminder – if you have articles that you would like to share, please send them through

to Warsopnews@aol.com the deadline for March Edition is 6th January, sorry it is slightly sooner than usual, but we need to allow more time on this occasion – as we are still in the early stages of our working relationships with the new businesses and we want to get things right – so please continue to bear with us.

We want to share all news Parish related, from the opening of new businesses, advertising of community events, updates from our schools, general feel-good stories or celebratory stories for our local shining stars.

We have so much to be proud of in our Parish, so let us use Warsop Parish News to share the pride and to continue to build on our fantastic community spirit.

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS BY ADVERTISING IN WARSOP NEWS

The best way to reach local people is to advertise locally. Warsop News is one of the largest free local publications in this area.

. 6000 papers are printed & distributed quarterly
. 5700 hit the doorsteps of our residents and the rest are distributed between the Post Office, Library and Lifespring Centre (Former Town Hall)

Get great value for money & reach your target audience at a fraction of the cost of other local publications Contact Gemma Blagg for advertising rates or leaflet delivery within Warsop Parish News:

Tel: 01623 845858 or email: assistant@warsopparishcouncil.co.uk
Or submit articles & images to warsopnews@aol.com

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS WANTED
Delivery of the papers take place quarterly.



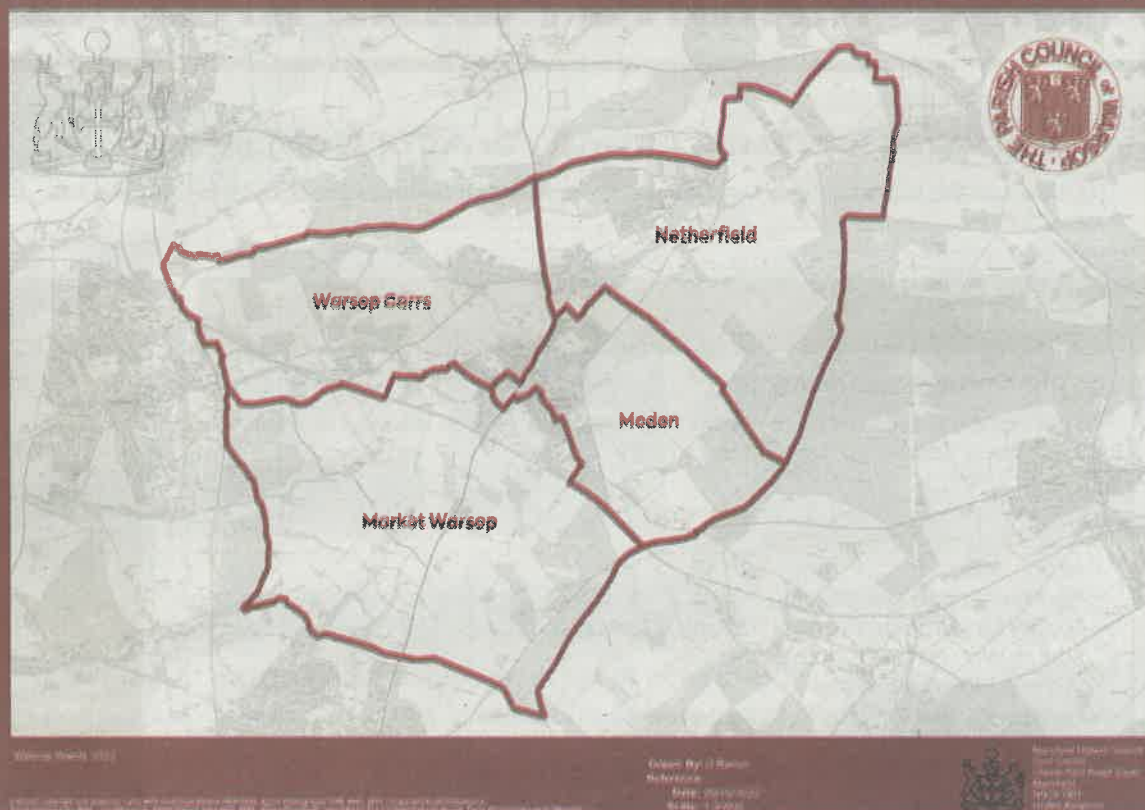
WARSOP PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Council Meetings 2025

Warsop Parish councillors would like to invite members of public to attend monthly council meetings. Meetings are usually held at Warsop Town Hall on the 3rd Monday of the month (excluding August and December when no meetings are held) meetings commence at 6.30pm & agendas are advertised on social media & within the Church Street noticeboard, at least 3 working days in advance. Questions are welcome and can be asked within the agenda item – Public Participation.

The next scheduled meeting will be held: 20th January 2025



Warsop Parish Council

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Warsop Parish Council support more local groups

There's still time to claim a share of our £8000.00 funding pot

Warsop Parish Council agreed an £8000.00 budget for the section 137 funding pot. This grant allows local constituted groups and organisations to apply for money for projects which will benefit the residents of Warsop parish.

This year the council have supported:

Warsop carnival – Donating £4000 towards the event

Target one – Donating £1000 to help with improvements to the 'shed building' roof.

Christmas smile Campaign – Donating £1000 towards Christmas hampers for residents in need.

The section 137 pot still has £3000 waiting to be claimed, and applications need to be in before 31st December 2024.

Who can apply

Constituted groups and organisations based within Warsop Parish, working on projects to benefit Warsop parish residents who are:

- Established for charitable, benevolent, social, cultural, recreational, or Philanthropic purposes
- Have a constitution, or set of rules, which defines it's aims, objectives and operational procedures
- Able to provide a copy of its latest annual accounts and be able to demonstrate that the accounts are checked and signed by a person independent to the group
- Have a bank account in the organisations name & operated by a minimum of at least two joint signatories

What can be funded

- A project that makes the local community a better place to live, work or visit
- It should benefit people who live in the parish
- Something with clear evidence that the local people support the project and are involved in carrying it out
- One application per group/organisation per year

If you think your group/organisation meet the criteria and could benefit from the Parish Councils Section 137 grant, please contact the parish Clerk via email: theclerk@warsopparishcouncil.co.uk

Mansfield District Councillors

Market Warsop Ward – Cllr Jack Stephenson

Warsop Carrs Ward – Cllr Andy Burgin

Netherfield Ward – Cllr David Hughes

Meden Ward – Cllr Andy Wetton

Warsop Parish is made up of four wards with three councillors on the Parish Council for each ward

Warsop Parish Councillors

Market Warsop Ward – Cllr Jack Stephenson, Debra Barlow & Nadine McGuinness

Warsop Carrs Ward – Cllr Andy Burgin, Karen Bonsall & Phil Dackombe

Netherfield Ward – Cllr David Hughes, Karen Hardy & Siobhan Sorrell

Meden Ward – Cllr Andy Wetton, Grant Simpson

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WARSOP CITIZENS ADVICE DROP IN SURGERY

Warsop Parish Council continue to fund CAB

Drop-in advice sessions take place within the Lifespring Church & Centre (Former Town hall) on Church Street every Wednesday 9am till 1pm and are open to anyone residing within Warsop parish

If you live within Warsop parish & need advice pop in to see your local advisor Mark who is always happy to help.

Alternatively, if you are unable to make it on a Wednesday you can log your enquiry to North Nottinghamshire citizens advice online at www.cnns.org.uk and click on the referral portal for a call back or call 0300 561 2800 to speak to an advisor.

MEET YOUR LOCAL ADVISOR MARK





MAKING PLANS AND MAKING IT HAPPEN



Vision: Warsop Parish Council: Year of Consolidation

As a council this is the first year we will operate without the financial constraints of the Town Hall, and it will give us the opportunity to examine our vision, our values and our expectations.

Events

AIM:

To enhance the sense of local community wellbeing, and to improve footfall for local businesses with Town Centre events.

Objectives:

- Easter Egg Hunt Competition
- Action Week
- Updated Speed Gun Training
- Support for Warsop Carnival through S137 monies
- Stall at Warsop Carnival to profile WPC
- Warsop Market potential
- Hygiene for Poverty Day (18th September)
- Halloween Competition
- Organise the Remembrance Sunday Event 10th November 2024
- Support Warsop Parish Christmas Smile 2024
- Support for Target 1
- Christmas Event in the High Street to celebrate the season and support local businesses.

Community Engagement and Cohesiveness

AIM: To work with all local bodies and community groups to achieve the best outcomes for Warsop Parish, and to develop a sense of overall community with all areas of the Parish:

Influence and Development

AIM: To develop the role of Warsop Parish Council as an influencer/campaigner with other authorities in order to ensure future changes and development in the area reflect and protect our unique character and environment.

Our Staff and Councillors

AIM: The Council will support and enable staff to work effectively as a team together with Councillors, to maximise the service to the Community.

YOUR WARSOP PARISH COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOU

In June we elected a new Chair with Cllr Jack Stephenson taking the role and Cllr Karen Hardy undertaking the role of Vice Chair.

Sadly, we have had the resignation of two Councillors; Derek Scaysbrook and Roy Butler – two excellent councillors who contributed significantly to our Parish. At the time of writing, we are going through the process to recruit new councillors.

We have agreed our Business Plan for 2024-25 which highlights our main priorities.

Warsop Town Centre Toilets:

We recently agreed at the October full council meeting to continue to support the Town Centre toilets for a further year. These were saved earlier this year when the Parish Council worked with Mansfield District Council to provide funding for a further 12 month. At this stage we are looking at costs for 2025-26.

It was clear from the conversations we had, both with businesses and the public, that these are an important facility.

Library Car Parks:

We are aware that there will be changes to the car parks in Warsop owned by MDC, and this will have an impact on the usage of the Library carpark. We are keen to ensure this remains available to the public visiting the Town Centre and for it to be supportive of local businesses.

During October we have been carrying out a Census on how the carpark is used, and we will also be monitoring its usage following the changes to the MDC car parks.

We will be looking at what options are available to ensure this carpark continues to serve our Town Centre





Music Weekend

Melodies, Cowboy Boots, and Community Voices:

A Weekend of Music and Toe Tapping at The Vibrant Venue. In September, the residents of Warsop Parish gathered for a lively weekend filled with music, dance, and song at The Vibrant Venue.

The weekend kicked off on Friday 20th September with an Open Mic and Folk Night. With a full house, the audience buzzed with excitement enjoying an eclectic mix of performances which featured popular song covers, traditional Ukrainian, English and Irish folk songs, a reading and original tracks, all brought to life by fifteen talented local artists.



Among the performers was local singer-songwriter Ken Bonsall, who, alongside his bandmate Jamie Burney, played songs from their band Ferocious Dog's catalogue. Their performance culminated in a heartwarming finale, as they invited all artists and audience to join in on three folk songs, creating a powerful sense of community and celebration through singing.

A special thank you goes out to everyone who donated prizes and purchased raffle tickets on the night, raising £61 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for The Vibrant Venue.



There was a quick re-set for a Line Dancing social on Saturday night. Boots stomped, hands clapped and spirits soared as the regular line dancing instructor at The Vibrant Venue, Sue Musgrove led everyone through different routines. Line dancers were treated to live music performed by local musicians:

Mark King on Guitar, Charlie Matthews on keyboard, Gordon Ross on Bass guitar, Trevor Pritchard on drums and Maddy and Sharon Pritchard on vocals.

The music-filled weekend came to a joyful conclusion on Sunday afternoon with an uplifting singalong. Members of the Vibrant Voices singing groups, led by Pam Hick and accompanied by Charlie Matthews on keyboard and Gordon Ross on bass guitar, delivered a lively medley of musical favorites. Their performance featured beloved tracks from musicals like Calamity Jane and The Sound of Music, alongside timeless classics like 'Summer Holiday', 'California Dreamin'', and 'Sweet Caroline'.



The singers showcased their growing confidence and the strong camaraderie they've built through their singing group sessions. Some bravely performed solos, while others danced down the aisle to the finale, a spirited rendition of 'Is This The Way To Amarillo'.

Though a heavy downpour swept through Warsop that afternoon, the atmosphere inside The Vibrant Venue was warm and alive with energy, as singers and the audience connected through their shared love of music. It was the perfect end to a truly vibrant weekend.

Heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who supported the weekend and performed; without you the event would not have been possible and it would not have been the success that it was. Special thanks goes to The People's Health Trust who fund regular music sessions in Warsop. If you would like to find out more about the singing groups and music group, please get in touch with Maddy on: 07984367153



Scouts Fun Palace

Community enjoys an array of activities at the 2nd Warsop Scout's Fun Palace event.

The 2nd Warsop Scout's Fun Palace event, held on 5th October at The Vibrant Venue, brought the local community together for a day full of creativity, learning, and fun.

The sun was shining, helping us to make the most of outdoor activities which included planting Daffodils, making bug hotels, learning more about nature and how to be more eco-friendly and the chance to help build the Scouts' outdoor pizza oven.

Indoors was a hub of activity including colouring, board games, and for those who love a challenge, there were two Lego competitions that had children and adults battling to race against the clock to build the tallest structure or to design a gravity-powered vehicle that would travel the furthest down a ramp. Adding a dash of science to the day were the mad scientist experiments.

Visitors were thrilled to make elephant's toothpaste, skittles rainbows, and watch as magic milk transformed right before their eyes. Of course, no community event is complete without cake, refreshments and a raffle, which were enjoyed by all.

Overall, the 2nd Warsop Scout's Fun Palace event was a huge success, providing a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, learn new skills, and most importantly, have fun.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Community Raises £801 at Macmillan Coffee Morning.

On the 27th September, The Vibrant Venue was a hive of activity, chat, cake eating, coffee and tea drinking and fun activities, all in the aid of a very important charity.

We would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to the Warsop Parish community for raising £801.24 for Macmillan Cancer Support through their generous donations, prize contributions, and attendance at the coffee morning.



Is there a story you would like to share for the Vibrant 4 page section? Please contact:
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www.vibrantwarsop.org

**Warsop Parish Council
Warsop Christmas
Open Night**
Saturday 7th December 4pm
The High Street
Entertainment,
late night
shopping

**Vibrant Warsop
Christmas
Lego Challenge**
10am-12pm Saturday
7th December
Lego Group Christmas themed lego
challenge and free build time.
Open to all ages.
£1 donation

**Black Market
Christmas
Market**
Sunday 8th December,
11am-3pm

**Vibrant Warsop
Open Mic Night**
Monday 9th December
doors open at 6:30pm
At The Vibrant Venue,
Portland Street, Warsop

**Hearing 2 Help
Hearing aid clinic**
At The Vibrant Venue
11:30am
Thursday 5th December

**The
Oaklands Centre
Memory Café
Christmas Elf Day**
Tuesday 3rd December
1:00-3:30pm
For people living with
dementia, memory
difficulties and family
and friends who
support them.

**Warsop
Library
Create your own
Christmas mask.**
Tuesday 3rd December
3:30-4:30pm
Free activity

**Warsop Library
Christmas Gifting Tree**
26th November - 17th December
Pick up a gift tag which has the
name of a resident of
The Sycamores care home
on it and return it with
a gift for that person

You're having a laugh?

Why do Christmas trees like history?
Cos of the presents beneath them!

Why has Santa's little helpers got to
wear seat belts in the sleigh?
It's Elfin safety!

Why don't mountains get
cold around Christmas time?
Cos they wear snow caps!

What did one snowman
say to the other?
Do you smell carrots?

Why is Santa like
a lobster?
He's got Claus's

By Walt Bains



Feed the Birds

At Christmas time you'll probably find that you have a lot of extra kitchen waste particularly after Christmas dinner. During the winter birds will find that their natural sources of food are scarce, so feeding the birds in your garden is an ideal way to get rid of those Christmas leftovers. It is important that you know which foods you can feed to your birds and which foods you shouldn't.

Do Feed



Cakes & puddings
Mince pies, Christmas pudding and Christmas cake are all full of fat, fruit and energy and are an ideal winter food for birds.

Roast potatoes
Roast potatoes are high in fat. Cut them into bite-sized chunks and leave on your bird table or in a ground feeder.



Cheese
Mild cheese is full of energy and fat and can be grated or crumbled. Avoid anything blue, strong, or salty.

Fruit
Chopped apples and soaked dried fruit will be appreciated, particularly by blackbirds, thrushes and other ground feeding birds.



Nuts
Unsalted nuts are ideal - crush or crumble them first. You can also put out any leftover finger food as long as it is unsalted.

Don't Feed



Meat
Leftover cooked meat is likely to attract cats and vermin which will scare away the birds.

Salted snacks
Salt is very bad for birds and you shouldn't leave out any salted food for them. You can wash and soak peanuts to remove the salt.

Chocolate
Chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine, both highly toxic to birds. It can upset their digestive system and can lead to an increased heart rate, tremors, seizures, or even death.



Roasting fat
The leftover fat from your roasting tin can't be fed to birds even if mixed with seeds and nuts. It will be high in salt and remains soft so it can get smeared on birds' feathers which can damage them and make it difficult for them to fly.

Stuffing & Bread
Shop-bought stuffing contains many artificial ingredients that can dehydrate birds. Bread will expand in a bird's stomach and contains very few nutrients.

How to Make a Bleached Pinecone Christmas Decoration



What you will need

- Assorted Pinecones
- no coating or pinecones that have a scent infused in them
- bleach • water • container • ribbon • hot glue

1. Make a 2 parts bleach to 1 part water solution and put it in a tall container. I used a tall glass cylinder
2. Add pinecones and weigh the top down with a mug or plate. Make sure all the pinecones are submerged
3. Let them go for 48 hours (an extra day or two won't hurt). I changed the bleach solution once. The pinecones will close up.
4. Put the pinecones on a paper towel lined baking sheet and let them air dry. This may take up to a week. You will know when they are dry because they will open back up.

Festive Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find words which have to do with Christmas. No peeking at the answers below until you've given them all a try.

1. Groceos
2. Naclorig
3. tsar
4. Scunttshe
5. Porduhl
6. Nasst
7. Skagceap
8. Dressephh
9. Gramen
10. Galen
11. Limesotte
12. Vanilyltt
13. Gotscink
14. Virasou
15. Traweh
16. Glsehl
17. Wamsonn
18. Ejuss
19. Stranneom
20. Scamsthir

Snowman, Jesus, Ornaments, Christmas, Nativity, Stocking, Saviour, Wreath, Sleigh, Packages, Shepherd, Manger, Angel, Mistletoe, Scrooge, Caroling, Star, Chestnuts, Rudolph, Santa

Christmas Riddles

- A) What much loved Christmas edible is known for its long shelf life?
- B) Which one of Santa's reindeer can you see in outer space?
- C) What will it be stuffed with. There's nobody who knows. But it looks like something you'd slide over your toes
- D) You can hold me and shake me, but I'm easy to break. I have lots of snow, even though all of it's fake! What am I?
- E) I'm grumpy and green, and I stole all the presents in one night. But then my heart grew, and I made everything right. Who am I?
- F) What is something that travels around the globe like Santa Claus, yet never leaves its corner?

A) Fruit Cake, B) Comet, C) Christmas Stocking, D) The Grinch, E) Snow Globe, F) A postage stamp

Answers

If you have stories to share or you would like to learn more about articles in

Warsop Library
Make a Christmas
peg character
 Tuesday 10th December
 3:30-4:30pm
 Free activity

Vibrant Warsop
Stay and Play
Christmas party
 Wednesday
 11th December
 9-10:30am
 At The Vibrant Venue,
 Portland Street, Warsop

Titchfield and
Sookholme Bowls Club
Christmas Dinner
 at The John Fretwell Centre
 Thursday 12th December
 6-45pm arrival
 £29.00 for 3 course dinner & coffee.
 Please call Steve Revill
 07887 386019 for details.

Vibrant Venue
Community
Craft Market
 Saturday
 14th December, 9am-1pm

Warsop Library
Make your
own Gonk
 Tuesday
 17th December
 3:30-4:30pm
 Free activity

Warsop Library
Christmas
under 5's stay
and play session
 Tuesday 17th December
 10:00-12:00
 With festive toys, messy play,
 songs, and party games
 Free activity

Warsop & District
Grief & Bereavement Friends
Christmas
Memorial Service
 7pm Tuesday 17th December
 Including music, readings,
 Sherry and Mince pies
 For further details please contact
 Celebrant Phillip Dackombe
 on 07885614885
 At The Vibrant Venue

Black Market
Breakfast with
Santa
 Saturday 21st December,
 10am-12 noon

Titchfield and
Sookholme Bowls Club
Quiz night
 Thursday 23rd January
 at 7-00pm
 Includes food: Pie, chips and peas
 Sausage chips and peas
 Fish Fingers chips and peas
 Cost is £7-50 pp.

Warsop Library
Chinese
New Year Craft
 Tuesday 4th February
 3:30-4:30pm.
 Free activity

Warsop Library
Bird feeder month
 Tuesday 18th February
 10am-12 pm
 Friday 21st February 2pm-4pm
 Celebrate National Bird feeder month
 by joining our drop in sessions
 to make a feeder for our
 Library garden.
 Free activity

The Lost Letter

By Chris Wade

A Christmas trip to the grandiose Merryshore Manor was an annual tradition for the Bansant family: Nathan, Rachel and their daughter Emily.

Every room had a richly decorated tree, glistening lights zigzagging across them, and cardboard boxes of various sizes cuddled by wrapping paper underneath. The tall ceilings were covered with hanging festive trinkets and people walked around the building in childlike wonder.

A cold draught whizzed across the room they were in, causing little Emily to wander off towards the crackling fire. Nathan noticed this, and gave Rachel a nudge who turned her head from studying a large portrait. She smiled, wondering if Emily knew that the fire was an imitation.

But Emily wasn't interested in the fire. She had noticed something tucked behind it. Getting closer she realised it was an envelope, the name and address too faded to read.

'Emily, come on!' Rachel called over as they were about to move onto the next room.

'Coming!' Without thinking Emily stuffed the letter into her pocket and toddled over.

Emily forgot about the letter until that evening. She was sat in the lounge, watching Christmas cartoons when suddenly the letter dropped out of her pocket. Curiosity got the better of her and she carefully read it. Unlike the envelope the writing was legible, even though the font was old fashioned.

It was a letter to Santa, signed by someone called Alice.

Who was Alice?

Nathan called Emily away from the cartoons for her dinner.

Sitting down, she placed the letter on the table.

'What's that?' Nathan asked.

'A letter to Santa. I found it at the big house.'

I know I shouldn't have opened it but...

Nathan picked up the letter and read it, as did Rachel.

'Can we post it? I don't want Santa to miss it.'

'Alright, honey, we'll post it after dinner.'

Nathan and Rachel knew that it was a prop and that they should return it to the Manor, but they thought that they could easily make a new one.

'Did any children live in the hall, Mummy? You know. Years ago? I know they'll be in heaven now, but Santa delivers to heaven doesn't he?'

'They did, and Santa does. And that letter might be from one of them. So we'll post it tonight.'

Yay! Emily exclaimed, eating her dinner, looking forward to posting the letter.

Christmas morning, and cold winds were dashing around Merryshore Manor. They had been doing so since 5 o'clock this morning, but with the Manor closed nobody noticed.

Well, nobody alive anyway.

A Christmas tree stood in front of a lit fire in the main living room, presents in front. All was still until suddenly, one of the presents started to move, its paper slowly being removed from it. Then another. Then another.

A pale young girl, about Emily's age was giggling with delight. She was dressed in old but rich Victorian clothes and kept thanking her parents who were sat on the edge of a settee nearby. They were equally as pale as she, and they couldn't stop smiling, content that their daughter was finally happy after a hundred and seventy years.

'You see, Mummy,' she began,

'I told you Santa delivers to ghosts!'

'He certainly does' answered her father.



Countryside Walks

Enjoying the Countryside in Warsop Parish: Join the Walks and Feel Great!

If you love the idea of exploring our beautiful countryside or want to take the first steps toward enjoying nature and improving your fitness, the Warsop Parish Walks Programme is perfect for you.



Launched in the summer as part of the Small Steps to Feeling Great partnership, this walking initiative continues through the winter, offering plenty of chances to meet like-minded people and share in the experience of walking the local area together.



More Leisure Community Trust leads gentle short walks every Tuesday at 2pm, starting from either the Warsop Health Hub or The Carrs car park for anyone new to walking or looking to build up their fitness.

For those with a passion for nature, local naturalist Andy Hollis leads 2 hour walks which explore the stunning local landscapes and take in the many species of fungi, wildlife, and wildflowers in the area.

If you're looking for a helping hand to get started, Vibrant Warsop also offers a Dial a Walk service to help you to access one of the countryside walks or support to take a short walk from your home. All it takes is a call to Maddy at 079843671533.

Dawn Beaumont, a local resident who regularly attends the nature trail walks highly recommends the programme. She's found that the walks have greatly improved her health and wellbeing and she has learned so much about the local wildlife. Dawn treasures the sense of community the walks provide - 'It's

just been lovely having the opportunity to meet different people.'

Being outdoors and part of a group has not only given her confidence to explore the woodlands but has also left her feeling uplifted after each walk.

Dawn suggests that 'once you turn up that's... *that's the scary bit done and then you're having a good time, you're meeting everyone.*' Dawn now has each walk penciled into her diary!

Please contact us if you would like a copy of the Enjoying the Countryside Walks brochure.



**Feeling Stuck?
Don't try anything new?
Looking to change your habits?**

Vibrant Warsop would like to invite you to a 1-hour online talk by **Dr. Natalie Price.**

You will learn why 'Small Steps' are important and how you can slowly, step by step, grow your **confidence** and **feel your best**. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

So, whether you currently feel stuck and lacking in **motivation**, or are generally interested in wellbeing, **this talk is a wonderful opportunity.**

The talk takes place online on 2nd December at 5.30pm and 10th December at 7pm
To book a space ring Vicky on 07817478521
Or email vicky@vibrantwarsop.org

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The four Christmas card designs, pictured below have all been painted by members of our art group who meet every Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30pm at the Vibrant Venue.



If you would like an event to be added to the diary please contact: Email: maddy@vibrantwarsop.org or Telephone: 07984367153



COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Cllrs Jack Stephenson & Karen Hardy

Merry Christmas from the Warsop Parish Council Chair (Jack) and Vice Chair (Karen)

It's been a busy year for the council since we transferred Warsop Town Hall to Lifespring Church and Centre, and it's great to see how they are developing it into a fantastic community resource.

We have a lot of projects ongoing as a council, Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Event being our main focus at the time of writing.

We have also just welcomed Siobhan Sorrell as a new Parish Councillor, who we're sure a lot of you will know, and we currently recruiting for the one remaining vacancy. You can see from the individual updates how much time our councillors give to Warsop Parish with their projects and campaigns. Plus, much of what we do could not be achieved without our Parish Council Team of Amanda Cooper and Gemma Blagg, who work tirelessly throughout the year.

You will have noticed that Warsop Parish News is partway through a revamp, and we hope to have the full new edition to you in the first quarter of 2025.

We are now looking forward to 2025, and what we can achieve as a Council for the people of Warsop Parish. We would love to see more members of the public at our meetings; your questions are always welcome and help us know what you want us to do on your behalf.

We would like to wish everyone in Warsop Parish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Cllr Debra Barlow

Hello again all!

Sorry I haven't managed to see many of you face to face in a while, unfortunately, due to declining health I've not been able to be out and about as often as I would have liked.

I do want to reassure you all though, that I'm still here as a parish councillor and still working hard behind the scenes, supporting Parish Council staff and having regular update and brainstorming sessions with the Vice - Chair & I will continue to do this for as long as I can.



Cllr Nadine McGuiness

Hi all, A quick update on a few projects currently on in Warsop.

First of all, the Uniform Support that runs every Thursday morning 9 till 11am at the Town Hall, so far it has helped over 100 families which is amazing and a tremendous effort from those that have donated and those that help run it.

This will continue to be available and if you have any unwanted school uniform please drop it in at the Town Hall./Lifespring centre, all donations are much appreciated, thank you.

I would also like to mention the Food Bank run by Lifespring church and centre at the Town Hall, if anyone has any non-perishable items, they are able to donate they would be greatly appreciated and not to forget our furry friends either as they are a part of the family also, any pet food would be most welcome. Take care.



Nadine McGuiness



Cllr Karen Bonsall

We are now well established with the Uniform Support. This takes place every Thursday 9am to 11am at the Warsop Lifespring Centre (former Town Hall), we have a good stock of uniform for all of the local schools, please feel free to drop in and have a look around. We also appreciate donations of good quality uniform, shoes and winter coats, please drop your unwanted items at Lifespring Centre or across the road at 2 York Terrace. Thank you to everyone who has made donations already we couldn't do this without your help.

I have also taken responsibility of our Parish noticeboards, and I am in the process of checking that they are in good working order and adding new posters. So, if you are a local group or organisation and have posters for a local event that you would like to advertise, please contact me and I can add them to the noticeboards.



Cllr Karen Bonsall - 07974 687 728



Cllr David Hughes

It's been a very busy summer this year on the ward. As many of you will be aware, I have been pushing for improvements to Pencil Park, at the back of the shops. There are extra bins and damaged/missing bins have been replaced. Following meetings with Officers at Mansfield District Council, we have a "Community Day of Action" on 23rd October, when the park will have litter picked, repairs and cleaning of fixtures and a tidy-up of trees/shrubs. I hope the day is well attended by residents, Parish and District Councillors, MDC Staff and local businesses. Local radio is covering the event too. All equipment will be provided on the day for volunteers. This is just the start of making the park a better place to visit - there is a SUDS system being installed to help with water logging and tree work will continue after the day. Photos from the Day of Action will be in the next newsletter.

I would urge residents to use the appropriate recycling facilities in the village - or at the household waste recycling centre in Warsop. Fly Tipping in the car parks along Netherfield Lane is a constant nuisance. Having to call out the Council to clear dumped household waste, building waste, garden cuttings etc all comes at a cost which leads to increased bills for all residents.

The coffee mornings every Friday 9:30 - 11:30 at The Meden Methodist Church, hosted by Vibrant Warsop continue to thrive. Pop in for a hot drink and a chat, a quiz or a tabletop game and there's also Boccia and other fun and accessible indoor games. I'm there when I can be and have a chance to gather any issues local residents may have. Otherwise, you can contact me on dhughes@mansfield.gov.uk or on 07521760475. See you around.

David Hughes



Cllr Andy Burgin

Thank You to Our Community Heroes...

I want to extend my gratitude to all the community groups that help organise our remembrance parade. Many people will not realise the number of meetings we have over many months to plan the parade, everybody the helps have played a vital role in bringing our community together to reflect and remember. Thank you for your commitment and passion, it's a privilege to work with such a dedicated group of individuals. I want to give a special mention to the Warsop Poppy Gang. Once again, your hard work and dedication in decorating our community have truly made this event special, allowing us to honour our heroes in a meaningful way.

As the seasons change and the beauty of our local parks comes into full view, it's an opportune moment to express my deepest gratitude to the Friends of the Carrs for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. The group and the work they do is instrumental in ensuring that our beloved park remains a welcoming beautiful retreat for all of our community.

The Friends of Warsop Vale are doing incredible work to build community spirit in the village. Our coffee mornings provide a relaxed atmosphere for conversation, allowing residents to meet new friends and catch up with old ones. It's a wonderful way to connect over a warm cup and share ideas on how we can further enhance our community. Equally popular are our fortnightly bingo and quiz nights, which promise fun and friendly competition. I encourage everyone whether you're a regular participant or a first timer to come along for an evening of fun! These events and the others the group organise are a wonderful platform for social interaction and community bonding.

Lastly, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everybody the uses the Warsop Health Hub. Your participation has made the Hub a thriving centre for community activities. Whether you're a member or a casual user utilising the facilities, or simply stopping by for a coffee while out walking I'm grateful to everyone that have made the Health Hub such a success. What we now have in our community has been noticed, in September representatives from many councils across the whole of the country came to look at the Hub, all envious of our facility and wanting to build something similar in their area. It really has put Warsop on the map when it comes to leisure facilities.

Councillor Andy Burgin



Cllr Phillip Dackombe

I realise that as a Parish Councillor, I haven't introduced myself yet. My name is Phillip Dackombe. Dackombe is actually my married name, so many people might know me as Phillip Wright or maybe even by my mum's family name; White. Apparently I look like my mum so you might think I look a little bit like Joan Wright. I moved back to Meden Vale on Elkesley Road over two years ago now with my husband John, two children, Logan and Chloe, and our dog Patch. Even though we have only been back in the village for the last 2 years, I like to think I have a good understanding of the community here, being born and raised on Netherfield Lane. Having a sense of belonging here, I am Passionate about supporting my community. In between doing the house up here, and working as a full time Funeral Celebrant in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire area, I also work as a Vibrant Community Friend and support the running of the Friday morning coffee morning at The Meden Hub from 9:30 until 11:30.

As a Funeral Celebrant I was eager to support those in our area who are experiencing grief and loss. Searching for support in the area, it seemed to be something that was lacking. Staying connected with others is important and talking to friends and loved ones about how you feel can be a great way to process your grief. This is why, with Jack Stephenson (District Councillor for Market Warsop) and Sara Clark (Specialist Grief Counsellor), over a year ago now, we started the Warsop and District Grief and Bereavement Support Group with the aim of getting together in a friendly and welcoming environment and sharing thoughts and experiences from those who are experiencing grief and bereavement.

The group is open to anyone, and is not exclusive to just Warsop and District, we welcome anyone who might benefit from joining us. It's a totally relaxed atmosphere, and we don't just sit in a circle talking about Grief either. We meet every first Saturday of the month at the wonderful Zero Waste Mansfield - Mansfield Refillery in the Coffee Loft on the High Street in Warsop.

Thanks,
Phillip Dackombe



Cllr Grant Simpson

It's been a busy old year for me this year, so, sorry I've not managed to keep you all updated here as often as I would have liked!

As you may be aware, I took over the running of the former 'shed' building and registered it under its new name 'Target 1' as a CIC (community interest company) back in December 2023, this has, and will enable me to tap into various funding streams that will help maintain this much needed facility and provide more in the way of things to do for the children and youth of Warsop Parish.

Since December 2023, I have been working on getting the building looking fresh and instructing the start of vital maintenance work. I am now please to say that all usual clubs are up and running and you are all welcome to check them out on the Target 1 Facebook page and to come down and take part.

Thanks , Grant Simpson -
07949 548 755



Getting Ready for a Christmas of Smiles

Warsop Parish Christmas Smile will be delivering gifts and treats to nominated families and individuals around our Parish again this year.

We're gearing up for this year's Christmas Smile event in Warsop Parish after a very successful campaign in 2023. Last year we supported 33 families (48 adults and approx 90 children) and delivered 11 Silver Smiles. This involved wrapping over 350 gifts, creating treat hampers of Christmas goodies, and also providing essential food hampers. We also had members of the public donate money to help with utility bills for nominated families.

We received funds, donations and toys from local charities, schools, businesses, groups, councillors and individuals. Huge thanks to everyone below:

- Warsop United Charities
- Meden Vale Charity Shop
- CSR Workshop at B&Q Workshop Distribution Centre
- Friends 500 Club
- Warsop Parish Council
- District Councillors David Hughes, Jack Stephenson, John Coxhead, Andy Burgin
- County Councillor Bethan Eddy
- Inner Wheel Warsop
- Hett's Lane School
- All those who gave their time to wrap, shop, and deliver – we couldn't do this without you.

Our volunteers have already started contacting local schools and other agencies to get nominations for this year. As ever we need to reach out to the Parish of Warsop for your help in providing Christmas gifts and treats for those who have had a difficult year. We need children's toys, gifts for teenagers and adults and treats such as chocolates, cakes, biscuits etc. We would appreciate if all gifts could be new or unused.

Donations of wrapping paper, labels, sticky tape are also very useful. These can be delivered to Warsop Town Hall on a Monday or Wednesday morning, or you can contact 07377 767312 to arrange a pick-up time.

Thank you, The Warsop Christmas Smile Team



1. Which film's main character is called Buddy?
2. Who played British Prime Minister in 2003 film 'Love Actually'?
3. Which comic actor played Ebenezer Scrooge and all three ghosts in the 2009 Hollywood version of 'A Christmas Carol'?
4. 'Let it Snow' famously plays out at the end of which 1988 action-adventure film?
5. The film 'White Christmas' features the classic song of the same name. But which film does this song originally appear?
6. What is Father Christmas known as in 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'?
7. George Bailey is the main character in which classic Christmas movie?
8. In the Christmas hit film 'Home Alone' which city did Macaulay Culkin's family visit, leaving him behind?
9. How many roles does Tom Hanks play in Polar Express?
10. What is the missed present that Arthur Christmas must find a way to deliver to a little girl in Cornwall?
11. Which tough guy actor was the star of the 1996 film 'Jingle All the Way'?
12. What is the festive-named character played by Denise Richards in the Bond film 'The World Is Not Enough' called?
13. Who played Scrooge in 'A Muppet Christmas Carol'?
14. Which 1982 winter animated film is only 27 minutes long?

For your chance to win a prize, simply write in the correct answers to all the questions (no cheating!) and fill in your details below... Take this page along with you to the Warsop Parish Council Christmas event on Warsop High Street 7th December between 4pm & 6pm. Winners will be drawn at random, and a prize will be given during the event from the stage at 6.30pm, please hang around, join in the festive fun & see if you are a winner! 'Good Luck ya filthy animals!'

Name:

Contact Number:

Postcode:

Age:

Warsop parish council – helping out with Hygiene Poverty

During September Parish Council staff ran a Hygiene poverty donation day, where we asked for donations of hygiene products & advertised the Town hall as a donation drop off spot. Several members of public popped in with either single items or even bags full of products which was amazing!

Donations were made up into hygiene packs which we categorised, Men & boys, Women & girls, Family packs and baby packs – Notts county Councillor Bethan Eddy kindly supported our campaign and donated funds which we used for extra supplies. The first distribution was at the end of September. A selection of packs went out to agreed locations in the local area's – Meden School (Warsop) Meden Vale Charity shop (Meden Vale), & Life springs church (Warsop Town Hall), any remaining donation products that didn't make up packs were saved for our next donation week in December when we intend to support the Warsop Christmas smile campaign with another bulk distribution in time for the Christmas holidays.

Previous feedback from the locations holding the packs has been fantastic, so, the donation packs continue to help people in need. A huge thank you to all who helped and donated You make this campaign successful!

The parish council staff are looking to make up hygiene packs as and when hygiene donations come in throughout the year – so if you would like to donate unopened hygiene items, please drop them at the town hall on a Monday or Wednesday between 9am & 1pm.

We will hold another official 'Hygiene Donation day' in September 2025 so look out in July edition Parish news for the confirmed 'donation day' date!

If you would like to help out with our hygiene poverty campaign please register your interest with Gemma at assistant@warsopparishcouncil.co.uk



CHRISTMAS OPEN NIGHT

Saturday 7th December

Road and Car Park Closures Notice

Due to this year's Christmas event Warsop Parish Council would like to advise you that the following areas will be affected by road closure and car park closures -

Full Road Closure

High street will be closed on Saturday 7th December from 10am - 9pm

Car Park Closures

High Street car park (next to the Library) - Closed from Friday 6pm until Saturday 9pm.

Talbot/Co-op car park - Closed from 9am - 9pm.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your ongoing support for our community events.

Please note: failure to adhere to the above closures can result in prosecution.



WE WISH YOU ALL A
**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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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:
Warsopnews@aol.com or for further information telephone 01623 845 858

DEADLINE DATE FOR STORIES, ARTICLES & UPDATES: **6TH JANUARY 2025**

Warsop Parish Remembrance

Warsop Parish honours our fallen heroes surrounded by the touching tributes of the Warsop Poppy Gang.

Our Remembrance Sunday event took place at the Cenotaph on Sunday 10th November 2024, with further Remembrance events at Meden Vale and Warsop Vale.

The community came together to parade from Carr Lane, along Robert Bye Way to the cenotaph, led by the fantastic drummers, who created the perfect atmosphere in tribute to those who gave their lives to save our freedoms.



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The Service was led by Church reader Pat Brewin and wreaths were laid in honour of those who lost their lives protecting our country. It was attended by veterans, cadets, dignitaries, local schools and groups, local businesses, and the people of Warsop Parish who take this event to their hearts each year.

The incredible work of the Warsop Poppy gang unfolded in the weeks before Remembrance Sunday culminating in a Service watched over by the silent silhouettes of those who fought for us. Their presence reminding us why we were gathered.



Sue Dennis - Poppy Gang

"The community of Warsop parish have been solid when showing support for our poppy displays. After an appeal was made on social media, many donations were made—even some from overseas! The gang have been hard at it over the past few months repairing, re-painting and making many more soldiers, as well as working on the new additions for this year's display, we hope you loved them! Thank you for your ongoing support."

This year's remembrance event was brought together by Warsop Parish councillor Karen Hardy, Maddy Pritchard (Vibrant Warsop) but it could not have happened without the help of the fantastic volunteers and organisations involved, a Special thanks goes out to each and everyone of them, from the parents who stepped in to marshal at the last minute to the organisations who attended meetings throughout the year and to those who took part. Thankyou!

