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COMMUNITY NEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

We sadly lost a valued and much-loved member of our community, Steve Pemberton, in March 2025. Many of you contributed generously toward a memorial bench in his honour. Progress on securing the necessary permissions became tangled in bureaucracy during the year, so the Parish Council received a request to take on this task late in 2025. The required paperwork has now been submitted, supported by a recommendation from our County Councillor, Kelvin Wright. We hope to share positive news with you in the New Year.

New Faces

We were delighted to welcome our new Clerk, Kimberley Walker, who has already proved to be a fantastic addition to our team and equally delighted to bring on board our new Parish Councillor, Nigel Wetton.

Village Hall Improvements

Thank you to all the grant bodies whose support made the hall improvements possible. And a special thank-you to the wider community for bringing the hall to life once again by attending events, hiring the space, and helping make it a vibrant hub.

Community Celebrations

Last May, the Parish Council marked the 80th Anniversary of VE Day with an afternoon tea and cinema screening, followed by a wonderful evening celebration at Norton and Cuckney Village Hall. The night concluded with the very first lighting of the new Community Beacon, which we look forward to using for many years to come.

At the same time, St Mary's and St Winifred's churches hosted commemorative flower festivals, showcasing beautiful displays that filled the aisles and were admired by visitors across the parish.

2025 Poppy Drive

This year's Poppy Drive was a tremendous success and so many of you joined the team and gave up your time.

One of the nets in the Cuckney Community Garden fell victim to a rather angry colony of wasps, so it will need some repair work! All the nets were thoroughly soaked during the season but, after a gentle wash and spin dry, they came out beautifully. They are now sealed, vacuum-packed, and ready for re-use in 2026.

Many thanks for all the kind offers from crafters who have volunteered to begin creating new items to add to and enhance our displays for next November. All offers are gratefully received as we hope to build on the fantastic start we made in 2025.

Looking Ahead

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone in the community for their support throughout 2025. This past year has shown once again how much can be achieved when people come together—whether by volunteering time, attending events, sharing ideas, or simply lending a hand when it's needed most. Your involvement, generosity, and enthusiasm continue to shape our parish and make it a truly special place to live.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we do so with renewed energy and optimism. There is much to look forward to: new projects, ongoing improvements, and more opportunities to strengthen the connections that bind our community together. We hope that the community magazine will continue to play its part by keeping everyone informed, celebrating local achievements, and serving as a welcoming space for sharing news, stories, and updates.

Thank you once again for everything you contribute to our parish. Here's to a positive, productive, and inspiring year ahead.

Cllr Nancy Wright

DELIVERY OF NEW HOUSEHOLD GLASS RECYCLING BINS

Bassetlaw's new kerbside glass recycling service is moving ahead, with the first households set to receive their dedicated glass bins over the next two weeks.

The new black 180-litre glass-only bins will begin arriving at homes in our Parish and in Carbuton between the 26 and 30 January 2026

Residents are asked to place the bins with their existing Green and Blue bins and keep them ready for the first collection date on 30 March 2026.

Bin deliveries will continue throughout the district until the end of February 2026. Residents can check the delivery schedule for their area and access further information and FAQs by visiting the Bassetlaw District Council website.

The introduction of kerbside glass recycling follows growing local demand for easier and more convenient recycling options. The new service will launch at the end of March 2026 and will operate on a **six-week collection cycle**. Until then, glass can still be taken to the district's existing Recycling Points.

Once received, residents can begin placing acceptable glass items in their new Black Bin straight away. These include wine and beer bottles, sauce and condiment jars, cosmetics jars, perfume bottles and medicine bottles.

Other glass or non-recyclable items should continue to go in the Green Bin or be taken to a Household Waste Recycling Centre.

To support these changes, the council will also launch a new waste and recycling App in the new year. The App will provide personalised bin-collection information, details on expanded Blue Bin recycling, live service updates and more.

The rollout forms part of the national **Simpler Recycling** programme, aimed at creating a consistent, easy-to-understand recycling system across the country and reducing waste sent to landfill or incineration. As part of these national changes, local authorities will also begin collecting food waste from **2027**.

If your new black bin hasn't arrived by the 30 January, you can contact Bassetlaw District council on 01909 533433 or email customer.services@bassetlaw.gov.uk

THE HISTORY CLUB

The History Society's AGM will be held on Monday 12th January.

On February 9th there will be an open meeting, details to be discussed at the AGM.

It would be so encouraging to see many members attending the AGM to give their thoughts, please come along.

Both meetings will take place at Norton and Cuckney Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, no charge for the AGM and usual admission fee of £5 for the open meeting.

Richard Bower

'TWAS THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the month after Christmas and all through the house,
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste,
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales, there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk, more a lumber)
I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;
the gravies and sauces, the beef nicely rare...

The wine and the chocolates, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said 'no thanks' but instead 'yes please'...

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt and
prepared myself once again to do battle with dirt -
I said to myself, as only I can
- 'You can't spend the winter disguised as a man'

So - away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished.
Till all the of additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie, not even a lick.
I'll only want to chew on a celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or pizza and pie.
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome and life is a bore -
But isn't that what January's for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet

Sent in by a resident

PRECEPT 2026

Once again, the Parish Council is pleased to announce a reduction in Council Tax for residents across the Parish for another year. This continued reduction reflects the Council's commitment to easing financial pressures on households and ensuring that residents benefit directly from responsible, forward-looking financial management.

Over the past year, the Council has taken practical and carefully considered steps to create the financial flexibility needed to reduce costs without compromising the quality of local services. Through efficient day-to-day operations, close monitoring of expenditure, and a focus on value for money, we have been able to generate savings that can be returned to the community. At the same time, we have prioritised investment in projects that enhance local life and support long-term community wellbeing.

Key initiatives such as improvements to the Norton & Cuckney Village Hall, upgrades to local playparks and gardens, new remembrance displays, and the installation of additional life-saving defibrillators illustrate the Council's continued dedication to

strengthening community facilities. These projects not only improve day-to-day life for residents but also contribute to the safety, heritage, and vibrancy of the Parish.

This positive outcome demonstrates the Council's determination to align spending with the real needs of residents while maintaining sustainable budgets for the years ahead. By focusing on responsible planning and careful prioritisation, we ensure that every pound of taxpayers' money is used effectively and transparently.

Looking to the future, any necessary increases to the Parish Council's portion of the Council Tax bill are expected to be small and limited to covering inflation or essential new requirements. The Council remains committed to avoiding unnecessary expenditure and ensuring that residents receive genuine value for money in every decision made.

We thank all residents for their continued support and engagement and reaffirm our commitment to keeping the community at the heart of everything we do.

Cllr Matthew Evans

NORTON AND CUCKNEY VILLAGE HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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ROAD CLOSURE

Works Promoter

VIA East Midlands on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council

Location of roadworks

Dairyfield Drive, Holbeck- From its junction with Worksop Road for a distance of 80 metres in a south-westerly direction.

Woodhouse Hall Road, Holbeck- From its junction with Worksop Road for a distance of 20 metres in a south-westerly direction.

Dates and Times

Wednesday, 07 January 2026 to Friday, 09 January 2026

09:30 to 15:00

Restrictions

Road Closure- 24 Hours until the end date, then closure to be removed at 15:00 on the last day.

Two-way traffic signals in place on **Worksop Road, Holbeck**. With a speed reduction to 40 mph, from its junction with Woodhouse Hall Road for a distance of 350 metres in a south-easterly direction.

Description of Works

Lining work and installation of high friction road surface

COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to hope that you all had a very Happy Christmas and offer my best wishes for the New Year. It has been—and continues to be—an honour to represent you at County level, and I am truly grateful for your engagement, questions, and comments on the many issues raised since May.

I have been committed to restoring the balance between rural and urban priorities when matters are brought forward at County level. Fly-tipping, anti-social behaviour, highways concerns, and the many other factors that disrupt our daily lives have all featured prominently. I am pleased to report that fly-tipping appears to be decreasing, and I am grateful to the BDC team for their ongoing hard work. I would also like to acknowledge the compassion of the BDC officer responsible for dealing with deceased pets on the roadside; her humanity in a recent case left a lasting impression on me.

Challenging topics continue to be raised on your behalf, but notable progress has been made, including road improvements across the region and work to maintain shrubbery and hedgerows.

In my role as Armed Forces Champion, we have been able to advance aspects of social care for veterans, alongside important mental health initiatives. Colleagues at County have supported RBL life-skills courses, and I was honoured to attend the main service in Worksop this year to lay a wreath on your behalf for Remembrance.

It is always a pleasure to attend Parish Council meetings and bring County matters directly to residents. Please continue to enjoy the festive season, and accept my warmest wishes to you and your family.

Cllr. Kelvin Wright



NORTON & CUCKNEY
VILLAGE HALL

PLANT & CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 25TH 11-3PM
APRIL 2026 LADY MARGARET HALL,
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EXTRA PARKING AT NOTTECUTS GARDEN CENTRE
FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO LADY MARGARET HALL
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The poster features illustrations of a wooden stall with plants, a teapot and teacup, and various jewelry items like necklaces and bracelets. Green leaves are scattered around the text.



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FASHION SHOW SUCCESS AT ST. MARY'S, CUCKNEY

Once again, the aisle of St Mary's Church, Cuckney, was transformed into a catwalk for our latest Fashion Show. A huge thank you to everyone for their patience and good humour as the team from SOS Fashion Shows initially found themselves 40 minutes away — in Norton, Sheffield! Thanks to a little extra help and a lot of community spirit, the event still began on time, and the evening proved to be a fabulous success.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all our wonderful models, whose confidence and enthusiasm brought the show to life, and to everyone who joined us in support. The audience enjoyed a wide range of winter fashion for all occasions, with plenty of opportunities to pick up something special.



*Our stylish line-up of models.
They did a magnificent job*



We are delighted to share that the event raised £531, which has been split between St Mary's Church and the Village Hall. This contribution will provide valuable support to both organisations during the winter months.

Due to popular demand, we are already planning another Fashion Show for 2026 — offering yet another opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled evening, grab a bargain and support two great local causes.

Pauline Marples

Friday
20

March

From 7.00 pm to
9.00 pm



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**Tickets available to buy
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The Village Hall Committee are enthusiastic and friendly and always welcome volunteers to assist with event planning, hall management, and fundraising activities.

To join or learn more, please contact the Secretary on 07967 632617.

Community Garden & General Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers to help maintain the community garden, support local improvement projects, and assist at fundraising events. No prior experience required — just a willingness to help.

Additional Skills

If you have other skills or expertise you would like to offer, we would be pleased to hear from you. Every contribution strengthens our community.

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARISH

The Parish Council invites residents to take an active role in supporting and enhancing our community. Whether you prefer to contribute behind the scenes or take a more public role, your time and skills are valued.

Parish Council Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council. We welcome applications from individuals who are enthusiastic about local matters and wish to contribute to decision-making and community development.

A FANTASTIC YEAR FOR NORTON AND CUCKNEY VILLAGE HALL - AND AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD

2025 was a wonderful year for Norton and Cuckney Village Hall, and 2026 is already shaping up to be another memorable one for everyone who supports our much-loved community asset.

Thanks to funding from the Severn Trent Community Fund, Nottinghamshire Community Energy and Bassetlaw District Council, we were able to install a brand-new heating and electrical system in the

main hall. Your generous fundraising efforts also made it possible to redecorate the hall and replace the ageing doors — all much-needed improvements that will benefit users for years to come.

We were delighted, too, to replace the tired old curtains with smart new blinds, funded through a grant from Nottinghamshire County Councillor David Clark.

Throughout the year, the hall was full of life. We hosted quizzes, film afternoons, craft fairs and many other fundraising events, along with two fashion shows held jointly with the Church. We were also pleased to welcome back a wide range of local groups and regular private hires, ensuring the hall remained a true hub of community activity.

We rounded off 2025 with two exciting developments. The first was the announcement of a much-needed kitchen renovation, made possible by the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund. The second was a generous grant from the Women of Welbeck, which allowed us to purchase new audio-visual equipment. This will help us expand our programme of film showings, enhance existing events and improve the experience for any hall users who require these facilities.

Looking ahead, I'm delighted to announce that tickets for our next Quiz Night — including a Pie and Pea Supper — are now on sale. We hope to see as many of you as possible on Friday 20th March 2026. Tickets can be purchased from me directly or from Jac's Café, but be quick — they tend to sell out fast!

We are also delighted to announce that we will be hosting our annual Plant and Craft Fair at Lady Margaret Hall on Saturday 25th April 2026. Come along to support our talented stallholders and enjoy delicious refreshments prepared by our ever-popular

team of local volunteer bakers — the cake ladies are making a triumphant return!

Visitors will also have the chance to win prizes on our raffle and tombola, and to discover a new favourite read at our Blind Date with a Book stall.

Before we confirm our next community film event, we would love to hear your views. Traditionally, these screenings have been held during the day and timed to coincide with notable occasions such as VE Day.

However, we appreciate that daytime events may not suit everyone. With that in mind, we would like to ask the community:

Which events in the coming year would you like us to celebrate with a film showing, and would you prefer these screenings to take place in the afternoon or the evening?

As always, none of our progress would be possible without your continued support. On behalf of the trustees of the Village Hall, thank you — we truly value your involvement and feedback.

I look forward to seeing you throughout 2026!

Conor Marples

CHURCHYARD 100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners in October were Liz
Brown (no.14) and
Stella Smith (no.25)

WELL DONE!

The winners in November were
Cathy Harrison (no.21) and
Ian Poucher (no.56)

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AND MARKET

On Saturday December 6 we held our annual Christmas Festival with many beautifully decorated trees and festive stalls selling all kinds of wonderfully crafted goods to buy. The glowed with a warm and friendly buzz of chatter from all the visitors.

Thanks go to all the stall holders for their skills at making such a variety of goods to choose from. The Christmas Trees were beautifully and imaginatively decorated.

The tree judged to be best by all who voted, was The Knitted Christmas Dinner created by the Villagers Group and Welbeck Class was the best children's tree. Thank you to all who provided and decorated a tree- all helping to make a lovely Christmas atmosphere. Special thanks go to all who gave their time, ideas and skills to the planning and setting up of the event.

We send grateful thanks all those who donated so many superb raffle prizes. Many thanks to those who baked the wonderful array of cakes etc. for the refreshments. The day raised **£2608** including generous donations from stall holders to help maintain our historic church, making the event a very worthwhile endeavour. Happy New Year from all at St Mary's.



Margaret Rowson and Sheila Brailsford

PARISH DIARY - FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 4 January 10.30 am	Holy Communion - Epiphany	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Wednesday, 7 January 7.00 pm	Full Parish Council Meeting	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Sunday, 11 January 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - Epiphany 1	St Mary's, Cuckney
Monday, 12 January 7.30 pm	The History Society	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Sunday, 18 January 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - Book of Common Prayer - Epiphany 2	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Sunday, 18 January 10.30 am	Holy Communion - Epiphany 2	St Mary's, Cuckney
Wednesday, 21 January 2.00 pm	The Villagers Group	Cuckney Cricket Club
Sunday, 25 January 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - Epiphany 3	St Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday 1 February 10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Wednesday, 4 February 7.00 pm	Full Parish Council Meeting	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Sunday 8 February 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - 2 before Lent	St Mary's, Cuckney
Monday, 9 February 7.30 pm	The History Society	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall
Sunday, 15 February 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - Book of Common Prayer - 1 before Lent	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Sunday, 15 February 10.30 am	Holy Communion - 1 before Lent	St Mary's, Cuckney
Wednesday, 18 February 2.00 pm	The Villagers Group	Cuckney Cricket Club
Wednesday, 18 February 7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday	St Mary's, Cuckney (TBC)
Sunday, 22 February 10.30 am	Morning Prayer - Lent 1	St Mary's, Cuckney
Sunday, 1 March 10.30 am	Holy Communion - Lent 2	St Winifred's, Holbeck
Friday, 20 March 7.00 pm	Quiz Night - Pie and Peas	Norton and Cuckney Village Hall

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Dog Fouling / Fly-Tipping

Enforcement Officers from Bassetlaw Council will prosecute dog-owners who persistently do not clear up after their dogs.

The Officers will patrol areas that receive the most reports via the Bassetlaw website. The more incidents that are reported, the more likely it is that something will be done. The system is simple to use; **bassetlaw.gov.uk/report-a-problem** or call the dog-fouling and fly-tipping reporting line on 01909 533533

Pot Holes and Road Issues

Reporting potholes or other road Issues couldn't be easier, thanks to the MyNotts app.

The app allows you to report most highway issues directly to the County Council. All you need to do is go online and download the MyNotts app from the Apple Store or Google Play to either your phone or tablet.

Additionally, you can call the pothole reporting line on 03001 235000.

Other Useful Contacts

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03005 008080

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