

# Colton Parish News

## January 2026



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# St Mary the Virgin Church, Colton



Church Services		
First Sunday	Holy Communion	11.00 am
Second Sunday	Morning Worship	11.00 am
Third Sunday	Holy Communion	11.00 am
Fourth Sunday	Morning Worship	11.00 am
Fifth Sunday	Service Format will vary	11.00 am
Keep your eyes peeled for details of other services and Special Sunday Afternoon Events		

For all Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and any Pastoral Needs  
please contact Reverend Lynne Dean

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## Message from your editor



I hope everyone has enjoyed Christmas and New Year and are looking

Forward to 2026 and all it brings.

I hope you like the photograph from the Colton senior citizens annual Christmas party on the front cover and a big thankyou to all the volunteers.

If anyone has any photographs suitable for the front cover I would be very glad to receive them.

Best wishes *Fiona*

**All Items for inclusion in the NEXT EDITION**

**Must reach the Editor by 15<sup>th</sup> of THIS MONTH**



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**Thank you Fiona O'Brien Editor**

### Colton Community Choir

Invite you to come along and join our group of Jolly singers. A group of enthusiastic amateurs who enjoy singing a variety of music. We meet every Monday at 7pm at St. Marys Church Colton.

Do come and join us.





# Colton Parish Council

The Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30 pm unless advised to the contrary.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and should note their participation is limited to a maximum 20 minutes at the beginning of the meeting when questions and comments from the public are taken

## Parish Council Elected members

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### Chairman

No one elected at Annual meeting.  
Councillors will take turns to chair meetings

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## Looking for a New Resolution

As the calendar turns to January, the word *resolution* is everywhere. According to the *New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* (1993 edition), its meaning includes:

- *The process of reducing a non-material object into a simpler form.*
- *Determination; firmness or steadfastness.*

By now, the excitement of Christmas has faded, and the baby in the manger seems a distant memory and the world will soon have forgotten its New Year celebrations and resolutions. Perhaps your resolutions are already broken and left behind? Perhaps a few of us are pondering what difference the 25<sup>th</sup> December really made? Where is peace on earth? Where is peace in my life? Has anything truly been resolved?

In church, January worship might seem to echo this sense of moving on. The wise men finally arrive on Epiphany (6th January – marking the end of the Christmas season), but after that, the baby Jesus vanishes, apart, that is, from a brief appearance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February! No baby, but Jesus is not gone, but grown. And in the traditional readings of the Epiphany season, we are reminded just who this Jesus is.

*'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased,'* says the voice from heaven.

*'Teacher, you are the Son of God,'* declares Nathanael.

At a wedding in Cana, Jesus turns water into wine – the first of his signs, revealing his glory.

What is or was your resolution this year? Mine is to make sure that I have enough time to write a new magazine letter instead of reworking an old one (with or without the help of AI)! However, the real question is not what resolutions we make, let alone keep. It is with what *resolution* we see Jesus. Is he just a baby in a manger or is he also the Son of God, who lived, died, rose, and was glorified – and all that for you and me?

May your resolution grow ever clearer.

Revd Mark Davys

## Observations From the Kitchen Window

By the time you receive this latest Observations, Christmas will have been and gone (and probably 2025 as well!). 'Er Indoors and I hope you had an enjoyable time.



Whilst writing this piece Christmas has not yet arrived, but it is approaching down the track at an alarming and accelerating rate. Now we have no option other than to get stuck in to making the detailed arrangements. Christmas for many people has a religious element to the holiday. However, for us in Sheringham it is essentially a family gathering following on the tradition from ancient times of feasting to celebrate mid-winter and the passing of the shortest day. Fortunately, these days we do not go off in hunting parties with clubs and spears to bag a wild boar or deer (or even a brontosaurus as required by our very distant ancestors). We can now go to Tesco armed with just a Club card and sharp elbows to find the ingredients for the main meal most of which we can pick up from the shelves all wrapped or frozen from their freezers!

We are now fully engaged in the planning stage for the great day. 'Er Indoors has to test the fairy lights to see which ones have given up the ghost after a year packed in their boxes and sort out the Christmas Tree and decorations. She has the other major responsibility for wrapping the presents. Left to me that would turn out as complete disaster! I have the task of planning and cooking the meal.

The first thing is to confirm how many members of the family will be with us for lunch. It is amazing how indecisive the younger generations can be as to which set of parents/ grandparents they should grace with their company. We also need to establish how many might have turned vegan or teetotal over the past eleven months. These changes in consumption habits sometimes appear to be fashion driven and short term. Until this basic information is available, how can I possibly decide how many bottles of bubbly, wine and liqueurs will be required. Am I going to be allowed to flame the Christmas pudding or will I have to serve it in a bespoke fashion?

Whether or not any family member has suddenly developed new likes or dislikes, there are already some dietary "no go" areas for certain members for whom I will have to find alternatives. These range from not liking smoked

salmon or lobster; a total distaste for brussels sprouts; will not eat nuts (which rules out Christmas pudding); off all alcohol (which rules out Champagne cocktails). I am sure that our family is not alone in having to manage these shifting sands of taste!!



So, in order not to become yet another victim of the current fashion of mental health problems, I will plough ahead and assume that everyone likes to eat the same things as 'Er Indoors and me and we will hold some alternative food in reserve to meet any known exceptions (e.g. melon, alcohol free beer, frozen peas!!!). This will mean that for those of us that actually enjoy the traditional Christmas fare and the booze that goes with it, there will be plenty for second helpings. Also, the dogs will be looking for the titbits slipped to them under the table. I think we can forget their diets on the day!

There is the logistical problem of establishing how big a turkey we need and how many roast potatoes and stuffing balls to prepare. I must also be sure to make enough pigs in blankets. Too few would inevitably give rise to sarcastic comments. Do we need cheese? Definitely. I like to finish the meal with stilton, a glass or two of port or homemade damson gin and a good strong black coffee.

Another thing I need to do is organise a chimney sweep. Although there will be no children sleeping here over night, there is always the chance that Father Christmas will drop in as he passes by, even if only for a glass of port and a mince pie. Naturally there will be a carrot for the reindeer. I know for certain I would get it in the neck from 'Er Indoors if there is soot all over the carpet!

We will certainly be pleased if, once all the eating and drinking is over, that there are not too many hangers on after we have left the table. If the past is anything to go by, the only thing 'Er Indoors and I will be able to do is fall asleep in front of the TV.

*'Er Indoors and I wish everyone in Colton a Happy New Year*

## COLTON GARDEN & PRODUCE CLUB.



Hello to you all. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and revelled in the New Year celebrations. The continuing relatively mild weather has meant the growing conditions have only been slowed down – bulbs and hellibores are flourishing, and even the grass has not stopped growing. I have been surprised to see that some of the geraniums I have not removed are showing signs of new growth. At least we will be able to, hopefully, catch up with those tasks we were prevented from completing when the storms hit us in the autumn. I have hedges to trim, a wildflower area to weed and the seeds to sow.

Providing the ground isn't frozen, there are plenty of jobs we can be doing to get a good start for the year. Even bare-root roses, shrubs, hedging, and ornamental trees can be planted, as well as taking root cuttings from perennials such as Oriental poppies, Acanthus, Japanese Anemones, and Verbascum. There are quite a few poppies and antirrhinum, which have self-set seeds, and I hope to be able to nurture them and move them in the early spring. New areas of Snowdrops and Hellibores can be established if you wish to go to the expense of buying the plants in flower. Any perennials which have been left, as they were probably still flowering into late November, but are now soggy and collapsed, should be cleared away asap so they don't retain any rot which will transfer to the roots. The winter pansies and violas need to be deadheaded regularly, and remove any foliage which has become affected by downy mildew. We can even continue to prune climbing and bush roses while they are dormant – beware, look out for new shoots, as this means they are beginning to wake up.

Old crops and weeds need to be cleared from the vegetable plot, and the soil turned over, mixing in some compost or general fertilizer as you do so. It is not too late to cut back your blackcurrants by removing about a quarter of the old stems, and gooseberries, and redcurrants should have the sideshoots cut back to about 3 buds from the base. Bare root fruit bushes, trees and canes can be planted into soil which has been fed with some manure or compost. The crop produced from your rhubarb is always best when you cover the plant with a bucket or terracotta pot to produce a crop of early tender, long stems. If you intend to plant early potatoes, now is the time to order the seed potatoes, and any onions, shallots or garlic you wish to grow.



Mild weather will also allow us to repair any fencing panels and treat them with a preservative. I am forever clearing up the debris that the wind is bringing down from my large silver birch as well as my neighbour's 'orrible sycamore tree! Do not forget to give your gardening tools a little TLC, as they will work much better if they are clean and sharp, and coat them with a smear of oil or silicone spray to

prevent them from tarnishing. Your lawnmower may well need a clean and service, or just a new blade fitting. I have already mentioned the need to trim hedges – along with cupressus, ivy and laurel, which all need to be cut before the birds start to build their nests. Be sure they seem to know better than the vast expensive weather forecasting networks, if the weather is going to be good enough to start their breeding season early. Their life through the winter is helped by us providing them with high-energy food, clean bird feeders and a supply of clean, unfrozen water. One way of encouraging the bird population is to install a nesting bird box or two in a sheltered spot out of the reach of any local marauding cats in your area. I do have a very friendly Robin who is near to me as soon as I set foot in the garden.

With that, I will bid you adieu, and trust you all are looking forward to the new season of 2026 with great enthusiasm. You can still smile even if you are not in the garden. We do not have a Garden Club meeting in January, it being the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, and we could still be celebrating!!!

Next meeting is Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

Hope to see then.

*Peter Brightman – 01889803678//07896521941*

## WI REPORT DECEMBER 2025



At the last meeting in 2025 members were entertained by Steve Geale who gave a fascinating talk on the origins of British Situation Comedies generally referred to as Sitcoms. They began on radio in the mid 1940's with programmes such as The Glums, the Navy Lark and Hancock's Half Hour, and transitioned to the screen with the rise in popularity of TV. Shows such as the Army Game, It Ain't Half Hot Mum, Dad's Army, Last of the Summer Wine, Only Fools and Horses and the Vicar of Dibley to name but a few gathered huge audiences and Steve tested members' recall on who the performers were. Surprisingly as few as 12 episodes were made of some popular shows while Last of the Summer Wine had an astonishing 295 episodes made. Steve said that only Fools and Horses polled as the Nation's No 1 favourite sitcom and that all but one of the original cast became millionaires in their own right due to the show.

Sue gave a vote of thanks and refreshments were served.

The competition for a decorated cracker was won by Jude and the raffle winners were Jude Sue and Sonia.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14 January when Helen Morning is coming to tell us about Staffordshire Search & Rescue. An appropriate time of year perhaps to learn about the hazards of bad weather and the competition is appropriately a navigation device or navigation aid.

Colton WI takes this opportunity to wish everyone a happy healthy 2026.

## Colton Friendship Club: December Report



Karen welcomed 21 members to our final meeting of the year. We were particularly delighted to welcome Olive back and also two guests; Olive's daughter Heather and Karen (Foster) who had offered her help for the morning.

After receiving a hot drink, members were then offered a glass of sherry and warm mince pies before our seasonal visit from the Staff and pupils of St Mary's School. The children started their performance with the classic, 'O little town of Bethlehem' before moving on to 'Do they know it's Christmas?' - the song that was written Bob Geldof and Midge Ure and recorded by a group of well-known musicians who were inspired to act following a series of reports, drawing attention to the famine in Ethiopia.

Usually in a performance, there comes a point where something does not go quite to plan, this came towards the end of the carol 'It was on a starry night.' As the children were singing the line 'Soon the shepherds came that way,' two dogs appeared in the Village Hall! Whilst we were all amused by the unexpected interruption, the children, totally unfazed, continued to sing to the end of the song – well done to them!

Once composure was regained, the traditional carols 'We three kings of Orient are' and 'Away in a manger' were beautifully sung, followed by 'All I want for Christmas is you' and 'Twelve days of Christmas' – how the children could remember both the words and the actions I'll never know!

We were then treated to several of the older children reciting the poem commonly known as 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' written by the author Clement-Clarke Moore. 'Last Christmas' was performed as an encore.

The children and staff were thanked for coming to us, offered refreshments and then came to chat to our members before returning to school, with a small treat each.

Karen read out a few notices before the raffle was drawn - Karen won the first prize, which was a hamper and Rebecca won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize a mini hamper. Seven other prizes were also claimed.

The next meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and will be our annual Beetle Drive. At the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the speaker will be Andy French talking about 'The Man who Never Was.'

From all at Colton Friendship Club, we wish you a very happy, healthy New Year.

## **Colton History Society November Meeting. Clarice Cliff, the famous Staffordshire Potter.**

Our talk today was given by Steve Booth. Clarice, born in 1899 was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 7 children born into an ordinary family living in Tunstall. Her father worked in an iron moulding factory making ornate gates which might have been where she got her love of art from. Her Mom valued education and taught her to read before she started school. She soon became fascinated by art and whilst she was still at school started making things out of paper mache particularly maps for her geography teacher.

When she left school at 13 she went to work as a hand paintress in one of the pottery factories. At that time only men were expected to do design work and the mens' wages as in lots of other industries, were twice as much. An important turning point for women came with the outbreak of World War 1 when thousands of men went away to fight and women took over their jobs to keep the industries going. Clarice spotted a job as a lithographer which she soon excelled in and her employer soon noticed. An opportunity as a trainee soon came up at the Burslem school of Art and Sculpture for 2 night a week in 1916. Soon after she spotted a vacancy at AJ Wilkinson's Middleport Pottery factory as a lithographer and Jack Walker one of the managers appointed her. She became one of their 400 workers. She would often walk around the factory watching what other workers were doing in order to understand their skills.

Arthur Shorter had inherited the Wilkinson factory. His son Colley Shorter, after taking courses on salesmanship, took on this role for his father and his other son Guy, ran the factory. Clarice soon became friends with Colley . Colley decided to purchase Newport pottery which was the factory next door, in order to produce different sorts of pottery. In his role of salesman he had come across John Butler in London who had introduced Colley to Indian pottery. Butler had seen Clarice's work and showed it to Colley. Butler had made a jar in the Indian style that Clarice had decorated for him and he had allowed her to sign it. Colley offered her a job at Newport Pottery for better pay and more opportunities. Butler started producing pieces for Newport pottery that Clarice designed and painted. Colley and Clarice became very friendly and he invited her to go with him to a trade fair in Paris. At the fair they saw a new pottery design called 'Art Deco' .

In 1926 there was a general strike in this country when many people were made redundant but Newport pottery kept going by using pottery that was already made and Clarice now started painting it in the art deco' style. They soon started to sell well and the factory was able to take on more workers. Clarice then spotted some Italian designs. She copied the ideas and called it 'Bizarre Ware'. These brightly designed items also began to sell very well, so well that they were able to employ 10 young women to work on this design in a room in the factory that became known as the 'Bizzare Room'. She put her own name to this design by always signing her pottery. The art deco ware was also selling well although to begin with it was more popular abroad. However eventually it also sold well in this country particularly tea sets with very distinctive shapes and designs. Colley then went to America and came back with the idea of 'Jazz' figures modeled on the new American fashion of jazz music.

Clarice and Colley soon married and continued their successful collaboration and for any viewers of all the antique programs that we get on our TV's will know, the name Clarice Cliff is still sort after and still sells well !

The next meeting of Colton history society will be on the 28th January 2026 at 2.30pm

The talk will be given by Judith Hubble on A Brief History of Shugborough.

**SUMMARY OF COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY  
3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER (Full minutes will be available at [www.coltonpc.org.uk](http://www.coltonpc.org.uk)  
after approval at the January meeting)**

1. Chair's Announcements - PC had recently been advised about the Best Kept Village competition for next year and it was suggested that this was put on the agenda for any ideas for improvements, even if not actually making a competition entry.

2. Planning Matters – Application for side and rear extensions at School Cottage, Bellamour Way recently approved by LDC.

3. Highways, Footpaths and Open Spaces

- a) Flooding and highways maintenance including SCC investigations of culvert under Bellamour Way and Hollow Lane drainage - Community Meeting with SCC FAIR team on 11<sup>th</sup> November was well attended. Subject to SCC approval, the minutes and documents from the meeting will be put on the Colton Residents Facebook page, as a few people, unable to attend, had requested an update on the outcome. They would also be available on email request to the Clerk. At the meeting SCC had explained their plan for a trash screen on the brook and put forward an agreement for maintenance. This involved the PC taking responsibility as a fallback if the landowner was unable to safely access the screen to clear accumulated trash. **Clerk** to scan and circulate the agreement for **councillors** to scrutinise before signing and committing the PC. Work would be undertaken to improve drainage off Hollow Lane in the spring when ground is firm enough for machines to access.
- b) Speeding issues - Information had been passed on to County Cllr Janet Higgins on preferred locations for speed checks on B5013 re Neighbourhood Speed Check Initiative and she was waiting to hear back from the police.
- c) Suggestion from parishioner for priority road sign at brook bridge – Following high cost estimates from SCC and having investigated history, with PC having requested removal of signs back in 2010 for safety reasons, it was agreed not to proceed with this.
- d) Arrangements for additional road gritting – TGM had provided a cost per application and contact details, so this would be arranged when conditions required, with the budget covering 5 occasions.

## 2. Responsibility for Remembrance Sunday arrangements

PCC had responded to PC minutes to say that arrangements for any Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial are the responsibility of the PC, which it had not been aware of. Currently, PC applies for the road closure order but the Church and volunteers have kindly taken on arranging the service and carrying out the road closure. It was suggested that **Clerk** contacts volunteers to confirm PC responsibility and get a record of what is done, in the event PC is required to take over arrangements at some future time.

## 3. Request from PCC for contribution to the cost of mowing Pedley's Croft during 2025

PC agreed to make its budgeted contribution of £200 to PCC for 2025. PC had agreed to increase this contribution to £300 when setting the budget for 2026/27, in line with its objective to improve the appearance of the village.

## 4. Correspondence

Included report of annual inspection of Village Hall play area for VHMC, with any items identified being low or very low risk. Also another road closure notice from SCC for Blithbury Rd from its junction with B5013 Colton Rd to its junction with B5014 Uttoxeter Rd and for Hollow Lane from its junction with Blithbury Rd to its junction with High St, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January for no more than 5 days, for highway improvement works. **Clerk** to post on Colton Residents Facebook group.

## 5. Finance and audit

- a) 2025/26 accounts - Report of receipts and payments compared to budget for 8 months, April to November showed that overall expenditure, at about 60% of budget, was on track. **Clerk** would upload on website as soon as she had been able to make the required layout additions.
- b) 2026/27 accounts – Following prior budget discussion meeting, PC agreed to request a precept of £19,950, meaning an increase of just under 5% (£2.61 per year) in the PC's part of Band D council tax. It was also suggested that the handyman be engaged again to repeat the tidying up on the right-hand side of

High Street. He could also be asked to do some careful cleaning at the War Memorial, as the parishioner who used to look after the War Memorial had moved out of the village. **Garren Edwards** to speak to handyman.

- c) Planting of memorial snowdrops in village – County Cllr Janet Higgins had arranged for SCC to waive the fee for the licence to plant. Parishioner arranging this had been informed that licence could not be granted to an individual so would need to be granted to PC. A draft licence had been circulated and was signed by 2 councillors. **Clerk** to update parishioner and return licence to SCC.
6. Improved signage for Village Hall – Richard Monbiot reported that VHMC had decided not to pursue this as the costs quoted by SCC could not be justified.
7. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm approximately (to follow Burial Ground Committee meeting starting at 7pm)



STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991  
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE  
Moor Lane  
Hamley Heath

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Staffordshire County Council being the highway authority responsible for the repair and maintenance of Moor Lane in Hamley Heath are satisfied that it is necessary to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Moor Lane **between 18th February 2026 and 20th February 2026** for a period of **three days** but no more than 5 days from 18th February 2026 because of the likelihood of danger to the public during **roadworks** being undertaken by SCC/ Arney Highways.

Access will be available for pedestrians and for vehicles being used in connection with the works and for emergency services vehicles or for vehicles requiring access to properties on the length of road which is closed.

An alternative route for traffic is available and will be signed on site.

<https://one.network/?m=GB147264253>

**IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CLOSURE WILL BE IN PLACE BETWEEN  
18th February 2026 AND 20th February 2026.**

Kate Loader,  
County Solicitor

8th December 2025      Tel: 0300 111 8000      <https://one.network>

# Colton Crafters

At the Village Hall, Colton



Meeting on 2nd and 4th  
Mondays of the month  
1pm — 3pm



All welcome  
An opportunity to meet  
with fellow crafters  
and enjoy crafting in an informal group

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Waste and Recycling	0345 002 0022	<a href="https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/recycling-bins-waste">https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/recycling-bins-waste</a>
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<b>Miscellaneous Numbers</b>		
Age Concern Advice Line	0800 678 1602	<a href="https://www.ageuk.org.uk/">https://www.ageuk.org.uk/</a>
Childline	0800 1111	<a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/">https://www.childline.org.uk/</a>
Citizen advice - Lichfield	0808 278 7977	<a href="https://www.casestaffs.org.uk/">https://www.casestaffs.org.uk/</a>
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	<a href="https://crimestoppers-uk.org/">https://crimestoppers-uk.org/</a>
Cruise Bereavement Line	0808 808 1677	<a href="https://www.cruse.org.uk/">https://www.cruse.org.uk/</a>
Deer casualty Line	101	<a href="https://www.deeraware.com/report-incident/">https://www.deeraware.com/report-incident/</a>
Domestic Violence	0808 2000 247	<a href="https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/">https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/</a>
Drug/Alcohol Information line	0300 123 1110	<a href="https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Health-wellbeing-and-leisure/Keeping-well-and-staying-healthy/">https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Health-wellbeing-and-leisure/Keeping-well-and-staying-healthy/</a>
Electrical Power Loss	105	National Grid ED (West)
Gas escape	0800 111 999	
Highway repair Hotline	<a href="tel:03001118000">0300 111 8000</a>	<a href="https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/">https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/</a>
NHS Direct	111	<a href="https://www.nhs.uk/">https://www.nhs.uk/</a>
Neighbourhood Watch	Back Page	<a href="https://www.staffordshiresmartalert.co.uk/">https://www.staffordshiresmartalert.co.uk/</a>
Relate		<a href="https://www.relate.org.uk/">https://www.relate.org.uk/</a>
Rugeley Library	01889 869063 <a href="mailto:rugeley.library@staffordshire.gov.uk">rugeley.library@staffordshire.gov.uk</a>	
Samaritans	116 123	<a href="https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/">https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/</a>
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The Art Club is run by local artist Della Welch



**Come along & join in the fun!**

My aim is to provide a fun, friendly & productive environment in which all skill levels are welcome & encouraged to artistically thrive; the classes are ideal for beginners, those looking to reinvigorate their practical art skills, wanting to learn to work with a new medium or to just simply have a few hours of focussed creativity each week in a relaxed & informal setting.



Our Art Club has been running since August 2016 and continues to run on a Pay-As-You-Go basis, so you can attend just on the weeks that you're able (GIFT VOUCHERS are also now available, please see full details below); each week we look at various subject matter & artistic styles & explore different media along the way.

Everyone participates at their own pace & I provide guided tuition throughout each session to encourage personal development of your own ideas & knowledge.

## NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Simply turn up if you fancy giving the club a try or if you would like to treat someone who is interested in attending the art club, I now offer GIFT VOUCHERS which can be bought in advance for single or multiple sessions and can be used on any Wednesday.

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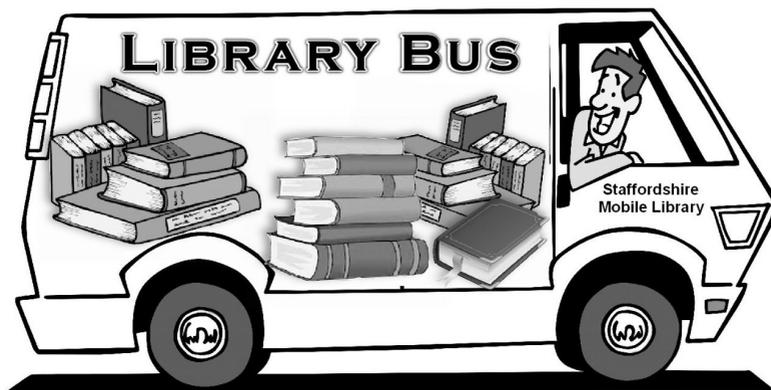
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