

Harby & Wigsley Newsletter

'Thankful Village' plaque for Wigsley



Alan & Loraine Toyn accepting a 'Thankful Village' plaque for Wigsley from Medwyn Parry of the Thankful Villages Run 2013.

Last summer, keen motorcyclists Medwyn Parry and Dougie Bancroft rode Triumph Trophy motorbikes to every one of the 51 "Thankful Villages" in the United Kingdom, villages with no traditional war memorial because all who left to fight in the Great War were lucky enough to return. This was known as The Thankful Villages Run 2013

Their aim was to recognise the Thankful Villages ahead of the Centenary of the outbreak of World War I by presenting them with a slate plaque whilst raising funds for the British Legion. They want to encourage us to remember those who were sent to war, who saw action on the front line, but also managed to return home. It's difficult for most of us to imagine what these men and women saw and experienced and the struggles they faced as they tried to continue their normal lives after the last shots were fired.

The plaques are to be unveiled or receive a blessing at 11:00 on Sunday the 3rd of August 2014, uniting every Thankful Village in a common cause.

Medwyn & Dougie's journey started in the village of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn near Aberystwyth returning to the same village 9 days later having covered some 2,500 miles delivering the slate plaques to each of the 51 Thankful Villages. They were joined by numerous motorcycle enthusiasts along the way and on a hot and sunny August day, a cavalcade of 50 motorbikes arrived in Wigsley.

Alan & Loraine Toyn were on hand to meet the cavalcade made up of 46 Triumph's, 2 Honda's a BMW and one Harley Davidson. Amazed by the sight, Alan, a keen motorcyclist and Triumph owner, was only too happy to offer hospitality to the thirsty riders and spend some time talking bikes before receiving the Wigsley village plaque. Alan said "It was an honour to accept this plaque on behalf of the village that means so much to me and it was a real pleasure to have met the motorcyclists". An hour later the cavalcade left Wigsley for the village of Minting before ending the day in Caistor where Alan and Loraine joined them again.

Anyone interested in knowing more about Medwyn & Dougie's visit to Wigsley and the Thankful Villages Run 2013 should check their website <http://thankfulvillagesrun.com>.

An unveiling of the Thankful Village plaque in Wigsley is currently being planned and residents will be consulted on a suitable location for the plaque in the village.

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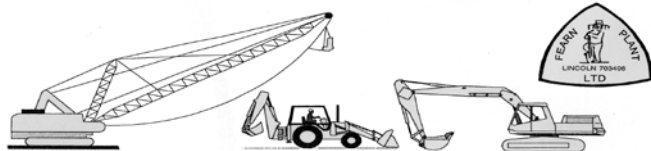
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HARBY VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Quiznight



It was a bit warm & cosy in a packed Harby Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 14th December when over a hundred people in twenty teams competed for the Harby Quiznight trophy and title, raising around **£640** for the **Wigsley Noticeboard Appeal**.

1	That table over there	215	87%	Richard Hare led a <i>Clueless</i> team from Nettleham who defied their billing by leading for most of the evening, but were undone in the penultimate <i>Senior Citizens</i> round and finished runners-up by a single point. A Rhodes-Swindlehurst-Little combination from Besthorpe as <i>That table over there</i> took the title for the second time as Deborah Rhodes lifted the trophy on behalf of her team-mates.
2	Clueless	214	86%	
3=	Ely gone for a Burton	212	85%	
3=	Infamous 5	212	85%	
5	Civil Unrest	211	85%	
6=	Harby Wallbangers	209	84%	
6=	Notts know nothings	209	84%	
8=	Wheelers and Dealers	207	83%	
8=	Dyehards	207	83%	
10	In the mix	205	83%	
11	Hoof hearted again	204	82%	Top-placed Wigsley team <i>Ely gone for a Burton</i> were reinforced by the erudite Mawers to share equal third spot with the <i>Infamous 5</i> Wallace-Lloyd combo. Matthew Tucker and friends as <i>Civil Unrest</i> narrowly missed a podium finish and Steve Michael's legendary music knowledge guided the <i>Harby Wallbangers</i> to a tie with a Snelling-led <i>Notts know nothings</i> . The vast combined brainpower of the <i>Wheelers and Willows</i> as <i>Wheelers and Dealers</i> shared 8 th place with the <i>Dyehards</i> from North Harby, consigning the Parkin-Nolan-Rose conspiracy <i>In the mix</i> to a mid-table top 10 finish.
12	Seriously depleted	198	80%	
13	Universally Challenged	194	78%	
14	The Gamblers	191	77%	
15	The Pie-hards	186	75%	
16	Quizically Impaired	183	74%	
17	The Benwigs	176	71%	
18	Thought it was a disco	172	69%	
19	Byways Brigons	167	67%	
20	Harby Duffers	151	61%	

In their first quiznight outing, Wigsley's Jon & Tasha Benyon steered *Universally Challenged* to a respectable 78% score leaving the other two Wigsley teams *The Benwigs* and *Thought it was a disco* in their wake. The Smithson-Holmes *Byways Brigons* romped ahead of the *Harby Duffers* who took the glory of last place as Harold, Sue and Anne graciously accepted the wooden spoons on behalf of their reluctant team-mates.

Special thanks to Clive for his great music rounds and technical wizardry; Janet Medley, Michelle & Kevin Weaver who miraculously produced the pie & peas at the interval; markers Carol, Sue, Jola & Julian and Alice & Daisy Weaver who sold raffle tickets.

The next Harby Quiznight is **Saturday 26th April** with proceeds going to Harby Village Hall.



Rippard's Boxing Day Ramble



Brian



Around 50 walkers and innumerable dogs enjoyed the 9th Annual Boxing Day Ramble led by Brian Rippard, starting at the Village Hall and finishing at The Bottle & Glass, Harby.

The going was soft following heavy rain over Christmas, so we left the village east on Route 64 cycle track with an excursion through Skellingthorpe Old Wood before heading back to Harby.

The exercise and conversation proved the perfect remedy for the gluttony of Christmas Day and a warm welcome with mulled wine, mince pies and excellent beer at the Bottle & Glass perfectly completed the Boxing Day festivities.

Thanks to Brian and The Bottle & Glass, Harby for another great Boxing Day Ramble.

Brian, Alicia and Fern in Skellingthorpe Old Wood ☞



HARBY PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Harby, Wigsley and Thorney Residents

Happy New Year! Although it has been a relatively short while since I became your County Councillor I have hit the ground running. As you know we've been dealing with wind turbines, notice boards and interactive lights. All three of these issues are coming to a conclusion which I hope will satisfy the majority of you.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in March when you hold your open meeting to finalise your community led plan. I hope to be of help to all of the villages as you go through this process.

During the last six months I have met many residents who needed my support and assistance. Many have also been very supportive to me in my new role.

If I can ever be of help to you please do get in touch. I attend all the Parish meetings where physically possible and can be contacted at home on 01636 892267.

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I finished the last newsletter with the report of our first mishap with the recently augmented bells, 'the stay breakage.' No sooner had I left the broken stay the next day in Peter Small's capable hands, (Tuesday) using the broken one for a pattern to make a replacement, than he was on the telephone saying, the new stay was ready for collection. (Thursday a.m.), Thanks Peter. (Wheelwright Doddington) Fitting the stay later that day, we were now ready for the return of the adjusted clapper out of the new treble.

Sure enough, as I arrived at All Saints at 9-00a.m. the next day, on Friday morning, Peter Scott from Whitechapel Bell Foundry had just finished fitting the clapper and was about to leave. Another job completed in double quick time i.e. clapper taken out on Wednesday and returned to Whitechapel, adjusted and then returned back to All Saints on the Friday. Thanks! Good job it wasn't made in China.

This prompt attention enabled us to fulfil our commitments up to Christmas. Many thanks, to ringers from away. Helping us to maintain full teams were, D. Phillips from Eagle, Roy Chapman from Thorpe on the Hill and Ron Everett from Lincoln. The services were, Morning Worship on 1st Dec and of the Carol Service on the 15th December. The Carol service was well attended, the setting of the Christmas tree near the Alter was a lovely touch. Sadly the Queen Eleanor School choir were unable to attend this year. The solo by Charlotte Wheeler and a reading by Jacob Mawer, were appreciated, and gave the service the mandatory children's Christmas atmosphere. The service was followed by what has now, become the customary Christmas refreshments. On behalf of the ringers present I thank all who helped prepare and serve, including the bar staff.

It was a complete shock to here of the passing of Jenny Chapman over the Christmas period. On behalf of all in the belfry, I give our condolences to Tom and family. Jenny along with Tom was a member and treasurer of the Parochial Church Council. During the bell restoration, I attended the P.C.C meetings, from my perspective; I will remember Jenny for her lovely smile and laughter, if I cracked what I would call 'a funny'. As a mark of respect for Jenny, we cancelled the practice on 30th Dec and the 'ringing in' of the New Year.

Our first service this year was 10-30a.m.morning worship on Sunday 5th January followed by practice on Monday 6th January. Has anyone made Bell Ringing, their New Year's resolution? If so, you had better start soon to catch Sue Payne up. Sue, considering she can only attend alternate Mondays, is doing very well.

We have had two requests to ring a ¼ peel. The first was on Friday 10th Jan at 2-00p.m. The ringers were Ian Hasman, Christine Hasman, Linsey Arkly, Chris Woodcock, Eleanor Maude and Robert Harvey. Didn't they bells sound good? Chris Woodcock came over to All Saints when we first started to ring (2002). Remembering what the bells were like then, he was so impressed on Friday 10th. January, he arranged another peel to be rung on Tuesday 14th January. This second ¼ peel was arranged with the following ringers, Ian Hasman, Geoff Wells, Mick Young, George Dawson, and Dr. Chris Birkby all were the Guild insured labour who had helped Whitechapel personnel to dismantle and assemble the refurbished and augmented bells. To complete the team of six they were ably assisted by Chris Woodcock himself. It turned out to be a sort of re-union for the Guild members.

The bells sounded fantastic with January sunshine at 10 degrees. Listening to the bells, and Milly weeding the garden, what more can one wish for?

Now we have another booking on Tuesday 21st. January for a full Peel, commencing at 5-45p.m.This should last about 2½ hrs. If all goes well. This has been requested by Chris Turner from Stow. I have got the feeling that there is a bit of competition going on here. The team, I will identify in the next issue.

Set Next Time

Will Turner

EAST TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES – David Yabbacome, Rector

The New Year doesn't seem quite so new now. In Church February gets under way with Candlemas, when we remember Mary and Joseph keeping the rules by presenting the infant Jesus at the temple. While there they were watched by two old people, Simeon and Anna who, just like the Wise Men at the Epiphany, recognised in that baby the coming of God, present with them. Simeon and Anna both gave thanks in humility and with wonder, old people who'd been around for a long time, and yet excited. Who says it's only young people who can see things with wonder and excitement?

In the East Trent Group of Churches we see similar wonder. At St Helena's Church, South Scarle this is expressed with the completion of the project to throw open the church to the community. A similar project is nearing completion at Holy Trinity Church, Besthorpe, and similar thinking and preparation is going on at a number of the other churches in the Group.

And now we've been joined by The Revd Phil Smith. Phil is a recently ordained priest who is a SSM (Self Supporting Minister), who has been working as Curate in training in Farndon. Phil will spend some time developing complementary working patterns with me as we explore with others, ordained and lay, the sharing of ministry in East Trent. Phil is married to Charlotte and they live in Coddington. He works as a Support Worker based at Grantham Hospital. He is limited in the time and energy he can give to East Trent but will grow, with our help, into sharing in ministry across the Group.

So Christmas is done, and yet it isn't. The Wise Men together with Simeon and Anna show us the importance of continuing to see and follow that baby and to continue to live in the mystery of love, with all its excitement and challenge, especially during building developments and changes in personnel as we and they build the lives of our communities.

NEWS FROM QUEEN ELEANOR SCHOOL - Jeremy Bingham

Happy New Year. We all hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and 2014 has started well for you. This is a busy term; Y6 will get fully underway with their SATS preparation and Hathersage is looming too! We will have an information meeting just after half term about this for parents and children who are going, to let you know what clothing etc the children will need to take and to give you a full timetable of events.

SATS week begins on the 12th May. If you have children in Y6 please note it on the diary and try to keep the week clear! It really is important that the children do as well as possible. One missed test means a nil score and sadly counts against the school!

The staff would like to thank you for all your cards and gifts that adorned the staff room before Christmas! We're now all on diets! Looking forward to working with you in 2014!

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HARBY 'LIVES' GROUP – Harold Paine

Harby now has its own Defibrillator installed at the village hall in its distinctive yellow box, the exact location is on the wall by the post box. To gain access to the unit you must first 'phone 999 to initiate the emergency services, the controller who answers your call will give you the access code should they think that your emergency warrants the use of a Defibrillator. Should you be in the unfortunate position that requires the use of this unit do not panic, the Defibrillator talks you through the lifesaving procedure.

Leading on from the Defibrillator box, Harby now has its own active LIVES group. Currently we have one qualified Level 2 Responder with another two villagers about to undertake their Level 1 Responder course. The Responders are equipped with their own Defibrillator as well as oxygen and a whole host of other first aid related kit. All the equipment is supplied by LIVES but we, like all the other groups, have to pay for the equipment hence you will see in the future events organised to help towards this. Our first event is the Big Breakfast organised by Sue Paine. By the time you read this, hopefully you will have enjoyed your breakfast with us.

All of us involved with LIVES are volunteers who want to give something back to the community so any donation to help your local group would be most welcome. Harold Paine is acting as Harby LIVES Group treasurer and will ensure any donation is receipted and passed through to LIVES HQ in Horncastle.

Finally all the Responders attend monthly training sessions which are held at the Church by the school in Newton on Trent to keep us up to spec. These sessions are held every 2nd Thursday starting at 7.30pm anyone who wants to come along would be welcome.

HARBY CHURCH - Tom Chapman

The Quinquennial Inspection Report was carried out last October, the previous inspection was undertaken in December 2003. Part of the Executive Summary is reproduced below.

In January 2008 the Queen Eleanor window was installed on the north elevation on the nave. This was designed and installed by Stephen Lewis of Lincoln Cathedral. Also in 2008 the major works of renewing the roof covering and rainwater goods were undertaken along with high level repairs to the spire and the thirds stage of the tower. In addition the bells have been refurbished and an additional bell added.

The extent of the works the parish have been able to undertake to the roofs, tower and the bells should not be understated; this is a major achievement over the past 10 years. The PCC are well organised and both the church and churchyard are well maintained and cared for.

All Saints church is a charming piece of Victorian design in a village setting and its continuing survival in good condition is dependent on the diligence of the Parish and their continuing efforts to maintain it.

Carol Service

The annual Carol Service on the 15th December was a great success with more than 50 parishioners attending. Thank you to all those who helped during the service, decorated the windows and Christmas tree in the church, cleaned the church and donated minced pies and mulled wine. Well done everyone.

HARBY VILLAGE HALL

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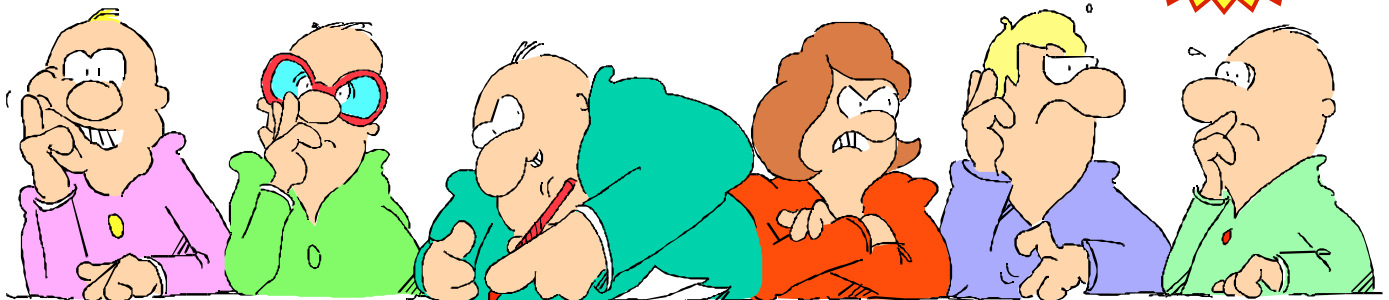
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- Sun. 2nd – Holy Communion, St Helen's Church, Thorney, 5.00pm
- Sun. 9th – Morning Worship, St Helen's Church, Thorney, 10.30am
- Thurs. 13th – Craft Circle, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Wed. 19th – Mobile Library Harby - Station Road 9.50 – 10.05, Millfield Close 10.45 – 11.00. Wigsley - Garden Room 11.05 – 11.15. Thorney - Church 11.20 – 11.50 Coffee 10.30 – 12.00
- Thurs. 20th – Harby Tea Time, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Tues. 25th – History Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Thurs. 27th – Craft Circle, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Mar. 2014

- Sun 2nd – Morning Worship, All Saints Church, Harby, 10.30am
- Thurs. 13th – Craft Circle, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
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Apr. 2014

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- Thurs. 17th – Harby Tea Time, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Thurs. 24th – Craft Circle, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Sat. 26th – Easter Quiznight, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Please contact Jayne Rose if you would like your future events to be included.

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HARBY PLAYING FIELDS - Steve Hogg

Eagle eyed readers may have noticed last newsletter's article was a repeat of the issues before due to my inability to check I was sending the right one. Therefore this month you get two lots of news for one.

November 5th brought about our annual bonfire spectacular and this year was another success. Over 1000 people passed through the gates to see a large fire lit and over £1000 pounds of fireworks set off (Although unfortunately due to a sudden downpour 20 percent didn't actually light). Hundreds of cars were parked, hundreds of burgers were sold and hundreds of cups of mushy peas and coffee were consumed in an hour and a half of frantic activity. I must offer my extreme gratitude for everyone who helped on the night, there are too many people to mention, but the whole event ran like clockwork from start to finish and it was testimony to everyone's efforts not only on the night but all afternoon as well.

We are in the process of finalising a new grant for more toddlers' play equipment to tidy up the play area and provide new safer equipment and we have just been the grateful recipient of some money from the parish council grant to buy some picnic benches. (Does this spell the end for Colin's everlasting metal picnic bench?).


After many years of exceptional service as the treasurer John Hogg has now decided to stand down so I am making an appeal to the village to see if someone can volunteer to do this essential job. Wages are poor (nil) but the satisfaction of a job well done is high so if you would like to help us out please let me know. We have also had the resignation of the secretary so if anyone wants to join our diminishing band please contact me.

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