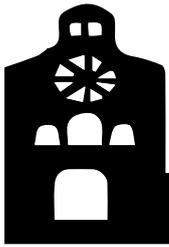


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HARBY, THORNEY & WIGSLEY NEWSLETTER



Fed Up With Slow Broadband?



Many of you have expressed your frustration over the poor broadband speed in our villages. In fact, it was one of the top issues identified by the Community Led Plan launched in June. Under Nottinghamshire County Council's 'Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire' program, we're unlikely to get superfast broadband until 2017 so witnessing villages like Besthorpe and Spalford only a few miles away receiving it simply adds to that frustration.

We want to do something about it which is why we're asking residents of Harby, Thorney & Wigsley to support our initiative. We believe the decision to upgrade the exchange in Saxilby that serves our three villages is a commercial one. If BT knew upgrading it now would lead to more business, it would receive greater priority.

We need your help

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Email your speed result & answers to your village contact below by **31st December 2015**.

* how to take a screenshot at <http://www.take-a-screenshot.org/>

Your village contact

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Let's make it happen...

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HARBY HISTORY GROUP – Louise Herrick 703662

At the September meeting, returning guest speaker, Mavis Wilkinson came to give a talk on “Monastic Gardens”. She started the evening by saying she wasn’t going to bully Colin on this visit and he paid her the same courtesy by barely heckling at all! Mavis gave a very interesting, informative and funny presentation, describing what was grown in monastic gardens and gave examples of good monasteries to visit that would showcase this. She brought books and artefacts to show us, such as her treasured cow horn and her extensive collection of goblets for drinking the wine/beer/mead that the monks would make. She also had a supply of home grown fresh herbs that were passed around as we learnt what they were traditionally used for. This was usually a remedy for an illness or used in dyeing material, but occasionally to destroy witches.

At the October meeting, we welcomed guest speaker Tracy Borman who gave a talk entitled “The Real Wolf Hall: the story of Thomas Cromwell” based on her latest book. Tracy is joint chief curator of Historic Royal Palaces which includes Hampton Court Palace and the Tower of London. As a Tudor historian she is ideally placed to give us the inside story of the man who became a TV phenomenon earlier this year. Tracy’s talk showed how much research she had to do before her book could be written and we were in awe of the fact that she had handled original documents and letters to do this research. She made the life Of Thomas Cromwell absolutely riveting, entertaining and real. There was a question and answer session afterwards followed by the chance to buy her book which she gladly signed.

On 24 November, Richard Croft will be giving a presentation of “Curious Lincolnshire”. This is a follow on from “Curious Lincoln”, the talk that Richard gave last year. Richard uses a slide show to illustrate his talks and they are usually fun, interactive and informative.

The 2016 calendar of events is currently being planned so for further information, please check the village notice board.

PLEASE NOTE-From 2016 the history group meetings will be moving to the **LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**. The final meeting of 2015 will be on a Tuesday. Meetings are held in the village hall lounge and unless specified start at 7:30 pm. £1 entry and everyone is welcome. Please phone me if you want more information or even just a bit of encouragement to attend. New members welcome on a regular or casual basis.

Herrick TeK

Windows 10 is now with us and can be downloaded for free to upgrade from Windows 7 SP1 or Windows 8.1. I can offer support and advice to help you get started if you need it.

Or having any other problems with your computer hardware or software?

Do you need some help to learn how to use your computer or tablet? Problems with setting them up, then give me a call.

Tip: Windows 10 is only a free upgrade for it’s first year, so that is until 28 July 2016

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBY WITH SWINETHORPE – Hazel Belcher

The year has again come full season and thanksgiving for the harvest in church, followed by a splendid feast in the village hall brought members of the congregation and villagers together once more. The main course was provided by Salted Orange Food Company and a wonderful variety of desserts were cooked by church members. This year 47 adults and 9 children (aged from 10 weeks to 6 years), enjoyed the lunch. Some of these children attend Queen Eleanor's Primary School in the village whose own harvest celebration also took place in All Saints; thus strengthening the link between church and school.

In November our thoughts again turned to remembrance and on November 8th Harby residents gathered in the church to give thanks and to remember those who had made the supreme sacrifice in past wars and conflicts. The Churchwarden and members of the congregation led the service and it was particularly good to welcome Rachel and Elizabeth with their young children. Rachel read the poem, 'In Flanders Field', and Elizabeth led the prayers. John Power laid the wreath at the War Memorial and the collection for The British Legion Poppy Appeal, taken up at the service amounted to £176.

The words, 'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord the wills of thy faithful people', begin the collect which is heard in all Anglican churches on the last Sunday before Advent, (November 22nd this year). Tradition has it that cooks, wives and their servants would hear these words in church and be reminded that it was time to start stirring up the puddings for Christmas! There will be no puddings stirred at the November meeting of All Saints Parochial Church Council but we shall be planning the annual **Carol Service** which will be held in the church on **December 20th at 4:00 p.m.** Everyone is warmly invited to the Carol Service and also to join us for mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies afterwards. If anyone would like to play an instrument, sing or read at the Carol Service please contact Colin or Bridget Wells. The Churchwarden and members of the congregation wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. 'O Come! Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord'.

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NEWS FROM THORNEY – Anne Massey

PROMISE PROGRAMME

Thank you to all who responded to our **Promise Programme**, with the promise of regular giving to St Helen's. Regular giving enables us to plan our spending more efficiently and will help to cover insurance costs as well as other overheads. If you would like to take part in this scheme **it is not too late** and any donation will be gratefully received. If you need another form or an envelope, please give me a call. We also appreciate people who give their time and use their talents to look after the church building and help in many ways. If you would like to help, please let me know. Thank you.

Food Banks News

THANK YOU once again to those who gave so generously, around Harvest time, to our collection of items for **FRAMEWORK**, a charity which supports homeless people in the Newark area. We had a bumper collection!

Our next collection for the **Trussell Trust** charity will be in January. Once again foods in tins, packets and jars with a long shelf life are appreciated, as are household items such as toilet rolls and toiletries like toothpaste and brushes, soap, deodorant and shower gel etc After Christmas, particularly in the cold weather, it would be good to have packets of biscuits, tinned puddings and chocolate bars donated as a real treat for those who find themselves in times of hardship. **Thank you**

THORNEY, HARBY, WIGSLEY VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME

A special meeting was held on MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER in St Helen's Church, Thorney, to discuss its future. Several volunteer drivers and a regular user of the Scheme came to offer support. The Car Scheme was started in 1988, due to the lack of public transport, and has been chiefly used to take people to medical appointments, although it was also used in the past to take people to the Friendship Club when it was held at Harby.

Although Doreen (formerly Templeman and now Duffy) moved from Thorney some years ago, she has run the Scheme right from the start. Those needing a lift contact Doreen and Doreen contacts the drivers. **BUT Doreen intends to retire** soon and unless we can get new drivers and someone to take over from Doreen, I'm afraid the Scheme will come to an end. As one of the users said "Once something like this goes, then we'll never get it back".

So I am appealing to YOU!

In the Community Led Plan people have asked for a Car Scheme, people offered to drive and 40 said that they would like to be able to use the service. Others said that they would help with fundraising. **WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!** Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Driver, in using the scheme or if you are interested in taking over from Doreen. Do you think the Scheme should offer lifts for social events too? An **URGENT response is needed**. So please contact Anne Massey: 01522 703120 e: team.massey@btinternet.com Thank you!



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John, Natalie, Sophie and Jacob

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Go again

You may have noticed in recent issues of the Newsletter, the 'Go Again' article gets 'increasingly smaller', I like that phrase, it's a bit similar to the saying 'raised to the ground'????

Now I've got that 'off my chest' '(there's another saying) we in the Belfry for various reasons are short of ringers, which in turn means less practice and subsequently less ringing for services, Philip Thomas has been the sole ringer for the occasional services, he keeps time with himself splendidly, well done Philip, he has even cut the grass between the services.

You should have read this above, two months ago, I'm sorry, it appears there was a malfunction in the system.

Last year a banister rope was purchased for the spiral steps, for safeties sake, to help people to access the ringing chamber. At last Simon acknowledged my request to fit the rope, assisted by my grandson Elliot, the rope looks fantastic, and I gave it a test 'run.' All of you wishing to have a go at bell ringing, have no reason to be afraid of the steps now.

Quite recently as I write, I have been informed by Derrick Watson's wife Val, that about 2 weeks ago, Derrick had a heart attack. I understand Val, being a retired nurse has been asked to administer certain medical duties for Derrick. I have since learnt that Derrick is now at home. We in the belfry wish you well Derrick, and look forward to you ringing when you feel 100%

As it happens it is 13 years this October, since we started ringing, Lorraine being the only ringer, of the original starters left, Lorraine has had to retire owing to arthritis, in her best hands, sorry to lose you and thank you very much for your loyalty all these years Lorraine. You will be very welcome for the occasional ring should the hands feel like it, any time.

It was hoped that a team would be available for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, due to be held on Sunday October 18th at 11-00 a.m. followed by the Harvest Luncheon in the Village Hall.

By coincidence, at the time of thinking the above the phone rang, Linsey Arkley inquiring if we could ring a ¼ peel for the Newark and District's '¼ peel week', "Sorry, I'm afraid we can't" explaining the circumstances. Linsey replied by asking "Have you any special services coming up?" "Harvest Thanksgiving Service" I replied, Subsequently Linsey arranged the bell ringing for the Service to be rung by the Newark District Guild ringers. The ringers were Treble-Robin Drury, from Sutton Trent, No-2 Barbara Arkley from Coddington, No-3 Dave Birritt from Nettleham, No-4 Linsey Arkley from Barnby-in-the-Willows (Conductor), Tenor-Robin Drury from Sutton-on-Trent. Many thanks team, the 1/4peel sounded fantastic, the ringing gave our Vicar of the day a wonderful welcome to All Saints. The Thanksgiving Service was the first Service at All Saints for the Vicar, the Rev. David McCullough. We in the Belfry wish him well in the East Trent Group of Churches.

We had a wonderful Harvest Thanksgiving Service, the Church was beautifully decorated as usual, also, the attendance level exceeded previous recent years. The service was followed by the Harvest Luncheon held in the Village Hall. The luncheon was provided by the Salted Orange Food Company which is run by Sam Owen. Well done Sam. The desserts were provided by the ladies. As usual they complemented the first course, all in all a very nice meal, well done everyone who helped in any way. My hearing aids were on overtime during the meal.

Over the years we've had Chairman Colin (Village hall)
Church warden Colin
Councillor Colin (Eagle and Swinethorpe Parish Council)
Concrete Colin (The Week The Women Went)
Curate Colin (Remembrance Sunday 2015) Well done Colin and thank you.

We in the belfry, Wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

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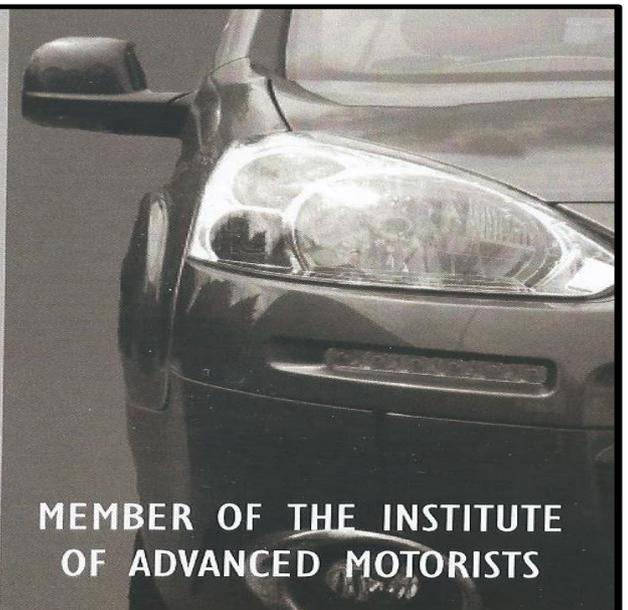
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John Howard

Steve Brown

Richard Willows

Brian Rippard

Paul Nolan

John Mawer

Phil Thomas

Richard Croft



Leaving Harby on the morning of Friday 18th September the team put in a 38-mile morning thrash on route 1 via Lincoln, Bardney and Tattershall Bridge to an excellent late lunch and refreshments at The Wheatsheaf at Hubbert's Bridge. A leisurely afternoon ride along quiet country roads through South Lincolnshire villages to The Bell Inn at Gosberton for further refreshments and subsequent finish in Spalding concluded a 56-mile first day.

Coincidentally, our stay at the Red Lion Hotel on 18th September was exactly 45 years after the death of Jimi Hendrix on 18th September 1970 ... Jimi had stayed in room 6 of the Red Lion Hotel after a gig on 29th May 1967. A curry and a few beers watching England beat Fiji in the Rugby World Cup provided the evening's entertainment.

Saturday morning saw a brisk 10-mile sortie to Crowland, sightseeing at Trinity Bridge and the Abbey before another 6 miles to Peakirk ... where John Howard's attempted murder of Richard Willows in the "*Salamigate*" incident marred proceedings. Running repairs to his bike and hops-based recovery beverages at The Millstone Inn at Barnack saw Richard make a full recovery, though a detour to Halfords in Stamford for new front wheel was required to fully restore his bike.

The afternoon ride through the most undulating terrain of the adventure and around Rutland Water was eased by refreshment stops at The Exeter Arms in Easton-on-the-Hill and The Horse & Jockey at Manton before arrival at The Brook Whipper Inn in Oakham to conclude a 50-mile day. HMRT veteran George Dickinson joined the fray for another curry and more beer in the evening before transporting the panniers back to Harby on Sunday morning.

Sunday's cycling was much easier without the weight of the luggage and a leisurely morning tea was taken at Wymondham Mill before crossing the Leicestershire Wolds, precipitous descent in to the Vale of Belvoir at Denton and along The Grantham Canal towpath to lunch at The Red Lion in Bottesford. After a splash through the ford at Bottesford, the route north became increasingly familiar to Newark and home on route 64 through Collingham.

HMRT President Brian Rippard led the team back in to the village at around 20mph down Wigsley Road to a final halt at The Bottle & Glass for refreshments and 'The President's Address' to conclude the 156-mile 2015 Adventure.

Plans are already underway for a special Tenth Anniversary Adventure in Flanders (Belgium) in June 2016.

NEWS FROM QEP – Jeremy Bingham

Well we've had a tremendously busy start to the term. Staff and children are working hard! Our Harvest Festival was lovely and the generosity of the parents and friends of the school was very obvious in the amount of produce we were able to distribute around the village and its surroundings. We'd like to thank the recipients for the lovely thank you letters and cards we have received!

Our fundraising has been very noteworthy this term; one of our pupils, Ellie Orledge, single handedly organised a cake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer care. This showed tremendous initiative. Following on from this, the parents and children managed to raise £142.60 for Children in Need through a non- uniform day and another cake sale! I'm sure you'll agree this was a fantastic amount for such a small school!

Our school trip last half term was to the Space Centre at Leicester. The children have been studying space and had a really super time.

Finally school, and in particular the football team, would like to thank Mr Fearn at Fearn Plant Ltd, who has kindly sponsored the new football kit! THANK YOU! I'm sure it will help them to win!

PLAYING FIELD NEWS – Steve Hogg

Unfortunately November 5th was a wet and windy night and for the first time in living memory the playing field committee cancelled the fireworks. The rain was ruining the fireworks as they were laid in position so we made the decision to cancel. There was also a lot of concern about getting cars on and off the field due to very wet ground conditions. Due to the nature of modern communications we were able to get this info out to a lot of people. As we had already set up catering and the fire was ready to light we took the decision to let people in for free and light the fire. A great many people still arrived and the weather changed for the better so we also let off a few fireworks. The catering staff worked extremely hard again as there was still a demand for food and in the end we probably took enough money to just about break even. I would like to thank everyone who helped over the course of the day, there are too many to mention, but once again the whole village was able to enjoy a playing field event due to a dedicated band of people.

HARBY PARISH COUNCIL – Lydia Smithson

Community First Aid Event

On Tuesday 13th October around 20 people from the three parishes attended the free emergency first aid evening event organised by Harby Parish Council.

Newark Community First Aid ran the event over two and a half hours, covering areas such as examining a casualty, controlling severe bleeding, using a community defibrillator, managing an unconscious breathing casualty and managing a casualty who has stopped breathing. The hands-on event was well delivered and very informative.



Gritting in Harby

One of the themes that came out of the Community Led Plan was requesting more gritting. The County Council policy on gritting is that they grit A roads, B roads, and major bus routes. When severe weather is forecast and resources permit, they will also grit one road to every major settlement.

Therefore in Harby if we want clear roads and footpaths it will be the residents who need to do the work! We have a number of grit bins, which you can use to spread grit on the public footpaths and roads, these will also include in them some bags of salt. The Government has issued guidance saying it is unlikely that you would be held responsible if someone is injured on a path if you've cleared it carefully. Go to www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/gritting for further information.

Meeting Minutes

Below is a summary of recent minutes. For full minutes please visit the notice board or website.

Community and Council Website

The www.harby.org.uk website is being updated and will be live in December with up to date information. It will expand the content available, including promoting community events, facilities and sharing more Parish Council information. Please contact the clerk if you have feedback or would like anything including.

New Council Objectives

The Council has adopted the Community Led Plan and from this has set its new objectives:

Objectives	Priorities of Harby Parish Council (2015 – 2025)
1. Better communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase broadband speed and reliability. b. Improve mobile phone signal. c. Increase content on the website.
2. Safer community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improve road and footpath conditions. b. Reduce speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking. c. More local gritting. d. Reduce robbery/theft in the parish.
3. Community Led Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support the CLP Steering group to help deliver the CLP. b. Use the results of the CLP to help inform planning consultation responses, including those for renewable energy.

Allotments: An allotment will be available from March 2016. Any resident interested in taking it on please let the clerk know.

Better Broadband: Harby is in phase two of the County Council rural broadband project and is expected to be connected in 2016.

Speeding on Church Road: A request for new playground signs has been made; this is now being investigated by Highways.

Road Closure: The B1190 at 5 Lanes End will be closed for two weeks from 15th February 2016.

Brickwork on Wigsley Road: The two lumps of rock/brickwork left on Wigsley Road from dredging will be removed by the Drainage Board.

Planning Applications Update

Approved by District Council:

- Application to erect brick wall at rear of Blackberry Barn, Enfield Court, off Station Road. Parish Council supported application. 15/01303/FUL.
- Retrospective application for change of use from two dwellings to one. Granny Annexe, Hortons Nursery, Wigsley Road. Parish Council supported application. 15/00946/FUL.

The next ordinary meeting is Thursday 21 January in the Village Hall Committee Room.
See the notice board or online nearer the time for confirmation and details.

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OUR VILLAGE MATTERS! – Thorney CLP news

At last the **real** CLP will be starting to take shape. After all the preliminary work has been completed, Thorney is now able to concentrate on putting your wish list into action!

We should be grateful for all the hard work put in by the CLP Committee getting us this far, and in particular Stephen, Anna and Nathan, who attended the Steering Group meetings for the three villages as well as our own village meetings.

But now the hard work starts for the rest of you.

To set us on our way, members of the village Committee have agreed to take a lead role in one of the areas the villagers have labelled as a priority. Note I use the term 'set us on our way'.

We anticipate that there will be numerous villagers who will want to take part in moving forward the ideas they were most concerned about, or in which they had a particular interest. Once this happens, Committee members will be happy to take a less prominent role.

Over the coming weeks, we shall be approaching villagers to see if we can get a hub of small working groups who will take on a particular project and move it forward. If you might be interested in getting together with some like-minded villagers, please let Stephen or Anna know, and they will give you more information.

This article will then become a regular feature of Trio to keep villagers up to date with any progress.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

On April 24th 2016 I will be running (shuffling, crawling) the Virgin London Marathon. I am running to raise money for **Children With Cancer**, a charity that researches treatment for childhood cancer and supports families with children who are unfortunate enough to suffer from this dreadful disease. Research has enabled survival rates from cancer in children to over 80% from less than 40% 30 years ago. However the survival rate could realistically be in the high 90's% with further research so I am looking forward to raising money to help towards this goal. To assist in this fund raising I will be holding a charity ball in the village hall on **27th February** so **SAVE THE DATE!! Details to follow.....**

Steve Hogg(<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/steve-hogg>)

THORNEY SPOTTINGS (9) – Janet Collins

If nothing else, autumn has taken its time arriving. With temperatures regularly in double figures into mid-November the leaves have been slow to fall from the trees. However, several windy days have made a big difference!

These warm conditions have meant that insects often found inside our houses in autumn have been content to stay in our gardens. Ladybirds, in particular, must have been seeking tasty tidbits (i.e. greenfly) on the flowers in gardens. Common seven spot and two spot adults usually snuggle half a dozen or more at a time in the corners of windows, ready for their winter hibernation. So in late autumn it is not unusual to get a good look at them from this position. To date I could count them on one hand. Hopefully, they may have found the dried flower stem compartments of insect boxes, if you have been kind enough to supply them.

Insect boxes can be made easily from three small pieces of wood knocked into an open triangular shape about the size of a small bird nest box. The inside area is then filled with dried flower stem pieces all cut to the width of the frame. Preferably, the stems should be from different species of plants, so they will be of differing diameters. This means a variety of insects can use the box. Of course, you need to check the inside of the plant stem, to make sure it is hollow! Delphiniums and bamboo are two good examples. You ought to find several suitable species among the perennials you will be wanting to cut down. The essential thing is to fill the box as tightly as possible, without crushing the stems. This ensures that they will not get blown out of the box once it is fitted to a wall.

In late October we began our winter bird feed programme, hanging out the first of the sunflower heart feeders. Within an hour, a nuthatch arrived, followed shortly by a second one. This seems to imply that we have a healthy population of them around Thorney. Of course, they were closely followed, if not preceded, by the usual members of the tit family. It also meant there were the 'hangers on', such as the blackbirds and robins, hoping for a few droppings.

Unexpectedly, because of the mild conditions and it being rather early for them, I noticed a flock of fieldfare flying across the farmland off Grange Lane in mid-November. These winter visitors are about the size of blackbird, but have a similar colour and spotted appearance to the mistle thrush, which is also a common visitor along the east coast. However, from a distance fieldfare are easily recognized by their distinctive flight pattern. They close their wings in a short, regular pattern but without undulating. I hope their arrival isn't an indication of harsh weather to come.

The cock pheasants are beginning to gather a harem now. I love watching the strutting, and dipping courtship display. They spread their tail and wings, which they dip while running rapidly towards and around a nonchalant female. Most of the time, the females don't look at all interested. However, not many of them leave. I suppose they recognize a good dance when they see one!

Birdfeed Club. A good source of sunflower hearts has been found. You need to be prepared to buy in 15kg bags (bake house quality). If you are interested, have a word with Terry M or myself and we'll give you details. We have tried them and the quality is as stated.

SAXILBY SCOUTS – Operation Goodwill at Christmas 2015

Over the next three weeks, Saxilby Scouts will be doing their annual Goodwill at Christmas FOOD TIN COLLECTION. This activity is organised by the Scouts to help re-stock The Nomad Trust food stores at Christmas. The Nomad Trust is a local charity, providing emergency shelter and food for individuals in need at Christmas and throughout the year. They feed and look after the homeless throughout the day and night.

The Scouts will be collecting tins of food and we would be most grateful for any tins that you can spare. As a number of children from Harby go to the Scouts at the Saxilby Group, it was felt that the people of Harby may like to donate some tins of food. If you are able to help, please leave your tins with Mrs Natalie Mawer, 5 Wigsley Road, Harby any time up to 14 December. We hope that you will be able to assist the Scouts in contributing to this worthwhile cause.

Thank you and a Happy Christmas to you all

Forthcoming Events

Dec. 2015

- Tues. 1st – Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm
 Thurs. 3rd – Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am
 Thurs. 3rd – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm
 Sun. 6th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Holy Communion, 9.00am
 Mon. 7th – Queen Eleanor Primary School - Clothing Recycling (all items to be bagged & received at school by 9am) Books/toys in a separate bag ☺
- Tues. 8th – Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm
 Tues. 8th – Village Hall AGM, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 7.30pm
 Thurs. 10th – Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am
 Thurs. 10th – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Thurs. 10th – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm
 Thurs. 10th – Harby Village Show festive drink Playing Fields Pavilion, 7.30pm all welcome
- Fri. 11th – Live music, Bottle & Glass, Harby, 8.30pm
 Sat. 12th – Christmas Quiznight, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Sun. 13th – St John the Baptist Church, Collingham, 10.15am a special combined Service with the visit of new Bishop, Paul
- Tues. 15th – Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm
 Wed. 16th – Queen Eleanor Primary School Carol Service, All Saints Church, Harby 10.30am & 6.00pm, all welcome
- Thurs. 17th – Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am
 Thurs. 17th – Harby Tea Time, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Thurs. 17th – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm
 Thurs. 17th – Carols By Candlelight, St Helen's Church, Thorney 7.30pm with Lincoln Fire & Rescue Brass Band
- Fri. 18th – Christmas Jumper night, Bottle and Glass, Harby
 Sun. 20th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am
 Sun. 20th – Carol Service, All Saints Church, Harby 4.00pm
 Wed. 23rd – 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
- Fri. 25th – St George's Church, Clifton, Holy Communion, 9.30am
 Fri. 31st – News Year Eve Ceilidh, Harby Village Hall, 8.00pm – 1.00am see poster for details

Jan. 2016

- Sun. 3rd – All Saints Church Harby, Holy Communion, 10.30am
 Thurs. 7th – Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am
 Thurs. 7th – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm
 Tues. 12th – Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm
 Thurs. 14th – Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am
 Thurs. 14th – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Thurs. 14th – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm
 Sun. 17th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship, 10.30am
 Tues. 19th – Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm
 Wed. 20th – Mobile Library Harby - Station Road 9.50 – 10.05, Queen Eleanor Primary School 10.05 – 10.40, 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. 21st – Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am
 Thurs. 21st – Harby Tea Time, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Thurs. 21st – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm
 Thurs. 21st – Harby Parish Council Meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Tues. 26th – Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm
 Wed. 27th – History Group, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Thurs. 28th – Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am
 Thurs. 28th – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Thurs. 28th – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm

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