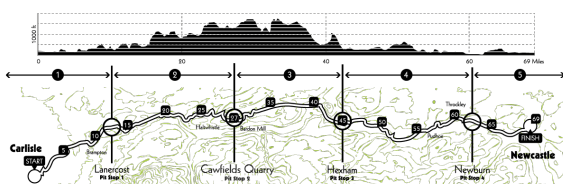


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HARBY, THORNEY & WIGSLEY NEWSLETTER



Steve Hogg is attempting to run Carlisle to Newcastle, raising funds for Children's cancer charities.



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HARBY BOWLS CLUB - Carol Dallamore

The game of Bowls is widely played and only since joining the club have I realised that nearly every town and village has a Bowls Club.

Bowling itself has quite a long history going back, as is known, to Egyptian times! Evidence of a skittles type game played with round stone balls found dating back 5000 BC.

The oldest green still in use is in Southampton and dates back to 1299 AD. Chesterfield claims to have a green dating back to 1294. We all know of Sir Francis Drake and his Bowls game up on the Hoe in Plymouth, his immortalised words were to finish the game and then set out to sort the invading Spaniards. There is some doubt about the actual facts of this but it would be typically 'English' to not leave a match in progress.

Henry the Eighth limited the game of bowls, along with several other sports, to only the wealthy due to the fact that it distracted his highly trained Bowyers, Fletchers, Stringers and Arrowhead makers from their trade and practice.

The bowl, or wood, we use is biased and as it rolls forms a gentle curve towards the jack, or kitty. Our aim is to get as close to the jack as is possible but originally the game aimed at the jack to knock it out of place. For centuries a round bowl the bias came about, it is thought, when Charles Brandon, Earl of Suffolk, in 1522 split his wood and dashed indoors to cut off a banister newel ball to continue the game with. Being flat on one side gave it the curving roll and perhaps he went on to win.

Originally made of a variety of woods, the hard wood Lignum vitae was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493 and 'woods' made of this can still be found on Ebay today. The 'woods' we use in our game are made of a hard composite material, in some beautiful colours, sized and biased for uniform play.

The Scots are credited with introducing the flat green and also taking the game abroad. W G Grace was the President of the English Bowling Association when it was formed in 1903. Now popular across the world Bowls is a game of skill for young and old, when we start up again for the Summer season come along and have a go, you may well surprise yourself.

THORNEY, HARBY, WIGSLEY, VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME –Funding bid success! – Anne Massey

Just before Christmas we heard that our bid for BIG LOTTERY funding had been successful and we have now received £5,450 to get our scheme re-launched and to expand its use. Funding is to cover such things as setting up a website, training for new drivers, promotion, stationery and identity badges. We have a very stalwart group of drivers at the moment, mostly from Thorney, but **we will need new drivers from Harby, Wigsley and Clifton** too. Training will be available for drivers, who can claim 50p per mile to cover their costs. Please consider being available for this, as a lift can make a huge difference to someone who can't drive themselves or for those times when public transport just isn't available. If interested in helping, please contact Clare Welfare tel: 01522 702837 or e: cwelfare@polkerris.plus.com. Thank you!

Our next meeting, which will be for anyone interested in using the Scheme and/or driving for the Scheme, is to be held at Harby Village Hall on Monday 27th March at 7pm (subject to availability). We look forward to seeing you there.

Phyllis Clark 08-02-1937 to 06/12/2016

Phyllis passed away at home on 6th December following a three-year battle with cancer. She had lived in Wigsley since 1974 when she moved to the village from Eagle. At that time, she worked in the family Demolition business, doing the books, the wages, and any other job that was needed.

After retirement Phyllis and Bill spent a lot of time travelling abroad to visit friends in America and Canada. After Bill passed in 2009 she did not give up and developed new interests in crafting. She always kept busy and was often out of the house visiting friends more than she was at home.

Phyllis loved life, and lived it to the full through her horses, dogs, garden, crafting, books, family, and friends. She could be seen up until last year riding her horses around the local countryside. She was always willing to help others, and many will remember for her sense of humour and smile.

She was laid to rest and reunited with Bill at All Saints Church Eagle on 23rd December. She travelled to the church in a hearse, drawn by two black Friesian horses.

Phyllis will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

HOGGY'S CHARITY BALL

Last year I had a daft idea to run the London Marathon. Having never run more than 6 miles in my life, 26 and a bit miles seemed daunting. To ensure I trained hard and stayed motivated I signed up to raise money for Children With Cancer, a fantastic charity that sponsors research into child cancer and its treatment. Due to considerable research, the dream of removing the fear of child cancer is not too far away, removing the awful reality some parents have to face of their children fighting a battle against cancer.

Thanks to huge enthusiasm from friends and family, I held a Charity Ball in the Village Hall to raise money for the charity. Money raised on this night and very generous donations from friends and family meant that when I finished the Marathon, tired but proud, Children With Cancer had gained by the sum of £4,450.

The Ball was a major reason this large amount of money was raised. Nearly 100 people turned up to party the night away. People have since been asking will this Ball return this year. I am now pleased to announce that Hoggy's Charity Ball will be returning, bigger and better than ever**.

This year's Ball will have two major objectives.

- 1) For everyone to have a flipping good night.
- 2) To raise bucket loads of money once again for charity.

Anyone who attended last year will say there were two elements that really made the evening and I can confirm they will be there this year.

Disco- Last year's DJ is once again here to spin his tunes.

HEADS WILL ROLL- Live music will be provided by the same band. Anyone who was there last year will tell you that Heads Will Roll made a great evening into a 'best night ever' evening. You will not see a better band play in the village ever, guaranteed.

This year I am aiming to get money out of you once again for Children's Cancer Charities. People have said to me 'no money unless you put some effort in Hoggy' so that got me thinking. Last year's Marathon was run in 3 hours 38 minutes, not a great time but I was reasonably happy. However for three months after I couldn't run due to damage to ligaments and tendons. It has been unpleasant and difficult to get my legs back to normal. Due to these issues it has been difficult to decide what to do to persuade you to part with your hard earned cash. So I decided this year I won't run a marathon. But what about two marathons in a day? That would be silly with my injuries and ageing body. So no, I won't be running two marathons. Instead I have decided to run 69 miles, two and a half marathons, in a day. This is a run from Carlisle to Newcastle, along Hadrian's Wall.

It is a challenge I have already put effort into, running over 100 miles in the last month as part of a training program. However this is unknown territory and I don't know if I will reach the starting line, let alone the finish. I am passionate about Child Cancer Charities so want your money. However I appreciate the constant charity requests people get. So here is the deal folks. If you want to donate and sponsor me please do. As was the same last year I will be asking not for sponsorship but a guess the time competition. Pay in some money, guess how long it will take me to run 69 miles (or the miles completed before I drop out due to injury or fatigue) and you will receive a luxury prize (not yet decided, anyone want to donate a prize?) However to really get money out of you I want you to attend my Ball (April 22nd) Three course meal, top DJ and Top Band. So look at the advert in the Newsletter, look at the notice board, and then after that, phone me on 07917860057 to get your tickets. (A warning, half sold already). Nowhere in the county will you get such value for money but still contribute to such a good cause, so come on down to Hoggy's Ball.

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THORNEY SPOTTINGS (16) – Janet Collins

The geese are still arriving in reasonable numbers, with Canada geese now joining the greylags. Several huge skeins have passed overhead, probably destined for Norfolk, or thereabouts. Chatting to Stan, I wondered why we never see any Brent geese passing this way, because they are regular winter visitors to the east coast. He explained that Brent geese fly at a much greater height than graylag or Canada geese, so they are far less likely to be spotted on their migration. Also, because of the lower height of the Canada geese in particular, it is easy to hear their raucous calling, even if you're not looking up to the heavens!

At a more down to earth level – have you noticed all the hazel catkins on your wanderings around the village? That seems a good omen for an early spring. Honeysuckle is also coming into leaf in various sheltered areas, including along Brownwood Lane, where the trees, and passing vehicles help to keep temperatures that little bit higher. In the garden snowdrops are in flower and the viburnum bodnantense has been in bloom for weeks, as has the winter jasmine. Perhaps it won't be long before all the ladybirds hibernating in the porch will be able to head out in search of a meal.

Of course, all the more common winter visitors to the garden are beginning to arrive regularly for breakfast, lunch and tea. This week the first pair of lovely pink and black longtail tits arrived to join the now regular goldfinches, coal tits, and so on. Most of you will be used to keeping them going by now. They are in a far safer position than many birds living in more hostile, wintery settings, such as deep woodland areas or very open countryside.

Although I haven't spotted them yet, the tawny owls are about regularly in the woods and nearby gardens. The male owl is the one most people associate with the well known hooting sound. Female tawny owls, on the other hand, have a distinctive, harsh, single cry. Their presence must be a sign that there are mice or shrews about. Even if mice are unavailable, there are plenty of moles in Thorney. Unfortunately, I don't think they are a regular food source for many creatures. On the other hand, it shows there are probably huge supplies of lobworm for the moles. We must have excellent soil quality around Thorney. These worms are known as the 'backbone' of the planet. Let's hope they keep doing a good job for all our gardeners, who are part of the backbone of a local haven for all our wildlife.

HARBY HISTORY GROUP – Louise Herrick 703662

In November, guest speaker, Pearl Wheatley visited and as a change from the original published programme, gave a presentation on Sir Joseph Banks.

Generally known about all over the world yet little known in the UK, I was proud when all members at the meeting put their hands in the air to say "yes, they did know who he was", when asked by Pearl. Pearl gave a talk with slides about Sir Joseph's life, from childhood, covering his time living in Lincolnshire, his travels abroad and what he did for this area. I must admit that I hadn't realised what a pillar of the community he was and just how involved he was with the welfare of the community. He seemed to have his finger in every pie but left a great legacy behind.

The 2017 programme is now completed and an exciting year is planned. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard each month for updates.

The first 3 meetings this year all see the return of popular speakers that we have seen in the past. All of them illustrate their talks with a slide show presentation.

On 25 January, we start 2017 with a talk on "The Flying Scotsman" by guest speaker Graeme Wade who visited us in May to talk about taking a canal boat trip from Torksey to Boston.

On 22 February Richard Pullen returns to give a talk on "Famous Faces in the Trenches". Richard has given talks in the past about tanks and women's roles in building them. Books will be available to purchase on the night.

On 29 March Charles Parker will tell us about the "Royal Auxiliary Corps" of which he was once a member. Charles has given presentations to us on WW1 aircraft production in Lincoln and also the development of Humberside airport. Again, books will be available to purchase on the night.

The 2nd edition of "The History of Harby in Nottinghamshire" is also now available for purchase. Please contact me if you'd like a copy for £12.50.

Meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month in the village hall lounge and unless specified start at 7:30 pm. £2 entry. 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.

THE ALLOTMENTEERS (3) - Carol Dallamore

As promised earlier I shall talk about useful weeds, three in particular nettle, comfrey and horsetail and are found in abundance on our allotment. These have similar uses in the garden, kitchen and personal health.

Chopped, minus roots and seed heads, comfrey and nettle can be added to the compost heap or as mulching. All three can produce a rich liquid feed for organic use. Two methods have been employed by us to date.

Richard tightly packed comfrey leaves into a piece of down pipe then as they rotted the liquid dripped into a container for dilution in the watering can. As the leaves reduced more were added to maintain the process. A similar method can be employed with nettle.

Hazel made a large 'tea bag', suggest old material, sacking or fine onion net, pack with the weed, suspend in a large bucket of water for 6 weeks. Press out the water and again dilute for use. Except horsetail, add the rotted leaves to the compost. I have a separate compost bin for tenacious weeds and the contents can be used safely under the hedges.

All three make herbal tisanes supplying health benefits such as blood tonic, immune boost and minerals naturally to the body. Comfrey's old name is knit-bone and was used for poulticing broken bones and inflamed joints. Horsetail is very high in minerals and the advice is to limit to one cup a day, left over tea can be used as a final hair rinse to strengthen the hair and I have done this – it works! Take a small handful of fresh leaves, steep for 5 minutes in a small teapot, pour into a pretty china cup adding honey or sliced lemon to taste. Having drunk all three I can recommend them. Comfrey is especially useful in the Winter months, so dry or freeze the leaves in early Summer to keep a supply handy.

All three can be used as a vegetable, put into soups and stews with young leaves added fresh to salads. Nettle soup is lovely and fun for children to make, wear rubber gloves when gathering and chopping the leaves! Braise a finely chopped onion, carrot and celery stick, add 2 good handfuls of chopped nettle, pint of beef stock, simmer 30 mins and season to taste. Super with homemade bread.

Always make sure you identify Comfrey clearly, in early Spring it can be mistaken for Foxglove, grow your own patch and help the butterflies too.

Harby History Group calendar for 2017

- 25 January- **The Flying Scotsman**. Returning guest speaker Graeme Wade.
- 22 February- **Famous Faces in the Trenches**. Returning guest speaker Richard Pullen. Books for sale on the night.
- 29 March- **Royal Auxiliary Corps**. Returning guest speaker Charles Parker. Books for sale on the night.
- 26 April- **Hands on session**. Match the field names to the sales particulars. No prior knowledge of Harby required. Richard Croft.
- 31 May- **Using DNA in Researching your Family Tree**. Guest speaker Derek Watson.
- 28 June- **Arboretum Tour**. Trip. Led by Brian Taylor who guided us round the Stonebow last June.
- 27 September- **Agincourt – or those Damn French**. Member speaker Harold Paine.
- 25 October- **Latest Work News**. Returning guest speaker Paul Croft, Heritage Conservation Expert.
- 29 November- **TBC**. Member speaker Richard Croft.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 1st February 2017
7.30pm

Harby Village Hall

The Safer Neighbourhood Group is a collaboration between Nottinghamshire Police and the east Nottinghamshire villages located around the A1133 from Winthorpe to North Clifton. It focuses on tackling and solving community problems such as anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, fly-tipping and graffiti.

By working together each village benefits from the shared knowledge and experience of other villages as well as the input and support of our Police and District Council.

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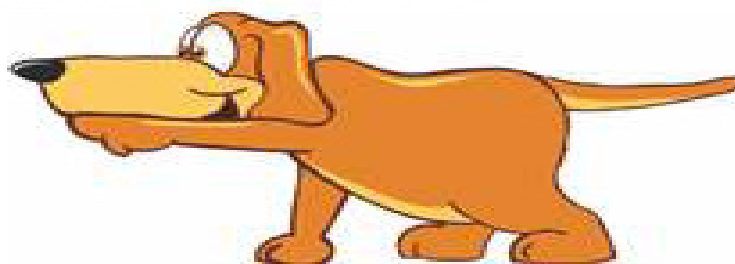
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Harby Parish Council Update

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

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Are you able to spare 30 minutes every couple of months to volunteer for the Community Speed Watch and make a difference? You won't be on your own and full training is given.

Safer Community Priority

Community Speedwatch

The first training and speed monitoring session has been carried completed. One speeding motorist was recorded. The details of motorists who are speeding, are on a mobile phone or are not wearing a seatbelt are passed onto the police, who then contact the motorist by letter, or in person.

Police Update

- Since November there have been no reported incidents in Harby.
- Elderly people are being targeted in the County in a phone scam where they are being told they owe tax and to buy i-tunes vouchers and give the scammers the codes in order to pay off the debt. Please make family, friends and neighbours aware of the scam to prevent more people being taken advantage of.
- Theft of vehicles and tools remains a problem in surrounding villages, including a vehicle theft from Wigsley and a shed break-in and theft of tack at Swinethorpe.
- Rural crime continues to be addressed including hare coursing, off-road vehicles involved in crime, and fly grazing.

Better Communication Priority

Superfast Broadband

As many of you will be aware high speed broadband is now available in the village. This is great news, as it was a key priority which came out of the Community Led Plan. The funding for the scheme has come from a variety of sources including central government, the County Council and BT as part of the national plan to deliver high speed broadband to rural areas. To increase your broadband speed you may need to contact your internet provider. For more information about the scheme go to www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband.

Planning Update

- Erection of a dwelling, Enfield Court, Harby. Supported by the Parish Council and approved by the District Council, application 16/01818/FUL

The next Ordinary Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting is Thursday 23rd March in the Village Hall Committee Room. See the notice board or online nearer the time for details.

Lydia Smithson, Harby Parish Clerk. ✉ 42 High Street, Saxilby, Lincoln, LN1 2HA.

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CHURCH LETTER

Dear friends

Phil and I have just had a couple of days in Stratford on Avon and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. As we sat down together at our pre theatre dinner table, we couldn't ignore this bright and capital lettered message which was placed boldly between our delicious steak and chicken:

Celebrate the Moment!

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Yes, we were being urged to book a table for Valentine's Weekend. It seems that romance can't be left to chance, but must be helped along at quite a cost.

It's not really surprising is it? Whatever we think of a commercialised St Valentine's Day, which can conveniently be stretched to a weekend, there's nothing new about wooing a lover with good food is there? After all, a box of chocolates can go a long way to say *I love you, I'm sorry or will you marry me?*

Food is not just for lovers. In fact, when friends and families get together, either for a happy reunion or for difficult conversations, when it's time to reminisce, say welcome home, farewell or when decisions need to be made, it helps if a meal is involved.

Jesus understood this well. One of the first things he did for anyone was to rescue a wedding party by turning water into wine. He enjoyed meals with his friends and he had lots of important conversations over food. There was probably a lot of laughter and definitely some awkward questions and some people made their minds up to love him or hate him, to stick with him or betray him while they shared bread together.

The very night before he died, Jesus got together with the people closest to him for a meal. It was the Jewish Passover meal, so it was a time for remembering and asking questions. At this meal, Jesus explained what was going to happen, he urged his disciples to love and serve each other and he told them to carry on meeting together. He taught them that when they shared bread and wine to remember him, then he'd be there with them.

That's what we do in church when we have Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus is with us and when we share the bread and wine of Communion, that's what we're celebrating. If you'd like to know anything more about this, please have a word with me.

Since I've been in the East Trent Group, I've enjoyed excellent and generous hospitality with lots of good food, for which I'm very grateful. I hope this will help us really get to know each other and grow together as a community.

For this month, I pray we will all have the chance to show someone we love them.

God bless you all, *Revd Mandy*.

Go Again

The Ringers for the Carol service, held on 18th December at 3-00p.m. were Jayne Rose, Sue Paine, Derek Phillips from Eagle, Derrick Watson from Spalford, and 'Ringing Ron' Everett from Lincoln.

The Church had been wonderfully decorated along with the traditional Christmas tree being lit up near the altar.

As expected our new Vicar, the Rev. Amanda Cartwright was present for her first service at All Saints Church,

Introducing herself, the Carols were then sung, one being sung by Michael Belcher and family with readings in between taken by Elizabeth Belcher, Jayne Rose, Philip Thomas, Rachel Thursby, Michael Belcher, Charlotte Whittaker, and The Vicar, 'Mandy'

As you will have noticed 60% of the ringers were from away, we need more ringers, please give it a thought,

"Set Next Time"

Will Turner

Forthcoming Events Diary

Feb. 2017

- Wed. 1st – Safer Neighbourhood Meeting, Harby Village Hall Lounge
7.30pm all welcome
- Sun. 5th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Holy Communion 10.30am
- Thurs. 9th – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Wed. 15th – Mobile Library Harby - Station Road 9.50 – 10.05, Millfield Close 10.45 – 11.00. Wigsley – Post Box 11.05 – 11.15. Thorney - Church 11.20 – 11.50 Coffee 10.30 – 12.00
- Thurs. 16th – Harby Tea Time, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Sun. 19th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am
- Wed. 22nd – History Group, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Thurs. 23rd – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Tues. 28th – Community Led Plan Monitoring Group Meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm

Mar. 2017

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- Thurs. 23rd – Annual Harby Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.00pm time tbc
- Sun. 26th – All Saints Church Harby, Morning Worship 10.30am
- Mon. 27th – Voluntary Car Scheme Meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.00pm
- Wed. 29th – History Group, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm

Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor School, every Tuesday (term time)

2.30pm. 7th, 21st, 28th Feb. 7th, 21st, 28th Mar.

Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, every Thursday (term time) 10.00am.

2nd, 9th, 23rd, Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Mar.

Quiet prayer, St Helen's Church, Thorney, every Thurs. 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Bottle and Glass, Harby

Tuesdays - Pie and a pint – £10 per person

Thursdays – Steak night – steak and bottle of house wine for 2 people £30

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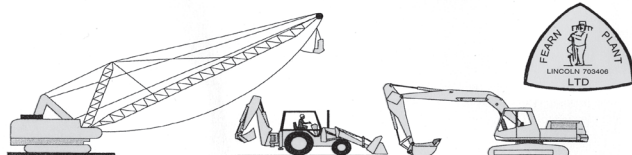
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