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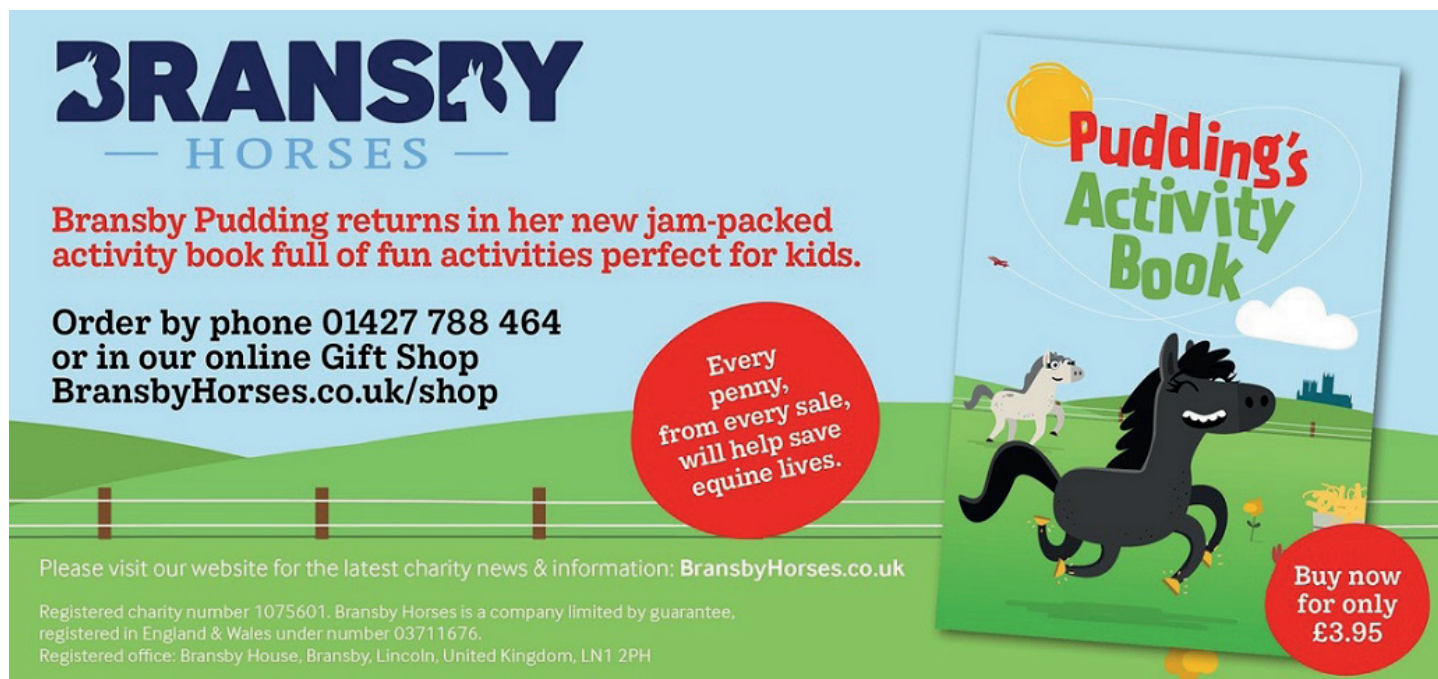
An Update from THORNEY

SPEED AWARENESS TRAINING was successfully completed on May 20th with an enthusiastic group of 10 residents led by representatives of Nottinghamshire Police. We are fed up of people using Thorney as a "rat run" particularly when road works in both Notts and Lincolnshire are underway and we have had several scary near misses with both pedestrians and horse riders. We intend to hold regular speed check sessions at different places throughout the parish and our aim is purely to get motorists to slow down. Please be aware that this is something we intend to take seriously and so please make your friends and neighbours aware that we will be out with the speed camera fairly regularly and in different stretches of road as well. I'm sure our friends in Harby and Wigsley will relate to this too and we don't feel a little respect for our villages is too much to ask.

PLANT EXCHANGE/SALE - Sun June 6th from 2pm to 3.30pm at the Play Park

As a precursor to the QUIRKY PLANTING CHALLENGE on the weekend of July 10th and 11th we will be holding a plant sale/exchange on Sunday, June 6th. If you have any surplus plants or seedlings of any type, bring them along to the Play Park in Thorney, ideally by 2pm. You can either swop your plant/s for others or just come with a little bit of cash to buy a few plants if you have nothing to swop! Look forward to seeing you there and everyone is welcome.

DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT - Just to update you, the work to strip down the old telephone box on Main Street has gone really well thanks to our group of 12 volunteers. We have been slightly thwarted by the showery weather as we are at the stage of a quick final sand down of the box before painting can begin - we really need a week or two of settled warmer weather to complete this before finally installing the new perspex panels plus signs and of course, installing the defibrillator. A massive thank you to so many people in Thorney who have made financial donations which will enable the phone box to be finished to the high standard we wanted and I'm sure the work put in will last a good few years. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way.



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Following the lessening of restrictions in May, the Village Hall is looking forward to hosting events and regular groups again.

In anticipation of the restrictions changing in June we have already had some bookings from returning groups as well as new enquiries.

If you are hoping to hold an event for your group or have a family celebration, please ring **Janet Medley (01522 703304)** who will be able to help you. All bookings made, will be pencilled in the diary and no charge will be made if you have to cancel at the last moment.



HARBY BOWLS CLUB

The Summer season is upon us at last with the normal mix of sun, wind and rain and more rain. Our Bowling Green has been worked on this past few months and we have managed to get it back to a good playing surface.

This year we take up the gauntlet with vigour as we attempt to get back to Bowling. Some clubs have dropped out of the Leagues this year having lost members due to the covid lockdown and the fear of being in circulation again.

To offset this fear we have several measurements in place that vary from Club to Club. Mainly meeting out of doors prior to the match, hand sanitizing gel either end of each rink, social distancing which is easy as we only have 6 to a rink with spacing between the rinks, each team lead has their own Jack, and we avoid handling another's woods.

Harby Bowls Club started in 1951 and members were mainly from Harby, Thorney and Wigsley. We have 14 members today, many living outside the villages and would love to welcome more locals and get our number up to 20 or even more. I can offer sessions on the green for anyone to have a go and see how they get on at Bowling, just give me call.

Seen as a game for the 'Retired Folk' I can say it is a good workout for any age and we would welcome younger people 16 upwards into our club. Many professional players started in local Clubs. Each game is a half mile walk with some bending and stretching throw in! There is skill in playing your woods on a variety of surfaces to reach the Jack and avoiding, or knocking off, other woods to do so. Help and advice is freely given as you learn on the job so to speak. Attendance at matches is as you can offer, car sharing helps with travelling to other Clubs and as we open up after lockdown this is now easier.

Our Season runs from mid April to early September, membership Fee is £30, at matches we wear white tops and grey bottoms, flat soled bowls shoes. Rollups and try-outs are casual with flat-soled shoes to avoid damaging the green.

While practice makes perfect we do not worry about skill levels, your place in the team is always valued and you could surprise yourself on taking up a new challenge.

Come along and have a go, if you see us on the Green pop along and watch the game. Never say no until you've had a go!!

– **Carol Dallamore**

Harby Parish Council Update

Clerk

As the restrictions continue to lift and the weather improves a sense of normal life is returning, although I'm not sure that it will ever return to the "normal" we all took for granted before. Mask wearing is the "new normal" as is social distancing and that will be with us much longer than anyone anticipated.

Welcome to the new owners of the Bottle and Glass pub, who have been busy carrying out work both inside and outside of the building. They have been making improvements where required whilst also ensuring staff and customers are safe at all times, the Parish Council is looking forward to working with you on community activities in the future, as and when possible. If you haven't paid them a visit recently, please do, I'm sure the team will welcome you warmly and many of the staff faces are familiar as many of them worked there under the previous management.

Darbyshire Close

Following detailed discussions between the Parish Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and District Councillor Dales, you may have noticed work being undertaken near the play area. The picnic bench should now have been installed, so that parents can sit and watch the children at play, but also to provide an opportunity for friends and families to enjoy a picnic together outdoors. We would like to thank NSDC and Councillor Dales for their assistance with this improvement and hope that it will be a significant improvement to this area.

Elections

In May there were County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections. The result of these elections were:

Nottinghamshire County Council: Mrs Maureen Dobson elected

Police and Crime Commissioner: Caroline Henry elected

The Parish Council looks forward to working with both of you in the coming months and years for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of Harby

Allotments

Thank you to all allotment holders, who are no longer burning their allotment waste on their plots. This is greatly appreciated by the Parish Council and the local residents

Wigsley Harby & Thorney Going Green

Have you visited their website whtgoinggreen.org or Facebook Group m.facebook.com/groups/whtgoing? Why not take a look, take the quiz or get involved in their projects aiming to work together to make our Wigsley, Harby and Thorney community more climate-friendly.

Parish Website/Social Media

Please keep your eyes on the website <http://www.harby-notts.org.uk> and Facebook www.facebook.com/Harby-Parish-Council-529209784087559 for information between TRIO publications.

The next Ordinary Meetings are at 7:30pm, Thursday 17th June and 29th July in the Main Hall of the Village Hall. If any members of the public would like to attend, please let us know in advance as we need to try and maintain Covid security for all attendees. Please see the notice board or the website nearer the time for the full agenda. Minutes of previous meetings will be placed on the website and notice board as soon as possible following their approval.

Please continue to stay safe!

Caron Ballantyne, Harby Parish Clerk

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Wigsley, Harby and Thorney residents team up for the first WH&T Going Green Great Spring Community Clear Up

If there is a silver lining to the Covid-19 pandemic, then it has to be the reignited sense of community in us. Over the past year neighbours and friends have come together to support each other and with all us spending so much time locally, we appreciate our community and our local environment more than ever.

On Sunday 23 May our three villages joined forces for the inaugural WH&T Going Green Great Spring Community Clear Up. The event was hosted as part of the UK's largest mass-action environmental campaign **Great British Spring Clean** by **Keep Britain Tidy**, which is held annually to clear litter from our streets and parks. Because, what is good for our environment is good for our mental and physical health too. We cleaned equipment in our play parks, washed down benches and notice boards, trimmed hedges, polished road and street signs and collected an unbelievable



Thorney clear up team included 7 little helpers!



What a load of rubbish, Team Thorney!

Photography Clare Welfare, Lara Marzec & Dawn Collins

We work with representatives from the Newark and Sherwood District Council in order to bring you information and resources that are available to support our villages on our path to becoming greener. Read more about our group and get in touch with your ideas on how we can make our community more eco-friendly!



Harby clear up team, all ready to go!

Photography Jayne Rose

amount of rubbish; from a TV to a laundry basket, complete with clothes! This was a real fun, feel-good community effort with lots of chats and laughter. Many of us have not seen each other in a long time due to the lockdown restrictions and it felt SO GOOD to catch up and talk again (while observing social distancing requirements of course). We also got to meet some of our new neighbours who moved in recently and joined us for the event. And of course, as with any successful community event, there were cookies!

Thank you everyone who has volunteered their precious free time and joined in with the team spirit. The huge strides we need to make to create the clean villages we all want, are made up of small steps. With our WH&T Going Green Great Spring Community Clear Up we all took a big leap forward together. Check out our photos here and on our Facebook group and feel free to share yours. The next WH&T Going Green project is already in the works so watch the space for an announcement!

About WH&T Going Green

Wigsley, Harby & Thorney Going Green was founded in 2020 in response to local interest in green issues. Climate change is the primary concern for many millions of people across the world today and that concern is shared by our community.



Wigsley clear up team: Mission accomplished!

Photography Arthur Cattle

www.whtgoinggreen.org



CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

At long last summer is here with all its promise of warm sunny days and Covid restrictions being lifted. Mind you, we don't actually know what that will mean or how much we will actually be able to do. In church, we are definitely looking forward to weddings and Christenings, some of which have been postponed and rearranged more than once. Joyful celebrations, when families and friends get together are very precious aren't they? They are occasions to look forward to and plan for, they can strengthen bonds of love between generations and bring happy memories to cheer us up and give us something to talk about. I've been really encouraged to know that throughout the pandemic, couples and families have carried on making their wedding and Christening plans, sometimes against the odds and I don't know anyone who's decided to give up on the whole thing. It makes me think that love really is the greatest thing and reminds me of some of my favourite words from the Bible:

Love is as strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

These words are from The Song of Solomon, a book in the Bible. Did you know that the Bible has love songs and poems? I think that out of all the things that make me want to follow Jesus is his love for all of us and I really want to be part of that. Have a very blessed summer and I pray for happy celebrations in our villages with neighbours, friends and families.

Revd Mandy

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBY WITH SWINETHORPE – Bridget Wells

The good news is that we are having regular services again, and with music and singing. Also, two weddings that were postponed from last year, will take place.

The AGM was held in April. It was decided to have a coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday, 26 June from 10 30 am to 12 noon, so everyone can meet again. (There may be home-made cakes and biscuits). There will also be children's games and activities.

On Sunday, 4 July at 10 30am there will be Songs of Praise with Rev Mandy Cartwright, so bring a list of your favourite hymns to the Coffee Morning or leave it in the church porch. The Harvest Thanksgiving is to be held on 26 September followed by lunch in the Village Hall.

Forthcoming services: 27 June at 10.30 – Morning worship, 4 July at 10.30 – Songs of Praise, 25 July at 10.30 – Morning worship

NEWS FROM THORNEY – Anne Massey

It was great to have a good turnout for our lovely Easter celebration, in the sunshine. Emily won the Easter bonnet competition and Jacob won the junior section, but everyone got an Easter egg for taking part. The raffle for a hamper was won by Helen and Brian Lye and there were many other prizes. Thanks to all who donated. Thanks to all who helped with the celebration by leading, reading, decorating paper eggs, making beautiful floral displays inside church and outside, and in coming along to join the chorus. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Our outdoor celebrations for Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas and Easter have been amazing events and have brought so many people together. We have been truly grateful. We have lots of lovely community events coming up during the next few months too and look forward to seeing you all. Plans are afoot to do some tidying up in the churchyard and to start our get togethers when the library van calls, but dates will be advertised locally.

Services at St Helen's: 6 June at 10.30 – Holy Communion, 20 June at 10.30 – Morning worship, 18 July at 10.30 – Morning worship

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER May 2021



NEW HEADTEACHER

Huge congratulations to **Mrs Jill Woolnough** on her appointment as Headteacher at QEP from September 2021.

She is 100% committed to this school and will definitely ensure a really positive future for the school and for the children.

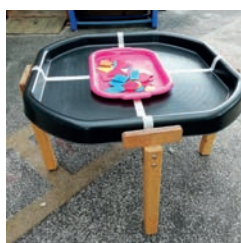
OUTSIDE SPACES

Many thanks to Mr Waby and Miss Simpson for really developing the garden space at school.



KS1 Outside Area Equipment

We are starting to improve our KS1 outside area and have ordered lots of new equipment. We have taken delivery of a couple of new pieces. Mrs Shaw's partner has kindly been into to school to put them together and the children think they have a new hot tub to play in, unfortunately, it's not, but they have a beautiful new tuff spot on a stand to explore in!



NURSERY OPENS

in September for 3 Year-Olds

We are really excited to inform you that we have had the go ahead for opening our Nursery unit in September!

This means that we can now offer nursery places for 3 year olds. If you would like to apply for a Nursery place in September or know of anyone who would be interested, please contact the school office and Mrs Lister will provide you with further detail

We really hope that this will create more stability for our families, and help our lovely school to grow at little!

CORONAVIRUS

We are so proud of our pupils, families and staff who have weathered the COVID storm with such resilience.

Despite the lockdowns, the rigorous risk assessments and protocols to follow, everyone has really risen to the challenge.

The pupils have dealt with bubbles, hand sanitiser and social distance as though that is all they have ever known. They have understood the reasons for the changes and have embraced the knowledge that they are keeping themselves safe.

The staff have been amazing - they have risen to the challenge of using unfamiliar ICT (as have the parents) and have ensured that all children were catered for during lockdown. Parents said that they knew where to get support and were thankful for that. And we thank parents for their support and their resilience during such a difficult time.

We are all hopeful that 'normality' will gradually return, but as in everything it has been a real learning opportunity and will continue to affect school in many ways for some time to come.

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THORNEY "QUIRKY PLANTING CHALLENGE 2021"



We are launching the **Quirky Planting Challenge** in Thorney
over the weekend of July 10th/11th
& hope you'll be interested to take part.

We are asking you to get creative & produce a planter of flowers, fruits or vegetables in anything that is NOT a planter eg. sink, cistern, old piece of unwanted furniture or anything else you could upcycle!

Display your entry just outside your home/ driveway on the weekend of July 10th /11th where it can be seen by passers by.

JUST FOR FUN & the joy of taking part!

Enjoy a walk (or drive) around Thorney at any time over the weekend.

ALL WELCOME!

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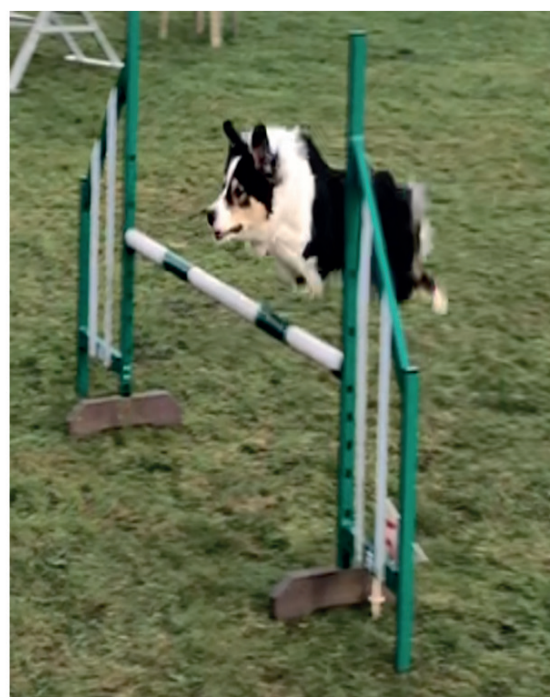
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Forthcoming Events

JUNE 2021

- Wed. 2nd – **Mobile Library: Harby** Click & Collect only - Station Road 9.50-10.05, Queen Eleanor Primary School 10.05-10.40, Millfield Close 10.45-11.00.
Wigsley – Post Box 11.05-11.15. **Thorney** – Church 11.20-11.50
 Coffee 10.30-12.00
- Sun. 6th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Holy Communion, 10.30am
- Sun. 6th – Plant sale/exchange, Thorney Play Park 2.00pm-3.30pm
- Thurs. 17th – Harby Parish Council Meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Sun. 20th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship, 10.30am
- Sat. 26th – All Saints Church Coffee Morning, Harby Village Hall 10.30am-12.00pm
- Sun. 27th – All Saints Church Harby, Morning Worship 10.30am
- Wed. 30th – **Mobile Library: Harby** Click & Collect only - Station Road 9.50-10.05, Queen Eleanor Primary School 10.05-10.40, Millfield Close 10.45-11.00.
Wigsley – Post Box 11.05-11.15. **Thorney** - Church 11.20-11.50
- Wed. 30th – Harby History Group, Tour of Cathedral Quarter featuring Jewish Lincoln

JULY 2021

- Sun. 4th – All Saints Church Harby, Songs of Praise 10.30am
- 10th – 11th – Thorney Quirky Planting Challenge weekend
- Sun. 18th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship, 10.30am
- Sun. 25th – All Saints Church Harby, Morning Worship 10.30am
- Wed. 28th – **Mobile Library: Harby** Click & Collect only - Station Road 9.50-10.05, Queen Eleanor Primary School 10.05-10.40, Millfield Close 10.45-11.00.
Wigsley – Post Box 11.05-11.15. **Thorney** - Church 11.20-11.50
- Thurs. 29th – Harby Parish Council Meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm

**Please contact Jayne Rose if you would like your future events to be included
 Tel. 01522 703510 or e-mail: jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk**

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Village Hall	Janet Medley	703304
	Jayne Rose	703510
Queen Eleanor School	Mrs J Wallace/Lisa Lister	703428
Newsletter	Ann Williams	703766
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Heating Oil Syndicate	David Rose	703510
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Nottinghamshire Police	PC Gareth Nicholls	07525 226394
	Non-Emergencies	101
CLP	Janet Medley	703304
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WIGSLEY

CLP	Clive Thompson	702014
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CLP	Anna Dennison	702748
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Harby Playing Fields

Harby Playing Fields committee have been able to secure a grant to refurbish and develop the children's play area. Please bear with us whilst the work takes place, we are hoping it will be finished sometime in August.

Providing restrictions have been lifted, we are hoping to start the Car Boot Sales after 21st June. We will, of course, follow any Government guidelines.

Harby History Group

– Louise Herrick 703662 - email: harbyhistory@outlook.com

Oh, I do hope we are back to normal by the time you read this!

If so, then in May we'll have had our first Harby History Group meeting since February 2020. The plan is to go on a Historic Guided Tour of Newark.

The following is the calendar for the rest of 2021, pending our speakers still being available, the village hall being able to reopen and no more government restrictions. Of course, as we all know too well now, things can change quickly so if you want to attend any of these meetings and you're a new or irregular member then please get in touch with me to confirm beforehand. It will be lovely to see all the regulars plus anybody that would like to start a new interest and meet people following being at home for so long!

- 30 June – The Cathedral Quarter featuring Jewish Lincoln. Trip.
Tour by guide Brian Taylor.
- 29 September – Early Medieval Lincolnshire. *Guest speaker Dr Erik Grigg.*
- 27 October – Katherine's House. *Guest speaker & author Sarah Hogg, who lives at Kettlethorpe Manor former home of Katherine Swynford.*
Books for sale on the night.
- 24 November – Slea Navigation. *Guest speaker Graeme Wade.*