



ST HELEN'S CHURCH, THORNEY

On Thursday 17th December 2015 St Helen's was packed with about 100 people plus 35 band members for our Carols by Candlelight. Had people come to view the new lighting system, including uplighters showing off the recently cleaned rafters? Had people come to listen to the amazing Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Concert Band? Or had they come because they love singing those familiar carols? Perhaps they came because they wanted to hear the readings, reminding them once again of the wonderful Christmas story. Maybe it was the promise of mince pies, warm drinks and a chat afterwards with old friends. You might like to think, as I do, that it was a combination of all of these things which brought a record number to church that evening. But it was certainly an amazing event, enjoyed by all. Our photo shows a very atmospheric St Helen's after the last Carol, the last prayer and after candles had been blown out. People are beginning to form an orderly queue for refreshments and to catch up on all the latest news from friends and neighbours. The new lighting had to be installed as the wiring was no longer fit for purpose, and while scaffolding was in place several people got involved with some serious rafter cleaning. Our new uplighters can be seen showing off our ornate roof timbers. Come along one day and see for yourselves. Thanks to who helped with the electrical work, the cleaning, more cleaning, the decorating and the catering. Happy New Year!

Our thanks to Peter Snowden for the photograph.

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#### **NEWS FROM QEP – Jeremy Bingham**

The new term has started with a very damp slant; the field is extremely wet and partly because of this, the children are making the most of the new trim trail which some of you may have noticed appear around the back of the school. We'd like to thank the Friends of the School for their help in providing this wonderful facility! We have quite a few large logs, (formerly the posts of the old play equipment) which are available for a small donation, to any of you with woodburners! If you would like some please contact the school office to register your interest.

This Spring term of 2016 sees the 'opening' of a new library facility in the school. It has been made possible by funds from a bequest by the late Catherine Withers, who had lived in the village all her life.

The books all have a frontispiece marking this gift and so will act as a reminder for all readers.





I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of the school team! We're looking forward to an exciting and successful 2016.



### 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

I can help with a whole range of "Tek" issues!

Please Call or Email me (Jason) and let me see what I can do for you.

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#### Go again

As I was finishing my exercise of E-mailing the last Go Again article to Annie, I received a request from Sue Waterfall from Gainsborough to arrange a practice ring for 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7-30p.m. As it was approaching the newsletter dead-line, I couldn't risk another E-mail and as our carrier pigeon was on holiday, and also there was still no sightings of Glyn and Malc (fibre optic cable layers from Saxilby to Harby. (June 2014).

London and the Home Counties have applied for a Broadband upgrade, therefore we've no chance, unless we change our name to 'Chipping-Harby'.

To allow sufficient E-mail time therefore, I made the decision to write about the outcome of Sue's request, in this February issue.

Sue is the organising force behind the Washingborough and Waddington Ringers wishing to practice 'Grandsire Doubles' on a different night to their usual practice night, thus giving the learners a chance to ring on a separate evening. The ringers for the evening were, Colin Ward, Johnathon Clark, Claire Howard, Sandra Underwood, Bill Booty and Sue Waterfall (Captain) I've got to say the bells sounded great although I didn't know what they were ringing at that time.

The Washy Wadda's, as they call themselves in a 'thank you' letter, finished the evening off .by leaving a donation in the belfry, and then calling at the local Pub where they made nearly as much noise.

A surprise service was held at Harby, All Saints on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thorney, having their Church re-wired, requested the use of Harby. At not too long a notice, we managed to acquire 5 ringers for this event. They were Ron Everett, Lincoln. Jayne Rose, Eagle @ the moment, Sue Pendleton, North Scarle, Derek Phllips, Eagle, Philip Thomas, thank you all.

I understand that our Vicar at All Saints from 1981 to 1994, the Rev Michael Briggs passed away on Christmas Day. Our condolences go to his family. Other concerning news was that Canon Dendle French had been admitted to Hospital for surgery. The Canon has been a frequent visitor to Harby, and taking the Communion Services. We wish him well.

A few years ago, after 1994, Lincoln Model Railway Society held a Model Rail show in South Clifton village hall, and me being interested in model railways, I along with a couple of grandchildren from Eagle, visited the Show. I was so surprised, I after studying a layout or two, to go in another room, to see the Rev Briggs operating his layout and making more smoke with his pipe than you care to imagine now-a-days, looked realistic, but the smell was not like Lincoln Station.(my memories of Steam)

Derrick Watson from Spalford, is progressing O,K, following his heart attack before Christmas, I understand his cardiac recovery programme at home, managed with the aid of his wife Val, is progressing well. We in the belfry wish you well Derrick, and are monitoring your progress, and looking forward to you ringing again.

Now a word or two about the Christmas Carol Service held on 20th December. The ringers on this occasion were Jayne Rose, Sue Paine, Derek Phillips Eagle, Phillip Thomas. Again this year it was a most enjoyable evening, the Church was decorated in the usual Christmas festive manner. Well done to all involved. During the service the Swinethorpe and Harby young ladies' choir sang, well done girls, you were very good, The decor helped to motivate everyone's vocal chords, which ultimately needed resuscitating. Following the service there was the usual 'Punch, Mince Pies and Biscuits'. With plenty to talk about (they, went down well)

The first service in the New Year got off to a shaky start to organise. In Colin's absence, with Philip on 'stand by' Eventually Southwell Diocese provided a vicar, it was then all systems go, with a well above average attendance.

"Stand next"

Will Turner



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#### **THORNEY SPOTTINGS (10) – Janet Collins**

The weather has been so mild during the first half of the winter that there has hardly been anything worth reporting. Of course, this is good news, in that it means there is still plenty of food for the birds outside of our garden ranges. The downside is that all the migratory birds have not arrived at their usual times.

Several large skeins of geese have passed overhead, and some smaller flocks have settled in for a feed in their usual village hospitality spots, but they seem far fewer than normal. There haven't even been many to spot around the fishing lakes. However, a grey heron has been visiting on a fairly regular basis over the past few weeks. Perhaps he knows he won't get much competition from the fishermen at this time of year!

As there wasn't much spotting to do in mid to late December, I strolled round to Terry and Anne's to sort out some bird feed ideas. While I was there I received a bit of bird spotting tuition from Terry. One of their feeders was being visited by a couple of redpolls (along with some goldfinches, if I remember correctly). It was close enough to get a good look at this sparrow-like bird with its distinctive red head, black chin and forked tail. Although mealy redpolls are a common British bird, they are not necessarily found in all garden situations. Their natural habitat is in areas dominated by alder and birch trees, but they do visit gardens, particularly in winter, along with other members of the finch family.

Unfortunately, there isn't always the same time allowance to identify some birds for certain, especially if you are new to a species and the bird could easily be mistaken for another. It's easy to look in a book, but more difficult when they are on the wing or moving about. Having the time to study a bird more closely certainly makes it easier to spot them in the future, and far more quickly. You get used to homing in on the significant bits, while you have the chance!

Stan has had the reed buntings visiting, as usual, at this time of year. But he agrees that there has been a lack of birds to spot, even on fairly lengthy walks. However, now the cold weather seems to have arrived the numbers will probably start to increase. One bird that is new to me in the Thorney area is the little egret. This small, pure white heron, with black beak and legs is becoming far more common. I have seen them on several occasions along the dykes in Broadholme, but spotting one along the main drain just before the Doddington Road is a first. It would be good if they came a little nearer to the main village area, but I'm not sure this marsh lover is a frequenter of rural pond areas, even with a food source supplied!

Bird Club: Speaking of food supplies, Gauntleys currently have 20kg bags of sunflower hearts for just under £20. This is excellent value.

#### Harby History Group calendar for 2016

27 January- The Lincoln Cathedral Story. Film Night.

24 February- Water Supply to Lincolnshire Country Houses. Guest speaker Chris Lester.

**30 March- The Development of Humberside Airport.** Returning guest speaker Charles Parker, who gave a talk last year on aircraft manufacture in Lincoln during WWI.

27 April- Laxton 3-field System. Trip. Film show & walking tour.

**25 May-Darlton Manor House.** Trip. Walk & talk round the ancient castle site, tour of the house followed by talk, tea & biscuits.

29 June-Lincoln Stonebow & Guildhall Tour. Trip. Tour & mayoral regalia.

**28 September- Latest Work News.** Returning guest speaker Paul Croft, Heritage Conservation Expert.

26 October- Flanders Trip. Member speaker Richard Croft.

**30 November- History of the Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology.** Guest speaker Pearl Wheatley.



#### HARBY HISTORY GROUP - Louise Herrick 703662

At the November meeting, the ever popular Richard Croft did a presentation on "Curious Lincolnshire". This talk with slides, showcased some of the more unusual aspects of Lincolnshire. Not only did Richard present photos of interesting places he had countless interesting facts to tell us too.

The beauty and diversity of the county gave all of us plenty of ideas of places we would love to visit when we have chance for a daytrip out.

The 2016 calendar of events is nearly finalised so for further information, please check the village notice board.

Following the Christmas break, the first meeting of 2016 is on 27 January. We shall be having a film night and watching "The Lincoln Cathedral Story".

The February meeting is still waiting for confirmation but on 30 March, Charles Parker is our returning guest speaker. Charles gave us a great talk on "WWI Aircraft Production in Lincoln" last year and this year will be giving a presentation of "The Development of Humberside Airport". Although only 3 ladies turned out for his talk last year, each and everyone thought he was really interesting so ladies, please don't be put off by the topic. It's not just a "boy's subject"!

Meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month 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.

#### HARBY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM





Paul Nolan

John Howard

Pete Merrick

John Mawer

Richard Croft

Tom Walton

Steve Brown

Mike Lloyd

Matthew Tucker

**Phil Thomas** 

Harby Mountain Rescue Team will embark on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and most ambitious adventure so far, 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June 2016, when ten of the team will cycle around 160 miles in Belgium, taking in some of the significant sites on the Western Front in Flanders. The focal point will be to play a game of 5-a-side football at Ploegsteert, the site of the famous Christmas 1914 truce football match and leave the ball at the Khaki Chums Cross. We'll also visit sites such as Messines Ridge, Paschendaele, Essex Farm, Hellfire Corner, Suicide Road, Hill 62, The Last Post at The Menin Gate and 24 hours in Bruges on the way home.

Many of the usual HMRT suspects will be joined by fresher Tom Walton for a memorable cycling sortie remembering some of the million men who perished in Flanders 1914-18. Brian Rippard's uncle Robert James Rippard was killed at Hooge in August 1915 and is remembered on the Menin Gate, George Albert Bayes named on Harby War Memorial will be remembered at Tyne Cot, famous cartoonist Bruce Bairnsfather at St.Yvon and many others.

An account of the adventure will be published in the October issue of Trio.

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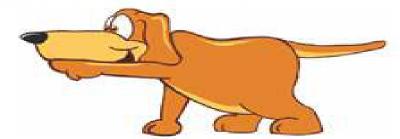
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#### **Harby Parish Council**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Below is a summary of recent minutes. For full minutes please see the notice board or go to www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/harby.

#### **2016 Meeting Dates**

The planned Ordinary Meeting dates for 2016 are Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Devolution for the North Midlands**

A proposal for a combined authority for the North Midlands has been sent to the Chancellor George Osborne. 19 local authorities including Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have signed up and it will include a Mayor. Go to:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/latest-news/devolution-deal

#### Celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

The Council agreed to support a village event to mark the Queen's birthday. The Playing Field and School will be contacted and if there's local support, more information will be shared nearer the time.

#### **Allotments**

The allotments which will become available in March have been allocated and the successful tenants will be notified. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in having an allotment and you will be added to the waiting list.

#### **Better Broadband Petition**

The Council is to gather signatures on a petition to send to the County Council in February to encourage 'faster internet sooner' for the area.

#### Speeding on Church Road

Highways have investigated the request for new playground signs and the Council have requested two additional signs to be sited closer to the playing field.

#### **Road Closure**

The B1190 at 5 Lanes End will be closed for two weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The diversion routes are on the Harby Notice board and further clarification is being sought as to if/when the crossroad will be closed.

#### **Brickwork on Wigsley Road**

The lumps of rock/brickwork left on Wigsley Road from dredging have been removed by the Drainage Board.

#### Planning Applications Update:

Householder application for proposed carport / garage at The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Harby. 15/02126/FUL. Parish council <u>support</u> the application. Pending decision by the District Council.

The next Ordinary Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall Committee Room. See the notice board or online nearer the time for confirmation and details.

### HARBY VILLAGE HALL Christmas Quiznight



Around 100 people filled Harby Village Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to compete for the much-coveted Harby Quiznight trophy and title, raising over £500 for **Trio** Newsletter.

1=	Harby Wallbangers	169	78%
1=	Universally Challenged	169	78%
3	The Hoggs Trotters	167	77%
4=	The Outsiders	166	77%
4=	Bertie + 5	166	77%
4=	Clueless	166	77%
7	Here Come the Girls	163	75%
8	Slack Patos	162	75%
9	Jo's Outriders	161	75%
10	Hoof Hearted Again	156	72%
11	Six Peas in a Pod	155	72%
12	In the Mix	153	71%
13	Thornbirds	152	70%
14	We know all the antlers	136	63%
15	Vicars & Swine	130	60%
16	The Karate Kids	126	58%

In a Harby Quiznight first, two teams tied for the top spot and will share the trophy until the replay in December this year. Former champions Universally Challenged led by Jon & Tasha Beynon from Wigsley locked horns with in form regulars Harby Wallbangers, who've often been in the top four, but this is their first win. Man of the match Steve Michael celebrated the victory most enthusiastically and took the trophy to reside at Harby Mill for six months before moving it to Home Farm, Wigsley in July.

A Hogg, Parker, Durrans collaboration as The Hoggs Trotters held on to third place by just one point, hotly pursued by The Outsiders, Bertie+5 and Clueless in equal fourth. Debutantes Slack Patos led by Denise Slack from the Hollies slipped from a first half lead to just 7 points off the top in 8<sup>th</sup>. Kath Steele steered Here come the Girls to a very

respectable 7<sup>th</sup> and bragging rights over their husbands & partners **The Karate Kids** led by Pete Steele who finished last, 37 points behind to pick up the wooden spoons. John, Chas and the Laneham crew **Hoof Hearted Again** stole a one point victory over tennis team rivals **Six Peas in a Pod** with Barry & Bill et al. John Mawer managed to avoid picking up another yellow card as **In the Mix** pipped Thorney's finest **The Thornbirds** by a single point.

Phil & Nicki Heywood's team had all the antlers but only 63% of the answers, though they came first in enjoying themselves in the comfortable chairs and the youthful foursome Vicars & Swine top scored on Disney Songs but were undone by the Christmas Number Ones round.

Special thanks to Clive for his fantastic music rounds and technical wizardry, Sue & Carol for collecting and marking all the answer sheets, Ann Williams, Rosie Burrows and the kitchen team who miraculously produced the pie & peas at the interval, Anna Dennison & Anne Massey who sold raffle tickets and everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

#### Forthcoming Events

#### Feb. 2016

Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. – Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm

- Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> - St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> - St Helen's Church Thorney, Holy Communion, 10.30am

Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> - Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm

Thurs. 11th - Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> — Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm — 3.30pm Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> — St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm — 4.00pm

Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> - 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. 18<sup>th</sup> - Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Harby Tea Time, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> - St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am

Sun. 21st - Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm

Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> - History Group, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> - Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> - St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> - Hoggy's Charity Ball, Harby Village Hall

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Mar. 2016

Tues. 1st Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm

Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> All Saints Church Harby, Holy Communion, 10.30am

Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> - Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm

Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

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Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm

Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Harby Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting,

Thurs, 17<sup>th</sup> Harby Village Hall, 7.00pm

Easter Fair, St Helen's Church, Thorney 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> - St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship, 10.30am

Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> All Saints Church Harby, Morning Worship, 10.30am

Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> - Voluntary Car Scheme re-launch, St Helen's Church Thorney

Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> -7.00pm

Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor Primary School, 2.30pm

Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

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Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> - History Group, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> - Toddler Group, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am

Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> St Helen's Church, Thorney, quiet prayer 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **Bottle and Glass**

Tuesdays - Pie and beer night – £10 for 2 people

Wednesdays – Steak night – steak and bottle of house wine for 2 people £30 Look out for Valentine inspired specials in February Brewery opening soon

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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