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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The header may have changed for this Newsletter but I hope the essence will not and that it will continue to reflect the interests, events and information for the community. Thus I welcome the residents of Thorney in this circulation. I hope everyone will continue to support this newsletter.

"We're very excited that through our working together on the CLP, we have been able to join the Harby & Wigsley newsletter. THANK YOU!!!! We hope that this will encourage people to attend events in other villages and support one another in a variety of ways." Anna Massey - Thorney

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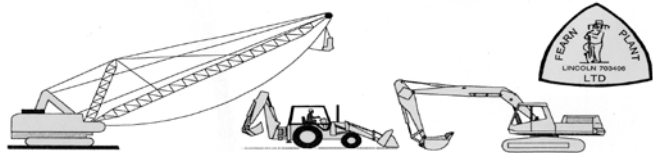
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Visiting ringers, the West Lindsey Guild of Bell Ringers are hoping to visit All Saints for an hour's ring on Saturday 31st May. Travelling South on the West side of the River Trent, it is planned I believe, to ring 4 Churches, crossing the Trent at Gainsborough to ring at Lea, Saxilby and finally at All Saints, Harby 2-00p.m. ish I believe to be the intended time of arrival of the visitors. So switch off the television for an hour or so, and have a listen.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, we in the belfry are short of operatives and have been supported recently by outside help, namely Roy Chapman and Roger Asher, (Thorpe on the Hill) Ron Everett (Bassingham) and Derek Phillips (Eagle) all helping the current available ringers at All Saints, Jayne Rose, Philip Thomas, Derek Watson (Spalford) and Laraine Dickinson. I wish to thank them all for keeping the 'service ringing in their diaries'. I have not forgotten you Sue, (Paine is nearly there ready to join the team). It is with the aforementioned circumstances in mind that I plead for help from existing and or prospective ringers, temporary or permanent within the community to rekindle their desire to ring. If anyone is interested in helping with the maintenance, the bells need the occasional rope inspection and adjustment if necessary once a year at the garter hole and the first bearing lubrication inspection is due in October 2038.

Nearer home, have you heard The Village cuckoo yet? Millie has, on 14th May, during one of her traditional morning walks, "Good morning" she replied (instead of waving to the Red Arrows (they are away in Cyprus) .

Set Next Time

Will Turner

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Harby Spring Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported the Harby Spring Fair at the beginning of April. It was an enjoyable morning and just over £200 was raised for the local LIVES group.

JULY 21st

Happy 24th Wedding Anniversary
To my lovely husband STEVE LOWE
Lots of love as always - Marie

Best Kept Village Competition

Don't forget
Harby Village Tidy up on Sun. 1st June
meet 10.30am at the Village Hall

CRAFT CIRCLE

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Sue 702518 - 07717134984

FROM THE RECTOR OF THE EAST TRENT GROUP OF CHURCHES JUNE 2014 – David Yabbacome

Easter marked the first anniversary of my institution as Rector of the eleven churches and fifteen communities which make up the East Trent Group of Churches. And quite a year it's been! With so much to take in and learn I still struggle to put names to faces and faces to locations. Despite this challenge I continue to enjoy enormously the responsibility of being the Parish Priest to so many communities. I came to be Rector of the whole Group, and the learning process of becoming the East Trent Group continues to be a challenge to all our churches. Many people observe that my job is impossible, but in response I've taken to reminding such doom-sayers that the church started with only thirteen people, of whom one met death through crucifixion brought about by the betrayal of one of the others who then removed himself. Now see that the Church is a worldwide fellowship of millions. And East Trent is only a small part of that worldwide fellowship.

As the years pass and the life of the Church is organised in different ways so we need to move away from how things were "in the good old days" (and our view of that is too often through rose-tinted specs) to what fun we are having in the present age. Only yesterday I had a conversation in one of the East Trent churches about how good it must have been in times past to see the church full unlike the present age (the conversation was with someone who doesn't come to church). I had to point out that the churches have rarely been full, in that sense, but they are full of, and a visible sign, of God's love in our communities.

During the year I have been privileged to share in many things. The joy and wonder of Baptisms and Weddings, together with the joy, sadness and wonder of Funerals, and many other significant family and community events. Little wonder that my job is such fun, particularly as I look ahead to the continuing growth of our churches in warmth of fellowship and faith.

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FRIENDS OF QUEEN ELEANOR – Emma Fearn

A huge thank you to all who helped at the car boot on Sunday, 18 May!! The magnificent sum of **£252.10** was raised from bucket collections and flyers were given out heralding the Autumn Harby Village Produce show.

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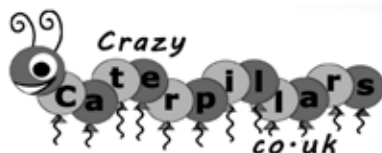
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HARBY HISTORY GROUP – Louise Herrick 703662

Our March meeting was titled “Meet the Ancestors”. Each member took it in turn to tell the story of a past family member. Plenty of items were brought along to display, including photos, medals, passports, jewellery and a tea towel. We heard stories of hardship, sadness, bravery and fun but the constant theme was “I hardly know anything about this family member. I wish I’d asked more before they or others that knew them well had died.”

In April, we visited the Bailgate area for the Lincoln Ghost walk. We started at the Castle and followed our guide as she took us to and told stories about Brown’s Pie Shop, the Cathedral, Greestone Terrace, and the White Hart amongst others. The tales ranged from scary, gory and amusing to sometimes, just sad or tragic. We also spotted historic parts of the Cathedral Quarter that we had perhaps ignored in the past.

The response was that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip and that when our guide told us at the end of the tour that there was an alternate route with different stories, it was agreed that we should look at booking this for the History Group for next year.

Our next meeting is on 27 May at 7:30pm and is a talk by archaeologist Jane Young. Along with her helper Jo, she will bring along Saxon & Roman pottery from a Lincoln archive & allow a hands on approach that you wouldn’t get in a museum.

On 24 June, Paul Croft will be returning to give an illustrated talk about his latest conservation projects, which in the past have included stately homes and Bletchley Park.

Meetings are on the last Tuesday 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 Thorney Wigsley Community Led Plan

Fantastic News!

Big Lottery funded Awards for All has awarded the villages of Harby, Thorney & Wigsley over £9000 towards producing the Community Led Plan.

This is brilliant news as it will enable the Steering Group to organise a range of events, develop a community website and print the Community Led Plan booklet.

In June, village representatives will deliver the main questionnaire to each household. Completing this will enable us to get your views on what you want from your village now and in the future.

Each village will be holding a free event:-

- Harby – Sun.15th June Tea and cakes with a chance to try New Age Kurling, Village Hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Thorney – Sun.15th June Father’s Day Fun and Games, St Helens Church 3.00pm – 6.00pm
- Wigsley – to be arranged

Watch out for more details around your village and through your letterbox.



HARBY VILLAGE HALL Easter Quiznight

Wigsley Winners, £373 raised for Harby Village Hall

A typically rowdy quiznight evening in Harby Village Hall on Saturday 26th April saw thirteen teams compete for the Harby Quiznight title and trophy raising £373 for Harby Village Hall. There were no yellow cards as Steve Hogg was well-behaved and John Mawer was suspended.

Despite claiming to be *Universally Challenged*, Tasha & John Beynon, Sally & Rob Swallow, Gareth Jones and Mark Sumner top-scored in all three music rounds and consistently well through the evening to fend off all challengers to win the Quiznight title. Tasha lifted the trophy on behalf of her team-mates and it will now reside at Home Farm until the Christmas Quiznight when they intend to defend their title. Second placed *Clueless* led by Richard Hare put in another strong challenge and enjoyed their second consecutive podium finish just a single point behind the winners.



Quiznight winners - Universally Challenged

1	Universally Challenged	202	86%
2	Clueless	201	85%
3	Anyone for Tennis	198	84%
4	Blind leading the blinds	189	80%
5	Imitation Harby Wallbangers	187	79%
6	Indefatigables	183	78%
7	In the mix	181	77%
8	From Across the border	180	76%
9	Quizically Impaired	168	71%
10	Five Mistakes	166	70%
11	Harby Duffers	155	66%
12	Never mind the b*****ks	154	65%
13	Orchard bad apples	127	54%

An Attrup-Lloyd-Evans collaboration as **Anyone for Tennis** clinched third place ahead of a youthful Hogg-Parker-Durrans **Blind leading the blinds** in fourth. Steve Michael's legendary music knowledge helped the **Imitation Harby Wallbangers** to a very respectable fifth place just ahead of **Indefatigables** from Collingham.

Birthday boy Colin Wells joined **In the Mix** and birthday girl Gill Meanwell led a **Quizically Impaired** team from North Harby to respectable mid-table finishes with a Quibell-led team **From across the border**.

Intellectual heavyweights George Dickinson, Mark Snelling, Phil Thomas, Brian Rippard and John Howard just managed a top ten finish as **The Five Mistakes** and the **Harby Duffers** failed to live up to their billing or add to their wooden spoon collection with a respectable 66%, just outside the relegation zone.

Shrugging off the cognition-impairing effects pie & peas, a trio of Tom & Sally Whittaker with Mike Squirrell inspired **Never mind the b*****ks** to romp ahead of **Orchard Bad Apples** Russell Eke, Sarah Jackson, Julia & Mark Whittaker who picked up the wooden spoons 27 points adrift at the bottom.

Thankyou to everyone who participated, donated raffle prizes and helped with all the logistics, but particular thanks to Clive for all his help with the quiz; Sue, Emily & Katy with the marking; Katherine, Linda & Bridget in the kitchen; Colin & Caroline selling raffle tickets and everyone who helped pack up at the end of the evening.

Harby Christmas Quiznight for The Friends of Queen Eleanor School will be on
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LIVES UPDATE – Harold Paine

We have been very fortunate in all the people who have helped the Harby Group raise funds to meet the cost of running the group. One of the other local groups, namely Kettlethorpe and Laughterton, have transferred a not insignificant sum to help pay for our oxygen bottle hire. Further to this Thorney Parish Council have donated £100 to the Harby Group. This is in line with the tri-village effort in the Community Led Plan which further cements our co-operation in presenting a united front.

As reported in the last newsletter, we were to have two additional responders however due to work commitments, our two further volunteers had to reschedule their training. Hopefully by the next newsletter they will be up and running. It has to be said that we are all volunteers; some who are retired like myself can find the time to carry out the training but others who have to work, really have to fit in their training when their workloads permit.

As additional training and experience, I worked a night shift with the East Midlands Ambulance Service. I went as 3rd man on the crew and what an eye opener that proved to be. The equipment carried on the ambulance is truly amazing. The crew of paramedics were second to none. Quite honestly their training, professionalism and care for the patients we carried was something that really will dispense any fear you may have should you be in the unfortunate position to need their services.

WHO WANTS A PANTO THIS CHRISTMAS? - Harold Paine 07775 827979/702518

I'm still looking for villagers who would want to help in producing a village panto "Harby, Thorney & Wigsley". We have some volunteers but for mainly behind the scenes help. Now's your chance to fulfil your dreams. You never know, there may be a Hollywood scout or agent around! I'm told they are looking to resurrect the Carry On films.

I've not done anything like this before so any ideas would be welcome. We'll need ACTORS (come on men there must be a secret cross dresser for the DAME!) SCENE BUILDERS and all that. As you can see, I am stabbing in the dark as I'm no Lynda Snell from the Archers. If you are interested please contact me on the above numbers or drop round to 3 Mill Field Close, Harby.

ST HELEN'S CHURCH, THORNEY – Jenny Whittaker

Every morning for the last 35 years, I have opened our bedroom curtains and looked out over the familiar St Helen's church: a magnificent example of mid- 19th century architecture; the dream of an optimistic Victorian.

Imagine my surprise then, when after a few days away, I returned to find that in place of this parish gem stood a timber clad structure seemingly ready for demolition. They're turning into a bingo hall! I thought: the fate of so many Victorian churches in towns and cities, nowadays.

For St Helen's, though, demolition was not the order of the day, but restoration; some of it intensive and well overdue.

But why bother? Thorney doesn't have the largest congregation and there are two other churches on the doorstep?

Well, first of all: "You won't find any other churches in the country quite like St Helen's," says Steve Anstey, today's stonemason. As with many other English churches, St Helen's is grade 2 listed, but it is the architecture and the singular design of this church that makes it so special and a significant building worthy of preservation.

In 1567, George Nevile, a descendant of one of England's greatest families, purchased the Thorney Estate, which included a small Norman church. However, in 1849, confident that Thorney would develop and prosper, his Victorian heir dreamt of replacing the old Medieval building with one much larger and, for a tiny village in Nottinghamshire, more imposing, than before.

Not one to do things by halves, and perhaps with visions of grandeur, the ambitious Christopher Nevile commissioned Lewis Nockalls Cottingham to design his new church. Cottingham was an eminent figure of the first half of the 19th century, an architect and writer who had designed, remodeled and restored several significant buildings, including the cathedrals of Rochester and Hereford and the chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford.

And now, Thorney. If you wish read the remainder of the article, see pictures of St. Helen's church, please visit www.harbythorneywigsley.co.uk.

The Queen's Jubilee in 2012 and the Village Fete of 2013 was a reminder of the days of Thorney's once famously busy social event calendar.

Another fete is planned for this summer, which will also mark the end of this stage of the renovations, and invitations are to be sent to people who have moved away from the village who may wish to join us. (please pass any addresses to Anne Massey or Anna Dennison)

Let's hope that the Village Fete of 2014 will be remembered, by villagers past and present, as the day the bells rang out, once again, over Thorney.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBY WITH SWINETHORPE – Bridget Wells

At the AGM in March there were two resignations from the PCC – Pat Hazel, churchwarden and secretary has moved to a Lincolnshire village and Tom Chapman, treasurer, has a new home near Sleaford. We thank them both for what they have done for the church and village over the many years. We wish them well in their new homes. We miss them. Colin Wells was re-elected churchwarden and there remains a vacancy for the post of second churchwarden. Hazel Belcher (Swinethorpe) is the new secretary and Janice Cattle (Wigsley) is the treasurer, once again.

For Easter, the church was decorated, as is the custom, with spring flowers. We thank the bellringers for ringing on Easter morning and for the services at 10 30. Sadly, Will Turner is unable to ring at present and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he will soon be back in the belfry.

So far in 2014, there have been four baptisms:

Feb 9th - Freddy George Medley

Mar. 16 – Harriet Orleigh Bailie

Mar. 29 – Hana Victoria King

June 1 - George Thomas Barnard

There is the wedding of Hilary Croft and Mark Solder on May 23rd. We wish them both every happiness. The Witham U3A visited the church on May 1st when Richard Croft gave a very interesting and informative guided tour on the history of the church and Queen Eleanor. Several members remarked to me how well the church was kept, so thank you to all the volunteer cleaners. For information on services, please see the notice board or look on the website easttrentgroup.org.uk.

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Forthcoming Events

June 2014

- Sun. 1st – Car Boot Sale, Playing Fields
- Sun. 1st – Harby Village Tidy Up, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
- Sun. 8th – Morning Worship, St Helen's Church, Thorney, 10.30am
- Wed. 11th – *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. 12th – Craft Circle, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Thurs. 12th – Fashion Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Sun. 15th – Car Boot Sale, Playing Fields (Toddlers)
- Sun. 15th – Harby Tea & cakes and New Age Kurling, Village Hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Sun. 15th – Thorney Father's Day Fun and Games, St Helen's Church 3.00pm – 6.00pm
- Thurs. 19th – Harby Tea Time, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Tues. 24th – History Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Thurs. 26th – Queen Eleanor Primary, Sports Day, 1.30pm
- Thurs. 26th – Craft Circle, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Fri. 27th – Queen Eleanor Primary - Clothing Recycling (all items to be bagged & received at school by 9am)
- Fri. 27th – Sponsored bike/scooter ride, Friends of Queen Eleanor School
- Sun. 29th – Car Boot Sale, Playing Fields
- Sun. 29th – Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Harby, 9.00am

July 2014

- Sun. 6th – Morning Worship, All Saints Church, Harby, 10.30am
- Wed. 9th – *Mobile Library Details as above*
- Thurs. 10th – Queen Eleanor Primary, school production 2.00pm
- Fri. 11th – Queen Eleanor Primary, school production 6.30pm
- Sun. 13th – Car Boot Sale, Playing Fields (Newsletter)
- Sun. 13th – Holy Communion, St Helen's Church, Thorney, 9.00am
- Thurs. 17th – Harby Tea Time, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Sun. 20th – Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Harby, 9.00am
- Thurs. 24th – Craft Circle, Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Sun. 27th – Car Boot Sale, Playing Fields
- Sun. 27th – Morning Worship, St Helen's Church, Thorney, 10.30am

Please contact Jayne Rose if you would like your future events to be included jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk

HARBY BOWLS CLUB – Harold Paine

Well the bowling season is underway and we have had a reasonable start having won our first two matches. However, true to form, we slipped up and lost the next two! Who would think that bowling could be so frustrating. Still we bowl on in the hope that the next game sees an improvement. 19th May was the day that we won against Bardney Bowling Club securing 12 of the 14 points for the match. All the rinks played well even the one rink we lost, so not quite the clean sweep we could have hoped for. The Club plays in three leagues on 2 evenings and 1 afternoon and what we really need is some NEW PLAYERS. So come along and join us. We are a friendly club and all are made welcome.

In the first of our own club tournaments the Triples, the final was won by Neville Wade, Helen Shaw and Maurice Taylor. So, some new names on the trophy when it is presented at our annual dinner. Of course those of us who lost, reckon they were lucky! Who said we were bad losers. Tea and cakes were provided for all of us by Sue Paine, our resident tea lady who reads her book all through the tournament, which goes to show just how exciting the matches were! AGAIN ANOTHER PLEA TO YOU ALL – PLEASE JOIN US. We are now the only club making use of the pavilion facilities.

Village Clubs & Organisations Contact List

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Playing Field	Steve & Diane Hogg	- 704702
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