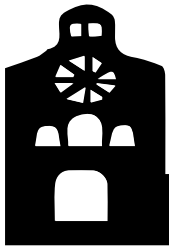

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SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST HELEN'S, THORNEY WITH WIGSLEY

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 9th 10.30am Children are welcome to come along and help to decorate the church for Christmas. Make some decorations, set up the crib scene, create a huge collage, decorate the tree, eat mince pies or cakes.....

WEDNESDAY 13TH 7.30pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT with the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Concert Band, followed by hot drinks and mince pies. Come early to get a seat!

Sunday 17th 10.30am Morning Worship, Lay led

CHRISTMAS DAY Nearest service will be Holy Communion at 9am at St George's, Clifton

Sunday 31st 9am Holy Communion

JANUARY

Sunday 21st 10.30am Morning Worship

FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th 10.30am Holy Communion

Don't forget our Coffee Mornings to coincide with the Library van, every four weeks on Wednesdays: 20th December - CHRISTMAS PARTY SPECIAL- 17th January, 14th February... Church is open from 10.30 to 12 noon and the Library van visits from about 11.15am. We have a raffle and ask for donations towards tea/coffee. It will be good to see you!

We collect regularly for the Newark Foodbank, so please bring along tins and packets of food when you can. Also any toiletries and/or household items. Some biscuits and special treats would be nice for the Christmas season. Our THANKS to all who gave so generously at Harvest for Framework, Newark. They were very grateful.

Church is open for quiet reflection every WEDNESDAY from 2.30 to 4pm.

A SPECIAL EVENT for HALLOWE'EN was held at St Helen's Church on 30th October and it was good to see so many young people there, with their parents. The children enjoyed a scary story which was read by a strangely dressed witch and then, some amazing light experiments, from Doctor D! They coloured in masks and made candle holders, before having cakes and squash with another scary story, this time from the Bible! We hope they will not be too scared to come along again on December 2nd.

We look forward to seeing you during Advent and over Christmas time. Very Best Wishes, Anne Massey and Anna Dennison, Churchwardens.

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Harby Thorney Wigsley Community Led Plan
Monitoring Group

NEWS FROM QEP



We are the School Council from Queen Eleanor Primary School, we were voted into the council by our classmates. It is our role to think of ideas for how to fundraise and to share the children's ideas with Mrs Wright so that these can be implemented. Last year we organised a fantastic Summer Fayre which was very well supported by many local business and the local community. We made a phenomenal £2345.70 which is being spent on new laptops. We are now planning a Christmas Fayre with the help of the Friends of Queen Eleanor. We are organising that each class will have their own stall where we will sell some beautiful gifts made by the children. The Y5/6 children will again be holding their own Enterprise stalls - with some wacky and wonderful activities. Other stalls will include, the amazing water and wine stall, chocolate tombola, make your own slime and a cake auction. Everyone is welcome so please spread the word and make the event another huge success.

Christmas Fayre - Wednesday 6th December 3. 30 - 5.30.

DORIS SMITH

Thank you to the community of Harby, and surrounding areas for the love and support during the very difficult time following the sudden death of Doris Smith. She was much loved and will be sadly missed by family and friends alike. She spent her life joining in with as many activities in the village as she could and would have been delighted, though surprised to see the packed church and village hall in her honour. Ron, Dave and Sally deeply appreciate all the kindnesses shown both then and since.

Donations given to the British Heart Foundation in her memory have totalled £623.96.

Thanks to Revd Mandy for the lovely church service.

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
 I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
 I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
 Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
 I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
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My name is Ellie Michael, I am 16 years old and I live in Harby. I attended Queen Eleanor Primary School and I am currently in Year 12 at The Priory Academy LSST. In July 2019 I am taking part in an expedition to Madagascar with World Challenge which will involve helping out in the local community, learning about the culture and exploring the area.

Over the next 18 months I will be doing a lot of fundraising as I have to fund this trip myself and one of the many ways I will be raising these funds is through a website called 'Easy Fundraising'. I would be really grateful if you could read the information below which explains more, all you have to do is follow the few simple instructions and then when you do any online shopping, I will receive a small donation to my cause at no cost to you.

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Please share this with your family and friends so I can raise even more for my cause.

Thank you very much for your support.

Please feel free to contact me,
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Ellie Michael

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As a way of fundraising for my World Challenge expedition to Madagascar in July 2019 I will be available for babysitting, dog walking, cat feeding etc. over the next 18 months. Please feel free to contact me via text or email (details above).

I am also organising a fashion show in Harby Village Hall on 10th May 2018 as another way of raising funds for my expedition. Tickets and more information will be available nearer the time but if you are interested I would be really grateful if you saved the date.

HARBY HISTORY GROUP – Louise Herrick 703662

For our September meeting, member speaker Harold Paine gave a talk on “Agincourt-or those Damn French” illustrated with a slideshow. This was very informative. We learned of the political history behind it, the actual battle tactics and about those who fought. Harold told us all about the skills and accuracy of the archers who from what I could gather really won this battle for the English.

The October meeting was “Show and Tell”. Members brought along varied items including old newspapers with articles on significant news events, a cartridge from a sniper’s rifle, pottery and bottles, 100-year-old Ever Ready torches, army demob documents and birthday cards from the 1950s. Also brought in was a His Master’s Voice wind up gramophone from the 1930s and the group were treated to a rendition of “Albert and the Lion” by Roy Barber from 1934 on it.

On 29 November the meeting will take place at All Saints Church, Harby from 7-9:30pm. A theatrical performance of “Eleanor Longshanks” will take place by an outside storytelling company. This is to coincide with the anniversary that week of Queen Eleanor’s death. The first performance is the night before at Lincoln Cathedral and after visiting Harby they will take the show on the road to all the stops along the route to Westminster. Prices are £12.50 a ticket and can be bought on the door.

Then follows our Christmas break. The first meeting in 2018 is on 31 January when guest speaker Graeme Wade will return with a talk and slideshow on “The Crinan Canal- Is this Britain’s Largest Island?” He will extend the talk to cover the history of the area around the Crinan Canal, one of the really ancient areas in Scotland. He’ll cover the Standing Stones of Kilmartin which are about 5000 years old and the historical area of Dalriada. Graeme has previously done talks for us on the Canals from Torksey to the Wash and also on the Flying Scotsman. He really knows his stuff and takes wonderful photos for his slides. If it’s your New Year’s resolution to try something new, then Graeme’s talk will be a great introduction to Harby History Group for you.

The group also has a dedicated email address now so if you have any queries or want to share anything with us then we can be contacted on harbyhistory@outlook.com.

The 2nd edition of “The History of Harby in Nottinghamshire” is available for purchase. Please contact me if you’d like a copy for £12.50. This is a great Christmas present!

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.

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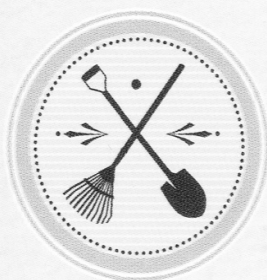
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GO AGAIN

On October 1st a well attended Harvest thanksgiving service took place and was followed by the Harvest Luncheon, held in the village hall.

As in previous years, Sam Owen (The Salted Orange Food Company) provided the main course followed by the sweet courses, cheeses, grapes, etc .provide by the ladies. All in all; a thoroughly enjoyable event.

The ringers for this service were Jayne Rose, Sue Paine, Derek Phillips from Eagle, Sue Pendleton from North Scarle and Ian Hasman from Winthorpe. Upon walking up the footpath to All Saints, the sound of the bells ringing made my day.

More recently the grass cutting carried out throughout the Church-yard by George and Philip has been a pleasant surprise for this time of the year, looks great.

The Remembrance Service was well attended, Colin battled through the ceremony whilst suffering with a throat infection, the clock chimed 11-00a.m. on cue, as we assembled by the war memorial.

Apparently the bells throughout the country were rung for the initial attack by the Lincoln built Tanks on the German front line (between the villages of Combles and Courcellette, France)

Now a campaign appears to be gathering momentum to recruit bell ringers from all walks of life to take up learning to ring (campanology) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war. It is hoped that at least 1400 will be recruited to ring for this commemoration (the same number of bell ringers that lost their lives during the war)


By the time you have read this, it is hoped that another ¼ peel will have been rung at All Saints. Sue Waterfall from Gainsborough has requested to bring a team on November 23rd. ringing to commence at approximately 7-30p.m.

I recently decided that ringing is now beyond my ability (health and safety)and I have subsequently asked Jayne if she will take over getting a team whenever possible, I therefore will make one more request for volunteers to come forward to have ago. I believe it would be fantastic to take part in the commemoration of the ending of WW1

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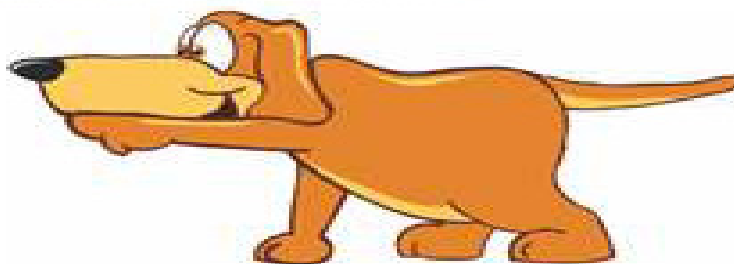
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Harby Parish Council Update

Clerk

Thanks go to everyone who has helped over recent months to refurbish and then reinstall the village sign, outside the village hall. It does look wonderful on top its new post and your volunteering really does make projects like this possible.

If you feel there is anything which I have not covered below and you would like an update on, please do not hesitate to drop me a quick email.

Village Walk about

Some of you may have spotted the Parish Council walking around the village on a Sunday morning in October. We identified a number of issues, some of which we have raised with the relevant householders to cut back trees/hedges. We have also raised a number of issues with Newark and Sherwood District Council, e.g. moles on Darbyshire Close or Nottinghamshire County Council e.g. blocked gullies or offlets. We hope to do this on a regular basis to ensure that issues are identified and dealt with as soon as is practicable

Parish Website

The Parish Council has changed its domain and can now be found at www.harby-notts.org.uk

The website contains all the same information about the Parish Council, village hall etc. but it is hoped that the addition of "-notts" will make it clear to visitors that it is our Parish, not the one in Leicestershire, for which we received regular queries.

Have you signed up for the email alerts? Whenever an item is posted, if you are signed up you will be notified of "News", "Events", "Jobs", "Offers" and "planning applications". We are currently setting up a Facebook page and all the "News", "Events", "Jobs" and "Offers" will also be posted there.

You can now contact all members of the Parish Council, along with myself, via personalised email addresses, for full details please refer to the website.

The next Ordinary Meeting is 7:30pm, Thursday 1st February 2018 in the Village Hall Committee Room. Please see the notice board or the website nearer the time for the full agenda & previous minutes

Caron Ballantyne, Harby Parish Clerk ✉ 2 Peterborough Road, Collingham, Newark NG23 7SP
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LOCK UP YOUR GIRLS!

There have been instances of **Runner Ducks** going missing in our village. Someone, over 3 occasions has removed fence panels in my garden and stolen my girls and now, in this most **recent theft** occurring sometime on Thursday 16 November; my lovely boy has gone too.

They were much loved pets. The Police were notified however, without cameras there was little they could do in this instance. I urge anyone who keeps any animals in their garden to **be vigilant** and where possible, **improve security.**

If anyone has information as to their whereabouts or have seen a suspiciously good offer on Hoi Sin Duck No.63 (If I don't try to laugh about it, I'll cry) I would be grateful to hear from you.

I must commend Nottinghamshire Police for being kind enough to come out to investigate the matter.

Ms Del Ashton (Harby)

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A cartoon illustration of five children of different ethnicities holding hands and jumping joyfully. From left to right: a boy with a yellow headband and orange shirt, a girl with pink pigtails and a yellow dress, a girl with long orange hair and a green dress, a girl with red hair and a purple dress, and a boy with a yellow headband and orange shirt. They are all smiling and have their arms raised.

HARBY BOWLS CLUB - Carol Dallamore

The Annual Bowls Club Dinner was held at the Stags Head in Lincoln. There was a good turn out of members and partners and we enjoyed a relaxed meal in comfortable surroundings. Our Club Cups and Trophies were presented to this year's winners along with a smaller trophy as a keepsake.

The David Medley Trophy is given each year to someone who has given our club good service, dedication and support. That name is chosen by the team captains and released at the Annual Dinner. This year it is Maurice Taylor who is retiring as one of our team captains. A valued club member of many years, I am not allowed to say, he will continue to play in some matches next year and we wish him well for many more years to come.

During the next few weeks we are set to do some repairs to the green edges so hoping for some reasonable weather. Once done, we can then line the last gutter with the underlay so kindly donated to us this year. This helps to control the weeds and also keeps the woods cleaner when they roll into the gutters, much appreciated by players when the weather is wet! Care of the green does not stop in Winter and the grounds-men are kept busy with trimming, weeding, spiking and reseeding bare patches for our next match season. We value our grounds-men, as I have mentioned before, and if any one out there does not think themselves a bowler but would like to help manage the green for us please give me a call.

Harby Bowls Club wishes you all a Merry Christmas and perhaps we shall see some of you at one of Open Days in April 2018. Dates to be arranged so keep an eye on the Trio and village notice boards in the New Year.

Wigsley tradition a huge success!



Now a tradition in Wigsley, the Autumn Community Clear Up proved to be a success with a team of 17 turning out on a sunny Sunday at the end of October. Village and street signs were cleaned, overgrown brambles and nettles trimmed back and several bags of rubbish collected. Find of the day - a toilet seat closely followed by a four rack toaster!

It's becoming evident that the Clear Up days are making a big difference as there was significantly less waste this time. Seeing the community come together to show it cares about where we live is wonderful - a huge **thank you** to the Clear Up team!

The day was rounded off with the **Wigsley BIG Sunday Lunch** at the Bottle & Glass, a rare occasion for the village to gather socially. Thank you to Janice and B&G team for the delicious food and for helping make it a special occasion.

Clive Thompson
Wigsley Parish Meeting
wigsleyparish@gmail.com



HARBY PLAYING FIELD BONFIRE NIGHT – Steve Hogg

On Sunday 5th November Harby Playing Field Committee once again held its annual Bonfire and Firework night. This year brought with it a sense of the unknown as for the first time for many a year Patrick Ward and his band of able assistants were not going to purchase and set off the fireworks. In previous musings I have thanked him for his years of sterling service and fantastic displays but I would like once again to place on record our appreciation for everything he has done for us (and congratulations on his engagement) in previous years. Due to this change personnel we had to look elsewhere for fireworks and it was decided to employ a professional outfit (i.e. they charged us to do it) to organise the display.

Once again a lot of people offered their assistance. Burgers were purchased, fencing was erected and bonfires were built in preparation for the big night. There are too many people to thank individually (over 30 people were involved in the event) but I will offer particular thanks to six new members of the firework team. In the burger tent Joseph Hogg, Tom and Harry Haywood, Michael Wilkinson, Cerys Tucker and Alicia Hodson all helped serve and take money and they did themselves proud, working hard and listening to instructions to ensure that there were no long queues for the food.

It was difficult to estimate numbers but we took gate receipts for over 900 adults so there was probably over 1500 people there, just slightly down on last year. So cars parked, people fed and fire alight we looked forward to the fireworks and we were not disappointed. Due to the team we employed having a licence to buy extremely large and powerful fireworks that we were not allowed to purchase ourselves our worries were soon disappearing as we were treated to 15 minutes of a superb display. By 8.00 it was all over and we were left with an empty playing field and a lot of pots and pans to wash but it was all worth it for such great evening so thank you to all who helped and made it such a successful night.

THE ALLOTMENTEERS - Carol Dallamore

Rats!! These industrious, social and organised rodents have decided that our allotment plots are fair game for fodder and having gained entrance to my poly-tunnel completely destroyed my bed of peppers! Richard and Carol's chickens have also been invaded, emerging in a line from under the coop. One large brazen rat sat calmly staring at Carol, so Richard shot it, bull's eye! Carol had the gloves on so she had to dispose of the body. Marion spotted Dora carrying a small one and others have been seen scurrying across the plots during the day.

After salvaging the few peppers left I then set about the problem in hand. The advice is 'management' as complete eradication is impossible. Interestingly they keep returning to the same bed although the plants have been cleared, their little paw prints showing in the soil and the trail marked from the hole they chewed in the polythene.

The Brown rat, *Rattus norvegicus*, has many names including sewer rat and common rat. With rare exceptions this rat lives alongside humans and thus are never far away. Selective breeding of the Brown rat produced laboratory rats and our pet rats.

An omnivore, the rat will eat generally everything with cereal as the greater part, however I can tell you they do not like aubergines!

Martin Schein, 1964, founder of the Animal Behaviour Society found some of the rats' favourite foods include scrambled eggs and macaroni cheese so we have something in common! Poison is the first response, but there is a risk to other wild life from eating the corpses. Richard is using cages, there are also snap-traps, electrocution traps and sonic deterrents. A natural poison available is based on maize, an overdose of this creates a thirst that cannot be assuaged, death a few days later of dehydration – not pleasant. They will also eat dried cow-pat and this apparently causes extreme vomiting and death. Natural harmless deterrents include onions, mint, owl feathers, used cat litter and snake poo. Placed in their path they turn away from the smell so this week will see me planting mint and scattering chopped onion as snake poo is in short supply at present!!

Being sexually mature at 5 weeks the breeding rate can, on average, produce 15,000 rats from a pair in one year. Around 95% will die from predators and interspecies conflict. Probably just as well! When food is short lower orders in the rat hierarchy die, however once supply is restored breeding rates recover numbers very quickly.

Mating behaviours are very interesting with females preferring unstressed males and males being quite er - vigorous.

Sadly rats carry some very nasty diseases including *Coxiella burnetii*, one that was to be developed as a biological agent by the USA.

I suggest reading about the Brown Rat on Wikipedia, it is very interesting with this being a mere overview.

I have learned a lot but I still want them away from my poly-tunnel !!

HARBY BALL

So time has passed and memories of the pain and fatigue have faded and I have decided I may have one more endurance event in me to raise some money for some worthy charity . The last two years you have generously supported my charity ball and sponsored me to first take part in the London Marathon and then to run 69 miles from Carlisle to Newcastle, helping raise over £7500 for the charity Children With Cancer. After talking to a few people, I feel there is probably enough interest in going again and arranging another ball so sometime in the New Year details will be announced and tickets will go up for sale. Format will be similar, band, disco food and fun. Adverts and posters will be out after Christmas so keep a look out.

To be worthy of your money I have needed to come up with another challenge that I will have to put some effort into to achieve. To that end I have begun training for the Thames Tow Path 100, a one hundred mile run from Richmond to Oxford on 5th May, with the aim of achieving it in less than 24 hours. This will mean a long winter of long runs in the dark, early mornings so I hope I can count on your support for the ball. Mrs Hogg and the other ladies in my life (My Mum, Claire Parker and Gill Meanwell) are not overly impressed with the idea of this run so try not to mention it to them too often.

So folks have a great Christmas and New Year and I will come after you in January to sell you some tickets.

Cheers,

Steve Hogg

Forthcoming Events Diary

Dec. 2017

- Sun. 3rd – St Helen's Church Thorney, Holy Communion 10.30am
 Wed. 6th – Queen Eleanor Primary School Christmas Fair, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
 Sat. 9th – St Helen's Church Thorney, 10.30am children welcome to help decorate the Christmas tree
 Wed. 13th – Carols by Candlelight, St Helen's Church, Thorney 7.30pm with Lincoln Fire & Rescue Brass Band
 Thurs. 14th – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Sun. 17th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am
 Sun. 17th – All Saints Church Harby, Carol Service 3.00pm
 Wed. 20th – Mobile Library Harby - Station Road 9.50 – 10.05, Queen Eleanor Primary School 10.05 – 10.40, Millfield Close 10.45 – 11.00. Wigsley – Post Box 11.05 – 11.15. Thorney - Church 11.20 – 11.50 Coffee 10.30 – 12.00
 Wed. 20th – Queen Eleanor Primary School Carol Service, All Saints Church, Harby 10.30am & 6.00pm, all welcome
 Mon. 25th – St George's Church, Clifton Holy Communion 9.00am
 Sun. 31st – St Helen's Church Thorney, Holy Communion 9.00am

Jan. 2018

- Sun. 7th – All Saints Church Harby, Holy Communion 10.30am
 Thurs. 11th – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Wed. 17th – Mobile Library Harby - 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. 21st – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am
 Thurs. 25th – Craft Circle, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 Sat. 27th – Burns' Supper, Harby Village Hall, Harby Village Hall 7.30pm see poster for ticket details
 Sun. 28th – All Saints Church Harby, Morning Worship 10.30am
 Thurs. 30th – Harby History Group, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm

Toddler Session, Queen Eleanor School, every Tuesday (term time) 2.00pm – 3.30pm 19th Dec. Toddlers Christmas Party

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

Keep Fit, Harby Playing Fields Pavilion every Tues. 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Yoga – Harby Village Hall, every Tues. from 9th Jan. 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Quiet prayer, St Helen's Church, Thorney, every Wed. 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

Last Friday of the month - Fish & Chip Friday

Fri. 1st Dec. – Burger Night

Fri. 15th Dec. – Christmas Jumper night

New Year's Eve – Seasonal menu with live music

Fri. 19th Jan. - Tapas Night

Don't forget the Harby Brewstore sells basic provisions

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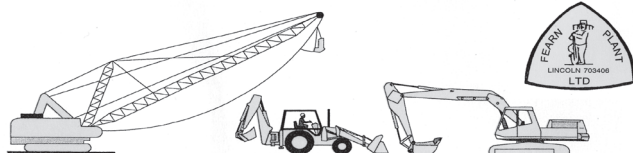
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