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HARBY, THORNEY & WIGSLEY NEWSLETTER



A Warm Welcome from The B&G Team

We are delighted to be writing to you as sponsors of Trio for the very first time.

The Bottle & Glass has long been a place where the villagers come together for good food, a well-poured pint and a sense of community, and supporting this newsletter felt like a natural extension of that. The Trio plays an important role in connecting our three villages, and we're proud to be part of something that helps keep everyone informed and involved.

Just before Christmas, we were very pleased to welcome Jackson back to The Bottle & Glass as our Head Chef. This week, Jackson and his partner, Leanne, also welcomed a new baby - a very special milestone for them both, and one we're delighted to celebrate as a team. His return has been a wonderful boost for the kitchen and the wider pub.

We'd also love to hear from you. If there's something you'd like to see at the pub, whether that's events, food ideas, community groups, or anything else, please do get in touch. You can email us at management@thebottleandglass.pub, and we'll do our very best to take your ideas on board.

Whether you already know us well or haven't visited in a while, we'd love to welcome you through our doors. Our aim is simple: to offer a friendly, relaxed space where locals feel at home, and where community remains at the heart of everything we do.

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Harby Parish Council Update

Happy New Year!

Each January the Parish Council are asked how much money it will need for the following financial year, this is called the precept and forms part of your Council Tax. This year the Parish Council have asked for £6,686 which is a 3% increase on last year.

The facilities Harby Parish Council provides in the village include a number of allotments. Right now all of the allotments are occupied. However we are always happy to add potential allotment gardeners to our waiting list.

February might feel like the last month to be working in an allotment, or your own garden but there is a lot you can be doing now so you get the best out of your garden later this year. The National Allotment Association publishes monthly 'checklists' on their website which are incredibly useful for allotment holders and gardeners of all sized gardens. You can find February's checklist at <https://thenas.org.uk/February-Gardening-Checklist> and it is free to access.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. Members of the public are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

Please see the website or the village noticeboard nearer the time for the full agenda.

Yvonne Colverson, Harby Parish Clerk

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DATES & NEWS from St Helen’s Church for PARISH OF THORNEY with WIGSLEY

Phase 2 building works in St Helen’s Church mean there is no access into church is likely until the end of February/early March at the earliest. Visitors to the graveyard are permissible to allow you to spend quiet time in reflection or to lay floral tributes for your loved ones. We continue to await the appointment of a new minister so in the interim we ask regular church goers to please check your copy of the Grapevine or the East Trent Churches/Collingham website: easttrentchurches.org.uk & follow the links for up-to-date news about local services that you may choose to attend. For more information about St Helens contact Anna Dennison, Church warden on 01522-702748.

All the following events will go ahead in the Church/Community Hub or Play Park, weather permitting.

- Wednesday 4th March – **Books & Banter from 11-12noon** + Mobile Library van from 11.15-11.45am
- Sunday 15th March – **Mothering Sunday/Morning Worship - 10.30am** – lay led with refreshments after
- Sunday 29th March – **Morning Worship - 10.30am** - lay led with refreshments after
- Wednesday 1st April – **Books & Banter 11-12 noon** + Mobile Library van from 11.15-11.45am
- Friday 3rd April – **Good Friday Activities for Children - 10.30am to 12noon**. Join us for messy activities, hot cross buns & fun! ALL WELCOME!
- Sunday 5th April – **Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at 10am**. Refreshments after
- **Community Easter Celebration Event from 3-4.30pm**
- Sunday 19th April – **Morning Worship at 10.30am** – lay led with refreshments afterwards

MORE NEWS FROM THORNEY

AN UPDATE FROM ST HELENS & THE COMMUNITY HUB

The major works being undertaken by our building contractors from ARC have progressed steadily but we are hoping after a big clean-up, we will be able to reopen the church building for public use by the end of February or early March at the latest. It will be exciting to start proper use of our new Community Hub, whilst the church will still be able to fulfil all its religious purposes. Before Christmas the underfloor pipework for the air source heat pumps was installed & the limecrete floor successfully laid. This has taken approximately 6 weeks to dry sufficiently in readiness for the new oak floor to be laid either side of the main aisle. By the time you read this, the floor will be down & additional radiators will have been fitted to the nave/chancel & these will supplement heat provided by the air source heat pumps as required to provide the warm comfortable space we are hoping for.



The first order for 50 new chairs (at a cost of around £85 per chair) has just been placed & these are due to arrive in time for the building to reopen for use. We are hoping local people with a connection to Thorney, past or present might be interested in donating the cost of a chair, perhaps in memory of a loved one as we would hope eventually to reach our target

of 120 chairs. If you might be interested to find out more about this please initially contact Anna Dennison on 01522-702748.

Until now the Hub project has been guided by an Interim Management Committee but after an Open Meeting held on January 27th, we hope to have between 8-10 volunteers who will form the new Management Committee for the Hub taking responsibility for its day to day community use. If you were unable to go to the meeting on Jan 27th, it is not too late to get involved. You don't need to volunteer for the committee but people across the age range with differing skills would be welcomed to play a small or larger part in making our Community Hub a success. If you could help on a regular, occasional or a one-off basis we would welcome your support. Please watch out for further information via your letterbox or on Thorney Facebook group initially. We are investigating the chance to set up a website for Thorney which would include information about everything going on in our village..



OUR CHRISTMAS EVENTS WERE A SUCCESS!

Our first get together was on Sunday, November 30th for the Countdown to Christmas event when the Village Christmas tree lights were switched on. A festive singalong helped on by some tasty mince pies & mulled wine kept our spirits up on a chilly evening. Thank you to everyone who came along & especially all those who bought tickets for the draw for the Christmas Hamper & other prizes. Well done to Jill & Simon Hardy who won the Hamper! A total of £398-50 was raised and this included £41-50 profit for the sale of the refreshments.

“SANTA’S POSTBOX”

Thanks to Camilla & Lucina, Santa’s Postbox was set up for the first time in our bus shelter & village children were invited to post their letters to him. The children were so excited to receive a personalised reply from Santa assuring them that if they had been “good”, he would be visiting their house on Christmas Eve! This brought a lot of joy & excitement to the children & the postbox may well become an annual festive tradition in Thorney! .

“THE BOBBLE HAT CHRISTMAS TREE”

With no access to church we held our breath & thankfully managed to hold our Service on the roadside Before Christmas our Knit & Natter group decided to take on the challenge of producing as many knitted or crocheted green bobble hats to form a decorative Christmas tree which we displayed in our bus shelter. Under the guidance & encouragement of Dawn Collins (who taught several of us to crochet), a total of 43 bobble hats



were produced. We weren't so keen on producing the bobbles so we put out an appeal to the Thorney Phantom who duly left two bags full of brightly coloured bobbles in the bus shelter for us to collect- the identity of the Phantom remains a mystery but whoever you are, thank you! Thanks also to several other villagers who donated hats they'd made to swell our total & all hats are being donated to a local homeless shelter. Well done everyone!

“MINGLE & JINGLE EVENT”

We are disappointed that we have had to cancel our Carols by Candlelight Service in church this year as the It was unfortunate that we were unable to hold our usual traditional Carols by Candlelight Service due to the building work in church but you'll be pleased to know we have already booked the Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Band for our Carols by Candlelight service this year on Wednesday December 16th, 2026.... so save that date!

As our alternative Christmas event we held a “Mingle & Jingle” in our Play Park on Dec 17th which had been magically lit with hundreds of fairy lights. Camilla Willows set up the whole event assisted by the Kosmider family (Michal, Emelia & Eliza) who provided lighting, decorations & some amazing festive food which included homemade cinnamon rolls, mince pies & warming mulled wine. Thanks also to Bernard, Ann & Camilla who put up their gazebos to provide extra shelter for everyone. The weather for the evening was touch & go but it wasn't cold, the rain had stopped but by the start at 5pm the wind became pretty gusty. Being made of stern stuff we continued with our torch lit procession up to the



All profits from the community events will go to the Thorney Community Hub at St Helen's. Thorney Residents watch out for flyers for updates about events. Check out our Facebook Group by searching for: **Thorney Village at Thorney Notts.**

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Harby Pavilion & Playing Fields – Community News

Happy New Year, we hope you've recovered from our fantastic New Year's Eve party.

2025 was a great year for the Playing Fields. Not only did we see the return of the Car Boots. We also opened up the pavilion to a lot more football games for both men and kids. As well as the start-up of Soccer Tots.

This year brings the regular events including Soccer Tots and Car Boots and the start of Bike Nights. In November we hosted a great Fashion Show. We are hosting another one in June with spring and summer fashion.

As always, we would greatly appreciate new volunteers. If you are able to give any of your time even, just an hour here and there. We would be very grateful. Seeing the facilities used more frequently makes everything worthwhile.

See you soon!

Harby Playing Fields Committee

Upcoming events

THU APR	30	Bike night last Thursday of every month
SUN MAY	03	Farmers Market & Car-Boot season starts Carboot every other Sunday
FRI MAY	08	Soccer Tots every Friday unless advertised
THU JUNE	04	Fashion Show Village Hall 7pm

Look out for further details coming soon

Harby History Group

– Louise Herrick 07415 137348 - email: harbyhistory@outlook.com

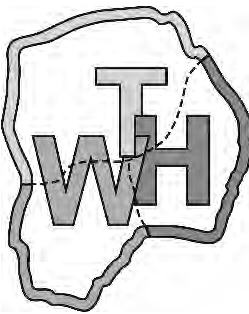
In November, returning guest speaker, Derrick Watson, led us through a true-life murder trial from 1825. He had a personal interest in this case as when he was researching his family tree, he discovered that a distant cousin of his was involved. Derrick first gave a slide show presentation to introduce us to the “characters,” the main ones being Hannah Packwood who was accused of murdering her husband, James Read, her lover, Jonathan Waterfield, and witnesses including the brother of the deceased, a local constable and various villagers. Some of us volunteered to play these parts by reading out the transcripts from the trial. Derrick intervened when needed to clarify certain points and also kept a map of the area on the projector screen to point out key places that were mentioned in the trial. After this, we all became the jury, and with a gentle lead, suddenly we all had a lot to say! Mostly it was things we needed answering because as a modern audience we’d all seen murder dramas and know there is a lot more to it. But no evidence was available to help with this. Once we’d decided upon a verdict, Derrick told us what happened after the trial, gleaned from newspaper reports and perhaps a bit of hearsay too. This led to even more questions and remarks! There was also a twist in the ending involving Hannah’s lover and her oldest daughter. Everyone was still talking about the case as they were leaving the village hall! This was a fun way to spend the evening.

Coming up: -

- 25 February - King Arthur. Returning guest speaker Erik Grigg.
- 25 March - Richard III or Mary Magdalen. Topic TBC. Member speaker Harold Paine.

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

HARBY HISTORY GROUP CALENDAR FOR 2026	
29 April – The Development of the English Knight. Returning guest speaker Nigel Amos.	30 September – Rhyme and Reason 3. Returning guest speaker Sam Millard.
27 May – Holme Church. Trip. Guided by Nigel Priestley of Collingham History Society. 7pm start. Cash donations to the church.	28 October – International Bomber Command Centre. Guest speaker Dave Gilbert.
24 June – History Walk of Boultham Park. Trip. 6.30pm start. £4 per person. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.	25 November – RAF Ground Personnel. Returning guest speaker Dan Ellin.



Harby Thorney Wigsley Community Led Plan 2015 - 2025

In 2014 the 3 villages came together to develop a community plan that would not only help develop facilities within each village; but also try to address the wider issues that were common to all three villages e.g. speeding traffic, mobile phone signal, broadband, housing developments etc.

The plan ran from 2015 – 2025 and we are holding an open meeting to discuss how we got on, at Harby Village Hall on

Thurs. 5th March at 7.30pm



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It's a very happy new year to you all & we hope that 2026 will bring renewed hope for better things into all our lives. You will know from our article before Christmas that it has been difficult to run all the activities we planned in 2025 & despite our appeal for extra people to join our small organising group, no one has been in touch. If it was on your new year list to do list there is still time to get in touch with our group secretary: jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk if you would be willing to get involved. Our motivation to continue promoting a greener lifestyle remains strong & small changes in our habits really can make a positive difference. We have not yet had the chance for our organising group to meet up to confirm a plan of activities for 2026 but in the interim, we can definitely say we will be holding our two Community Clear Up events in Wigsley, Harby & Thorney this year & the dates for those are as follows so please note these down on your calendar:



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SPRING Community Clear Up

Sunday, April 12th from 10.30am to 12 noon.

AUTUMN Community Clear Up

Sunday, October 11th from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Each village now has a small supply of its own litter picking kit owned by our group & should you feel like doing any litter picking at any other time please contact Clare Welfare on 07957-997-334 initially & she will let you who to contact in your village to borrow the kit.

ARE YOU NEW TO ONE OF OUR VILLAGES?

Here's a bit more about our group....

We are a collaboration between residents of Wigsley, Harby & Thorney. The group formed to increase awareness of & promote green issues & encourage our joint community to engage in green projects & discussion leading to a greener lifestyle. We are an inclusive group who would welcome your participation. Keep an eye on the village Facebook groups/ pages & your Community Noticeboard for update information. For more information click on the QR code to go straight to our website..



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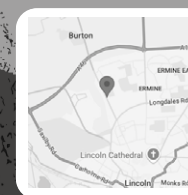
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Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2026

Wed. 4th – **Mobile Library:** Harby Station Road 9.50-10.00, Queen Eleanor Primary School 10.00-10.40, Millfield Close 10.45-11.00. **Wigsley** – Post Box 11.05-11.15. **Thorney** - Church 11.20-11.50

Sun. 8th – Equestrian equipment sale, Harby Village Hall, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Thur. 12th – Harby Parish Council Meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wed. 25th – Harby History Group, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 7.30pm

MARCH 2026

Sun. 1st – All Saints Church Harby, Holy Communion 10.00am

Wed. 4th – **Mobile Library:** Harby Station Road 9.50-10.00, Queen Eleanor Primary School 10.00-10.40, Millfield Close 10.45-11.00. **Wigsley** – Post Box 11.05-11.15. **Thorney** - Church 11.20-11.50

Thur. 5th – CLP Meeting Harby,Village Hall 7.30pm

Sun. 15th – St Helen’s Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am

Wed. 25th – Harby History Group, Harby Village Hall Lounge, 7.30pm

Sun. 29th – St Helen’s Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am

Post Office every Monday & Thursday, Harby Village Hall 1.00pm-3.00pm
Harby Art Group, Harby Village Hall, every Wednesday 1.00pm-3.00pm
Table Tennis, Harby Village Hall, most Thursdays 6.30pm-8.30pm

Please contact Jayne Rose if you would like your future events to be included
Tel. 07976 732234 or e-mail: jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk

Harby Village Hall



Our regular groups are:

Art Group - Wednesday 1pm – 3pm
History Group - last Wednesday of most months 7.30pm
Table Tennis – Thursday 6.30pm – 8.30pm
The **Post Office** operates on Monday & Thursday afternoons 1pm – 3pm

If you would like to hold an event for your group, have a family celebration or would like to book a small room for a meeting, please contact our Booking Clerk **Jayne Rose** on **07976 732234** or **jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk**

The Committee meets every 2 - 3 months and we would welcome new Committee members

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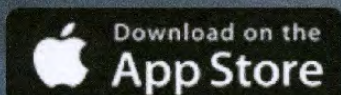
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