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HARBY, THORNEY & WIGSLEY NEWSLETTER



Thanks to the volunteers who cleared the area and put up the new Doddington & Harby station sign.

Particular thanks to Tony Slack for making the new sign and Trevor Medley for transporting the sign to the cycle track.



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Clerk

I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed Clerk to Harby Parish Council and look forward to meeting and working with Councillors and residents and getting to know Harby.

I have over 20 years experience of working with Parish and Town Councils and was thrilled when I saw that the village next to my new home was looking for a Clerk, I just had to apply for the job.

I know I have big shoes to fill, Caron's reputation for being an excellent Clerk is widely known, but I will do my very best to continue her excellent work and support the community in any way I can.



Railway Sign on the Sustrans Route

The sign has now been refurbished and is standing proudly once again on the Sustrans route for everyone to see. The Parish Council would like to thank Tony Slack for the many hours of work he has lovingly spent on this project and the team of residents who helped with installing it. It is hoped that it will last for many years to come.

Playing Fields

The car boots season is now at an end. We are pleased that these have been so well supported this year and there is now funding in the account to maintain the facilities throughout the winter months.

Soccer Tots will recommence in April as will the bar evening opening.

Unfortunately, due to new legislation and the introduction of "Martins Law" it is no longer possible for the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks event to take

place. We know that this will be a disappointment to everyone, but trust that you will understand why it is no longer possible for the volunteers to organise such a large event. playingfield@harby-notts.org.uk

Parish Website and emails

The Parish Council has much information published on the website HarbyParishCouncil.gov.uk. This helps us provide you with the information about Parish Council activities as well as other organisations within the Parish. Please take a look and remember that the website and Facebook [Facebook.com/Harby-Parish-Council](https://www.facebook.com/Harby-Parish-Council) will contain other important information between TRIO publications.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 23rd October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. Please see the website or the notice board nearer the time for the full agenda.

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

St Helen's Church will be open most Sundays from 11am to 4pm & you are welcome to spend quiet time in thought. Phase 2 building works are due to begin in October for a further few weeks. We hope that most events listed below will still be able to go ahead but **events marked with an * may need to be postponed & rescheduled due to the building work**. Casual visitors are advised to exercise caution when visiting church & are asked to be mindful of their own health & safety. Whilst awaiting the appointment of a new minister, dates / times of services may also be subject to change. Regular church goers 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. All the following events are in church or the Play Park, weather permitting

- Sunday 12th October – **WH&T Going Green Autumn Community Clear Up** - 10am to 12 noon
- Wednesday 15th October – **Books & Banter 11-12 noon** + Mobile library Van from 11.15-11.45am
- Saturday 18th October – ***A Musical Evening** featuring the Thorney Singers from 7pm-10pm
- Sunday 19th October – **Morning Worship at 10.30am** - lay led. Refreshments after
- Sunday 9th November – **Service of Remembrance at 10.30am** - lay led. Refreshments after
- Wednesday 12th November – **Books & Banter 11-12 noon** + Mobile library Van from 11.15-11.45am
- Sunday 16th November – **Morning Worship at 10.30am** - lay led. Refreshments after
- Sunday 30th November – **Morning Worship at 10.30am** - lay led. Refreshments after
- **Christmas Countdown from 4.15pm to 5.45pm.** (See below for more details)
- Wednesday 10th December – **Christmassy Coffee Morning 11-12noon** + Mobile Library van from 11.15-11.45am
- Wednesday 17th December – **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT at 7.30pm with the Lincs Fire & Rescue Concert Band**
- Sunday 21st December – **Morning Worship at 10.30am** - lay led. Refreshments after
- WELCOME 2026 HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**
- Sunday 5th January – **Christingle Service at 3pm** - children & families especially welcome

MORE NEWS FROM THORNEY

AN UPDATE FROM ST HELENS & THE COMMUNITY HUB

We have been waiting anxiously to see if we would secure the necessary funding to enable us to proceed with the Phase 2 building works in St Helens Church and thanks to successful grant bids to the Rural England Prosperity Fund (£40K) & FCC Communities Foundation (£60K) this has completed the funds we need to proceed. We are currently confirming a start date with the contractors ARC but this looks likely to be sometime in October! Phase two includes the removal of all of the pews & also the flooring to install essential pipework for the new heating system after which the flooring will be sympathetically replaced.

The old Saxon font which is currently on the right side of church as you enter will be relocated up nearer the lectern to provide more space where the proper kitchenette will be situated but this work will follow later in the year as it forms part of the final phase 3 to complete the project. We will then need to purchase suitable stackable chairs which can be used for both services, community events or private hire lettings of the facility- exciting times for us all! You may like to know we have received wonderful support from The Shed at Collingham where some skilled wood workers have salvaged a decent amount of oak from some of the first pews that were removed that were stricken with woodworm, to make small mementos for purchase to help raise funds for the church. They have already made some tea light holders & are also planning to make some small holding crosses & bowls so if you are interested in buying any of these items please contact Church warden, Anna Dennison on 01522-702748.



A BIG THANK YOU!

Following our article about lack of volunteers & our appeal for more villagers to offer their support in a variety of ways, it is great to be able to share some good news with you. We are delighted to welcome Camilla Willows & Mark Christopher (known to many of us as Spike) as our two new parish councillors for Thorney. They join Martin Cooper, John Day & Clare Welfare and our Clerk, Anna Dennison who makes sure she keeps us all up to speed from both Notts CC & N&SDC matters that could affect our village. Our contact details can be found on our Community Noticeboard so please just get in touch with any of us if you need information or help with a particular issue or concern. We also sent letters to all villagers from Thorney & Wigsley (as together we form the parish of Thorney with Wigsley), to appeal for donations to help meet the day to day running costs of keeping St Helens Church open for both religious purposes & community use. It was heartening to receive £1,050 in one off donations from various members of our two villages. Should anyone still be interested in offering a small monthly direct debit of say £5 pcm to St Helens, please just contact Church treasurer Zoe Raygen (zoeraygen@gmail.com) or Anna Dennison, Church Warden on 01522-702748. Support received so far has been an enormous help, particularly until the Community Hub is fully operational & can be self sustaining in future so thank you again for your support.

A GREAT QUIZ AFTERNOON...

...held on Sat, August 30th from 4.30-6.30pm was a big success! It was kindly organised by Camilla W who had sourced a wonderful array of donated prizes which the lucky winners took home. The quiz questions were cleverly pitched so in every round the children would know some of the answersit was definitely an advantage to have a child on your team! A total of 35 adults, 6 children & Bob the dog joined in and with the £2 entry charge plus sale of snacks & soft drinks a profit of £116 for the Hub was raised.



BOARD GAMES MORNING

Thanks to one of our first private hire events at the Community Hub in St Helens Church, we are grateful to Dawn Collins for organising a BOARD GAMES event on Saturday, Sept 13th from 10.30am to 12noon which was very successful & great fun. There was a good turnout of both adults & children playing a variety of games together including Sky Jo, Pass the Pigs, Snakes & Ladders, Mahjong, Jigsaw puzzles, Jenga, Ludo, Dominoes, Rummikub, The Beetle Game in fact something for everyone to select to enjoy. If you were unsure how to play a particular game there were plenty of people happy to show you & let you join in with them. Lots of laughter throughout the morning & a fun competitive edge was in evidence as well! For the £2 adult entry fee with cheaper rates for children & families, it was a great way to spend a morning. Dawn is hoping to run a Board Games morning on a Saturday once a month but leading up to Christmas this may have to be put on hold until Phase 2 building works are completed.



A MUSICAL EVENING on Saturday, October 18th from 7pm to 10pm

This will be a spectacular fundraising evening featuring the Thorney Singers & some other musicians. **For the first time we will have a licensed pay bar at this event so you can enjoy alcoholic beverages during the evening** as well as soft drinks! Doors open at 7pm & the concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £7 per person to include a finger buffet during the interval. Please contact Clare Welfare to pre book your tickets on WhatsApp/ Text:07957-997-334 or email: cwelfare@polkerris.plus.com. **(Please note it's possible this event may need to be rescheduled to early 2026 if affected by Phase 2 building works having started.)**

THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE on Sunday, November 9th at 10.30am

Always a poignant & solemn occasion in St Helens Church. We hope you will choose to join us in showing your respects to members of the armed forces who gave their lives in both World Wars & in subsequent conflicts. We will observe the two minute silence at 11am by assembling at the church gates to pay our respects. The service is planned to begin at 10.30am & will include a song from the Thorney Singers. Should access to church not be possible due to building works the service will go ahead as much as possible outside the church. It would be lovely to see a good turnout on the day.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN 5-4-3-2-1 on Sunday, November 30th - 4.15pm-5.45pm

Wrap up warm & join us by the Village Christmas Tree outside the church for the big switch on of the Christmas Tree lights at 4.30pm. There will be mince pies & mulled wine on sale plus a singalong of Christmas songs & well known carols to get you in the festive mood. Tickets will also be on sale for our fabulous Christmas Hamper plus other seasonal prizes which will be drawn at approximately 4.30pm. The event will end with the Christmas 100 Club Draw at 5.45pm so you could be one of our lucky winners of our £100, £60 or £40 prizes! Save the date, see you there & don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - Wednesday, December 17th at 7.30pm

Join us for our most popular community event of the year by celebrating Christmas with a service of traditional carols & readings supported by the fabulous Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Concert band. All families & friends from Thorney and nearby local villages are warmly invited to come along – A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

*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.***

Harby Playing Fields Report



The car boots have now finished till the spring. Whilst some weeks were busy, others were not so. However, we still managed to make money to keep the facilities open.

The breakfasts were a resounding success and we will be continuing them on the weekends when we have football matches ... look out for our announcements on Facebook!

Our next big fundraiser will be a Fashion Show to be held in Harby Village Hall on Wednesday 19th November... we hope to see as many people as possible there, to support the event.

We hope everyone will have seen the new accessible ramp that has been installed on the side entrance to the pavilion. This was made for us by Brian Rippard. The committee would like to thank Brian for making and installing this for us. Thank you Brian for all your time and effort. It is greatly appreciated.

We will shortly be advertising the date of our AGM. It would be nice to see as many residents there as possible. We will be opening the bar after!!! Future events will be advertised soon!!

Paul Nolan, Chairman



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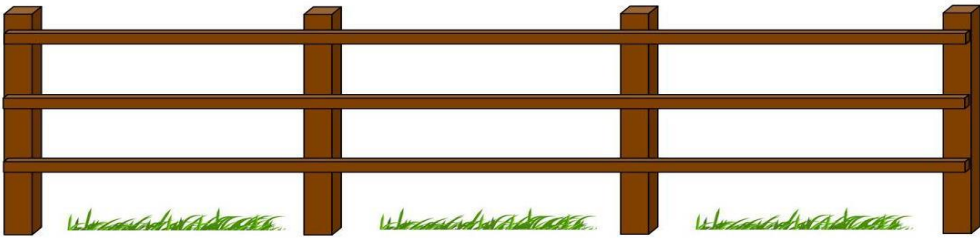
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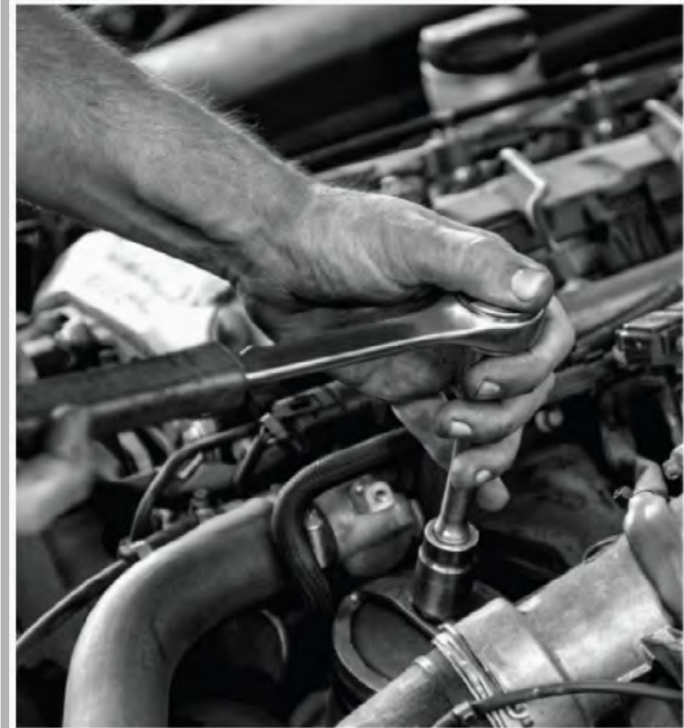
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ROGUE TRADERS AT THE DOOR! Carol Dallamore, Harby Parish Councillor

Representing Harby Parish Council I recently attended a meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group. There were other local village representatives and Gareth Nicholls, our local Police Officer, accompanied by Andrew Mighall PCSO.

Several items discussed included - speeding cars and motor cyclists, fuel theft from irrigation pumps, hare coursing, suspicious behaviour and distraction burglary – which is someone knocking the front door while another slips in at the back. Gareth advises that should we see or experience anything at all suspicious to report it ASAP to the Police. Generally, we of the Trio villages being away from the main traffic routes, do not experience too much bother.

But I would like to advise of the need to be aware of Rogue Traders at the Door. We all want a job done economically as costs rise. However, the down side is many of these people are not legally registered, uninsured, often do a poor or unsafe job, waste ends up being fly tipped and leave you out of pocket. Reported Incident - Elderly gentleman was charged £600 by someone returning to pressure wash the drive. They had been turned away by his carer earlier in the day returning after she had left. Should you have someone knock the door looking for work, the advice is to politely say **No Thank You**. If you have a job that needs attention, ask a neighbour for a recommendation, check the Trio and local paper adverts, Google search, and always get a written estimate before accepting any work.

Burglary - When leaving your property for more than a day or two ask a neighbour to remove any leaflets left hanging in your letter box, an old trick to spot owners away. Look for chalk markings, string ties, elastic bands etc; on gate posts, front fences and walls again signs left for others communicating - this property is vulnerable.

Safer Neighbourhoods rely on those living in them. Keep a eye on each other, their property and pets, keep a pencil and paper handy for car/van registrations – that unmarked slow moving van? Report your suspicions promptly.

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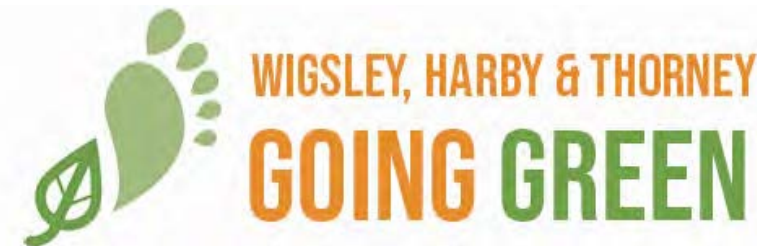
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First of all, an apology from us for the cancellation of our "Heating & Keeping Warm" Eco chat that was due to be held on Tues Sept 9th. Our small steering group of only seven was further reduced to four, as three of our group were unable to help at that time due to health problems. Whilst we wish them all well for their respective recoveries, it is hard to meet the plans of our group with only four of us & one of those helps with all our technology eg. updating our website leaving only three of us as active in the group currently!

We do have a good email circulation list of up to 20 or so people especially from Harby & Thorney, who have enjoyed taking part in our most recent events. We would particularly welcome a representative from Wigsley too. If any of you would consider joining our small steering group we would welcome you with open arms!

The steering group is really an ideas group, reviewing our progress & deciding what we would like to focus on going forward. We try to put our ideas into action by offering events & activities for our local community to enjoy together. The steering group usually meets for a max of an hour, usually on a week night from 7.30pm in one of our houses with refreshments & biscuits on offer! We normally have a maximum of four meetings per year. Our next meeting is Tuesday Oct 28th so please contact Jayne Rose, our group

secretary via email: jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk or contact Clare Welfare- text/WhatsApp on 07957-997-334 if you'd like to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY INCLUDE:
AUTUMN COMMUNITY CLEAR UP – Sunday October 12th - 10.30am to 12 noon

This takes place in all of our three villages. Check out the poster in this newsletter for more details & where to meet up for the 10.30am start. If you can spare a small amount of time litter picking, cleaning down signs or just having a good old tidy up to make sure our villages are safe & tidy for us all to enjoy, that would be very much appreciated. We can provide litter pickers, bag hoops with bin liners but we do ask you to wear your own gloves & wear a fluorescent (or very brightly coloured top) to make sure you can be clearly seen by passing motorists. Children are especially welcome to help but they must be accompanied by a family member or responsible adult at all times. Hope to see you out there!

"LOVE FOOD, HATE WASTE" – Tuesday November 11th

AGM & an informal ECO chat session starting at 7.30pm in Harby Village Hall lounge. A chance to share ideas on how to save pounds (£) whilst getting the most out of your food leftovers. Lots of tips on the run up to Christmas! This meeting will be preceded by a very short AGM at 7.30pm but the free mince pies & mulled wine on offer will help this go past in a flash!



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HARBY CHRISTMAS GIFT FAYRE

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Forthcoming Events

OCTOBER 2025

- Sun. 5th – Thorney Community Harvest Festival 3.00pm
- All Saints Church Harby, Harvest Thanksgiving 3.00pm followed by Afternoon Tea in Harby Village Hall
- Tue. 7th – Queen Eleanor Primary School Harvest, All Saints Church Harby 10am
- Sun. 12th – WH&T Great Autumn Community Clear Up 10.30am – 12.00pm
- Wed. 15th – **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 11.15-12.45
- Sat. 18th – A Musical Evening, St Helen's Church, Thorney 7.00pm
- Sun. 19th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am
- Thu. 23rd – Harby Parish Council Meeting, Harby Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed. 29th – Harby History Group, Harby Village Hall Lounge 7.30pm

NOVEMBER 2025

- Sun. 9th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Remembrance Service, 10.30am
- All Saints Church, Harby, Remembrance Service 10.45am
- Tue. 11th – WH&T Going Green Group AGM 7.30pm Harby Village Hall
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- Sun. 16th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am
- Wed. 26th – Wigsley Parish Meeting, Harby Village Hall 7.00pm
- Harby History Group, Harby Village Hall Lounge 7.30pm
- Sun. 30th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship 10.30am
- Thorney Christmas Countdown 4.15pm – 5.45pm

DECEMBER 2025

- Wed. 17th – St Helen's Church, Thorney, Carols by Candlelight at 7.30pm with the Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Band

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

I would like to thank all those who have entrusted their foot care to me over the last 25 years.

I am looking forward to retirement and to recovering from my recent operation.
Thank you for all the good wishes, cards and flowers. I am doing well.

Sally Smith of Body and Sole, Harby

Village Clubs & Organisations Contact List

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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 or have a family celebration, please contact our Booking Clerk **Jayne Rose** on **07976 732234** or **jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk**

Letting Charges per hour: Hall only – £11,
Lounge only – £5.50, Whole building – £16.50,
Preparation time – £5.

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

Harby History Group

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

We are currently on our summer break but look forward to the autumn with our last 3 meetings of the year.

24 September – Lawrence of Lincolnshire. The story behind Lawrence of Arabia by returning guest speaker Richard Pullen.

29 October – The Writing on the Walls. Historic Graffiti at Lincoln Cathedral. Guest speaker Colin Shields.

26 November – 1800s Murder Trial. Relive a real-life trial that took place in Leicester to make our own decision of the outcome. Returning guest speaker Derrick Watson.

The 2026 calendar is now complete so look out for that in a future issue of Trio. If you would like a copy before, then please let me know so that I can email it to you.

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. Please phone or email me if you want more information or even just a bit of encouragement to attend. New members welcome on a regular or casual basis.