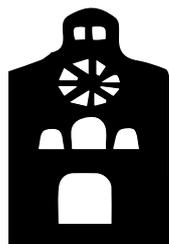


TRIO

HARBY, THORNEY & WIGSLEY NEWSLETTER



***** CHANGES *****

This note is to let you know that future editions of the TRIO will be available on-line only.

I hope that this will be a temporary measure for this community Newsletter which is distributed free of charge to over 300 households.

Please log in to: www.harby-notts.org.uk OR

Facebook

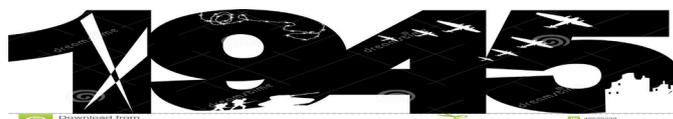
Should you have any queries please contact me, or Jayne Rose.

THORNEY 2020

REMEMBERS



**War time memories
75 years on from
the end of the war**



Copies £4 each-email Clare: cwelfare@polkerris.plus.com

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THORNEY - It's Been Different!

It seems ages ago since Lockdown was announced back in March & since then we have had to get used to living our lives very differently. Like people in other villages we have learnt to look out for each other & a positive benefit of lockdown has been the growth of the community spirit. Clapping on a Thursday night for the NHS staff, key workers & care workers seems a distant memory now but we always had a good turnout of people showing their support each week & enjoying the chance to chat with their neighbours too.

Our old village Facebook page was re-launched as a closed **Facebook group** on April 6th still called "**Thorney Village at Thorney Notts**". This proved a hit with most people & has been a good way to keep in touch with each other, especially in the early stages of lockdown. Those on FB were encouraged to pass on information to neighbours who weren't, & in this way we managed to ensure no one was left feeling isolated or alone. Our group continues to grow from strength to strength & anyone who would like to join from Harby or Wigsley is most welcome - it has proved its worth in terms of safety & security issues several times over, apart from being a great way to get useful information out to many people.

On Facebook we noticed a project initially run from Lincoln University called "For the love of Scrubs". There was an urgent need for more scrubs (tops & trousers) worn by NHS staff due to a major shortage due to the coronavirus crisis. People who could sew were being asked to make & donate scrubs to this initiative and so five ladies in Thorney went straight into production. Villagers who couldn't sew donated cash towards the purchase of tape & thread and also old duvet covers which were quickly turned into brightly coloured scrubs! Our sewers did a fabulous job & to date have produced 84 sets of scrubs, including some rainbow scrubs you may have seen on Look North plus 97 wash bags.

A big well done & thank you to Rita O, Ann W, Jenny M, Anne M & Stephanie S who earned the light hearted nickname of being our **Thorney Scrubbers!**



The TH&W Voluntary Car Scheme was unable to operate as normal but extra volunteers were co-opted on a temporary basis to assist with shopping trips & prescription collections for more vulnerable residents who had been required to self isolate. Thanks to the volunteers in Thorney who provided a real life line, especially when the food shortages at start of lockdown were particularly worrying. Well done to Dawn Collins, Ken McClaren, Debbie Dixon, Lisa Oates, Jenny Cooper and Charlotte Fursdon who all gave their time freely to help others which was much appreciated. As of the start of September the car scheme is back up and running but **ONLY** for urgent medical appointments locally- call Clare on: 07717-17-88-00 if you need to book an urgent trip.

The usual monthly trips out by the **Thorney Lunch Club** to local pubs in lockdown had to be abandoned but instead group members enjoyed takeaway lunches mainly brought back from

the Carholme Golf Club & delivered by Clare & Mary direct to your door. Everyone agreed having a meal to look forward to was a great way to keep your spirits up! We hope to resume our usual trips out, although the new "Rule of 6" may delay our plans. If you live in Thorney and are interested in being part of our Thorney Lunch Club group contact Janet Collins on 01522-702030. We normally go out at lunchtime on the second Thursday of the month.

We were determined the **VE Day Celebrations** would go ahead on Friday, May 8th. This included a procession up West Rd & Main Street with three short performances by the Thorney Singers of old wartime songs. There was also a Churchill Quiz Trail around the village which several families enjoyed. Houses were decorated in red, white & blue and there was a great turnout of people enjoying picnics in their front gardens. All social distancing rules of the time were fully adhered to and a memorable day was had by all!

The Thorney Singers missed singing with each other in lockdown & so being careful to follow safety guidelines we began meeting up on Wednesday evenings in mid June on Clare's driveway. The CD player was taken outside & we were able to sing along to lots of our favourite songs. Most weeks about a dozen people joined in & we all agreed it was brilliant to see each other & singing together outdoors made you feel better about life too! We had hoped to continue into the Autumn by using Harby Village Hall as the evenings became darker & cooler but again plans are back on hold due to the introduction of the "Rule of 6".

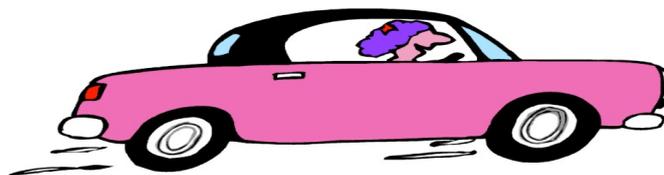
Saturday, August 15th saw the **VJ Day event** nationally. After the success of our VE Day event we decided to do something very different. On the day about 25 villagers met in the churchyard to observe the two minute silence at 11 am after which some enjoyed a socially distanced chat & refreshments on Clare's driveway! Clare had asked villagers to share memories of either themselves or their relatives who were alive during World War 2, which she'd compiled into a short booklet entitled "**THORNEY 2020 REMEMBERS**". It makes a very interesting and poignant read telling the stories with photographs of at least 20 villagers & their families. In the current coronavirus outbreak it makes you reflect on how very difficult life must have been during wartime. The booklets proved popular but there are a few still available at a cost of £4 each. (Profit to the Thorney Community Space project.) If you would like a copy, email Clare on: cwelfare@polkerris.plus.com

So, life goes on in Thorney! **St Helen's Church** has been able to resume some services and thanks to the wonderful ladies (Anne, Anna, Jo, Mary, Stephanie, Ann W & Janet C) who have cleaned the church regularly to keep it open and Covid secure. **Mobile Library visits** resume shortly and our plans for our **Harvest Celebration on Sunday, Oct 4th** may have to be adjusted slightly but it will go ahead in some format, so watch this space.

(Clare Welfare : Sept 2020)

TH &W - Voluntary Car Scheme

(serving the villages of Thorney, Harby, Wigsley,
Spalford and N & S Clifton)



We have been unable to operate during the Covid 19 crisis but are now able to resume a limited level of service providing short passenger trips (max 30 mins duration) **for medical reasons only.**

The only trips possible at this time will be to / from:

- Saxilby Doctor's Surgery or Collingham Medical Practice
- Lincoln County Hospital or Newark Hospital
- Trips to the dentist or other medical facilities in Lincoln or Collingham.

(Should you need shopping done or a prescription collected a driver may be able to do this for you so just contact the Co-ordinator to see if this can be arranged.)

PASSENGERS / DRIVERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.

Trips are charged at 45p per mile & must be booked in advance through the Co-ordinator & will be dependent on driver availability.

To use the scheme you need to register in advance & this is FREE OF CHARGE !

For more information & to register, contact Co-ordinator,

Clare Welfare or go to our website: www.thwvcs.co.uk

Tel / Text: 07717-17-88-00 Email: thwvcs@gmail.com

HARBY VILLAGE HALL – Jayne Rose

It has been a quiet time at the Hall since March with only the Post Office continuing to operate every Monday and Thursday.

In the last month Committee members have been getting the Hall ready for the regular groups, as well as new bookings. The preparations have been hindered by recent changes to the COVID-19 restrictions and at this moment we are not 100% sure if we can have groups greater than 6 people.

The Art Group has started meeting every Wednesday afternoon. But unfortunately, we are unable to have any adult or children's parties.

Janet has the diary for 2121 and is willing to take bookings for next year, subject to any restrictions in place at the time. Contact her on 01522 703304.

Look out for our new noticeboards which will put up on the outside walls soon.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBY WITH SWINETHORPE

After the church was closed, with no services, there are now some services. Rev. Mandy is doing a great job with on line services, at first from her office, and then from one of the 11 churches. The postponed AGM was eventually held in church, with social distancing, in August with Rev. Mandy in the Chair. Colin Wells was elected churchwarden and there is a vacancy for a second churchwarden. Michael Belcher is the new secretary and Caroline Nolan is the new treasurer. We thank the retiring treasurer, Janice Cattle and the retiring secretary Elizabeth Owen for their services over many years.

The Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on 27 September but with the restrictions, there will be no Harvest lunch in the Village Hall.

Harby History Group – Louise Herrick 703662-harbyhistory@outlook.com

Wow! These meetings feel like a lifetime ago now!

In January, guest speaker, Graeme Wade, returned to give a presentation on "What's so Special about Lincolnshire's Railways?" Graeme started by showing a map of Lincolnshire and all its railway lines of old and then compared it to a current map. Only about a quarter of the lines are still running. The "then and now" theme continued with pictures of stations, signal boxes and bridges. Of particular interest was a photo of the removal of the bridge in Lea Road, Gainsborough, followed by another photo of the new bridge, which was built in one piece, concrete and all, being driven down the road ready to lift into place. There were pictures of the St Mark's, Lincoln station which is now a shopping site and pictures to the changes at Saxilby station where a new pedestrian bridge has been built to get across to the opposite platform. There were also old pictures around the Brayford Pool area where the engine shed and swing bridge used to be. The area is now all part of Lincoln University. Of course, we also got to see lots of photos of the special trains that pass-through Lincolnshire.

In February, guest speaker, Elaine Johnson, gave a talk entitled "Vote 100: A Lincolnshire View of Women's Suffrage". Elaine began by telling us the difference between suffragettes & suffragists. The suffragettes were run by Emmeline Pankhurst & their motto was "Deeds not Words". Following her daughter Christabel's and Annie Kenney's arrest for disturbing the peace, the suffragettes realised the way to get publicity for their message was by becoming more militant. The suffragists were run by Millicent Fawcett and featured peaceful protest. Elaine told us the stories behind some large national events and we also learnt of local suffrage activity. Gladstone, who was not a fan of suffrage came to Lincoln and a big rally formed on the Cornhill. Ironically, his niece ran the Lincoln suffrage movement. The first petition to Parliament for votes for women only included 25 names and one of these ladies was from Market Rasen. The first British born woman to become an MP and take her place in parliament was Margaret Wintringham from Louth. In Louth, again, two women got into the roof of the town hall and heckled at a public meeting. They were arrested and despite pleading guilty for disturbing the peace, the male magistrates let them off, presumably because they supported them. Lord Curzon of Tattershall Castle would only let the public visit the castle if they had written references as he was so afraid of property being damaged by suffragettes. Elaine showed us lots of reports from the Lincolnshire Echo regarding suffrage activity. Although the paper was generally against votes for women, there was one forward thinking article that said that future sisters would be able to enjoy today's suffragette's efforts in a more peaceful way. Votes were finally given to women over 30 who lived in a home with a rateable value of more than £5pa in 1918.

A first edition of "The History of Harby in Nottinghamshire" was recently spotted on eBay for £74, however, we are currently selling the 2nd edition for £12.50 if that is more to your budget!

With current regulations we are unable to hold meetings but keep an eye out for posters on the village noticeboard, info in Trio or posts on the Harby Facebook page as everything changes quickly!

Harby Parish Council Update

Clerk

Whilst the last 6 months for some have been quiet for some, due to furlough, no school or other activities being cancelled, the Parish Council has continued to meet and work on your behalf throughout the Covid-19 lockdown and the tentative re-opening of the country. There is now a full complement of Parish Councillors, should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to them, or contact me – we will help where we can or point you in the direction of the right person/department if it is a County or District Council matter.

The Annual Parish Meeting was poorly attended this year due to the Covid19 outbreak. The meeting was held in the main hall of the village Hall, socially distanced and worked well. We do hope to be able to return to face to face meetings soon, but the new "rule of 6" has removed this possibility for the moment. Many of the regular activities and any celebrations arranged for this year have all had to be cancelled, including the regular car boot sales, which it is hoped will resume next year as normal. The Playing Field committee have also advised that there will be no bonfire this year. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for any further updates/news as this is the quickest and easiest way to get information out to everyone.

Hopefully by the time this is published, the Parish Council will have met for its annual walk about, – issues identified for resolution by the County, District or Parish Council will be listed on the minutes of the next meeting. If we have missed something, please let us know.

MyNotts App

I do hope that you have heard of this new app, but if you haven't you might find this of interest.

The MyNotts app will make it quicker, easier, and more convenient for local people to access Nottinghamshire County Council services. Residents can use the app to:

- Receive updates on school closures, check when school holidays are, and apply for school places
- Report highways issues, including potholes, faulty streetlights, and overgrown vegetation
- Find their closest Household Waste & Recycling Centre, and see what can be taken there
- Access information about care services offered by Nottinghamshire County Council
- See which events are happening in their local area and the three country parks
- Keep up to date with news from across Nottinghamshire

This is only the first phase of the app's development. Nottinghamshire County Council would welcome feedback on areas of improvement, which you can provide directly via the app's 'Feedback' section.

The App is available for both Android and iPhone, just download from the AppStore

Parish Website/Social Media

Please keep your eyes on the website <http://www.harby-notts.org.uk> and Facebook for further Parish information between TRIO publications. Why not sign up for the email alerts, for news and events straight to your inbox? Did you know this is also where the TRIO can be found in digital format?

The next Ordinary Meetings are at 7:30pm, Thursday 15th October and Thursday 3rd December, probably via zoom, but the public are still welcome to attend (the link for the meeting is published on the agenda). Please see the notice board or the website nearer the time for the full agenda. Minutes of previous meetings will be placed on the website as soon as possible following their approval. Look forward to seeing you soon as things reach a new normal.

Caron Ballantyne, Harby Parish Clerk

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Forthcoming Events Diary

Oct. 2020

- Thurs. 15th – Harby Parish Council Meeting, check www.harby-notts.org.uk or noticeboard for Zoom meeting details
- Sun. 18th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship, 10.30am
- Sun. 25th – All Saints Church Harby, Morning Worship, 10.30am

Nov. 2020

- Sun. 1st – All Saints Church Harby, please check possible service time at www.easttrentchurches.org.uk
- Sun. 8th – All Saints Church Harby, Service of Remembrance, 10.45am
- Sun. 8th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Service of Remembrance, 10.45am
- Sun. 15th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Morning Worship, 10.30am
- Sun. 22nd – All Saints Church Harby, please check possible service time at www.easttrentchurches.org.uk

Dec. 2020

- Sun. 6th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Holy Communion, 10.30am
- Sun. 20th – St Helen's Church Thorney, Christmas Carol Parade, 3.00pm

St. Helen's Church, Thorney – open every Sunday 11.00am – 4.00pm for quiet time.

Bottle and Glass, Harby

Opening hours

Wed. – Fri. 12.00pm – 10.00pm

Sat. 10.00am – 10.00pm

Sun. 10.00am – 7.00pm

Food available until an hour before closing time.

Please contact Jayne Rose if you would like your future events to be included
Tel. 01522 703510 or e-mail: jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk



COLLINGHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

High Street
Collingham

Newark NG23 7LB

General Enquiries/Emergencies: 01636 892156

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Campaign 2020

We will be holding 3 Saturday morning flu clinics on

Saturday 26 September 2020, from 8.00 am – 12.30 pm

Saturday 10 October 2020, from 8.00 am – 12.30 pm

Saturday 31 October 2020, from 8.00 am – 12.30 pm

We are aiming to vaccinate 100% of eligible patients this year, as defined by NHS guidelines. We may be able to open our offer beyond those eligible after 31 October 2020 (dependent on stocks/uptake).

Due to COVID social distancing measures, our Saturday clinics will focus on patients who are able to walk and stand unaided for up to 20 minutes. No seating available. Vaccinations will be administered with patients stood up and a strict one-way system through the Practice will be in operation. Face masks must be worn. Please attend alone, unless a family member is also booked for flu vaccination.

For patients with mobility issues we will be holding weekday flu clinics. Our PCAs will triage at the time of booking.

Housebound patients will be contacted by the practice in due course.

These are appointment only clinics. Appointments will be available to book from August. Please contact the number below or ask at Reception.

For Appointments telephone: 01636 892156 8.00am – 6.15pm

Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk

E-Mail: collingham.medicalcentre@nhs.net

Village Clubs & Organisations Contact List

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| <u>HARBY</u> | | | Friends of Queen Eleanor | Janine Markland | - 07742 613248 |
| Parish Council | Caron Ballantyne | - 01636 893342 | Nottinghamshire Police | Martin Stannard | - 07910 336903 |
| Bowls Club | Carol Dallamore | - 703461 | | Non Emergencies | - 101 |
| Playing Field | Steve & Diane Hogg | - 704702 | CLP | Janet Medley | - 703304 |
| Village Hall | Jayne Rose | - 703510 | | contactwithvillagehall@gmail.com | |
| | Janet Medley | - 703304 | Craft Circle | Sue Paine | - 702518 |
| Queen Eleanor School | Mrs J Wallace/Lisa Lister | - 703428 | C of E East Trent Admin | Christine Hasman | - 01636 679105 |
| Newsletter | Ann Williams | - 703766 | TH&W Voluntary Car Scheme | Clare Welfare | - 07717 178800 |
| Bellringers | Jayne Rose | - 703510 | <u>WIGSLEY</u> | | |
| History Group | Louise Herrick | - 703662 | CLP | Clive Thompson | - 702014 |
| Parent Toddler | Katie Walker | - 703897 | <u>THORNEY</u> | | |
| Heating Oil Syndicate | David Rose | - 703510 | CLP | Anna Dennison | - 702748 |

PLAYING FIELD NEWS – Steve Hogg, Chairperson

As summer comes to a close the ever present threat of Covid hangs over the country impacting in our lives in so many ways. This is just the case for the playing field and we have had to cancel all events we were going to hold. There has been no bowls, no car boots and the bonfire and firework night is not going ahead in November. We have lost all of our income because of this but expenses have continued (maintenance, grass cutting etc.) so we were lucky to receive a grant from Newark and Sherwood to help maintain our facilities.

We have received some criticism (with some justification) that we have not maintained the small play area during this time. We cannot deny that we have taken our eye off the ball with this and we are in the process now of remedying the situation. However, I have to say that although we haven't been good enough here, I feel it is important to explain how the playing field works. We are not part of the Parish council and are not assisted in any way by district/local councils. We run as a charity relying on a very small band of volunteers to manage the facilities. We have lost some committee members lately so now we are a band of seven. Most of us have been on the committee for over twenty years and in that time have seen virtually no new faces. We have had countless AGMs over these years where people can come forward and express either opinion on how we can improve or actually join the committee. The silence has been deafening!! I have written numerous articles in the newsletter appealing for help and this year advertised the AGM on social media. Two lovely people stepped forward to assist us this year but despite numerous quite harsh comments on facebook from our critics, we failed to attract a single other person at the meeting. I am maybe not advertising what this involves, or how we need your help, so I will once again implore anyone who wants to contribute to the playing field to please contact me.

Some of the criticism of the park is currently being addressed. Alex, a new committee member, is now working hard to get grants to improve the area. To put it in perspective the large play area with roundabout, climbing frame and swing cost £50,000 so we will need grants. Please take time to talk to her if she knocks on your door or respond to her online requests as it is important we get grants to improve our facilities. Most of the surrounding area have good facilities but Collingham, for example, would have received large grants to build their facilities, including money received from building companies putting in money when they build large housing estates.

Recently Steve Michael resigned from the committee after many years of great service. He has contributed hundreds of hours to the playing field and I would like to personally thank him for all that effort. He will be sorely missed, especially by Paul Nolan who will have to now find another car park assistant to bore with his stories!!!

So please folks, I call on you to come forward and offer help to the committee because we will turn the Covid corner at some point and we will want to be ready to move forward when this time comes.