

TRIO

Harby, Thorney & Wigsley Newsletter

Queen Eleanor Primary School

We are looking into the possibility of opening a nursery here at Queen Eleanor Primary School. First of all we need to find out if we have the need to make this a viable venture. We need to establish who and how many children would use our nursery.

Please could you let the school office know if this is something that you would require now or in later years. Telephone: 01522 703428

Please spread the word to those who do not yet attend this school.

Thank you.

Mrs J Wallace

Headteacher



Thank You

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbours in Harby for their support and offers of help while we were ill with Covid-19.

It was so comforting.

Peter & Dianne Freshney

Harby Parish Council Update

Clerk

I do hope that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year! I know this will have been very difficult for many this year without seeing friends and family. There is now hope and the vaccination programme is on its way so we may start to return to a more normal situation by the summer.

Following a lot of hard work by various people a vaccination centre has now opened at Newark Showground and appointments are able to be booked. If you receive a letter, please don't share this information via social media etc with anyone, unless they are assisting you to book your appointment, however well-intentioned this sharing of information may be – this is already creating problems with those over 80's and those in clinical need being unable to access the vaccination service as quickly as they might otherwise do. Everyone will in time receive their vaccination, please be patient and don't try to jump the queue. We know that everyone is eager to return to some sort of normal, but jumping the queue will not enable this to happen any quicker. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated. If you do receive a letter, we do know that the phone lines are struggling and so if you are able to, please make your booking via the website link in your letter. You will receive both your 1st appointment and your 2nd appointment (approximately 10 weeks later). Please remember the vaccination is only 60-70% effective after the first dose and up to 95% after the second dose. Social distancing still needs to be maintained.

The Parish Council has already started planning for the new financial year and the precept request has been submitted to Newark and Sherwood Council and will be included in your Council Tax bill in the very near future. The Council have been careful to ensure that the precept has not been increased too much, whilst trying to maintain the services it provides and also properly maintain the assets for which it is responsible. Historically the Parish Council has relied on its reserves to provide services, but as these reserves have dwindled in recent years, the Parish Council has been forced to increase the precept to ensure that it could continue to operate. It is hoped that this year will not require reserves to be used for the Council to carry out its functions and legal obligations on your behalf.

Allotments

The allotment rents will be collected at the end of March this year and it is at that time that the Parish Council is generally made aware of vacant plots, if you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk to be added to the waiting list, should any vacancies arise. There may be some half plots as well as full plots, if you would like to have a go, but don't wish to commit to a full plot.

Parish Website/Social Media

Please keep your eyes on the website <http://www.harby-notts.org.uk> and Facebook www.facebook.com/Harby-Parish-Council-529209784087559 for information between TRIO publications.

The next Ordinary Meetings are at 7:30pm, Thursday 4th February and Thursday 18th March via video conference. It is not known at this time if it will be possible to hold the Annual Parish Meeting for this year, but as soon as we know we will let you know. 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 and notice board as soon as possible following their approval. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Please stay safe!

Caron Ballantyne, Harby Parish Clerk ☎ 01636 893342

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LOCKDOWN – Thoughts

Apparently there have been many different things that people have done to occupy lockdown time. For example – houses cleaned to an inch of their lives; painting and decorating; decluttering on a huge scale; arranging books and CDs into alphabetical order; sorting out the bit drawer; going for long walks (and even longer walks!) and many other occupations.

I am told that one villager (who has a reputation for not walking anywhere!!) has been seen walking two dogs on the cycle path!!!

Frida Willows has used Zoom for the first time for lessons, been involved in a virtual quiz for charity and volunteered to deliver Sunday lunches!

Tilde Willows has been going for a run every other day for 6 months!!

Sue from Thorney reports: I set up an online book club at work and also developed an online story magazine showcasing stories written by my students as part of their GCSE English Language course, making them published authors!

I've also joined in with twice weekly online fitness classes and have done this since last March. Great fun, and my fitness has increased significantly, enabling me to walk to the top of Helvellyn when lockdown ended in July! Couldn't have done it without the online classes.

Also, borrowed from FACEBOOKI

I need a hobby that does not entail eating or buying things!!!!

I have seen more of the Amazon and Hermes drivers than I have my family or friends!

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NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARBY WITH SWINETHORPE – Bridget Wells

Due to the lockdowns, there have been very few services last year or this, but it was possible to have the Harvest Thanksgiving, the Remembrance service which was held outside, and the service on 20 December for Christmas with readings and carols. The congregation were not allowed to sing (some hummed behind their masks) but there was a small choir. As usual, the church was beautifully decorated by volunteers and included a Christmas tree.

With the restrictions, it was not possible to have the Harvest Lunch in the village hall, or the mince pies and mulled wine after the carols. Also missing were the children from school at Harvest and Christmas. Rev. Mandy records a service for every Sunday in one of the 11 churches and on Sunday, 24 January it was filmed in Harby and can be found on the East Trent Churches website.

Hopes & Wishes from Thorney

As we couldn't hold our usual Christmas Carol Service in St Helen's church our thoughts turned to how we could celebrate together & involve villagers whilst abiding by all social distancing measures. We decided, for the first time to put up an outdoor village Christmas tree, kindly donated by a resident which we sited between the church and the bus shelter. Thanks to Richard Willows & Jonathan Bloor, who made sure it was firmly fixed in place & to several others who helped deck it out with lights, a wonky star (thank you Lawrence) & ribbon bows. Villagers were invited to write "a wish or message of hope" which they put into a clear plastic bauble & hung this on the tree. The tree provided a focal point for the village & people loved seeing the lights twinkling in the darkness each evening as it lit up. On Dec 20th from 3pm villagers were invited to walk up West Rd & Main St led by Daisy the Shetland pony, singing carols as we walked, waving & greeting other residents who came out to the gates to see us go by...I think Daisy was the main attraction! We assembled together (appropriately distanced) near to the tree. A very short 15 minute outdoor service was led by our churchwarden Anna Dennison, where a couple of carols were sung, prayers said & traditional readings enjoyed by everyone. We then did the draw for the Christmas Hamper & several other prizes before dispersing back to our houses. Rita Oates was the lucky winner of the hamper. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes & for all those who took part.

Before the Village Christmas Tree was taken down, people were invited to reclaim their bauble/ message they had hung on the tree. The remaining baubles were collected up & some of the more general messages included are worth sharing with you. A beacon of hope for us all in 2021.

-Peace & happiness & hopefully a healthy 2021 for everyone. Love & hugs to all those on their own, especially to those who have lost loved ones.

-Remembering all those we love but can no longer see.

-Happiness & good health to everyone who lives in our beautiful village & peace on earth wherever you may be.

-May all families keep safe from COVID until life can get back to normal.

-Please can Man Utd win the Premier League or just a trophy!

-May the terrible virus be eradicated from the whole world so we are free to live our lives without fear & anxiety.

-Looking forward to being able to hug family and friends again.

-Loving thoughts to all who have lost their dearest ones in this pandemic- God bless xxx

- Thanks for making a dreadful year feel almost special. Here's to 2021, control of the virus, a return to "normal" whilst keeping the wonderful community spirit we have found in our village.

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THORNEY CELEBRATES HARVEST TIME!!

On a gloriously sunny August afternoon, a small group met in the Park, opposite St Helen's church in Thorney, to discuss two events in particular: Harvest and Christmas! First a date was agreed for the Harvest Celebration and it was agreed that if we couldn't sing in church then we would hold an outdoor service, similar to our VE Day celebration, when Thorney Singers had walked the length of West Road and Main Street, stopping in three places to sing war time songs. People came out to sing with us and had picnics in their gardens. We thought that something along these lines should be tried.

Prior to this meeting I had e mailed people, asking for ideas, so these were discussed, before settling on a SCARECROW competition and having a TRACTOR to drive slowly through the village, with a trailer to carry donated gifts for the Charity FRAMEWORK. It was also agreed to have a Raffle, proceeds to go to the Community Space project. Flyers and posters went out and weather forecasts and Covid Announcements/Restrictions were watched nervously.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER dawned and the first three scarecrows went into place along the park fence before 11am. By 2pm there were 14 in place! All shapes and sizes! Wonderful!

Soon after 2.45pm Mick and his tractor arrived at Edgeways, ready for the procession. People started to arrive carrying bags of gifts for Framework and song sheets were distributed. After singing three harvest hymns outside Edgeways, keeping socially distanced, we walked to the Post Box to sing again. I walked ahead of the crowd, to show Mick where to stop his tractor, and as I got to the Post Box I turned around and there was Mandy, in the middle of the road, leading a huge crowd towards us!! It was MAGICAL!! Wonderful! More people joined us to sing, bringing more bags of goodies and then we walked on to church. People came out to see the tractor and chat to Mick. Opposite church a row of scarecrows greeted us and people stood and chatted while the trailer was emptied and bags taken into church. Many more gifts have been received than usual!

Once we were able to shepherd people into the park space, keeping in family bubbles, some remaining outside, our short service began. Mandy welcomed everyone and we prayed. Andrew read the lovely Deuteronomy reading, his strong voice carrying well to the crowd both near and further away. Token gifts in baskets were brought up to our park 'altar' and we gave thanks. A family read The Byfield Hymn, sharing the verses between them and after more prayers we sang Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer, because it mentions Bread of Heaven and because it's a firm favourite! And all the time, the sun shone!! Hallelujah! An answer to fervent prayer!?

The winners of the scarecrow competition were announced, the family receiving an Amazon voucher for £20. Then Lucky Names were drawn (in place of a Raffle, a Covid-friendly version of a Raffle took place) First prize was a hamper full of delicious fruit and veg donated by our local farmer and greengrocer. There followed quite a few more prizes. And then people stayed and chatted some more, because we were out in the fresh air, on a beautiful day. Thanks to Mandy and thanks to Clare and so many others who helped. This was truly a Community event! Phil counted 55 adults, 15 children and 9 dogs! If we'd gone into church many of these families wouldn't have come.

Dear friends,

I hope you're all keeping safe and well and thanks to everyone for looking out for each other. In February, Christmas becomes a distant memory, and we start to think about spring and Easter, but I had some gifts which will go on giving all year. First of all, I was given membership of Notts Wildlife Trust and the RSPB, so that I'll have even more incentive to get out and about, enjoying our beautiful countryside and watching the changing seasons.

Other gifts I had, for Christmas and my birthday were two colouring books and a pack of pencil crayons. I wonder if someone's trying to tell me something, because these were challenging gifts! Before I dared to take out a crayon, sit down and start shading, I had a few obstacles to get over. First, I had to stop feeling guilty about wasting time – is it alright to just sit and colour in, when I could be getting on with something useful? Well, yes, it is, as it turns out.

Secondly, I had to stop thinking too much about getting the colour exactly right. One of the books actually encourages me to be outrageous with colour choices, so is it alright to produce a purple rabbit? Well, yes it is, as it turns out, though I haven't dared go quite that far yet.

Thirdly, I had to stop worrying about spoiling the beautiful drawings by not colouring evenly enough, or going over the lines, so is it alright to be less than perfect? Well, yes it is as it turns out.

Colouring in pictures gives me the chance to take time, to try out new colour combinations and to make up a new world. This is simple compared to all the new things we've had to work out over this last year, such as new ways of shopping, being family, being friends, being neighbours, being school and being church. In our villages, we've discovered many new ways of being community and as a result, communal singing, harvest festivals, Christmas Trees, charity collections and birthday celebrations all spilled out onto our streets.

As we prepare to begin a second year of pandemic, let's take heart, give thanks for all the good things that have happened, and then dare to take time to think about how we live, maybe try out something new, risk crossing lines and making mistakes. Maybe we'll find new ways of caring for each other and our beautiful world.

God bless you

Revd Mandy.

TH &W - Voluntary Car Scheme

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



We have been unable to operate normally during the Covid 19 crisis but now some drivers are 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 Surgeries or Collingham Medical Practice
- Lincoln County Hospital or Newark Hospital
- Trips to the dentist or other medical facilities in Lincoln or Collingham.
- John Coupland Hospital at Gainsborough

EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN VACCINATED 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**



Outreach Services

Harby Hosted Service

Harby Village Hall

Mon 1pm - 4pm

Thurs 1pm - 4pm

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Quiz: How Green Are You?

Have you ever wondered how green you really are? Maybe you go the extra mile to be kinder to our planet or maybe you're well intentioned but can never remember what does and what doesn't go in the recycling bin! Test your knowledge with our 2-minute quiz, find out how you stack up and get inspired with a few facts and ideas for going green this year!



Take our quiz to test your green knowledge! >>

 surveymonkey.com/r/G2FVWNP



Village Clubs & Organisations Contact List

HARBY Parish Council Caron Ballantyne - 01636 893342
Bowls Club Carol Dallamore – 703461
Playing Field Steve & Diane Hogg – 704702
Village Hall Jayne Rose - 703510 Janet Medley - 703304
Queen Eleanor School Mrs J Wallace/Lisa Lister - 703428
Newsletter Ann Williams - 703766
Bellringers Jayne Rose - 703510
History Group Louise Herrick - 703662
Parent Toddler Katie Walker - 703897
Heating Oil Syndicate David Rose - 703510
Friends of Queen Eleanor Cora Jones - 07860641795
Nottinghamshire Police Martin Stannard - 07910 336903
Non Emergencies - 101
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