

# Harby & Wigsley Newsletter



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Postmarked 1909 (supplied by Paul Marshall)

The post card was sent to Master Wm. Darley C/o Mr Wm Briley, 99 Osborne St. Hull and reads:-

Dear Willie, Jennie and I went down on our bikes to Hannah's this morning. She gave me this post card for mother. On it is the house where Uncle Tom and Aunt Beckie used to live. The row of houses along the back has been built lately. It is pouring with rain this afternoon but was lovely this morning  
love to Mrs Reed & all, Anita

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**Worship Times: HwS = All Saints': TwW = St Helen's: N&SC = St George's**

FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
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13	Lent 1	N&SC TwW	HwS	13	Lent 5	HwS N&SC	TwW	10	Easter 3	HwS N&SC				
20	Lent 2	HwS N&SC	TwW	20	Palm Sunday	HwS N&SC		17	Easter 4	N&SC TwW	HwS			
27	Lent 3	HwS N&SC		27	EASTER DAY	N&SC TwW	HwS	24	Easter 5	HwS N&SC	TwW			

**ADDITIONAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS DURING LENT & EASTER**

**9th February 2005: ASH WEDNESDAY: ALL SAINTS', 7.30pm**

**24th March 2005: MAUNDY THURSDAY: ST HELEN'S, 7.30pm**

**25th MARCH 2005: GOOD FRIDAY: ST GEORGE'S,  
1.00 - 2.00pm: Church open for quiet time  
2.00 - 3.00pm: readings, reflections, hymns and prayers**

..... from the Rectory

**A Reflection from 1996 requested again by an Avid Reader**

Dear Reader,

It was during one of the recent very hot afternoons that I had occasion to motor into Lincoln along the A57. The magnificent Cathedral atop the hill shimmering in the heat haze pointed heavenward and I braked firmly as the lorry in front of me happened to before we set off again on our pilgrimage... more like a penance in that heat... but the incident had brought me down to earth and maybe even further.

The open-topped lorry was laden to axle-bending fullness with all manner of scrap metal which we now (down to 5mph and the crawler gear) had plenty of time to observe and ponder upon. Whose bits and pieces had once whirled around the now sad remains of some once white washing machine; whose hairy legs had pedaled the pedals, now the only accessory to the rusting masculine frame: what tales of joy and sorrow could those old bed springs tell as they now twanged in chorus, conducted by the waving curtain rails? Then... yes, then I saw it !! Masked as it were by the screeching heaving of the lorry and the dry wheezing of the Panda, there, in obvious torment was the PEDAL-BIN. Once cream with floral patterned rings at top and bottom, it lay in agony, its side crushed in and pierced by a bent No.5 iron long past its fairway best. The lid flapped open and shut like some metallic puppet's mouth unable to get the sound out and tell the world of its sadness and all that it had bin (sorry, been). Now it gaped and gasped a little, then a lot at every jolt of its terrible and torturous tumbrel. "It's all right," I called out, "it will soon be over.!" Just then, as we maneuvered a bend, the Cathedral again shimmered into view and all the visions of a medieval Hell sprang to mind and surrounded the image of the persecuted pedal-bin screaming for succour. It wasn't quite all 'all right' for the great crushers and tile fiery furnace awaited the once proud recipient servant of crumbs from the kitchen table of a once caring family.

**A Pedal-Bin's For Life Not Just For Christmas!**

And so are good friends and good neighbours and good companions, for life and not just for Christmas. In a throwaway, built-in-obsolence society we may become so careless that we inflict the wee torments of a bit of earthly hell on some of our closest fellow pilgrims. Look around and listen and lip-read the silent scream for love and care amidst the noise and bustle of being planet-people and polish your own bits and bobs, and that figurative scrap heap, maybe, for you we pray, will be not so.

Happy Relational Rust Removing,  
All Seasonal Blessings,

*Kenneth B. Potter* priest-in-charge

## Faulkners Facts - Steve Faulkner

**Cattle rustling hits Harby.** It was Christmas eve and everyone was full of joy and merriment. The children had eagerly gone to bed awaiting a visit from Father Christmas and we were excited as it was our daughters first Christmas. Father Christmas was not the only one busy that night, after a few jugs of ale, the local village idiots decided to formulate a plot to rustle Henrietta the heifer from her pasture to grasses greener. Of course the individuals concerned, could not have hatched such a plot on their own, it was formulated with the assistance of considerable meddling from older members of the clan less able to make good their escape in the event of getting caught. Perhaps if this band of merry men gets together we could have a quiz team (Spot the brain cell) that could knock the current champions off the top slot. The band of villains had the luck of the Irish with them that night. We went to bed at about 1130 ish and Henrietta was safely in her pasture grazing. At about 1.40 am I was woken by the noise of Father Christmas delivering his presents. I looked out of the window to find Henrietta had gone. I got dressed, as I was concerned that she could have wandered onto the road, and may have caused an accident. I found her grazing in a garden that had just been newly landscaped and seeded on station road. She was hurt and distressed, with one of her ears broken off, badly scratched and her tail broken. On a serious note, the police had a laugh on Christmas day when we reported our cow damaged, (That's not the serious bit), and it put a dampers on our Christmas day. It has been booked on as a crime due to the criminal damage caused to it. I also feel sorry for the mess left to the lawn on station road due to people walking all over it, and putting a life size resin cow on it. However I do not think any of the Villains are man enough to attempt to offer an apology. Sometimes you feel like taking the law into your own hands?

### **A Big Thank you.**

Mrs Stubbs would like to thank everyone for the cards she received over the Christmas period, and take this opportunity to wish everyone who knows her a happy new year.

### **Country Kids Day Nursery**

All of the staff and children would like to wish all of the readers a happy new year. The New Year brings good news for us, with positive feedback from Nottinghamshire early years, regarding our teaching and setting. We have also had new children start at the nursery from the surrounding villages. We look forward to the challenges ahead in 2005 and will continue to provide a loving, safe and secure educative environment for all children.

Debbie Day.

### **Birth of Holly Born 4<sup>th</sup> December 2004.**

Nigel, Becki & Charlotte of Orchard House, would like to send their thanks to everyone who kindly sent cards and presents congratulating us on the safe arrival of Holly.

We are celebrating our first year in Harby, and would like to thank everyone who has made us feel so welcome.



## Rippard's Ramble

Twenty one people and four energetic dogs joined Brian Rippard for a Boxing Day ramble up Clay Lane and across the fields to Skellingthorpe Old Wood, Old Hag Wood and back. Both young and old walked off their Christmas Day gluttony in a wintry, frozen landscape and recovered with Steve Horbury's excellent beers and complimentary mince pies back at the Bottle & Glass.

Many thanks to Brian for organising this most enjoyable ramble – as much a social occasion as a post-indulgence exercise, and to Steve Horbury for the warm hospitality back at the Bottle & Glass.

For anyone who didn't make it in 2004, make a note on your calendar for **Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> 2005** for another Rippard's Boxing Day Ramble.

# Phil Thomas C.D.H. (Writtle)



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## HARBY FOOTBALL CLUB - Rose Ward

The future is still looking bleak for the Football Club. After the Christmas break we went to RMSC where we were beaten 6 – 0. To make matters worse, we sustained injuries to three players who were unavailable for our match against Horncastle. The match was subsequently cancelled as we couldn't raise a team. At time of writing our next game is Round 2 of the David Cooper Cup on January 22<sup>nd</sup> ko 1.45 and we are at home to Metheringham. Whether or not this match takes place is still uncertain, it all depends on players returning from injury, work commitments etc. We have to take one week at a time at the moment.

On the social side, the Village Hall is booked for March 19<sup>th</sup> when we plan to hold an 'Irish Night' with optional fancy dress. There will be a bar, disco, raffle and hot food. Tickets have been reasonably priced at £5. A good night is guaranteed so please bring your friends along and have a good time.

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## WIGSLEY AIRFIELD - Richard Croft

Harby and Wigsley parishioners may be interested to hear about the recent appeal decision regarding the deposit of waste as a series of banks on the south-eastern side of the road crossing Wigsley airfield.

The earth bank (estimated to be over 1 km long, 3 to 10m wide and 1.75 to 3m high) by the road across Wigsley airfield was determined by Nottinghamshire County Council to be "*unauthorised deposit of waste materials*" and they served notice requiring its removal. Another planning application to Newark and Sherwood District Council for a "*security mound*" was also refused. The decision by the County Council was contested in an appeal by Mr.G.Scott and the case was referred to an inspector appointed by the secretary of state.

The Inspector has upheld the County Council decision that the waste should be removed as the reasons for deposit cited by the applicant were "*very implausible*". Furthermore, the inspector states that "*They are obtrusive features of a kind more often found near to industrial areas or in the derelict hinterland sometimes found at the edges of urban areas. They are an incongruous and alien feature in this mainly flat agricultural landscape and, in my judgement, are very unattractive in appearance.*"

To comply with this decision, the banks of waste materials should be removed within 6 months and the land evenly re-graded between the highway and adjoining land within 7 months. The inspector has allowed an acceptable use of the materials within the site if this does not cause "*visual or environmental harm*" on a primarily agricultural site.

Mr.Scott is entitled to seek recourse through the courts, but this decision exhausts options through the planning process. If you wish to view full details of the decision, please contact the Environment directorate of Nottinghamshire County Council.

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## JUMBLE SALE 26TH FEBRUARY 2005 2PM - 4PM

A Jumble Sale will be held in Harby Village Hall on Saturday 26 February 2005 between 2pm and 4pm. The beneficiary is yet to be determined, so look out for posters and leaflets.

We hope to have the following stalls: Clothing, Bric a Brac, Produce (cakes, biscuits, chutney, jams), Books, Toys & Games, Tombola and Raffle.

Refreshments will be available.

So, while you are spring-cleaning, baking, or gardening, please think of us.

We will be very pleased to receive it at Lime Grove, High Street or Sherwood Cottage, High Street (next to the Bottle and Glass). Please ask for Sally or Doris. Alternatively bring it along to the Village Hall from 12 o'clock on Saturday 1st. If you need things collecting please ring Sally on 704294.

### Help needed

Please come and help if you can spare an hour or two. If you are interested in helping on a stall or with setting up, please ring Sally Smith on 704294 or Sue West on 702526.

## *Look two, ones going, ones gone*

Our maintenance or should I say modification programme is beginning, some minor modifications have already been done, when time is available the pulley wheel refurbishment just below the bell wheels, our next project, is about to get underway, the material for this project which will be turned into nine pulleys by Mr. Joe Ellerby on his new lathe, is arriving this week and is natural nylon, into these pulleys ball bearings will be fitted before assembling onto new bright bar spindles which will all be identical in diameter, (the existing spindles are a different diameter on each bell) it is then intended to fit the 'new second hand' ropes, this it is hoped will be a major improvement, discussions have taken place with Joe to make alternative arrangements regarding his house-work commitments, to familiarize Joe with the pulleys, I recently gave Joe a guided tour of the bell chamber, consequently he is now ready to go, upon completion of the above work we should be up and ringing with the refurbished pulleys assemblies before too long,

**Quiz night** on 11<sup>th</sup> December, this event in aid of All Saints Church bells held in the Village Hall was very well patronised, a most enjoyable and entertaining evening I must say, the work put into the question preparation and presentation by Mr Richard Croft and team was indeed very professional, the supper held midway through the quiz complemented the evening, it was excellent, my thanks go to all who helped in any way whatsoever, the bell tower fund were presented by Mrs. Lorain Dickinson with the net profit from the quiz of £361.

The bell tower fund now has £1366, thanks also to the **Car Boot** and all those involved, along with receipts for ringing at the weddings, donations handed in at the shop, also loose change which customers ask to put it in the bell tin, again thank you everyone for your contribution, this money will be used to provide the parts and materials for the restoration program and set our minds on future refurbishment.

Tom Blythe, a regular visiting ringer at All Saints from Saxilby now being the tower captain at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, invited us to ring on two occasions since the last newsletter, I must say it was a unusual experience, specially the first time, whilst it was not apparent whilst ringing, when sitting out whilst others rang, the tower could be felt to be swaying in all directions in unison to the swinging of the bells, you could see your knees swaying left to right and feel the bench and wall moving back and forth, it was also said that you can hear the roof timbers creaking whilst in the church before the service, they have also inscriptions in the tower although not as many as we have at All Saints, one that caught the eye was that of a Mr. Albert Drury (Gill Denton's father) 'small world' as they say, St. Peters has six bells which are on self aligning bearings which gives one the feel of how All Saints might be when are modernisation package is achieved.

Ringing on New Years Eve went well considering the slight level of intoxication, had a couple of clangers, our regular fan club if listening whilst out collecting their 50p's may have noticed, our youngest member Chris Thornton brought along his sister Ellie to watch and celebrate the New Year in the Belfry, it would appear that she has got the bug and would like to ring, she's possibly after his title of 'our youngest ringer'.

Cleaning out the Belfry recently I found this on a bit of crumpled paper: -  
Hey diddle duddle, John in a muddle, the cow jumped over the Lodge, the little dogs laughed to see Roma yawn, and, with a puff and a drag on a newly lit fag, "HAPPY NEW YEAR" said the cow, as it landed on John's newly set lawn.

Wilfred Lord Turnyson

*Set Next Time*

Will Turner

# HARBY VILLAGE HALL



## Christmas Quiznight



### Former champions regain their title

## £380 raised for All Saints' Church Bells

Another quiznight sellout of over a hundred people filled the village hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December to raise just under £400 for repairs to All Saints' church bells. A closely fought contest saw the former champions *Cottage Gardeners* regain their title despite the absence of Jenny Chapman. Keith, Anne, Tom, Melanie and Jason produced a second half surge to overtake *The Aubournites* who led at half time.

1	Cottage Gardeners	242	92%
2	The Aubournites	230	88%
3	Cavemen	227	87%
4	Load of Old Cobblers	225	86%
5	Harby Wallbangers	219	84%
6	The Enders	218	83%
7	The Thursday Nighters	218	83%
8	7UP	216	82%
9	Village Idiots	207	79%
10	Ever Hopefuls	203	77%
11	A Team	198	76%
12	Bright & Beautiful	192	73%
13	The Mince Pies	191	73%
14	Pringles	189	72%
15	Famous Five	180	69%
16	One Short	180	69%
17	The Famous Grouses	176	67%

Former champions *Harby Wallbangers* weakened by the absence of Pete & Alison Merrick had to settle for 5<sup>th</sup> place. *Load of Old Cobblers* (David & Jayne Rose, Richard & Wendy Thornton, David Snushall and Karin Baria) narrowly missed the top three with 4<sup>th</sup> place.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place were *Cavemen*, who despite two yellow cards for dissent narrowly missed the runner up slot. Steve & Dianne Hogg, Richard Denton and Giavanna Reed produced their best result to date. *The Aubournites* from Aubourn finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Champions *Cottage Gardeners* emphatically regained their title by a winning margin of 12 points, a title lost at the last quiznight by just one point. Scoring 92% correct answers is a Harby quiznight record and they scored full marks in a number of rounds.

Despite getting over two-thirds of the questions correct, *The Famous Grouses*, George Dickinson, Brian Rippard, Will Turner and John Green graciously accepted the wooden spoon in last place.

Lorraine Dickinson, Jayne Rose, Caroline Nolan and Madge Rippard toiled in the kitchen to produce the marvellous pies & peas. Sue West sold innumerable raffle tickets and Will Turner did the draw. Catherine Withers generously donated some cases of beer, expertly auctioned by David Medley to raise another £30 towards the proceeds.

Many thanks to Clive, Sue, Carol, Hilary, Kirsty, Rachel and Alice for helping with the quiz, Joe and Margaret Ellerby for making the village hall such a great venue and everyone who donated raffle prizes. A special thanks to Tom Chapman and Primeprint in Newark for printing the tickets, not just for this quiznight, but for all the Harby Quiznights.

I hope that Harby Quiznights can continue to raise money for worthy village causes and be a fun evening for villagers and friends, without becoming seriously competitive.

Make a date for the next Harby Quiznight on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

Richard Croft

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## 171 completed questionnaires returned

Many thanks to the 171 people who completed and returned the Harby Parish Plan questionnaire in December – this is almost 70% of the population aged 8 or over ! Many replies also had some very useful comments about the plan in general and individual issues specifically that will help in the development of the Parish Plan.



### What happens next ?

All your responses will be collated and analysed in the next few weeks. The Parish Plan steering group will use this information to identify the important priorities for action and develop a draft action plan to present to you, the parishioners by the end of March.



### What else should I do ?

Attend the open day in the village hall when all the findings and draft plan will be presented. This will be in late March or early April, watch out on the village notice board, in the Newsletter and through your letterbox for details.

If you think of anything else important, please let us know.

#### Harby Parish Plan Steering Group

Richard Croft	Holly Tree Cottage, Wigsley Road	☎ 703455
George Dickinson	The Priory, Church Road	☎ 703305
Harriet Earnshaw	Church Barns, Church Road	☎ 703706
Trevor Medley	June, Low Street	☎ 07788 428184
Brian Rippard	Bryn House, High Street	☎ 702610
Ian Walker	Station House, Station Road	☎ 704072
Julie Wallace	21 Wigsley Road	☎ 703812
Rose Ward	3 Station Road	☎ 703811
Keith Williams	Owl Cottage, Wigsley Road	☎ 703766

All information about Harby Parish Plan can be found at:

[www.harby.org.uk](http://www.harby.org.uk)

# HARBY VILLAGE HALL

# Quiznight

# Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

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# Village Clubs / Organisation - Contact List

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Football Club	T. Ward - 703811 Mrs R Ward - 703811
Bowls Club	D. Medley - 703304 J. Power - 703346
Playing Field	S. Parkin - 702503
C of E	Rev. K. Potter - 778258
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School	T. Ward - 703428 Mrs. Grundy - 703428
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## HARBY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Tom Chapman

At the January meeting our 'Time Team' Application was circulated and all agreed this an excellent document. Richard Croft sent it in before Christmas and has received an acknowledgement. We now await their reply with some confidence that they will be interested.

19th Century Census records list a brickmaker in the Harby residents and we think there was a brick kiln in the village. There was one at Swinethorpe near the turkey farm. If anyone has any information please let us know.

Ros Medley has supplied photographs and other records which show that Harby has a tennis club in the early 30's, the court was in the field behind Enfield House.

Stuart Parkin explained the information he has gathered on the history of the playing field. He still has more to find out but hopes to have a write up for our next meeting in March.

Other photographs from Ros Medley include two showing a new farm cart for Thomas Almond which was made by J.W. Cook of Eagle in 1924 and one of the 1919-20 Harby Football Team.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesday 22nd February and 29th March at 7.30pm as usual.

## NEW HARBY NOTICE BOARD - Tom Chapman

The Village notice board, sited near the Post Office, has been in a poor state for some time and the Parish Council is having a new one made to replace it.

This will be erected shortly and will have three hinged doors, one being kept locked for official Parish Council Notices and the other 2 spaces will be for general public use.

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## Last Things - Keith Williams

**Ann and I went to Devon for Christmas. Our friends Mike and Sue were generous as ever, providing us with plenty of food and wine, and thoughtfully, hiring a Kango (electric road drill) and a truck-barrow just for me.**

**You see, they had this area of concrete bases and paths they wanted to get rid of and they knew I'd want to work off the Christmas excess. Delighted to be of use I soon set to with the Kango and broke up the first greenhouse base and cleared the rubbish away. Underneath was a bed of sand; dug that out. Then a layer of breeze blocks; stacked them neatly for further use and then, another concrete base. The previous owner of the house never did anything by half !**

**The truck-barrow was a brilliant device, petrol driven, caterpillar tracks, and a big tub that could cart away a couple of hundred weight of rubble at a time. Steering was by two levers, one for each track, push for forward and pull back for reverse, or one forward, one back and you could spin it round in its own length. It was worth its weight in gold as we had to deposit the rubbish some 150 yards away up a steep hill. By the end of the holiday it was estimated we shifted well over ten tons.**

**Finally, I was delighted that the Cottage Gardeners' team regained their crown in the Christmas quiz. I must thank all the team members for a great effort, especially Jason and Melaine who were outstanding with the pop music and film rounds. We sorely missed Jenny for the TV soaps round - she'd have known it was Ena Sharples who got done for shop lifting. The Aubournites had us on the run for a while but we saw them off in the end, most pleasing. Thanks again to Richard Croft and his Team for a brilliant evening. See you all at the next Quiz.**

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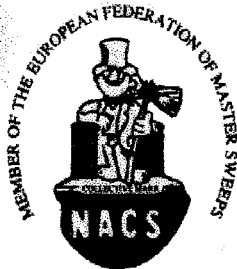
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