



# NEWSLETTER



## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

20th. March. Fred Cory - Birthday memoriam  
29th. April. Andy & Sue Wright - Silver Wedding Anniversary  
3rd. May. Rob Nickson - In memoriam  
11th. May. Fred & Win Cory - Wedding memoriam  
10th. June. Win Cory - Birthday memoriam

Please contact Roger Fountain at 24 School Lane (tel 01604830340) to arrange floodlighting. The cost is £10. Cheques should be made payable to All Saints Church



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 12th May** - Methodist Chapel. Full Council - 7pm

**Tuesday 20th May** - Bowls Club. Annual Parish Meeting. 7pm

**Tuesday 27th May** – Methodist Chapel Planning, Highways and Infrastructure - 7.00pm

**Monday 2nd June** - Methodist Chapel. Strategy, Finance and Policy -7.00pm

**Monday 30th June** – Methodist Chapel Planning, Highways and Infrastructure - 7.00pm



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

All Saints' Church, Harpole

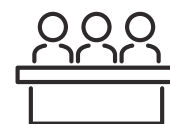
### Sunday services at 11.15am

4 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Holy Communion at 7.00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Morning Worship
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning Worship
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Morning Worship
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Songs of Praise 4.30pm at Rothersthorpe



## HARPOLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday services at 4pm every Sunday in Manning Watts house, Garners Way, NN7 4DN HBC was established in 1808, and the Baptist Chapel was built in 1828 and used continuously up to 2010. We have now restarted the congregation and we meet at Manning Watts house whilst awaiting the refurbishment of the chapel. See [www.harpolebaptist.org.uk](http://www.harpolebaptist.org.uk)



## COUNCIL UPDATES

Welcome to the April 2025 newsletter, an opportunity to catch up with what's been occurring within the parish of Harpole.

Let's start with the Sandy Lane Relief Road! Work has been continuing on the road, as I'm sure many of you will have seen, and the necessary roadworks on the A4500 have been lifted. The opening of this much needed relief road is still on schedule for a May 2025 completion which should see this phase of development come to an end. A rather sorry saga of misaligned agendas but I'm sure a huge learning curve if everyone involved can accept the feedback. Most that have commented know that the real takeaway is "Infrastructure first" not rocket science really. 'Nuff said.

There are likely to be further roadworks on both Sandy Lane and its associated roundabout on the A4500 near to the petrol station as the developers still have works to complete. Hopefully all details will be put on the parish website [www.harpole-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harpole-pc.gov.uk) once they are available.

The parish council are also speaking with highways to secure better village entrance signs designed to slow approaching traffic which we are hopeful will start work over the summer. Details will be made available online-and at our parish meeting.

Harpole Parish Council are in the final negotiations with the bowls club to complete a new 30- year lease to 2055! Allowing the bowls club a good security of tenure to invest time and money into this wonderful club, just as they have for the last 30 years.

The parish council are speaking with developer "Vistry" regarding the provision of additional sports pitches at a site on Larkhall Lane adjacent to the current sports and recreation ground. These talks are early stages with Vistry who secured the site earlier this year from Barwoods and now at long last the developments will begin to bring tangible benefits to the parish as well as secure the long-term provision of sports locally for all residents, old and new, young and old.

Work is also continuing to finalise a transfer of the existing playing fields and recreation ground in Larkhall Lane to the parish council and once we understand the structure of its future management, we will be seeking some community help with ideas and a little volunteering.



The parish council are also in talks with developer "Bloors" regarding the eventual handover of open green space for management by the council. There will be more updates on this initiative in the summer as we progress these meetings.

It remains the position of Harpole Parish Council that there will be no management companies within the parish ( Bloors, Millers and all of Vistry including Linden and Bovis homes) and although the management of open green space and play areas is currently within developer control this will not be the case moving forward.

Please do contact the council at [clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk) if you are being asked for management fees right now as all current maintenance is the responsibility of one of the developers. The council is aware of fees being levied and we will pick this up in our usual update meetings with the various developers at our regular meetings.

Community infrastructure levy (CIL) continues to come into the parish council from the monies the developers pay, an update will be provided at the parish meeting, along with plans we are considering for its use. Do come along, Tuesday 20th May at 7pm at the bowls club in Larkhall Lane. As usual teas/ coffees

and biscuits will be provided. This is your opportunity to tell the council what you are thinking, your ideas to improve your community and things you'd like the council to be focussing on.

The parish council will hold its final committee meeting on Monday 28th April at the old school hall and following this, the new parish council will sit for the first time on Monday 12th May 7pm at our new venue in the Methodist Chapel on School Lane. All future meetings through to April 2026 will be at this new venue. Hope to see many of you there. Come and join us as we have one vacancy we can fill immediately



### YOUR NEWS HERE

Are you a community group or run classes, or events in Harpole?

We would love to help promote you in this newsletter. Please send a short article by the deadline on the back page to [clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk)



### NEWSLETTER CONTENT

The deadline for the next edition of this newsletter is 6th June, please forward the content in a MS Word document to Sally by email to her address

[clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk)



### NEW COUNCIL

Parish Council terms last for four years, after which all councillors must stand down and a new council is elected.

Nominations for the next term of office, beginning on 6th May 2025, closed on 2nd April. In Harpole, 12 candidates stood for 13 available seats, meaning all nominees have been automatically elected without contest.

We're pleased that most current councillors are returning, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who have served over the past four years. Special thanks go to Colin Wilkinson, who has chosen not to stand for re-election in order to pursue other interests. His contributions to the council over the years have been greatly valued.

This does leave one vacancy on the council, which can be filled by co-option at the first meeting in May. If you're interested in serving your community and would like to be considered for the role, please contact [clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk). The clerk will be happy to provide more information and guide you through the application process.



### VE DAY AFTERNOON TEA

An afternoon tea is planned on Sunday 18th May to celebrate 80 years since VE day. A local choir is singing 1940s songs and there is a fancy dress competition

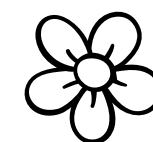
Location: Old School Hall

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May

Time : 3pm - 6pm

Price: £10 a ticket.

Tickets available from harpole shop.



### HARPOLE OPEN GARDENS

40TH ANNIVERSARY

Date: Sunday 8th June

Time: 1pm - 6pm

Admission £7.00 children free

The following gardens are open:  
Brytten Collier House - Heather & Darren Jennings  
Cedar Cottage - Spencer & Joanne