



NEWSLETTER



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

Please contact Roger Fountain at 24 School Lane (tel 01604 830340 to arrange floodlighting) The cost is £10. Cheques should be made payable to All Saints Church.



HARPOLE BAPTIST CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that we have now obtained permission to use the chapel, and we trust this will become a place for helping people into the Christian faith, and also a place for general community benefit. After 15 years of non use we are working hard to refurbish it.

Sunday at 10.30am Service in Portuguese (Brazilian), at 4pm in English.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

All Saints' Church, Harpole

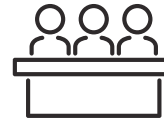
Sunday services at 11.15am

- 2nd November Morning Worship
- 9th November 10.45am Remembrance Service
- 16th November Morning Worship
- 23rd November 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Bugbrooke with the Bishop of Peterborough
- 30th November 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

- 7th December Morning Prayer
- 14th December Holy Communion
- 14th December 2.30pm Christingle Service
- 21st December 3.00pm Carol Service
- 24th December 3.30pm Crib Service
- 24th December 11.30pm Holy Communion

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.



PARISH UPDATES

It has been a busy couple of months for the Parish Council.

The proposed Davidsons development at the top of Road Hill went to West Northants Council Planning Committee in September. Despite the parish council requesting that this development is treated the same as the others, and that Open Space is transferred to us to manage, the recommendation was for this to be passed to a management company. The main reason being that it is not viable for the developer to pay the parish council commuted sums, which they would not need to pass to a management company. We made representation to various concerns we have on the development and our disappointment that there is no consistency in approach. In the end the councillors agreed to defer the decision until the viability could be considered further. Since then the Parish Council have met again with the developer, the planning officer and West Northants councillors with portfolios for Planning and Housing and Communities to better understand the policies of West Northants and how we can ensure that this does not become a precedent for further planning applications. The clerk and the Chair

also have a meeting booked with MP Sarah Bool to raise the issue with her. We will keep you updated once this is discussed at planning committee again.

140 of you responded to the pedestrian safety survey and the main theme that came up over again was the lack of connectivity between the new developments and the village amenities. It has always been in the plan that pedestrian access would be via open space in the field off Larkhall Lane, however many houses need to be occupied before work starts here. We are nearing that number and we are pushing West Northants Council to push the developers to get work started as soon as possible. Again, MP Sarah Bool is also aware and has been asking West Northants questions on this issue.

The link road from the Sandy Lane Relief Road is closed to allow safe construction of housing in that area. Vistry do not know how long this road will need to be closed for, but suggest it will be the new year before it does reopen.

The Parish Council is in communications with Vistry regarding the building of the new



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pavilion, which will hopefully start in the Spring. We have also been working behind the scenes to establish the transfer of the existing playing fields to the Parish Council and are hopeful that this will happen by April.

Finally, our thanks go to Mo Callaghan who has resigned from the council. She made an impact in the short time she was a councillor. If you are interested in filling the vacancy please contact the clerk.



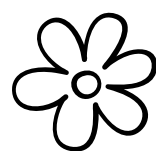
PUBLIC MEETING

Harpole Parish Council are holding another Public open Meeting on **22nd November at 10am** at the Bowls Club.

Everyone in the Parish is invited to come and hear updates and to ask questions.

Northamptonshire Police will be in attendance to give information on the sponsored PCSO scheme which the Parish Council are considering joining. This will come at a cost to the council but would provide a dedicated Police resource. The thoughts of residents will help guide this decision.

The Parish Council will also take questions on concerns or queries that you may have.



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME HARPOLE OPEN GARDENS 2025 - 40TH ANNIVERSARY 1985 -2025

On 8th June, 7 Gardens opened for The National Open Gardens Scheme - Britten Collier House (Heather & Darren Jennings), Cedar Cottage (Spencer & Joanne Hannam), The Close (Michael Orton Jones), Kingsley House (Gregory Hearne & Caroline Fisermanis), 1 Larkhall Lane (Helen & Peter Fish), 19 Manor Close (Caroline & Eamonn Kemshed), The Old Dairy (David & Di Ballard). Teas were served at The Close by The WI We raised £815 with 123 people visiting the gardens

This is our 40th Anniversary of Harpole Gardens Opening. It all started in 1984 when the village opened its gardens for The National Children's Society and a member of the National garden Scheme came round and 4 gardens were asked to open in 1985.

The Grange (Mrs E Church), 72 Larkhall Lane (Mr & Mrs Murton), 82 High Street (Mr & Mrs K George), 19 Manor Close (Mr & Mrs E Kemshed)

SINCE 1985 WE HAVE RAISED APPROX £39,000 WHICH HAVE HELPED THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES

Queens Nursing Institute, Macmillian Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Parkinsons UK, Maggies Centres.

Thank you to everyone who has opened there garden over the past 40 Years what a great achievement .



The public holidays over Christmas will affect households on a Thursday or Friday bin collection this year, so for Harpole, collections due Friday 26 December will take place on Monday 29 December

Garden Waste subscribers are advised there will be a short break in the garden waste collection service, which will be suspended from Monday 22 December through to Sunday 4 January. It will resume its usual schedule from the week beginning Monday 5 January.

Recycling centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day, and will close early on Christmas Eve, at 2pm.

With those exceptions they will be open from 10am to 4pm as usual, Please remember if you are visiting any sites on or after 3 November 2025, you must book a slot in advance.

Crews will collect real Christmas trees from Monday 5 January through to Friday 16 January. You do not need a garden waste subscription to take advantage of this.

Just put real Christmas trees out on the day garden waste is due to be collected. Please ensure trees over 6ft tall are cut in half so they fit in the lorries safely. They can also be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd November - Methodist Chapel. Strategy, Finance and Policy - 7pm

Monday 10th November – Methodist Chapel Full Council - 7pm

Saturday 22nd November - Bowls Club. Public Meeting - 10am

Monday 24th November - Methodist Chapel Planning, Highways and Infrastructure - 7pm

The council does not meet in December



FLOOD WARDENS

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers who would like to help the parish by becoming Flood Wardens.

- Monitor Watercourses, ditches and report blockages
- Raise awareness of Flood Risk
- Free Training given
- Events to meet flood wardens in other parishes
- Give back to the community
- Help reduce the risk of flooding in Harpole

If you are interested in this post please contact the clerk on clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk or 07878 192095