



HARPOLE  
PARISH  
COUNCIL

MARCH 2026



# NEWSLETTER



## HARPOLE METHODIST CHAPEL

Services are held at 10am on the First (usually Holy Communion) & Third Sundays of each month, where you will receive a warm welcome.

Other services and events can be found on the notice board outside of the Methodist Church or on the Harpole Facebook page.

There is a 2pm service on the Fourth Tuesday of each month:

March 24th – taken by Keith Brooks / April 28th – taken by Revd Ian Suttie / May 26th taken by Matt Forsyth there is a 2pm service followed by refreshments (usually homemade cake)!

Good Friday – there will be a service of reading, reflection and hymns starting at 7pm.

Sunday Services:

April 5th taken by Revd Alan Sharp / April 19th taken by Local Preacher Katherine Suttie.

May 3rd & 17th both taken by Revd Dr Samantha Gillard



## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

Please contact Roger Fountain at 23 School Lane (tel 830340) to arrange floodlighting. The cost is £10,



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

All Saints' Church, Harpole

### Sunday services at 11.15am

2nd April Easter Sunday Holy Communion  
12th April Holy Communion  
19th April Morning Worship  
26th April Morning Worship  
3rd May Morning Worship  
10th May Holy Communion  
17th May Morning Worship  
24th May Morning Worship  
31st May, 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Kislingbury



## 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.  
See [www.harpolebaptist.org.uk](http://www.harpolebaptist.org.uk).



## PARISH UPDATES

I'm not normally one for reflection as I am firmly of the believe that the past is a place of reference, not a place of residence. I would also add that the past is a place of learning not a place for living. With this in mind it is sometimes useful to check the rear- view mirror.

Here is where we are at! Harpole as a parish has seen rapid change over these last three years, since the closure of Sandy Lane back in June of 2023 this has seen much disturbance within the village and latterly for residents of Western Gate and Norwood Quarter as well.

There are now over 1400 out of 1900 homes on the site adjacent to Sandy Lane and just 383 of the near 2500 homes on the Bloor Site north of Nobottle Road both sites have full planning permission.

The vast majority of these homes fall within the parish of Harpole and by the end of this year we expect some 900 of these homes to be occupied. That is a 140 % uplift in the number

of residences within the Parish within three years of spades in the ground.

The development of these new homes has created three distinct areas; Harpole as a village, Western Gate including the Norwood Quarter and the Bloor Homes site called Harlestone Park, all aligned to a single strategy of Harpole Parish to ensure that all the open green space, together with its associated play areas and sporting facilities will be managed without the much maligned management companies and under the stewardship of local residents and the Parish council.

We haven't taken this decision alone as we are strongly aligned with Harlestone Manor Parish council who share our views in keeping the management companies out of our parishes and we are working together with Bloor Homes to ensure this happens.

Given all the disruption to date it remains extremely disappointing in general that the planned infrastructure required to support our expanding communities is falling behind.



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We, as Harpole Parish Council are working ever more closely with West Northamptonshire Council to progress things and we will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at the Bowls Club on Larkhall lane, start time 7pm with coffee and biscuits and will update you with all we know.

The workload being created for the Parish has meant that we have now recruited our second staff member and welcome Jessica Dunk to the team. Jessica's main role will be to assist our clerk and help with the expanding duties. It is a busy time for our clerk as year end figures will need producing for the auditors and these figures as ever will be subject to public scrutiny later in the year when the auditors have done their work.

There will be two further important dates for your diaries, The annual parish meeting (14<sup>th</sup> May) and the annual meeting of the parish council (11<sup>th</sup> May). I hope to see many of you there if you can make them.



## NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We need more volunteers to help deliver this newsletter. Newsletters are 6 times a year. We are particularly looking for people to deliver to the new housing on Western Gate, Norwood Quarter and Harlestone Park.



## ANYTHING TO ADD?

Do you have any news you would like to share with the rest of Harpole?

Do you run 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.



## SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2026

The Harpole scarecrow festival will be back to its regular weekend on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2026. Whilst the festival will take place within the main village, we're keen for our wider parish community to get involved - if any families on the new developments would like to make a scarecrow these can be placed along the trail. Please contact the scarecrow committee on [Hscarecrow25@gmail.com](mailto:Hscarecrow25@gmail.com) and let us know if you have built (or intend to build) a scarecrow and we can arrange a location for this to be displayed and entered into the competition



## HARPOLE BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY

Larkhall Lane, Harpole, NN7 4DP

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Come along anytime between:

10:30am to 4.00pm.

- Bowls and Coaching provided.
- Please bring flat soled footwear.
- Refreshments available.
- Ample parking.

· Outdoor green and indoor short mat.

FREE coaching sessions Wednesday evenings during May at 7:00pm.

New Members Welcome.

More details – [www.harpolebowlsclub.com](http://www.harpolebowlsclub.com)



## HARPOLE ART GROUP

Very friendly art group, meeting on Tuesdays 9.45am - 12.15pm, at Harpole Methodist Chapel.

Beginners are welcome.

Cost for 10 weeks is £30.

For further details contact Barbara Clarke 01604 83174



## NEWSLETTER CONTENT

The deadline for the next edition of this newsletter is 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026, please forward the content in a Word document to Sally on [clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harpole-pc.gov.uk)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Litter pick. 10am  
Meet at the Parish Council Office in the Bowls Club Car Park

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Harpole Bowls Club  
- Parish Meeting - 7pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** - Methodist Chapel  
Planning, Highways and Infrastructure - 7pm

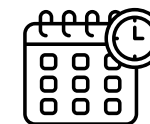
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – Methodist Chapel  
Full Council - 7pm

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - Methodist Chapel  
Planning, Highways and Infrastructure - 7pm

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Methodist Chapel  
Strategy, Finance and Policy - 7pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Methodist Chapel  
Annual Parish Council Meeting - 7pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Harpole Bowls Club  
Annual Parish Meeting - 7pm



## SAVE THE DATE

There will be an exhibition, culminating in the dedication of a stained-glass window in celebration of Harpole Boys Brigade at the Methodist Church in School Lane on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2026. More details later.