



Newsletter –February 2021

Parish Council Chairman Liz Thomas writes:

Welcome to the February edition of the Harrington and Thorpe Underwood newsletter. Thank you as always to Betty for all the work she does in producing it and to Benedict and Katharine for printing it and then those that deliver it.

This main concern recently is the despicable theft of ‘Cressy’ from Thorpe Underwood. For those of you that may not be aware, Sally and Oliver Brookshaw’s beautiful English Springer Spaniel bitch was stolen at about 3.00 pm on Thursday 28th January from a secure enclosure. She is liver and white and is two and half years old. Once again, the What’s App group came into its own in the sense of passing the information out to a large percentage of the parish and then the overwhelming help and support from those in the village to extend the information far and wide. Sally and Oliver wish to thank all of you for your help, comments and support. We also had the incident a few days ago regarding the male who was being sought by the police. Again, a great response from those that saw him and put it onto the group. As always, a big thank you. If anyone in the Parish wishes to join the group that isn’t yet on it, please contact me on: 07734154016

Covid 19 is still having a huge impact on our lives, so just a gentle reminder to please keep an extra eye on our more vulnerable neighbours and each other.

How to Behave in the Country

Noted in Country Life, 20th January issue

More people are visiting the countryside during the pandemic and there are more incidents of anti-social behaviour being seen throughout the country. Defra and Natural England are producing a new Countryside Code. Many people are unaware that a Countryside Code exists

Harrington Annual Parish Meeting

This will be a virtual meeting and will be held on Monday 8th March at 19.00. This year you can attend from your own home please sign in and share your views about what it is you like, would like or don't like about Harrington and Thorpe Underwood or any matter which you want to discuss. It is no good complaining about things between each other, by sharing, the Parish Council hopefully can help to redress any problems or to explain why or how things have happened.

***The Local Government Act 1972 s (13)1 states that all parishes must have an annual parish meeting between March and June, please use this opportunity to say what you feel.**

Please ask Betty West email:harringtonpclerk@aol.com or telephone 711556 for an invite to the Zoom meeting

This is the last Annual meeting Betty will be planning, surprise her and join in!

Harrington Parish Council

Congratulations on behalf of Harrington residents were sent to Mrs Erna Ward on 25th January on attaining her 100th birthday. Mrs Ward , mother of Sue Jackson-Stops, previously lived in Harrington and now resides in a local nursing home. We hope she had an enjoyable day.

Last month an article was included on Thermal energy, a few people reacted to it and the subject will be added to the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting which is to be held on **Monday 8th March at 7.20** following the Annual Parish meeting

If you would like to attend please contact Betty for a Zoom invitation email:harringtonpclerk@aol.com.

We seek him here, we seek her there. Who?

A replacement Parish Clerk to let Betty retire.

Litter Pick

The annual litter pick was agreed at the Parish Council meeting for the weekend of March 5th. Our regular litter pickers have been informed and bags etc will be delivered to them prior to the event.

Neighbourhood Plan

At the January meeting the Parish Council agreed to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan and to exclude the chapter on Housing. The Advisory Group is holding a virtual meeting on Monday 8th February at 6.00pm to discuss the latest developments. Please contact Betty West 01536 711556 if you would like an invitation to join.

Village Hall Secretary Barbara Wallis writes:

The Village Hall is one of the older buildings in our village, it was originally erected in 1825 as a Sunday School to teach scriptures, reading and writing. It later became the Village School educating the local children. More recently the Hall has served the community as the social centre. As we are currently unable to open during this time of national lockdown we will be taking the opportunity to improve the facility by adding extra insulation to the roof space.

It was very disappointing that the annual Snowdrop walk had to be cancelled.

However I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to walk through the village and see this lovely show. We have met several visitors on our walks doing just that.

Should you wish to book the hall for any future events please contact Barbara on 07725 176371

CPRE Star Count

Elaine and Chris Warren are participating in the annual star count on 6th February. We look forward to hearing about their results next month.

Defibrillator

The CPR session will be arranged in the New Year as soon as we can safely open the Village Hall.

Paul Willis has kindly offered to check the defibrillator batteries.

Neighbourhood Watch

This is incorporated in Liz's introduction, the main message as always is keep safe and secure. David and Linda Drew at Wheatfield Farm have reported a further crime: a tipper type trailer was stolen from the house entrance on Wednesday, 27th January. Once the loss had been discovered, the camera was checked and showed three men pushing it through the gate. Vigilance is the key word for us all.

Tollemache Arms

Joe has introduced a Sunday Drive Through brunch from 10.00am-11.30am, no booking required. This will continue for the time being together with the Friday takeaways for which a website booking is required.

Harrington Parish Church

The next service in the Church will be Holy Communion on Sunday 21st February at 8.00am.

Before fundraising work commences for the tower project - rehanging the bells and installation of kitchenette and toilet - the roof has to be made watertight. A specialist church roofer has been invited to quote for the repair and hopefully the work will soon be complete.

Golden Wedding Congratulations were given to Val and Paul Willis on 30th January. It snowed on their special day and the bells were not ringing, 50 years on, lets hope this will soon be resolved and Val will once more be able to ring the bells in 2022.

Thorpe Underwood lost its oldest resident in January. Bert Pridmore's funeral was held at Rothwekk cemetery on Friday, 29th January. A large contingent of his friends from Thorpe Underwood were among those gathered to say farewell. He had moved aged 7 with his parents to live at the cottage, Pendennis, and had remained there until his death aged 93. Rachel and Paul, his next door neighbours, had prepared the funeral service: the eulogy referred to him very accurately as both a gentleman and a gentle man.

Dr Ahmed Mukhtar's funeral also took place in January.

Harrington Dog Walking field

The new secure dog walking field, on the Lamport Road, opened on 15th January and is proving popular with dogs both large and small.

It is a safe contained area where dogs can be allowed to play and run freely and is managed by Iona Fyfe, whose family farm the land surrounding it. More information and bookings are on the website www.harringtondogwalkingfield.com

Walking in Northamptonshire

John Harris has recently contacted me to give access to lots of walks in Northamptonshire and beyond for when we are able to go further than our own area. John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

www.walkinginengland.co.uk email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Census 2021

The census is due this year and will be recorded digitally on 21st March. Information packs will be arriving on your doorsteps at the end of February. We have been informed that paper copies will be available for those who are unable to complete it digitally.

Betty West