

# Harby Journal

November 2010

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## **ALIEN SPACECRAFT SHOCK!**

### **UNEARTHLY OBJECTS SEEN IN HARBY**



On the other hand, influential villagers have discredited this story, and claim it was nothing more than the results of the Lantern Making day! And what a fabulous day it was! Willow had been bent and tied, tissue paper secured and coated in glue, all with amazing results. From spaceships and planets to hearts, fish and cupcakes the lantern designs are even more adventurous than in previous years! A whole spectrum of colours and shapes, the results are truly amazing. The lantern parade on bonfire night will be a wonderful sight.

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# Editors Ramblings

Anyone peeking through my window recently will have seen the cloths draped over the furniture. No, I'm not hiding dead bodies (but I would say that wouldn't I?), I'm painting and decorating. The lounge, the toilet and shower, my clothes and hair. But at least I didn't drop a full tin of paint down the stair carpet like I did last time (oops). This edition of the Harby Journal is tight issue for space, so I'm pleased to give my slot to a very worthy and incredibly dedicated group within the village. See ya next time....



## VALE FIRST RESPONDERS

Vale First Responders would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported our recent fund-raising supper and auction, which raised nearly £3,000. We are hoping

to use these funds to buy enhanced communication equipment which is being evaluated by the ambulance service.

Volunteers from Vale First Responders respond to sudden cardiac arrest and certain other emergencies under the direction of the ambulance service. We cover an area from the top of the Belvoir scarp to Bingham.

When CPR and defibrillation are provided within a few minutes of a cardiac arrest, a person's chance of survival increases significantly. In rural areas such as ours, volunteer responders can often reach an emergency sooner than paramedic or ambulance services. We anticipate that the new communications equipment, which is likely to include telephony and GPS, will be a valuable aid to getting our responder to the scene fast.

For further information about Vale First Responders please email Rod Whitehead at [Chairman@vale-first-responders.com](mailto:Chairman@vale-first-responders.com)

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Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444
Melton Borough Council	01664 502 502

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**Submission deadline** is the 15th of the month for the following month's edition.

## HARBY: VILLAGE LIFE IN THE VALE OF BELVOIR



This is the title of the new book on the village. The launch will take place on **Friday evening 19<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. All villagers are most welcome to attend.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at £10 each. Dr Margaret Bonney, Chief Archivist at the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland is coming to launch the book and speak about compiling community histories. There will be coffee, tea, fruit juice and biscuits, a quiz based on the early photographs and displays of some of the photographs and documents of village history. These will include the Women's Institute historical scrapbooks, the diaries of Martin Stead the village blacksmith from the First World War and the 1920s, large scale maps from 1900 and earlier, and records of the village cricket teams.

The book is published by the Harby History Group, edited by Leslie Cram. This Group is composed of Harby residents who have been working to have early photographs of the village (including their own family archives) copied and deposited in the Record Office with full details of dates and names for safe keeping for future generations. Copies have also been put onto the village website [www.harby.co.uk/photographshome.htm](http://www.harby.co.uk/photographshome.htm). When the Group had saved over 1,000 early photographs in this way it felt this richness of our history should also be made available by producing a book.

Prepublication orders are coming in fast, and can be taken to Group members John Blundy, Cherry Booth, Trevor Coy, Neil Cunningham, Anne Dames, Rex Stapleford or Bella Towers.

***HARBY: village life in the Vale of Belvoir*** might be just the Christmas present you are looking for.

*John Blundy, Chairman, Harby History Group, 60 Boyers Orchard, Harby.*

# HARBY ST MARY'S CHURCH

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NOVEMBER 2010

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.15 pm	Lunch in Village Hall.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Communion.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.45 am	Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial, for 10.55 in the church.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Communion. 6.30 pm Compline.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Christingle.



## FUNERAL

The funeral service for Arthur Hourd followed by cremation was conducted by Judith Wells on 24 September at Wilford Hill crematorium. He died on 15 September.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Bob Shields on 3 October.

We extend our condolences to the families and friends.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Harby St Mary's Church are again staging the "Christmas Tree Festival". The theme this year is "A Dickensian Christmas" and will run from Friday 17th November to Tuesday the 21st December.

We have a Cheese and Wine supper on Friday 17th December at 7.30 pm, and tickets will be available from Gill Clark on 861211, price £6. All are welcome, Dickensian period dress welcome but optional.

Anyone wishing to provide a tree, or willing to assist in decoration of the Church, or being a steward for a period during the festivities, please contact Anne Dames on 860031.



## Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 27th November 2 - 4.30 pm**  
**Harby Village Hall - in aid of St Mary's Church**

Competition for the Peggy Dunsmore Shipman Memorial Cup is a 'Table Centre Decoration'. Open to all ages.

Any donations for bottles, gifts, cakes, raffle prizes, tombola or small bric-a-brac items, please contact either Anne Wheatley, 7 Boyers Orchard 01949 861850, or Gill Becken, 5 Boyers Orchard 01949 860081. We will be able to accept donations from the 12th November.

**Thank you for your support.**



# VALLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## Welcome to VCF notices for November

Just over two weeks ago the world watched as Chile's trapped miners were shuttled up a narrow escape shaft to freedom in a rescue operation that ended the longest underground entrapment in human history. On the 69th day of their ordeal they each climbed into a missile-like steel capsule barely wider than a man's shoulders and took a 15-minute journey through 2,000 feet of rock to the surface. Their endurance and unity will never be forgotten and neither will the scenes of joyous reunions with their wives, mothers and children who had kept a harrowing vigil for their safe return at the makeshift locale, which had come to be known as 'Camp Hope'. We cannot help but be moved by the scene when 44-year-old Esteban Rojas stepped out of the rescue capsule and dropped to his knees in prayer. Their story is yet to be heard but there will be many who will give the glory of their deliverance to God. Sebastian Pinera, the Chilean President, said to reporters "To see the miners coming from the bowel of the mountain to the surface and hug their wives, their daughters with so much emotion and joy has been something. It has proven the value of faith, the value of commitment, the value of teamwork." When disaster strikes or we go through a difficult time it is only natural to cry out "Where are you God?" But in times like that remember the words of 19 year old Jimmy Sanchez, the youngest of all the miners, who was in no doubt where God was in his darkest hours. He wrote in a message to his family "We are 34, not 33, people in the mine, because God has never left us down here." God's promise is for each and every one of us, and it is this; "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. Do not be afraid for I am with you". (Isaiah 43: 1-5)

### **SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER commencing at 10:30 am**

- 7th Morning Service with Communion and Junior Church
- 14th All Age Family Service
- 21st Morning Service and Junior Church
- 28th Morning Service and Junior Church



### **WHAT ELSE?**

Home groups, Babes and Tots, Jubilee Club (60+ friendship group), Marriage prep courses, Art Workshops, Alpha courses and more. Check out what's happening at VCF by logging on to [harbycf.org.uk](http://harbycf.org.uk). LISTEN TO UCB RADIO on DAB or streamed from the Internet at [ucbmedia.co.uk](http://ucbmedia.co.uk). Free booklets - WORD FOR TODAY. Full of inspiration for every day explained in a practical 'down to earth' way. Published by United Christian Broadcasters. If you would like a copy Ring Ruth on 861461, Joy on 861415 or UCB on 0845 60 40 401. Alternatively try checking out their web site at [lookingforgod.com](http://lookingforgod.com)

For further information on any courses or activities please contact Pastor Steven Wright (861835) To book the small hall for children's parties or other functions please contact Ruth De Silva (861461). Please note before booking that there is a no smoking and no alcohol policy on the premises for party events.



## HARBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

*Sylvia Stafford*

The speaker for the September meeting was Mrs Sandra Hart. The subject was a "City of Bees". Mrs Hart took us on a fascinating journey through the life of a beehive. The community of bees has a precise hierarchy and every bee knows its place and its job. At the hive's peak there will be 60-80 thousand bees.

The queen bee is the only fertile female and starts to lay eggs in January - 200 to 300 eggs per day increasing to 2 to 3 thousand per day in April. The queen can live up to 6 years and is protected and groomed by the other bees and gives off a scent which is passed onto all the occupants of the hive. This scent unites them and is unique to each hive. The hive consists of worker bees which are the smallest and female, the drones are larger and are male and they mate with the queen. The hive is kept meticulously clean, guarded and ventilated at the entrance.

A worker bee, after performing various tasks in the hive, will make its maiden flight when about 21 days old. It will fly in a spiral and will memorise an area of 4 miles in all directions from the hive. They collect pollen during the day and work in the hive at night, and after 5 to 6 weeks it will die from exhaustion!

Honey has many qualities apart from being delicious to eat. It is a natural antiseptic and will heal ulcers. Beeswax is used in skin care products and as a polish, Royal jelly is very good for rheumatoid arthritis.

Bees are vital for the pollination of food supply and are being attacked by disease throughout the world. Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), which seems to be an insect form of AIDS, has devastated hives in parts of China. One theory is that it has been caused by the use of so-called bee friendly insecticides used over the years, which has damaged the bees' immune system.

Mrs Hart urged us to lobby the government to do more research into these problems. Bees are the main pollinators for our food - no bees - no food!!!

We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month in Harby Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

November meeting: AGM and Pork Pie Supper

December: No meeting.

### **A POLITE NOTICE**

Most dog owners are responsible people but it has been noted that **some** are obviously exercising their dogs off lead in the churchyard. There are many fields with good dog walks all around the village, and we would like to ask those concerned to please have respect for the churchyard and its surroundings, keep your dog on a lead, and pick up any deposits they might leave behind.

It's not acceptable to visit a loved one's grave and find excrement all around.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

The Church Wardens and all members of Harby PCC at St Mary's Church.

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## Rainforest Animals

Jay arrived with a fantastic variety of animals to give Mrs. Bennett's rainforest project a real WOW factor! The pictures show the children handling an anaconda! Thanks to our Friends of the School for supporting Jay's visit financially.



## Cross Country

The school had nineteen runners at the first of the County Cross Country Championship meetings on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There were some excellent performances from our runners with several children achieving personal bests.

## Sports

## Information for parent/carers of children starting school for the first time

### Open afternoon

The school is holding an Open Afternoon for the parents/and carers of children who are due to start school soon. Everyone is welcome to come along to meet the staff and see the school at work on **24<sup>th</sup> November** from 1.30pm until 3.00pm.

**Message from Leicestershire County Council Children and Young Peoples Service: First time school admissions Autumn 2011**

**CLOSING DATE 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**



If your child will be four years old before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 the closing date for applications is **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**. Applications received after this date will be considered as late and will be dealt with after those received on time. If your application is late we may not be able to offer your child a place at their local school if all available places have been filled. To apply for your child's school place go to [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions) or contact our School Admissions for an application form, or pick one up from your local school. For more information contact our School Admissions on 0116 305 6684 or e-mail: [admissions@leics.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@leics.gov.uk)

## News

### Football

The first football matches of the season saw the A team draw five all with Long Clawson in an exciting encounter whilst our young B team lost three nil to Long Clawson's B squad.

## Update on village defibrillators by the Community HeartBeat Trust charity

In the last issue of Harby Journal, in the parish council report, it was stated that the Harby Parish Council were minded not to support the Vale project to place defibrillators into local villages as "it would be confusing to the public for us to support this scheme". The PC has declined any presentation by the Community Heartbeat Trust on community defibrillation, which may have helped clarify any confusion they felt may occur.

The advice of the Resuscitation Council (UK), the overriding body of all matters relating to Cardiac Arrest in the UK, is that a defibrillator is the only tool that can help save lives in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. They go on to state that a defibrillator needs to be used within 5 minutes of the event happening (not 8 minutes of an ambulance being called), which is unlikely in most rural locations. For this reason all ambulance services in the UK have projects to place more defibrillators into locations that have either a high probability of a cardiac arrest (shopping centres, sports facilities, etc.) or where access to a defibrillator might be delayed, including rural locations.

There are primarily two ways to achieve more defibrillators into rural communities, and these are used exclusively or together. These are, firstly, the development of Community Responder (CFR) schemes - groups of individuals that can (if available) attend a cardiac arrest. Secondly, by the placement of Public Access Defibrillation (cPAD) – defibrillators placed in locations available for the public. In an ideal world every village will have a mix of both, with the CFR scheme offering a person based response and the cPAD offering a back-up where no CFR scheme exists, or where CFR cover is sporadic (e.g. in Harby). In addition, CFR schemes attend on average only 1 in 10 cardiac arrests, and less than 2% of 999 calls. Advice by the RC (UK) and several ambulance services, state that for a CFR scheme to be effective it needs at least 6 people per village, and even then there are times of the day when cover is difficult. In Lincolnshire this is a minimum of 5 people per village. Around the country, therefore, CFR groups are installing Community Access Defibrillation schemes to support their cover as they recognize 24/7/365 is almost impossible for volunteer organisations.

The current Vale defibrillator project allows for a village group to apply for match funding for a community defibrillator, if the community wishes to have one available. Information on this has been sent to the respective Parish Councils in the Vale area. This is a time limited offer and the funds are distributed on a first come first served basis. If anyone would like to know more on Community Access Defibrillation schemes, and how they support CFR schemes in a village, or would like to take the lead in the placement of one in your village, then please feel free to contact the Community Heartbeat Trust via the website on [www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk)



*A village defibrillator in the Leicestershire village of Carlton, placed in the decommissioned telephone box in the centre of the village.*

## TREE WARDEN'S NOTES

### What's this tree? Cherry Plum *Prunus cerasifera*

Origin: Balkan peninsula.

Type: deciduous.

Height: up to 8 m.

Bark: dark brown, pitted with rows of white lenticels (breathing pores).

Branches: many fine branches with glossy green twigs.

Shape: rather bushy round headed tree.

Flower: white stalked, mostly solitary, appear before the leaves in March.

Fruit: rounded, 35 mm long, red or yellow skin

Leaves: ovate, 70 mm long, tapered at both ends, margins with rounded teeth.



Species in Harby: One at the side of the path from the school to the church, one in the back garden & one in the front garden of the old rectory. This year there was a very good crop.

### What's this tree? Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*

Origin: native.

Type: deciduous.

Height: 25 - 30 m.

Trunk: often twisted or fluted.

Bark: grey brown, smooth, becoming deeply fissured lower down.

Shape: broadly rounded crown.

Flower: male catkins 25 - 50 mm, yellowish, red tipped, in spring; female, 20 - 30 mm, green with pink stigmas.

Fruits: one 6 - 8 mm nut at the base of a 35 mm long three winged bract, in clusters 50-150mm long.



Leaves: alternate, 40 -100 mm long, oval, sharply pointed, double toothed, hairy on veins on underside, turn yellow through orange to russet brown in autumn.

Also planted as a hedge. Can be pollarded and coppiced. Widely planted as a specimen tree.

Species in Harby: at the side of the path from the school to the church.

*Alan Semper, Harby Tree Warden, 01949 861 109, [alan.semper@talktalk.net](mailto:alan.semper@talktalk.net)*

# HARBY VILLAGE HALL

## Forthcoming Events



### 6 November - FREE Bonfire and Firework Display

on the Leys. Lantern Parade at 6.15 pm, Bonfire lit at 6.30 pm, Fireworks start at 7 pm. Licensed bar (and hot mulled wine) together with soup, hot food and chocolate fondue available the village hall throughout the evening.

**Competition for the best Guy!** Bring your Guy for judging before the Lantern Parade, and the best will win a **Mystery Prize!**

### 12 November - Ladies Evening

with a 'Ready Steady Cook' style Christmas demonstration. In addition, a licensed bar and lots of craft and seasonal stalls (jewellery, accessories, food, cards, decorations... to name but a few) to tempt you to start that Christmas shopping! Tickets £5 from Sophie (01949 869449) and Yvonne (01949 861580) soon!

### 20 November -The amazing Opera Dudes return by popular demand.

Tickets £8.50, available NOW from Sarah on 01949 860874 and Jocelyn on 01949 861422. Not to be missed, ring to reserve tickets quickly if you plan to go as they are selling fast! It is anticipated that tickets will be not be available on the door.

### 17 December - Cinderella

A musical production, performed by the Fairgame Theatre Company.

Spin the record back to the 1970s, this is a beautiful tale of family relationships, grief and first love, jumbled together with dangerously big flares and disco with a capital D! Music performed by a live band. Tickets can be reserved from Jocelyn (861422) or Yvonne (861580) price £17 Family, £7 Adults, and £3.50 children.



**Autumn** is here with many leaves falling in the second week in October. We have been making autumn tree collages, with a cut-out trunk and leaves stuck on using some outline cut-out leaf shapes, some hand prints cut to leaf shapes and some original leaves.



**BROWNIES** **This** month we have been doing our

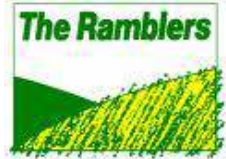
Speaker Badge. This has involved reading our favourite poem, giving a two minute talk to the other Brownies on a special subject such as our pet, learning the appropriate words to ask permission or how best to say thank you, passing on a short message without altering any of the words, and taking part in a group discussion.



## Let's go out for a walk this week!

### Ramblers Association, Vale of Belvoir Group. November 2010

For more details or a Walks Programme contact Jan (0115 9825600) or go to [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk) and see 'Group Walks Finder'



#### November

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|--------|--|----------|-----------|
| Sun 7  | Cropwell Bishop, Notts   | 6 miles  | 10:00 am. |
|        | <i>Canal and field walk to Cropwell Butler and Tithby</i>      |          |           |
| Sun 14 | Caythorpe, Lincs   | 8½ miles | 10:00 am. |
|        | <i>Normanton, Carlton Scroop &amp; Hough on the Hill</i>       |          |           |
| Sun 21 | Wymeswold, Leics   | 10 miles | 10:00 am. |
|        | <i>Stanford on Soar, Prestwold and Burton on the Wolds</i>     |          |           |
| Wed 24 | Skillington, Lincs   | 5½ miles | 10:00 am. |
|        | <i>Leisurely walk over fields North of Skillington</i>         |          |           |
| Sun 28 | Gainsborough, Lincs  | 9 miles  | 10:00 am. |
|        | <i>Level riverside walk to best kept village of Beckingham</i> |          |           |



The clocks have gone back and it's time to concentrate on making the most of the daylight hours and enjoying the autumn colours. We are sometimes asked "how long will the walk take?". Well, it depends on the terrain, numbers of stiles, whether it's flat or hilly, and how slow or fast people walk. It's hard to give an exact answer. As a guide, shorter walks (up to about 6 miles) are morning only walks leaving the afternoon free for other commitments - ideal for anyone with a busy life.

New walkers are always welcome for 2 or 3 try-out walks before joining the Ramblers. Call 0115 9825600 for a free Vale of Belvoir Ramblers programme, or see the online Walks Finder at [www.ramblers.org.uk/](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/) for more details of all Ramblers local group walks.

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION

## Hose & Harby Branch Remembrance Parades

**7 November** Goadby Marwood - Parade in the road near the church at 10.30 am for 11 am service.

**11 November** Long Clawson, Parade in the churchyard at 10.30 am for 11 am service.

**14 November** Harby, Parade at the War Memorial at 10.30 am for 11 am service.

**14 November** Hose, Parade near the Green at 6.15 pm for the 6.30 pm service.

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