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**Celebrating Trees**

April – May 2026

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# Origins of our Trees

When seen from **Rowley's Hill** the village of Harston appears nestled in trees, giving the village its rural character, as seen in this painting by Joy Richardson. The parish however, has few woods.



One to the east, at the end of the Drift bridleway is a wood called **the Rookery** and not surprisingly many rooks nest there, as they do along tree-lined Station Rd. At the eastern end of Station Rd used to be Baggot Wood but much wood was cut down in the C19th century to make carts, wheels and timber for house construction.

**Harston House** has a linear group of varied trees inside its brick wall boundary and along the A10 behind the hedge of 1 High St. One of these is a tall fir tree called Wellingtonia (Giant Sequoia or *Sequoiadendron giganteum*) named after the death of the Duke of Wellington in 1852 in his honour. A massive number of these were planted throughout the British Isles during the Victorian era. Introduced to the UK in 1853, these trees immediately became a "must-have" status symbol for wealthy landowners. The Greene family of Harston House planted 5 Scots pines on The Green to represent the five Greene sisters. Pinehurst in the High St still retains many tall trees.

**Beech Farm** has tall trees fronting Church St with the new Beech Close retaining many large trees on its boundary. The southern and western boundaries of the new Button End nature reserve (on the old gravel pits) is lined with beech trees, with poplar trees along its north western boundaries. Centrally, where it is wetter, are a mixture of large willows but also ash, walnut and hawthorn. **The Limes estate** was named after the trees there, some still protected by TPOs.



In the **Community orchard** are a variety of apple and plum trees as there are in some of the long plots to the west of the High Street, which once had many orchards. Often orchards had greengages on their boundaries - some surviving today, but many orchards were dug up in the 1970s when they were no longer viable.

*Hilary Roadley.*



# Nature Table

**Elizabeth Judge**

As a gardener, I'm often asked what is my favourite tree. A tricky question for me, the oak immediately springs to mind but I also love the silver birch and as a basket weaver the willow. But really, I love them all. Trees are incredibly social. The trees in a forest care for each other, sometimes even going so far as to nourish the stump of a felled tree for centuries after it was cut down by feeding it sugars and other nutrients, and so keeping it alive. A tree's most important means of staying connected to other trees is a 'wood wide web' of soil fungi that connects vegetation in an intimate network that allows the sharing of enormous amounts of information and goods. The reason trees share food and communicate is that they need each other. It takes a forest to create a microclimate suitable for tree growth and sustenance. So it's not surprising that isolated trees have far shorter lives than those living together connected in forests.

Birdwatching is a hobby that has crept up on me over the years. It improves mental and physical health by reducing stress, anxiety and depression whilst boosting cognitive function and promoting mindfulness. It's got me through some difficult times in my life. Connecting with nature through birding increases feelings of awe, joy and satisfaction, providing a therapeutic escape from daily stressors. Just listening to bird song can do it for me. I took my three year old grandson to Fowlmere the other day. Having told him to be quiet in the hides he then proceeded to tell all the other birdwatchers to shush as they came in. Start them young. 30 different birds singing at Fowlmere the other day, the highlight being the sightings of a tree creeper, marsh harrier and a water vole. No sightings of the starling murmurations. Wagtails, goldfinches, goldcrests, redpoll, fieldfare, redwings, woodpeckers, blackcap, dunnocks, song and mistle thrushes and many skylarks all over the fields at Button End. I saw pintails, tufted ducks, cormorants, little grebes, greylag and Canada geese at Dernford Reservoir recently. Little egrets were enjoying the flooded Chivers field at the bridge towards Haslingfield in February. Two mute swans look as if they have taken up residence at the mill pond again this year. They raised 8 cygnets last year. Our resident one winged swan looking like Billy no Mates again this year which is a bit sad. We are so fortunate to have all this wildlife on our doorstep. Take time to appreciate it. It's good for your mind and body and think about planting a tree or two.

# *Fitzbillies*

## IS COMING TO HARSTON

We are thrilled to announce that Fitzbillies will be opening a new bakery & coffee shop at 59-61 High Street in Harston (the old Ducati showroom).

We expect to open in early summer.

Our artisan bakery will be based at the new site, alongside a coffee shop, where you'll be able to enjoy freshly baked treats, coffee, and lunches.

### WE'RE HIRING

Interested in joining our Harston team? We will soon be hiring baristas, front of house staff, bakers, and bakery admin. Please email your CV and a cover letter to [recruitment@fitzbillies.com](mailto:recruitment@fitzbillies.com) to register your interest.



# Harston Litter Pick

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026: 2-4pm**

**Harston Recreation Ground, CB22 7QT**

Please join our Spring community Litter pick  
and help keep Harston tidy!

We will provide equipment & instructions –  
plus hot drinks & cake! All ages welcome.

Please email queries & interest to:

[harstonlitterpick@hotmail.com](mailto:harstonlitterpick@hotmail.com)



**Harston Residents Group**

<https://harstonvillage.co.uk>



All welcome to see Harston Local History displays at the  
Better Brew café 10.30-12.30 in Harston Village Hall

4 April: Harston of Button End    2 May: History of Church St.





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## “Pearly gates” will now open for you

You will have noticed that our school has new electronic gates at the Station Road entrance, new gates on the site, and new fencing all around the field. The Cam Academy Trust, our parent organisation, has funded all this building work through the winter.

Some people may be sad to see this, but it brings us into line with DfE guidance. The purpose is to keep parents and pupils safe, by keeping pedestrians away from delivery vans and ensuring that there are no unauthorised visitors on the site.

We firmly believe in providing enriching learning experiences and the pupils in our senior class have recently returned from an exciting residential week on the coast of North Yorkshire. As always, the weather was bracing and the ground was very muddy underfoot. Yorkshire people take these things in their stride, but one of the purposes of this field studies week was to help our pupils to develop resilience and independence, with activities such as rock-pooling, moors walking and fossil hunting in an environment or that is completely different to Cambridgeshire.



After a confidence-building session on the high ropes at Go Ape, the pupils returned to the bosom of their families – to sleep!

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# Save the Date

# Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

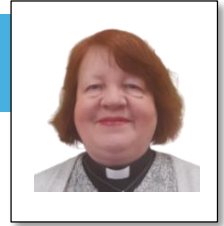
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**MAY FAYRE**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

# Letter from the Vicarage



**‘What’s going on in the world today?’ I asked my 21 year old daughter this week, ‘what’s occupying your mind?’** It was a bid to seek inspiration and a window into the world of our young people but her answer was sobering: ‘the war in Iran and the fact that British bases are being used to bomb people so they’re going to come for us’

Of course, with the fast pace of our world, things may have radically changed by the time you read this article but it brought me up sharp. We don’t get our news from the same sources, as I am no fan of Tik Tok or Google but, young and old, we are presented with the same things and we feel the same fear.

Human beings the world over are fearful. It is a human emotion that everyone can relate to and our prayers are most often with those who are under threat and are afraid.

In the bible the phrase **‘do not be afraid’** occurs 365 times so it is something that is important to understand. God never wants us to feel afraid and tries to encourage us to be strong and courageous. And he gives us peace. I had the privilege, recently, of being with an elderly gentleman the day before he passed away and he was a man who was not afraid. It was wonderful to have known him in life and to support him as he faced death. At the end, he passed peacefully and that was the message of his funeral – that God brings peace to those who mourn and are afraid.

God does not want us to be afraid and, through the bible and the love of others, He offers us His comfort as security. Our world is very uncertain at the moment so it is good to re-align ourselves with the encouragement that God values and loves us and that there will be peace as he promised. May all our prayers be with those who find themselves in fearful situations and in need of peace and protection.

*Every blessing, Mandy.*

# SERVICES AND EVENTS AT HARSTON, HAUXTON AND NEWTON PARISH CHURCHES

**Our churches are open for services and private prayer. Everyone is welcome. For further details, including changes after the magazine has gone to press, please look at notice boards and our church website for the three churches: [www.hhn.church](http://www.hhn.church)**

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| <b>APRIL</b><br>MAUNDAY THURSDAY 02 7.00pm   | Newton                       | Maunday Thursday Service  |
| GOOD FRIDAY 03 08.00am<br>10.15am<br>12.30pm | Newton<br>Hauxton<br>Hauxton | Good Friday at St Margaret's, breakfast in the Village Hall and walk to Hauxton<br>Good Friday at St Edmund's and walk to Harston Baptist Church.<br>Stations of the Cross, children's crafts |
| HOLY SATURDAY 04 8pm                         | Harston                      | Easter Eve Vigil Service and Baptism,   |
| EASTER DAY 05 10.00am<br>10.00am<br>10.30am  | Harston<br>Newton<br>Hauxton | Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion  |
| Thursday 09 08.45am                          | Harston                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Sunday 12 10.00am                            | Newton                       | Morning Prayer, short communion   |
| Thursday 16 08.45am                          | Harston                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Sunday 19 10.00am<br>10.00am                 | Newton<br>Harston            | Morning prayer and baptism of Harry Hurrell. Holy Communion   |
| Friday 24 7.00pm                             | Harston                      | Concert: Choristers of Ely Cathedral  |
| Sunday 26 10.00am<br>10.30am                 | Newton<br>Hauxton            | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion  |
| Thursday 30 08.45                            | Harston                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Sunday 03 10.00                              | Harston                      | Holy Communion  |
| Thursday 07 08.45                            | Harston                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Sunday 10 10.00<br>10.30                     | Newton<br>Hauxton            | Holy Communion<br>Morning Prayer  |
| Thursday 14 08.45                            | Harston                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Sunday 17 10.00                              | Harston                      | Holy Communion  |
| Thursday 07 08.45                            | Harston                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Sunday 24 10.00<br>PENTECOST 10.30           | Newton<br>Hauxton            | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Communion  |
| Thursday 28 08.45                            | Harston                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Sunday 31 10.30                              | Hauxton                      | Benefice Holy Communion   |

# EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS HARSTON

## The Choristers of Ely Cathedral

Friday 24 April 7pm



*A programme of music for Eastertide, both sacred and secular, including Seasons and Charms (Jonathan Dove) and The Heavenly Aeroplane (John Rutter)*

**Tickets: £12.00**

**Book via: [www.hhn.church](http://www.hhn.church)**



**IN CONVERSATION SERIES**

### **Evelyn Glennie Friday 5 June 2026, 7.30pm**

Dame Evelyn Glennie CH is a Scottish percussionist and the first person to create and sustain a full-time career as a solo percussionist. She will talk about her exceptional life and the career she has carved out for herself.

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### Weekly Events and Booking Information

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| <p><b>Mondays</b><br/>1pm – 2.30pm<br/>£5.00 charge<br/>Does not operate in August</p> <p>7.30 - 930pm<br/>£5.00 charge</p> | <p><b>Lunch Club</b><br/>Open to anyone who would like a wholesome home-cooked meal<br/><a href="mailto:june@boakes.plus.com">june@boakes.plus.com</a><br/>Contact telephone: 01223 870777</p> <p><b>Bowls Club</b><br/>Open for gentle exercise and social interaction<br/>Contact <a href="mailto:davidluhrs@btinternet.com">davidluhrs@btinternet.com</a><br/>or Howard Owen 8774636</p> |
| <p><b>Tuesdays</b><br/>9.00am – 1.30pm</p>  | <p><b>Pilates</b><br/>Elena Kapitsa<br/><a href="mailto:elenakapitsa@gmail.com">elenakapitsa@gmail.com</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesdays</b><br/>1.30pm – 6.00pm</p>  | <p><b>Tai Chi</b><br/>Fiona Tucker<br/><a href="mailto:Fmt100@gmail.com">Fmt100@gmail.com</a></p>   |
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| <p><b>Wednesdays</b><br/>9.00am – 1.00pm</p>  | <p><b>Flower Arranging</b><br/>Julie Woods<br/><a href="mailto:Julie.Woods@ajwdistribution.co.uk">Julie.Woods@ajwdistribution.co.uk</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesdays</b><br/>1.30pm – 6.00pm</p>  | <p><b>Children's Dance Classes</b><br/>Harriet Walmesley<br/><a href="mailto:hotstepsdanceacademy@gmail.com">hotstepsdanceacademy@gmail.com</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Wednesdays</b><br/>6.00pm – 10.00pm</p>   | <p><b>Adult Dance Classes</b><br/>Harriet Walmesley<br/><a href="mailto:hotstepsdanceacademy@gmail.com">hotstepsdanceacademy@gmail.com</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Thursdays</b><br/>9.00am – 1.30pm<br/>6.00pm – 10.00pm</p>  | <p><b>Slimming World</b><br/>Isobel Skinner<br/><a href="mailto:Isobel.slimmingworld@gmail.com">Isobel.slimmingworld@gmail.com</a><br/>Tel: 07775791692</p>   |
| <p><b>Fridays</b><br/>9.00am – 11.30am</p>  | <p><b>Harston Painters</b><br/>Clive Whitworth<br/><a href="mailto:c45jw@gmail.com">c45jw@gmail.com</a></p>   |



## East West Rail in Harston & Newton - We Need You

We are approaching a crucial stage in the East West Rail (EWR) project, with Government approval expected in 2027. Decisions made now will shape the future of our villages for decades. The Harston and Newton Parish Councils' EWR Group has been actively engaging with EWR and putting forward strong, practical proposals to reduce the impact on our communities. We now want to share these updates with you - and hear your views.

### Village Meeting

 Harston Village Hall,  26 April |  5 - 7pm

**What are we proposing on your behalf?** We are pressing EWR to consider a series of changes that would balance the impact across neighbouring villages while reducing overall disruption and cost. These include:

- 1. Move the railway line ~400m west** towards Foxton, so it sits more fairly between Harston and Newton rather than directly against Harston's edge.
- 2. Relocate the main junction with the King's Cross line** to this new position, reducing excavation at Rowley's Hill and construction impact on Harston.
- 3. Shift the planned A10 overpass** further west to sit more evenly between Harston and Newton.
- 4. Reduce noise, light and traffic pollution** currently expected to impact the western side of Harston.
- 5. Maintain the vital Harston–Newton connection** by replacing the level crossing with a new vehicle and pedestrian bridge at Station Road.
- 6. Avoid the need for an 800m pedestrian-only bridge**, reducing unnecessary infrastructure and cost.
- 7. Remove the need for a 1.5km new link road** between Station Road and London Road near the Recreation Ground.
- 8. Protect access to Harston Primary School** for Newton families, avoiding long diversions via London Road and the A10.
- 9. Avoid the need for a new roundabout on London Road** linked to the proposed bridge works.
- 10. Minimise disruption from 4–6 years of construction**, helping protect village life and already strained local roads.

# HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Why this meeting matters?**

**This is a key opportunity to: Hear the latest developments following our discussions with EWR. Understand the potential impacts on Harston and Newton. Help shape how we respond as a community. Strengthen our collective voice at a critical moment.**

We also want to work with residents to organise and ensure our concerns are clearly heard by EWR. We need your support to organise and lobby EWR. Come along, take part in our poll, and help ensure our proposals are seen as practical, cost-saving solutions that protect our communities.

**Join our village meeting on 26 April, 5 - 7pm and help shape the future of our villages - while there is still time.**

**Electors of Harston you are invited to attend:**

## **THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Harston Village Hall at 6.00pm**

**The following matters have been placed on the Agenda**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the 2025 Harston Annual Parish Meeting.
3. To Receive Audited Accounts for 2024-2025.
4. Chairmans Annual Report 2025/2026.
5. To receive reports from Village Interest Groups.
6. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.
7. Open Forum of items not on the agenda.
8. Close Annual Parish Meeting.
9. Refreshments and informal discussions.

**This is an open forum meeting for discussion and questions from the community**

**Please remember to vote in the Parish Council Elections on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

## HARSTON SHOP & POST OFFICE



**Don't forget the Shop and Post Office are open during the following times:** 6am – 10pm Monday to Saturday,  
7am – 9pm Sunday

**Prescriptions are delivered there on Monday and Thursday  
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## HAUXTON VILLAGE SHOP

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## Better Brew Fair Trade Community Café and Harston Village Hall Bakers

**Will be in Harston Village Hall  
from 10:30am until 12:30pm**


**Saturday 4 April & Saturday 2 May**


Come along and enjoy good tea and coffee, home-made cakes, Juice and snacks.  
Profits from Harston Village Hall Bakers go towards the operating costs of the hall.






**Spring has sprung at The Royal Oak, come and share all the exciting events we have lined up for our wonderful community.**

 **First Car Club of the Season! Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> May | 5:00 – 7:00 PM**  
Cruise on down for a fantastic evening of classic cars, great company, and delicious food. The Old Tuck Shop will be serving fresh pizzas, and Pimp My Fish will be here too. It's the perfect start to the weekend!



 **Bank Holidays Monday Fun! Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May | Food from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Drinks until 6:00 PM.** We're hoping for beautiful sunshine so you can enjoy a lovely meal & a drink in the garden.

 **Afternoon Tea is Served! Starting Thurs, May 7<sup>th</sup> | From 2:30 – 4:30 PM**  
Our Afternoon Tea has been a huge hit! With a menu that changes every eight weeks, there's always something new to try. It's the perfect treat to share with friends and family. Prices range from £22 to £27. Private parties are also available upon request!

 **Eyes Down for Bingo Night!**


**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May | 7:00 – 8:30 PM | Entry £5.**

Get ready for our brand-new Bingo Night! Happening every second Monday of the month with our professional caller, Stella. It's guaranteed to be a lively evening. All proceeds in April Alzheimer's Research & Arthur Rank in May.


 **Quiz Night for a Cause! Sun, April 26<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Entry £2.** Think you have what it takes to be crowned trivia champion?  Gather your team and join our quiz master, Gary & Ben, for a fun-filled night of brain-teasing questions. All proceeds will be donated to the 'Forget-Me-Not' charity.

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> | 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

Experience a taste of the Mediterranean at our special Greek Night! Join us for a delicious tapas evening with a Greek twist - perfect for sharing with friends & family.

 **Big News from The Old Tuck Shop!** Our pizzeria will officially open for the season on **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>!** You'll be able to order online for takeaway (collection only) or enjoy a fresh pizza right here at the pub. Stay tuned for more details!

**We can't wait to see you all soon! Amelie & The Royal Oak Team**  

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1<sup>st</sup> Harston Scout Group

## Squirrel Drey

Squirrels are Scouts for 4-6 year olds and meet every Tuesday at 5.00 p.m. at Harston and Newton Primary School Hall.

**We are welcoming new Squirrels after February half term – please do join us!**

Squirrels is a wonderful grown-up and child bonding experience, with full adult involvement throughout the 60-minute session. Together we build confidence, learn new skills and create lasting memories.



Our last badges were incredibly exciting and hands-on, including fun science experiments, practical challenges, learning how to lead a group, building confidence through storytelling, simple cooking skills, and many, many more. Each session gives the children the chance to try something new, develop important life skills, and feel proud of what they have achieved together.

Our group is entirely volunteer-led, so if you would like to get involved or lend a helping hand, please do let us know. We are always grateful for extra support, and it is a wonderful way to spend time together - you will have great fun doing it, too.

Beavers (6-8 year olds) meet Tuesdays 6.00-7.00 p.m. with the opportunity to continue on to Cubs and beyond.



We are always delighted to welcome new members where space allows. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Daniela Attenborough  
[Joinus@1stharston.org.uk](mailto:Joinus@1stharston.org.uk)



# Harston Youth FC



**It's been another busy, successful and fun few weeks for the teams at Harston Youth football club.**

**The under-ten team** enjoyed a fantastic day out at Cambridge United Stadium where they waved giant flags to welcome the team and their coach Andy Morris was invited onto the pitch to be awarded a Community Hero Certificate in recognition of his achievements with the group – they went on to celebrate this with an exciting win at home this weekend.

Meanwhile the **under-11s and under-8s** have been travelling the reaches of the Cambridgeshire Mini Soccer league with eventful matches almost every week. As ever there have been lots of goals, fortunately most of them scored by the Harston teams, making it three wins out of three matches for our youth squads on Saturday.

**The Harston pitches** have started to show some signs of their enthusiastic use over the winter but have stood up well and we haven't had to cancel fixtures. That being said our players also enjoyed the chance to travel to some smart artificial pitches where the smooth surface suits their fast-moving flowing style of football.

**Harston under-11 team** are planning ahead for next year and would be happy to hear from keen players in the area looking for a team for next season (players currently year 6, going into year 7).

**The very youngest children** now have a new expansion to our introduction group, Harston **Funball** Bees which is welcoming children from preschool to age 6 on Saturday mornings at 9 am. Please get in touch or come down to meet us if your child would like to join in!

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## Sunday Services

10.30am we meet in our building for an hour of worship, prayer, teaching from the bible and monthly communion followed by refreshments. During the service we run a creche and a Sunday Club for primary-aged children. 6.00pm on the first Sunday of the month we meet in the church lounge for prayer. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday we meet for communion. Both services are followed by refreshments. On the Sunday evenings we are not meeting in the building we have a zoom prayer time at 6pm.

## Home bible study groups

We have 2 groups meeting weekly (Wed 7.30pm & Fri 2.30pm) and another group 6.30pm fortnightly on a Friday evening.

## Coffee Mornings

Every Thursday from 10.30am - 12 noon we have a coffee morning in the church lounge. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month during the Harston Community Food Hub session we serve coffee & refreshments in the lounge from 11.00am - 12.30pm.

## Ladies Fellowship

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in the month at 7.30pm. Crafts, cooking, chats, coffee & cakes.

**If you would like more information about the life of the church,** please look at our website [www.harstonbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.harstonbaptistchurch.org.uk) or contact Scott our minister on 01223 870434 / 07519 346710 or by email: [spatonhbc@gmail.com](mailto:spatonhbc@gmail.com)



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*\*For example, we've recently had a fantastic donation from a local company of dozens of different types of tinned beans. A donation like this will help us for many weeks, thank you!*

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**Harston Food Hub, Chapel Lane, Harston**

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We welcome new members as well as volunteers to cook (meals are prepared in volunteers own homes and brought to the Village Hall), serve and wash up.

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