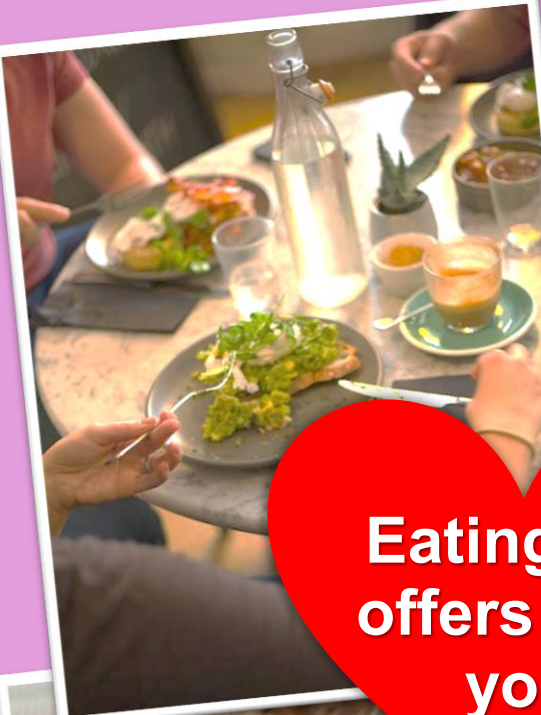


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Local Coffee Shop Celebrates First Anniversary and Exciting Expansion

A much-loved local coffee shop is celebrating a major milestone this month as it marks its first anniversary since opening its doors to the Harston community.

Over the past year, Nadia's Café has become a popular meeting place for residents, offering not only coffee and refreshments, but also a warm and welcoming atmosphere that has quickly made it a valued part of village life.

To coincide with the anniversary celebrations, the business has also recently completed an expansion, allowing it to welcome even more customers and continue growing its offering to the community.

We are incredibly proud to be celebrating our first year in business. What started as a small idea has grown into something truly special, and we are so grateful for the support we've received from the local community.

Our team has been at the heart of everything we do. Their commitment, energy and passion have helped create the welcoming environment our customers know and love."

With its growing customer base and newly expanded space, the coffee shop is looking ahead to an exciting second year at the centre of village life.



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Then in 2022, we were lucky enough to acquire The Royal Oak in Barrington - surely one of the prettiest pubs around, perfectly positioned on Barrington's famous village green. Another much-loved restoration project, and a place we're incredibly proud to call part of the family.

To celebrate turning 25, we're offering readers **15% off food bills** throughout June and July at both pubs.

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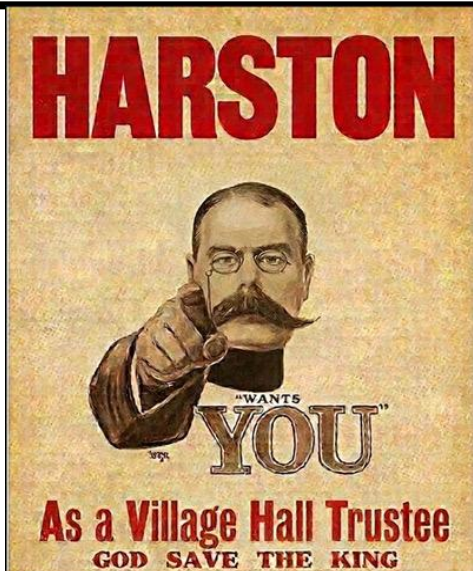


A quality and relaxing rural country pub successfully run, by wife and husband team, for the last 10 years. In the beautiful Cambridgeshire village of Harston, with a friendly bar and serving the best authentic Thai food in a beautiful restaurant. **And what better than a traditional British Sunday roast everyone's favourite.** The building and decor are charming, with elegant modern touches. Our customers are welcome to join us for a drink in our cosy bar or when the weather permits, out in our wonderful beer garden with a children's play area. Spend your time relaxing whilst sampling our variety of beers and wines in a charming setting. Cannot stay? Then why not order a takeaway and take advantage of our discounted meals. **And look out for our midweek offers.**

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The Village Hall is an important resource to Harston Village and is looking for two more lively Trustees, We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, the commitment is minimal and the committee is friendly and supportive. If you think you may be interested please talk to **Grant Marriott on 07582258087**

Fitzbillies

Fitzbillies is coming to Harston this June.

The coffee shop will open first, early in the month, then the bakery will move from its current location a few weeks later.

The coffee shop is the perfect place to pick up a loaf of Fitzbillies award-winning sourdough, a bag of fresh croissants, or of course, a box of buns – all baked fresh on site each morning. You will be able to see the bakers at work if you get there early enough.

While the original Chelsea bun is still Fitzbillies' best-seller we now make six flavours including a cinnamon bun with cream cheese icing, a blueberry cheesecake bun and even a deliciously savoury cheddar cheese and marmite bun.

Alongside our cakes and pastries there will be loads of tempting breakfast options - don't miss our classic bacon roll on a fresh white bap. And there's plenty of choice for lunch too, including focaccia sandwiches, grilled cheese toasties on sourdough and of course our justly famed sausage rolls.

We're, of course, incredibly proud of coffee which is blended for us by speciality London coffee roaster Allpress.

We're really looking forward to being part of the Harston community. The coffee shop is a place to come and meet friends for a leisurely coffee, breakfast, lunch or afternoon treat, with plenty of seats inside and out. Or to stop in for a quick takeaway on your way to work or town.

We'll be open 7 days a week for early June.

Follow us on instagram for more details
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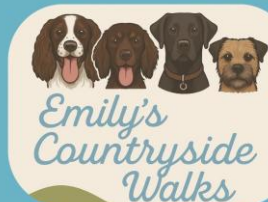
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HARSTON VILLAGE HALL

WHAT'S ON

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Weekly Events and Booking Information

Mondays 1pm – 2.30pm £5.00 charge Does not operate in August 7.30 - 930pm £5.00 charge	Lunch Club Open to anyone who would like a wholesome home-cooked meal june@boakes.plus.com Contact telephone: 01223 870777 Bowls Club Open for gentle exercise and social interaction Contact davidluhrs@btinternet.com or Howard Owen 8774636
Tuesdays 9.00am – 1.30pm	Pilates Elena Kapitsa elenakapitsa@gmail.com
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Thursdays 9.00am – 1.30pm 6.00pm – 10.00pm	Slimming World Isobel Skinner Isobel.slimmingworld@gmail.com Tel: 07775791692
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A brilliant 2025/2026 season for the club is drawing to a close with all of the teams now having completed their league matches. There are still a few fun tournaments to play and our end of season awards morning. The club has really grown stronger in the last few years and looking ahead to next season **we are very excited to have lots of chances to join the fun.**

The **U11s** finished on a high, their strong form peaking with a hard fought win in high winds at Cambourne, they have also gone unbeaten at home throughout 2026! Despite the challenges of moving up to 9 a side and getting used to the offside rule they have had one of their most successful seasons with a core team growing together and really taking their football to a new level. **The U11s do have a few spare places for next season**, please get in touch for more details (current year 6).

The **U10s** also finished strongly, unbeaten in 4, and coming back from behind to win 3-2 in their final game of the season against Elsenham. Goals from Lachlan and Sidney in the last quarter sealed the comeback and showed the great spirit the team has built. This season has seen the u10s score their most ever goals since stepping up to 7 a side, shared around between 10 different scorers.

The **U8s** continued their free scoring form with some high scoring encounters including a couple of well deserved wins aided by some excellent saves from Joseph in goal.

It has been amazing to see the **Bees** (6 and under) up and buzzing this year. The fun filled sessions have been a real hit and the perfect place for children to start their football journey - practicing skills with fun games and a focus on lots of touches of the ball.

Next season we are looking to set up an **U7** team (current year 1) with some of our graduating Bees but are also **looking for more players and help with coaching.**



Harston Youth FC

Harston Girls

We are also very excited to have a growing number of **girls** training with our Bees. With some excellent dedicated coaching, we are looking to expand this more and **would really welcome extra girls (current year 1 or below)**.



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB



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Want To Play on the Best Pitch in South Cambridgeshire?

A huge thanks as always to Carl for the excellent pitches we get to play on. The adult pitch is without doubt one of the best in the area and you could get to play on it every other week! **Harston adult team** is on the lookout for **new players** wanting to play some fun competitive football next season. The team is a mix of young and experienced players and are looking to welcome some new faces. Please get in touch for more details.

Please get in touch for more details about the club and any of the teams. We rely heavily on our brilliant volunteers and are always grateful for any support with coaching or help behind the scenes. The club provides full support and funding for any training required.

Email: harstonfc@hotmail.com

Phone: **Andy Morris 07972 174293**

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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Saturday 6 June & Saturday 4 July



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Nine of Harston Scouts recently participated in the 2026 Mystery Hike & Survival Camp



Having been dropped off at the Trumpington Park & Ride site, our teams followed a series of instructions

delivered in sealed envelopes that saw them take the coach to Thetford and then hiked via a series of waypoints and challenges to the Two Mile Bottom Scout Campsite. Here they built overnight shelters – having negotiated with a certain Colonel Timothy to purchase materials in exchange points earned through the day. Hammocks were also available for a premium. Open fire cooking was the order of the day. The young people were excited to be in the forest with the wildlife and its diversity, the highlight of which – watching an adder climb a tree. On Sunday, it was a return to Cambridge on the coach – it was remarked upon as to just how quiet they were on the way back, not a screen in sight all weekend either.

joinus@1stharston.org.uk

Our Squirrel and Beaver sections continue to grow and our Cubs are beginning to benefit from children moving up from the younger sections. As ever we are desperately short of uniformed adult leaders and instructors, particularly in the Cub section (Wednesdays, 6-7.15pm at Harston School). Without the ongoing assistance from parents that we receive, Cubs would close unfortunately – if you're able to assist, please contact us; joinus@1stharston.org.uk

We look forward to our various Summer Camps, including a Beavers & Squirrels sleepover, another lightweight camping weekend for the Scouts, an evening of fishing at Cambourne Lakes, Kayaking on the Cam and just maybe an end of term hike to The Green Man in Grantchester."

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HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Following the local elections on 7 May, 8 councillors were duly elected uncontested to serve on Harston Parish Council. They are:

Sandy Carroll	Rupert Pearce Gould (Ch)	Jonathan Wedgebury
Charlotte Clarke	Owen Reynolds	Steve Wilson (VC)
Paul Ormerod	David Stierer	

At the first meeting on Thursday 14 May the 8 Councillors signed up; however there remain **3 vacancies for New Councillors**. Would you like to serve your community and help improve the lives of Harston residents?

If you live or work in the village you are eligible to apply. We also say welcome back to our **District Councillors** who do a fantastic job sorting out roads and getting speed restrictions sorted.

There are many local issues to examine: We heard the arguments for the Nature Reserve in Button End. We caught up with East West Rail impact on our village and the creation of a Development Corporation to help the expansion of Cambridge. We continue to struggle with the infrastructure needs of the Greater Cambridge area as well as those around our village. Our amenities are attractive but need improvement and need refreshing. We can see the Pem re-emerging above the ground bigger and better. Fitzbillies is nearing completion and we look forward to it opening soon. And a revitalised Beech Farm is almost finished.

There is an **Open Forum** at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise concerns or put their ideas to the Council. As a councillor, you can add your views and expertise at our Parish Council meetings; and help shape the future. The meetings take place at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Making a Difference in Harston

After four and a half rewarding years, I have stepped down as a Parish Councillor for Harston. It has been a genuine privilege to serve and work with the village and contribute to so many aspects of community life. I am especially proud to have chaired the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, helping to guide the plan from early community engagement through to its successful adoption by South Cambridgeshire District Council. Throughout this time, I worked to ensure strong communication between the Parish Council and residents, maintaining momentum, transparency and a shared sense of purpose across the village. I would warmly encourage others to consider becoming involved. Serving as a councillor is both a valuable learning experience and an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the future of the village. Paru Naik 🙏



HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning

This is becoming a complex area with complexities of expansion of Cambridge. We have the problems of watercourses on one side and residents wanting to fill their gardens with caravans on the other. We aim to maintain a balance in line with national and neighbourhood policies.

East West Rail

This takes up much energy; we would like it to move to the North and take with it the freight that does not need to come through Harston or Cambridge. The Government has other views so our working group has put forward Harston modifications that will save much of the village and make construction more practical.

We are trying to remove the risks to our aquifer and the harm to our environment. Station Rd and Church Str are both on the HGV route to the compound; and the level crossing may be removed forever severing the connection with Newton. It is incredible in this day and age that such a design is deemed practical, efficient or environmentally acceptable.

Rupert is hoping to see the Minister of Rail soon.

East West Rail Threat to Harston - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please respond to East West Rail Consultation 26 before 9 June deadline on this link:

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation/consultation2026>



East West Rail notes. <https://tinyurl.com/davids-east-west-rail-notes>

The QR code or web address here will take you to a very helpful document containing suggestions for your responses and web links.

(I will forward page with QR code)


Social

On 1 June it will be the 50th Anniversary of the Monday Lunch Club. Congratulations - we are very proud of the club and the work that it does for our senior citizens. We are also proud of our scouts, our football teams and our school, especially the music; a great testimony to the youth in our village; we are looking to revamp the entrance to the Recreation ground and improve that area both for wildlife and for residents.

Come and help us achieve that.



Summer is just around the corner with lots of fantastic events.


 **The Old Tuck Shop!** Whether you fancy a takeaway (collection only) or prefer to enjoy a piping hot pizza at the pub. **Special Offer:** On Thursdays, it's *Buy One Pizza, Get the Second Half Price!* **Opening Hours:** Thursdays: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM; Fridays & Saturdays: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

 **Car Club Friday, June 5th & Friday, July 7th | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Our popular Car Club is back for two evenings of classic cars, great company, and delicious food. The Old Tuck Shop will be serving fresh pizzas, and Pimp My Fish will be on hand with their amazing eats.


 **Bingo Night – Last One Before Autumn! Monday, June 8th 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

| **Entry: £5** | Our Bingo Nights have been a huge hit, raising funds for incredible charities each month. June will be our last session until September, so don't miss out! This month's proceeds will go to EACH.


 **Family Fun Dog Show - Saturday, June 20th | Registration: 10:30 AM | Show: 11:00 AM | Entry: £3** | Bring your four-legged friends to our Family Fun Dog Show! With 12 categories to enter, amazing prizes. All funds are going to "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf", it's a paw-someday out for a great cause.

 **Father's Day Fun - Sunday, June 21st | 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Celebrate Dad with a pint, a roast, and some magical entertainment from our resident magician, Andy! It's the perfect way to make Father's Day extra special.

 **Taco & Tequila Night - Friday, June 26th | 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

Spice up your summer with a night of tasty tacos and refreshing tequila (or margaritas!). It's a fiesta you won't want to miss!

 **Quiz Night | Sunday, June 28th & Sunday, July 26th | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Entry: £2** Gather your brainiest friends and join quiz masters Ben or Gary for a fun evening of trivia. All proceeds will go to the wonderful Forget-Me-Not charity.

 **Afternoon Tea on the Green | Thursday, July 2nd | 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

Our Afternoon Tea has been a huge success! Treat yourself and your loved ones to a delightful spread outside on the green. Prices range from £22 to £27.

 **The Royal Oak Beer Festival | Friday, July 17th – Sunday, July 19th**

Our annual Beer Festival is back and bigger than ever! With over 20 real ales & ciders, live music all weekend, and delicious street food, it's a weekend you won't want to miss. Plus, keep an eye out for our **alfresco board game competition** hosted by The Old Tuck Shop. Entry is free!

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Nature Table

Elizabeth Judge



As I write in early May our local fields are full of the most beautiful flowers, Phacelia and scarlet clover in full bloom and covered in bees. It is a wonderful sight, This is a green crop and will be ploughed in at a later date as a fertiliser.

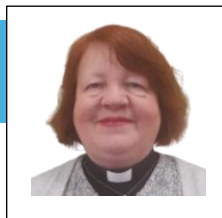
I was fortunate enough to go on a dawn chorus walk in early April at the **Fowlmere bird reserve** with a local bird watching group. I recorded 30 birds on Merlin including an early cuckoo. There are lots of water voles to be seen this year in the chalk stream. The **Button End** cuckoo has come slightly later and is only just being heard. There are a huge number of birds singing around our local fields at the moment. The blackcaps, whitethroats, thrushes, dunnocks, wrens, linnets, goldfinches and tits to name but a few.

Waresley Wood has been spectacular this spring, with lots of fabulous bluebells. Nuthatches and a large number of ravens in full song. I went to **Welney bird reserve** early May bank holiday and my highlights were the marsh harriers, avocets, kingfishers, swallows nesting in a hide and the moorhen chicks. It is always well worth the trip out there.

I found a little hedgehog in my garden this week. Always a worry with having dogs and living on the A10. Such a rare sight these days. Anyone interested in the amount and frequency of sewage being released in our **River Rhee** can google Anglian Water Services sewage discharge map. No wonder it is looking so murky and has been so for quite a few years now sadly. I'm amazed anything survives.



Letter from the Vicarage



I am dealing with trees at the moment. To be clear, this is a tree whose branches overhang my property that I am trying to sell. I can only deal with what is on my side of my property and not the tree itself which belongs to my neighbour. Needless to say, it is stressful dealing with these kinds of issues, no matter how polite and friendly each party is. The issue becomes the only thing anyone sees and, quite literally, 'you can't see the wood for the trees'!

Trees feature heavily in the bible and in our hymns and songs. I did think that God was having a bit of a joke with me when, on being able to visit a different church last Sunday, the last song was 'You shall go out with joy' and included the very pertinent and repeated line 'and the trees of the field shall clap their hands'. I am sure I could hear God laughing as I sang!

You know, it's pretty amazing how trees are such a big part of our landscape - and honestly, they give us so much more than they take. They stand strong, year after year, and it's no surprise we see them pop up so often in the Bible. One of the most beautiful images comes from Psalm 1, where it says, "*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.*" I love that picture of the righteous being compared to well-rooted trees, thriving and full of life. Just like a tree by a river, people grounded in goodness and wisdom can weather any storm and flourish. So... even though my 'tree issue' is a nuisance, I am looking beyond it so that I can indeed see 'the wood for the trees' 😊 **Mandy**

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS - January – May 2026

BAPTISMS

4th April – Edward, Benjamin, Christopher Cattermole – All Saints' church, Harston

FUNERALS

8th May Christine Hutton at St Edmunds, Hauxton

15th May – John Lindgren – St Margaret's Newton

INTERMENTS

3rd February - Justin Stevens – St Edmund's churchyard, Hauxton

12th May – Angela Allison – St Edmund's churchyard, Hauxton

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

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

June

Thursday 04 08.45am	Harston	Morning Prayer
Friday 05 7.00 for 7.30pm	Harston	In Conversation with Dame Evelyn Glennie
Sunday 07 10.00am	Harston	Holy Communion
Thursday 11 08.45am	Harston	Morning Prayer
Sunday 14 10.00am 10.30am	Newton Hauxton	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Thursday 18 08.45am	Harston	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 10.00am	Harston	Holy Communion
Thursday 25 08.45am	Harston	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28. 10.00am 10.30am	Newton Hauxton	Morning Prayer Holy Communion

July

Sunday 05 10.00am	Harston	Holy Communion
Thursday 09 08.45am	Harston	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12 10.00am 10.30am	Newton Hauxton	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Thursday 16 08.45	Harston	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19 10.00am	Harston	Holy Communion
Thursday 23 08.45am	Harston	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 10.00am 10.30am	Newton Hauxton	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Thursday 30 08.45am	Harston	Morning Prayer

PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Ely Choristers at All Saints'

Parishioners and visitors to All Saints' were treated to an uplifting programme of seasonal music for Eastertide performed by the boy choristers of Ely Cathedral at a Friday evening concert in April. The boys, sang works both sacred and secular by 20th century composers from Benjamin Britten to

Jonathan Dove. Jazz rhythms pervaded the 15th century church in Bob Chilcott's version of the Latin *Missa Brevis*. For the finale the boys donned dark glasses for John Rutter's bluesey *Heavenly Aeroplane* which culminated in the launching of paper aeroplanes into the audience – a showstopper.



Edmund Aldhouse, Director of Music at Ely introduced each piece and gave a flavour of the busy life of the choristers who sing daily services in the Cathedral and undertake many touring engagements as well. The Cathedral has both boy and girl choristers and encourages applications from children in years 2-5 who have a clear natural voice and enjoy singing and music. For more information

<https://www.elycathedral.org/music/the-cathedral-choir/choristers>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 19 September, rehearsal from 2.30pm, Evensong at 6.30pm

Come and Sing - Evensong with Luke Fitzgerald,
Director of Music at Pembroke College

Sunday 4 October, 3-4pm

Prime Brass

Our popular annual concert given by Cambridge's **Premier Brass** dectet.

Wednesday 14 October, 7.00pm

In Conversation with **Baron Woolley** of Woodford, Principal of Homerton College, politician and activist, cross-bencher in the House of Lords

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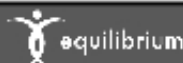
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News from Harston and Newton school



On 16th May, Harston & Newton Community Primary School held the biggest event in the school calendar — our annual May Fayre. Organised by the PTFA, the event was a fantastic success and brought together children, families, staff and members of the wider community for a wonderful afternoon.



The school grounds were filled with activities, music, games and stalls, including the barbecue, bar, tombolas, Adopt-a-Teddy, cakes, face painting, woodworking, archery and football challenges. DJ Andy provided fantastic music throughout the day, helping create a brilliant atmosphere.

A huge highlight was the incredible support from Harston Scouting Groups, whose volunteers ran activities and games for children and adults throughout the afternoon. Their support during set-up, the event itself and clear-up was invaluable.



It was lovely to see not only school families and prospective parents, but also members of the wider community coming together to support the event.

Special thanks go to Mrs Rouse and the school team, the PTFA volunteers, Harston Scouting Groups, the football coach for donating his time, the local Post Office and shop for donating ice and ice lollies, and all parents and families for donations towards the tombolas and Adopt-a-Teddy.



The PTFA is a completely non-profit organisation, and every pound raised goes directly back into supporting the children and school. This year, funds have already helped subsidise trips, purchase classroom equipment and provide classroom fans. Please consider donating.

Thank you again to everybody who attended, volunteered and donated. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive and welcoming community.

Health – Harston Surgery

Day	Opens	Closes
Monday - Friday	8.30am	6.00pm
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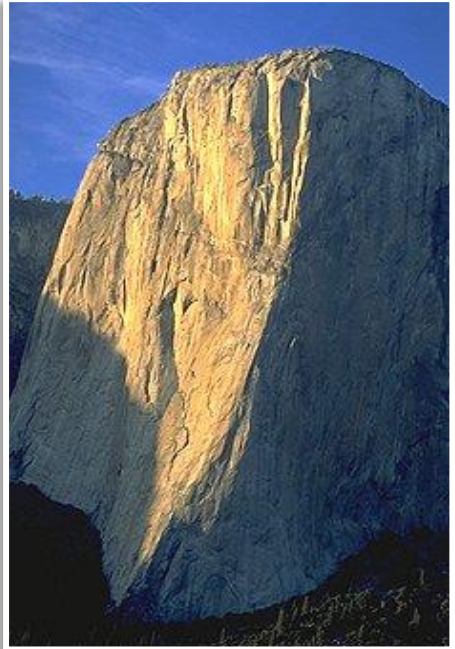
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My El Capitan

Many parks have beautiful trees and rivers, mountains and waterfalls. But when it comes to the sheer scale of rock - Yosemite National Park in California's Sierra Nevada has no peer. There's no way to capture on film the majesty and massiveness of El Capitan. How can it convey this granite monolith that towers straight up to a height of 3,593 feet above the valley floor?

When I look up at the power of El Capitan, the words of David, Israel's warrior-king, echo in my mind: *"The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress and my Deliverer; my God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge."*

2Samuel 22:2-3



David was no coward, as a teenager he challenged and defeated the giant Goliath with a simple shepherd's sling and a handful of stones from the brook. He was known as a soldier's soldier, a leader of warriors. His exploits and popularity however made the present king Saul jealous and he attempted to kill him resulting in David having to flee to the remote cliffs and crags and ridges of his homeland in Judah's hill-country. There he hid amidst this mountain vastness and called upon God to be his rock, fortress and deliverer. God heard his cry and preserved him and enabled him to fulfil his destiny which was to be the future king of Israel.

Have you ever felt utterly devastated? Wiped out? Destroyed? David's God wants to be your Rock, too. He wants to hide you in his strength and exchange your fear for the comfort and confidence and power of His Presence. Why don't you go to God right now echoing David's prayer: *"Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my Rock of Refuge, a strong Fortress to save me."*

Ralph Wilson.



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 3rd 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 2nd and 4th 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

2nd 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 or contact Scott our minister on 01223 870434 / 07519 346710 or by email: spatonhbc@gmail.com



**HARSTON
FOOD HUB**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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Your wonderful generosity has enabled us to support local families in need for over five years. But it's not easy.

We're keen to talk to local companies and businesses in the area who would like to support this essential community resource through financial donations or donations of long-life food* and household goods. These donations make a huge difference to the support we can offer.

**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!*

If you are interested in finding out how you can play a part in helping our community thrive, please get in touch.

Harston Food Hub, Chapel Lane, Harston

Contact us by email: harstonfoodhub@gmail.com

Pop in and have a chat and see how we operate and what we need. We are open each Wednesday and Saturday from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

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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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Harston Local History Group

Fancy a coffee?

We had Costa; we've got Nadia's; we're getting Fitzbillies. But where did we go in 1930s – 60s? We went to the Dove Cote Tearooms.

In the late 19th century, on Neptune's car park stood a dovecote dating from at least the early 1800s. By 1893 it had been converted into two cottages known as Dove House.

Each had a bedroom, sitting room, pantry and outhouse and WC, and were sold in 1893 for £120. Between 1893 and 1922, the cottages were converted into one detached cottage with a pantiled roof, two bedrooms and gardens. It had extensive road frontage



The cottage was bought in 1930 for £145 and in 1936 was converted into the **Dove Cote tearooms**. Older residents remember the tearooms operating around 1956, but the date of its closure and demolition is uncertain. John Roadley (Harston Local History Group)

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

6 June: History of High Stree

4 July: History of Royston Road

More Harston history can be found on our website at: www.harstonhistory.org.uk

Harston Woodlands – share your views

A front page headline in the Cambridge Independent newspaper 6-12 May stated 'Act now on nature crisis in our county.' A National Trust report revealed Cambridgeshire has one of the lowest proportions of land designated for nature in the UK at 3.3% and is one of the least wooded counties with 4.8% woodland cover. 84% of people in Eastern England say that restoring nature is important or a top priority for them. You can find out more and write to our MP @campaigns.nationaltrust.org.uk/nature

Local woodlands are a valued part of village life. Our woodlands offer many benefits: they are home to birds, insects and small mammals, improve air quality, and give us spaces to walk, relax and connect with nature. There is an area of woodland behind the Button End Industrial Estate that has long been valued by local residents for these reasons but it is under threat as trees have been felled and land cleared for industrial development.

To safeguard its future local residents, who have used and appreciated the woodland over the years, have been providing us with their stories of activities in the wood. If you would like to share your experiences or find out more, please contact: harstonresidents@gmail.com

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1st October, 5th November, 3rd December
10am start time

Musical Instrument “Taster Morning” at Duxford School Saturday June 29th

Would you (or your child) like to play a musical instrument, but you aren't sure which one? Would you like to try out one or more instruments before making up your mind? If so, Duxford Saturday Workshop Taster Morning is for you!

When? Saturday morning 29th June, 2024 from 11.00-12.15

Where? Duxford Primary School, St John's Street,
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Music Group: Rebecca Fitzgerald	Rcf29@cam.ac.uk

Our group of churches also include St Maragret's Newton, who have their own newsletter. For further information about all three churches please see our website : www.hhn.church

Roman Catholic Church

Catholic Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes, Sawston. Parish Priest: Canon John Minh. Email: Cambourne.sawston@rcdea.org.uk. Contact: 01223 832397.

Charlene Ward is the contact person with Harston. Please feel free to reach out on rcharstonthauxton@gmail.com, whether you are Roman Catholic , of another Christian denomination, or none, with any questions or suggestions

Baptist Church

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The Village News

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