

ORSTON BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2026



Orston Produce Show

Sunday 20th September

Orston Village Hall

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm



ALL CLASSES ARE FREE TO ENTER

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Entries from 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Raffle and refreshments available

PRIZE FOR BEST IN SHOW

For full schedule see orstonparish.co.uk

A fun, warm and friendly place for all under 5s and their grown-ups

Tot Spot

Every Thursday

10am - 11.30

Thomas Cranmer Centre,
Aslockton

(Term time only)

Find us on Facebook -



£1.50
voluntary donation



Contact - families@cranmergroup.org.uk

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT DRAMA GROUP
PRESENTS

BRASSED OFF

By Paul Allen

Adapted from the
screenplay by Mark Herman

Featuring

CARLTON BRASS



3rd-7th November 2026

Grange Hall, Radcliffe

7.30pm



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Tickets: Online from
TicketSource.co.uk/radcliffedrama
or One More Chapter Bookstore
(0115 933 5810)

Tickets £14
including a
2pm sat
Matinee

By arrangement
with Concord
Theatricals

Radcliffe-on-Trent Drama Group in association with Carlton Brass will perform *Brassed Off* from 3rd-7th November including a Saturday matinee. *Brassed Off* is based on the movie of the same name which was released 30 years ago. It is the story of a mining community about to have its colliery closed down and the impact that has on both relationships, families and the town. The brass band gives its members a purpose away from the mine, but will the band survive the loss of the colliery?

Used Books and Jigsaws Sale

Saturday, September 12th, 11AM to 2PM

Sunday, September 13th, 11AM to 2PM

Books for all ages and interests and a small selection of CDs, DVDs, records and fabric.

Cakes for takeaway.

Place : St Marys Church, Orston (Inside)

All money raised for Orston Church Funds

Pay with cash or card

Donated items gratefully accepted. Please call 07976 917 593 to arrange collection or delivery



Orston Village Hall Presents

LEGENDS OF ROCK

a tribute to
Elvis Presley
Freddie Mercury
Rod Stewart
Elton John
George Michael
David Bowie

Performed by
PAUL LILLIE

(scan to see
Paul's website)



We are here



Orston Village Hall, NG13 9NG

Friday, 18th September, 7:30pm

Tickets £10 - mob/WhatsApp: 07460 337875

Email: orstonvillagehall@gmail.com

Licensed Bar, music and dancing

Come along for a great night out - a fabulous show followed by music and dancing, bar and bar snacks.

Please support your village hall - the committee members, all volunteers, have to ensure the bills are paid and essential maintenance is carried out. We can't do that without you!

Orston Golf Society

We had a wonderful golf tournament in the summer at Radcliffe Golf Club organised by Becki and our winner was Bob Clarke. Congratulations Bob - another cup!

We are excited to announce that on October 16th we are going to play our Autumn Tournament at Hollinwell Golf Club courtesy of former villager David Hayle. If there are any new golfers in the village who would like to take part, please contact me asap.

Patrick 07979 075741

Coffee and Craft Morning



Join us in the village hall on Friday 11th

September 10:00 -

12:00, for tea/coffee and

cake, and a get-together with friends and neighbours. Bring your crafting projects and get creative!

For inclusion in the October edition please email bulletin@orstonparish.co.uk by Friday 25th September

Orston and Thoroton WI

We return to our monthly WI meetings in the Village Hall in September after an active Summer enjoying ourselves on an open garden visit in Thoroton, a meal out at Paul's, supper and skittles at The Royal Oak in East Bridgford, culminating in a very special and memorable 'eclipse' party in the grounds of Langar Hall.



At our meeting on 9 September, 7.30pm we have, as speaker, Paula Bell who will come in costume to tell us about '1928 Motoring Manners'.



We welcome visitors to our meetings (maximum of 3 per year) for a £5 fee including refreshments.

At the Village Produce Show on 20th September, we will be providing refreshments - drinks and lovely homemade cakes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Orston Walkers



Orston Walkers had to cancel one walk recently due to excessively high temperatures (a first for us!) but rescheduled for 2 weeks ago. This included a delightful walk round the RSPB Langfield Lowlands nature reserve - a peaceful oasis that was well worth the visit.

Our fortnightly Tuesday morning walks continue, with most about 5 to 6 miles and many ending up with an optional pub lunch.

Please contact **Pauline on 07811 001197** if you're interested in joining us on a walk.

Church News

Sunday services

9am Holy Communion services
September: 6th – Whatton; 13th – Thoroton; 20th – Orston; 27th – Hawksworth.

11am Aslockton services: 6th - Café church, 13th, 20th, 27th - Informal Worship & Cranmer Kids

Treasurer

After a long, successful and valued time as treasurer, John Hart has reluctantly had to step down, so we need to recruit a new volunteer treasurer. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact myself (**Jules**) on **07846 902453** or **Patrick Newton on 07979 075741** to discuss the position.

Building

We are hoping to apply again for funding, particularly as the building has further deteriorated due to the extremely dry weather. We will need more support from the village, as we have to raise funds ourselves to run the church since we do not receive any support from other sources. There will be a larger article on this in the next Bulletin, as space is short this month.

Flower Bed

It has been suggested that the flower bed in front of the church should be planted with plants more suited to the current weather conditions.

One thought is to plant rose bushes, which enjoy clay soil and require minimum watering. This could give families in the village an opportunity to sponsor a commemorative rose in memory of loved ones.

The Parish Council and Gardening Club are happy to co-ordinate the purchasing and planting of the roses.

If you are interested in sponsoring a rose bush please contact either **Anne Hounslow on 07968 779696** or email **Paul Brandon on cllrpaulbrandon@orstonparish.co.uk**



Help us keep our village looking its best



WHAT WE DO
We keep village areas tidy and well maintained.



WHERE WE WORK
• The Church
• Village Hall
• Millennium Green
• Spa



WHEN
Mostly during the growing season.



WE NEED A FEW MORE PAIRS OF HANDS
We're all getting older and creakier and able to do less.
If you like a well maintained village and can spare some time, we'd love to hear from you.



INTERESTED?
CONTACT PAUL ON 07732 480441
Every helping hand makes a difference



Orston Garden Club

As much as I love the long sunny summer, this year has been a bit much and our gardens certainly don't like it! I hope your gardens haven't suffered too much. It's nice to see a bit of green returning to our lawns!

September sees the first of the new Orston Garden Club cycle of talks and we start with someone we are getting to know quite well! Tracey Robb will be returning on Wednesday September 16th at 7.30pm. She will be demonstrating the art of making an Autumn Wreath. Come along and see just how easy it is!!!

There will be our usual raffle, garden and house plants for sale and a chance to catch up with friends and chat to Tracey over a cuppa.

Membership runs from September to May, single membership £25, couples (2 people living at the same address) £45 and visitors £5 per meeting.

I look forward to welcoming both current and new members. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Anne Hounslow
07968779696



Handyman - friendly, reliable help around the house and garden - no job too small, and no job too odd.

Richard 07979 662299



Inspire Mobile Library

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will visit Orston by the Church Green on Tuesday September 29th between 13:25 and 14:10

Millennium Green

It was so lovely to be welcoming everyone onto the Green for our annual village summer event – in the sunshine!! We had some enthusiastic campers from Friday evening which set the vibe for the rest of the weekend. Steve took a party off early Saturday on a nature trail followed by the return of the legendary Orston Dog Show! We had over 60 entries (thanks Tom and family!!) with the most popular class the Sit and Stay! and probably the most entertaining the Agility (or lack thereof) class! Steve and beautiful Lucy were the proud winners of the Chewy Daniels Memorial cup for the Best Sausage Catcher – Chewy would have been proud of their performance! The Duck Race to end all Duck Races followed – against the flow - due to no flow and a breath of breeze! Jag Rai was the lucky winner with the first duck over the line. Hopefully next year we can have sunshine AND some current/water in the river! The children then gathered for the Potted Olympics showing the usual Orston spirit of healthy competition and joy of getting soaked and crawling through tunnels! To cool off the children then had the opportunity to listen to Lynne telling them some wonderful stories of hedgehogs, dragons and pots of porridge!. Our musical events started with Steve's ever-popular children's disco followed by Becca treating us to an hour of her beautiful songs – she was even joined by her very talented daughter! Steve rounded the day off with some cool tunes to chill to through the evening – did I mention multi-talented Trustees?!!



We hope you enjoyed the events of the weekend and especially being outside together taking advantage of the wonderful Millennium Green. She will be appreciating the recent rain as the turf has suffered badly through the summer drought. Could I take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped bring this weekend to fruition, but especially the MG Trustees who work so tirelessly and give their time and multiple talents to making the Millennium Green Orston's special space.



Friends of the Millennium Green

Apart from having fun on the Green, the Summer Spectacular event is a fund-raiser. All our fund-raising goes towards the upkeep and improvement of the Green. We rely on our events to raise money but also on our wonderful Friends of the Millennium Green who donate regularly to the Trust and in many cases gift-aid their donations which adds another 25% to their donation at no extra cost to them. A donation can be made monthly or yearly and is invaluable as the funds can be relied on. If you would like to become a Friend or Gift-aid any one-off donations please message Fiona on 07908814090 and I will get a form to you. Thank you!

Driving a Lifeline to Ukraine

In February I did something I'd never imagined myself doing - I bought a vehicle, loaded it with aid, and drove it across Europe to hand it to the people who need it most in Ukraine. Many of these vehicles go on to serve as ambulances, carrying the injured and the vulnerable to safety. Standing in a car park in Lviv, watching it be driven away to do that work, is something I'll never forget.

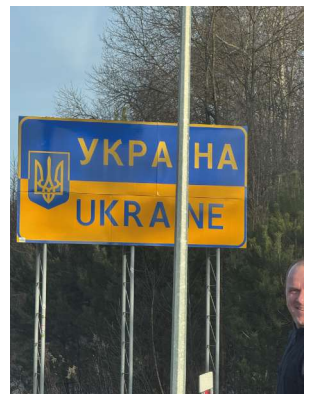


This September, I'm driving a 4x4 loaded with medical aid 1,600 miles across Europe to Ukraine again - and I need your support and help to make it happen again.

I'm an independent volunteer with Pick-Ups 4 Peace (registered Scottish charity SC052484). I buy a rugged 4x4, fill it with life-saving aid, and personally drive it to where it's needed most.

Every pound goes solely to:

1. Buy a second-hand 4x4,
2. Fill it with aid - medical supplies, generators, tools and warm clothing,
3. Cover the ~1,600-mile drive across Europe to Ukraine.



The vehicle and aid are handed over in Lviv to Pick-Ups 4 Peace's established distribution network, which delivers them to hospitals, aid stations and communities in need across Ukraine. Any funds left over go entirely to the same purpose or are donated directly to Pick-Ups 4 Peace.

So this September, I'm doing it again - and I'm raising £6,500 to make it happen. The vehicle doesn't come home; it stays in Ukraine to keep saving lives.



GoFundme Link - <https://gofund.me/4854c4>



Iain Terpening

Car Key Burglaries

Thwart the criminals

Orston and surrounding villages have been targeted more than once in the last few months by criminals breaking into homes to steal car keys and subsequently the vehicles themselves, i.e. Car Key Burglaries. The thieves will scout residential areas looking for opportunities to exploit security weaknesses.

This type of burglary often targets the more sought after, high end models and makes including VW, Audi, BMW and Land Rover. However, many other brands are also chosen, especially Ford Fiestas, which seem to be targeted mainly for parts as the model is now discontinued. Other makes and models include the likes of the Toyota Hilux where offenders have identified a security flaw in the design. The vehicles stolen often end up being used in other criminal offences, sold on or broken down for parts.

Methods Used

Keyless Car Theft: Thieves use devices to capture the signal from keyless entry fobs, allowing them to unlock and start the vehicle without ever physically handling the keys ("relay car theft"). This method can take as little as 20-30 seconds

Home Break-Ins: Criminals break into homes to directly access car keys, often looking for keys left in visible or easily accessible locations.

Prevention Tips

To protect against car key burglaries, we should consider the following actions:

Secure Your Home: Always lock doors and windows, and consider installing a high-quality burglar alarm and security lighting

Store Keys Safely: Keep car keys out of sight and away from doors and windows. Avoid leaving them in easily accessible places like kitchen counters or hooks

Use Signal Blocking Pouches: For keyless entry vehicles, use a RFID wallet, pouch or tin (Faraday bag) to block signals from being captured by thieves

Park Wisely: Obviously in a garage if possible. If you have multiple vehicles, park the more valuable one behind the less expensive one to deter thieves

Install Additional Security: Consider using steering locks, immobilizers, or tracking devices. Steering locks are relatively inexpensive and a strong visual deterrent.

Conclusion

"Car key burglaries" are a growing concern. By implementing effective security measures and being vigilant, we can significantly reduce the risk of becoming victims. Always report any suspicious activity to the local police.

Email bobc488@gmail.com if you'd like to join the NHW Contact Group

The One Question Worth Asking Yourself This Week

Somewhere between our to-do list, errands, work, studies, emails and appointments, we can lose track of something important: ourselves.

The inner voice knows what we actually need or want, and in the busyness of everyday life, that voice can become so faint, we stop noticing it.

Before the day begins - perhaps with a cup of tea or sitting quietly for five minutes: ask yourself: "How am I really?"

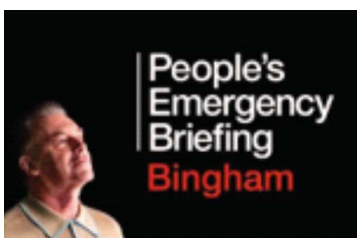
Not the automatic answer. Not the default "fine, busy, getting on with it". But the real honest one. You don't have to do anything with the answer, simply notice if that's enough.

This is self-awareness, and the foundation in relation to the quality of how we lead at work, how we show up for the people we love and how we care for ourselves through the ordinary demands of an ordinary week.

The most powerful conversations often begin with the simplest questions. And the most important conversation you will have this week might just be the one you have with yourself.

Jeanine Bailey
International Coaching Federation
Master Certified Coach

Living in Orston and welcomes any questions at jeanine@empower-world.com



If the hot weather this summer got you down, and perhaps you'd like to find out more about the implications of climate change for us all, it's worth checking

out the **People's Emergency Briefing**.

This film, featuring Chris Packham, Jennifer Saunders and leading scientists is currently being shown all over the country to help the general public understand the implications - on nature, food supply and the economy. It covers the risks we face, but importantly **explores possible solutions**, and a discussion afterwards is encouraged.

If you're interested in finding out more, the associated website has more information (<https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film>) and it includes a regularly

updated map with venues. At the time of writing, the nearest to Orston is **Bingham Arena** (Leisure centre) on **Wed 9th September (19.30)**. Other nearby locations with upcoming screenings include: Lowdham, Farndon, Keyworth, Cotgrave and possibly Radcliffe on Trent. Broadway Cinema (Nottingham) will also be showing it again on 16th September at 18.00.

Screenings are free of charge, and it's advised for 16+. According to the website: "Many of those attending the event commented that although the facts are alarming, they felt a sense of optimism about confronting the challenge together and seeing a pathway to a better future."

If you'd like to know more about the **Orston Sustainability Hub**, please contact Jules Humpheson or Fiona Winfield. We can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.