

ORSTON BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2026

Neighbourliness

One of the things we value about living in Orston is being part of a friendly and considerate village community.

The Parish Council has recently received a few concerns which we thought it would be helpful to share as a gentle reminder to us all.

Garden fires

Please be considerate of neighbours when having bonfires or burning materials in gardens.

Smoke can be particularly unpleasant and potentially harmful for people with existing health conditions, and burning certain types of waste may also be illegal.

Wherever possible, please make use of the household waste and recycling services available to us, including our regular bin collections and the recycling facilities at Newark.

Dogs

We have also received a small number of concerns relating to dogs. Please remember to pick up after your dog when out and about in the village and dispose of waste appropriately.

We would also ask owners to be mindful of prolonged barking, particularly when dogs are left outside or near an open window while their owners are away. Persistent barking can be very disruptive for neighbouring households, especially during the evening and at night.

We know that the vast majority of residents are thoughtful and considerate neighbours, and we hope that a friendly reminder is all that is needed.

Thank you for helping to keep Orston a pleasant place for everyone to live.

Orston Parish Council

Royal British Legion

Orston & District Branch Update

Poppy Appeal 2026 Launch

The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal will officially launch on Thursday 22 October 2026.

Poppies and other appeal items will be available to purchase from a number of local businesses and collection points across our villages. Every donation helps the Royal British Legion continue its vital work supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families.

If your business, club or community group would like a poppy collection box, wreath, or any other Poppy Appeal materials, please get in touch with Nicola Payne npayne@hotmail.co.uk

Get Involved with Your Local Royal British Legion Branch

The Orston & District Royal British Legion Branch Annual General Meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 17 November 2026

7.30pm

The Durham Ox, Orston

If you are interested in finding out more about what we do in the local community, supporting Remembrance events, fundraising, or helping with the Poppy Appeal, please come along. You do **not** need to have served in the Armed Forces to be involved with the Royal British Legion. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

For further information please contact orston.secretary@rbl.community

Nottinghamshire Festival of Remembrance

Tickets are available for the Nottinghamshire Festival of Remembrance, taking place on:

Saturday 24 October 2026

Albert Hall, Nottingham

This special evening will feature music, reflection and remembrance, bringing together communities from across Nottinghamshire to honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces community.

Tickets available: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nottinghamshire-festival-of-remembrance-2026-tickets-1989369091505>

Remembrance Service

This year's local Remembrance Service will be held at:

St Thomas' Church, Aslockton

Sunday 8 November 2026

10.45am

Everyone is welcome to attend as we come together to remember those who have served and sacrificed.





Church News

Sunday services

Sunday 4th October:

11.00am - Café Church 'on Tour' (refreshments from 10.30) – Whatton

4.00pm - Holy Communion - Aslockton,

Sunday 11th October:

9am Holy Communion – Thoroton

11am – Aslockton - Informal Worship & Cranmer Kids

Sunday 18th October:

11:00am - Benefice Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch (Bring and Share) - Aslockton



2pm - Brief service of Holy Communion – Aslockton

Sunday 25th October:

9am – Hawksworth - Holy Communion

11am - Informal Worship & Cranmer Kids – Aslockton

Treasurer

We still need to appoint a treasurer for the PCC. If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please contact Jules or Patrick Newton, we'd be very grateful.

Book and Fabric Sale

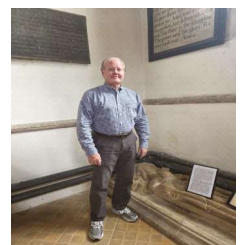
A big thank you to Jan and the team for all the effort they put into the book sale – they raised over £900! Keep your eye out for the next one, there's a great choice and some real bargains.

Church Building

We have suffered further deterioration of the building – more news on grant applications next month.

An American visits his ancient ancestor

While the Orston knitters were gathered in the church on Friday 25th September, we had a surprise visit from Clifford Roth and his wife all the way from Arizona. They have been doing a lot of research into both sides of their family tree and had discovered a connection to Isabella de Roos whose 700 year old effigy rests in our village church. Isabella is Clifford's 25 times Great Grandmother. It was lovely to meet them and I was so glad we happened to be in the church when they came to visit. Here's Clifford standing next to his ancestor's effigy.



Lionel's Wonderful World of Colour 2027 Calendar

Lionel has kindly donated a curated set of colourful photographs, taken in 2026, for a Limited Edition of 250 calendars to raise funds for the church. These go on sale this month, price £10, so please contact me by email, WhatsApp – or just grab me – to reserve your copies.

Jules - juleshum@gmail.com / WhatsApp 07846902453

Sustainability Hub Updates

Local Repair Cafe dates

Bingham - Saturday 10 October (10.00-12.30) - Methodist Centre

Bottesford - Sunday 11 October (10.00-12.30) - VC Hall

Both welcome new volunteers (repairers, general helpers, bakers etc), and Bingham is specifically seeking IT and electrical specialisms. Both groups have Facebook pages and their emails are binghamrepaircafe@gmail.com & bottesfordrepaircafe@gmail.com.

Any used crisp packets & aluminium drinks cans?

In the church porch, we're now collecting **metallic-lined soft packaging** (e.g. crisps, chocolate bars, ground coffee). Torn is fine, and no need to wash first. The award-winning **Open Wings** (<https://www.openwingsadultlearning.co.uk/>) in Sherwood (which supports adults with learning differences) cleans, smooths and fuses them together to make **emergency blankets**. Originally for homeless people, they have now linked up with CityHubUkraine.

We are also now collecting empty (washed out please) **aluminium drinks cans**. A volunteer at CityHubUkraine sells them to raise cash towards the cost of sending the next truck to Ukraine - each one costs around £4k to send, and they're currently collecting for no. 73.

Halloween

It's estimated that of the c40 million pumpkins displayed in the UK, over half will be discarded. Also, around 7 million costumes are thrown away each year. At October's Bottesford Repair Cafe there will be the chance to swap costumes. (We did the same last year with Christmas jumpers!)

For greener spooky celebrations, check out the **Less Waste** website: <https://www.lesswaste.org.uk/reduce/halloween/>.

Unblocktober

Each year approx. 1.8 billion cotton buds are flushed down the toilet, and nearly half the population pours fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the drain. Check out <https://www.unblocktober.org/> to find out more to improve the health of our sewers and waterways.

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

Home from Ukraine

and here's what your support made possible

I'm back. Over the past few days, our convoy drove through five countries to reach the Polish border, crossed into Ukraine, and delivered aid straight into the hands of people who need it. I want to share what we saw, because your donations were in every mile of it.

Every vehicle went out full: medical supplies, first aid, tea, blankets -the essentials that make a real difference on the ground. This is what your money buys.



The journey was long - hundreds of miles, fuel stops, border queues -but nothing compared to what the people at the other end are living through every day. Crossing that border never gets any less humbling.

In Lviv I met a young student, full of dreams and plans for his life, but carrying a weight no young person should: the fear that the war will call him up before he ever gets to live them. I met a group of women who'd come to Lviv for the weekend, not for a holiday, but for a few days' relief from the bombing in Kyiv, where they live. Imagine treating a weekend away from air raids as a rest.



While we were there we saw the funeral of four soldiers killed in the fighting. And I stood before this: a memorial of candles and faces, remembering those lost. You don't forget standing in front of something like this.

This is Lviv's memorial to those who have died since 2014. Every mark is a name. The scale of it is hard to take in until you're standing there in the rain, looking at it.

On the way home, in Kraków, a waitress in a café asked why we'd come so far. When we told her we'd been taking aid into Ukraine, she broke down in tears, simply grateful that people still show up, still care, still help.

None of this happens without the people in this photo, and without you. Thank you to every single person who has donated, shared, or cheered us on. We're not finished. The need is still there, and every pound takes us back.

If you can, please donate or share this page. It genuinely makes a difference.



With heartfelt thanks, Iain - Pick-Ups 4 Peace
GoFundme Link - <https://gofund.me/4854c4512>

Iain Terpening



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

Scan For Info & Tix

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?

Orston and Thoroton WI

Thank you to all those who supported us at the Village Produce Show, it was great to see you there!



At our next meeting on Wednesday 14 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, we will be welcoming The Lady Bay Revellers, Morris Dancers.

They are a mixed team and have a very active and varied calendar and social life, dancing throughout the year at local and charity events and festivals around England.

We welcome visitors (£5 including refreshments).

Regular Activities

Every Monday

Candlelight Yoga & Soundbath, 5pm
TCC

Every Tuesday

Core Strength Pilates, 5:15 and
6:30pm

Orston Badminton Club, 8pm

Every Other Tuesday

Orston Walkers, 9:30am – VH Car Park

Every 2nd Wednesday

Orston & Thoroton WI, 7:30pm

Every 3rd Wednesday

Orston Garden Club, 7:30pm

Every Last Wednesday

Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

Every Thursday

Core Strength Pilates, 9:30am

Orston Village Choir, 7pm TCC

Bridge, 7:30pm DO

Every 2nd Friday

Coffee/Craft Morning, 10am

Every Last Sunday

Quiz Night, 7pm DO

Every 2nd Sunday

Bottesford Repair Café, 10am-12.30,
BVH

All in Village Hall except:

*TCC = Thomas Cranmer Centre,
Aslockton*

DO = Durham Ox

BVH = Bottesford Village Hall

Orston Walkers

The group has two attractive walks scheduled for October.

Tuesday 13th October

John & I will lead a circular walk from Claypole, passing through Stubton and Dry Doddington. The full walk is just under 6 miles but there are a couple of shortcuts possible if anyone wants something nearer 4 miles. Mostly good field paths, with a small number of stiles. Very good cafe in Claypole for light lunch post-walk or even just coffee and cake!

Tuesday 27th October

Jen & Bob will lead a walk from Lambley. The terrain is undulating, with some gentle ascents, no stiles and good views. The walk can be 4.5 miles or 5 miles - decision on the day. Local pubs are available for a post walk drink or lunch.

As usual, we meet 0930 Orston Village Hall Car Park and then car-share where possible.

Please contact me for further details of the above walks or to be added to our circulation list so that you receive all the latest information.

We welcome new walkers, whether for the odd walk or on a regular basis.

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Inspire Mobile Library



will visit Orston by the Church Green on Tuesday October 27th between 13:25 and 14:10

Orston Garden Club

It was great to welcome both current and new members to the first of the 26/27 season of talks.

What an entertaining evening, Tracey demonstrated the making of 3 fabulous very different Autumnal wreaths. These were then raffled off to 3 very lucky winners!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm when the talk will be "The Ancient Trees of Bradgate" by one of the Rangers from Bradgate Country Park.

There will be the usual raffle and plant sale plus time following the presentation to talk to the speaker and catch up with members over a cuppa.

All welcome.

New members £ 25, 2 people living at the same address £45 and visitors £5.

Happy Gardening

Anne Hounslow
Chair
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Orston Knitters

The Orston knitters group, formed about 7 years ago, has grown from the original 3 members to some 15 people.

During that time we have knitted around 150 blankets for local hospices and hospitals providing end of life care. Once delivered, the patient chooses their blanket which is later passed to their family. We have a batch of 15 ready to go and are using these to answer a request from Newark Hospital for their palliative care patients. In addition, our other knits – hats, scarves, gloves, shawls, throws, tea cosies & socks - have been donated to Ukraine, Romania, and the Friary, or sold to raise money for church funds.

All the wool is purchased by the knitters themselves, mainly from a bulk purchase of 800 x 100 gram balls we bought about 4 years ago from a lovely Bingham market stall holder who decided to retrain as a lorry driver. That yarn is fast disappearing so should you have any wool to donate, especially DK, we would be most grateful, contact **Maria Nicholas** on **07460 337875**.

