# Orston Bulletin

## November 2026




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?

### Coffee Morning

Join us on Friday November 13th and December 11th,10:00 - 12:00, for coffee mornings in the village hall.

We will be having a raffle in aid of the Salvation Army at the December coffee morning.

**Inspire** Culture | Learning | Libraries **Mobile Library**



will visit Orston by the Church Green on Tuesday November 24th between 13:25 and 14:10

## Used Books and Jigsaws Sale

Saturday, December 5th, 11AM to 2PM

Sunday, December 6th, 11AM to 2PM including a cake sale

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




### Quarterly Meeting with Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Delegates from Bingham, Radcliffe, and surrounding villages met with the Neighbourhood Police Team on 22nd October at Barnstone Community Hall to review local crime trends and police priorities. Here is a short summary of main points of interest taken from the meeting.

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** ASB remains a major issue, particularly in Radcliffe and Cotgrave. To reassure residents, the Parish Council has hired **Magpie Security Ltd** to run regular mobile patrols around known hotspots and engage with local youths.

**Electric Scooters:** It is strictly illegal to ride privately owned e-scooters in public spaces (roads, pavements, or parks). To tackle anti-social behaviour, reduce violent crime, and protect pedestrian safety, there have been recent legal changes to fix loopholes that previously let dangerous riders escape immediate consequences. Police now have **zero tolerance** and can immediately seize an e-scooter on the first offence without warning. Riders can face a **£300 fine, 6 points on their driving licence**, and vehicle storage fees.

**Hare Coursing:** The hare coursing season is underway and active signs have already been spotted in fields near **Shelford**. If you suspect illegal hare coursing is happening right now, **call 999 immediately**.

**Shoplifting:** Local shops are fighting back against repeat offenders. Major stores like **Boots and Sainsbury's in Bingham** now share CCTV evidence and report forms directly with the police to save resources.

**Vehicle Theft:** Police are close to charging suspects for the recent vehicle thefts in **Orston and Aslockton**. Watch this space.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 1982 - TODAY

**For inclusion in the December edition please email bulletin@orstonparish.co.uk by Tuesday 24th November**

# Orston Produce Show

The annual Orston Produce Show took place on 20 September - and what a community event it turned out to be! Despite the dry summer there were lots of fruit, vegetable and flower entries alongside cakes, biscuits and crafts. There were a total of 460 entries over 73 classes - very impressive for a village produce show.



The trophies awarded went to:

- Caroline Marecka - Rose bud in a vase
- Elspeth Rai - Rose flower in a vase
- Claire Ward - Flower arrangement in a tea cup
- Dave Appleyard - Pumpkin
- Helen Pritchett - Victoria Sandwich cake
- Alice Bradford - Story in jar
- Dominic Cooper - Handwriting illustrated
- Dave Appleyard - Best in Show




A full list of winners for each class will be put on the Orston Parish Website along with lots more photographs.



Thanks must be given to all our sponsors who generously gave vouchers, money and raffle prizes:

- Moores Nurseries and Garden Centre
- Margo and Plum
- Orston Shooting Ground
- Durham Ox
- Vale Clearances
- Orston Stores
- Claire Copping
- Dawn Benson

Proceeds from the show will be divided equally between St Mary's Church and the Village Hall.

Particular thanks to Orston School for the writing and art entries - we recognise the time teachers took to support pupils in this.

Thank you to Cllr Chris Grocock for drawing the raffle and presenting prizes - your support is very much appreciated.



Also, thank you to the Produce Show Committee, the Grafters, WI and all involved in putting on a splendid event showing off the best of Orston as a community.

And lastly - thank you to everyone who entered vegetables, flowers, cakes ... without you we wouldn't have a show!

Any suggestions are very welcome for the next Produce Show in September 2027.




## Orston and Thoroton WI



We meet on Wednesday 11th November, 7.30pm at Orston Village Hall. This will be an open meeting at which all members, friends and visitors are welcome.

There is a £5 visitor charge which includes refreshments. The speaker is John Cotterill who is a professional battlefield tour guide.

He will talk about the Sherwood Foresters on the Western Front in general and of those who fought in their ranks in the Great War, but specifically about the Foresters fallen from Orston, Thoroton and surrounding areas.

He has asked for anyone who knows they had Forester Great War ancestors to please let us know in advance so he can try to include them in the talk.

**Please contact Anne Johnson**
**eajohnson2019@gmail.com**
**07419 336940**

# Orston Golf Society

Orston Golf Society met on 16th October for our Autumn Tournament. We were hosted by ex villager David Hayle at his beautiful course Hollinwell. We faced the challenges of a tough course such as heather and deep bunkers, as well as wind and rain. Everyone enjoyed the day but was glad to get back to the 19th hole for a beverage.

The winner of the day was newcomer to the village Richard Nicholson with an impressive 42 points.



Nearest the pins were won by Paul Barnes and John Billot. Thanks to all who participated in the day. In due course our Honorary Chairman Tony Benton will be organizing an end of year dinner to celebrate our achievements.

The Durham Ox Trophy is coming to the semi-finals stage – watch this space! The Society has been running for over 25 years and we welcome new members from the village.

**Contact Patrick 07979075741.**

# Open Gardens 2027

What a wonderful weekend Open Gardens 2025 was. It brought out the Spirit of Orston – the community, the creativeness of the gardeners and the artists and the cakemakers, the generosity of the volunteers and a chance to get out to enjoy our beautiful summer village, meeting old and new friends.

The church was a valuable venue for the book-sale and the art displays and the all-important afternoon teas.

**The good news is we have decided to do it again – Orston Open Gardens 2027 on 12 and 13 June.**

At this stage we would love to have an indication from you if you would be willing to open your garden for the weekend. Opening your garden is certainly hard work but it's also very rewarding, exciting and inspiring visitors. If in doubt please talk to us and we can share other open gardeners' experiences.

Proceeds go to maintenance of our beautiful church and its infamous leaning tower.

**Contact Patrick 07979075741 or Maria 07460337875.**

# Millennium Green Update

The Green has got her Autumn coat on! We will continue to mow as necessary and hold our Maintenance Sessions which are advertised here and on the village WhatsApp.

## The Gibson Footbridge



We thought we would update you all on the work which is ongoing on the bridge. Regular checks have revealed the need to replace treads and the 'beams' they are attached to due to wear and tear. We will also need to replace certain spindles and handrails for the same reason. We are fortunate that we have the skills within our group of Trustees to carry out this work which will be done gradually over the coming months.

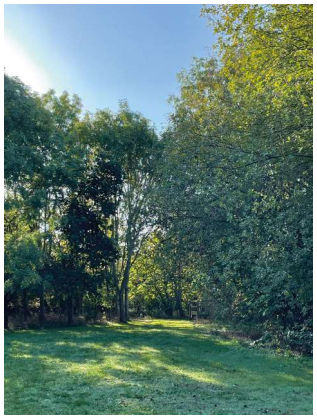
For the most part the bridge will be fully open to pedestrians though there may be occasions when we will need to apply to close the footpath across the river via the bridge. If and when this happens we will advertise it as fully as we can and it will be short-lived. In the meantime, rest assured that the bridge is as safe as ever to use and we will keep you updated on progress.

## The Eco Loo



We replaced the modesty screens for the urinals recently as the willow had rotted. Gentlemen you are free to wee in safety now!! The Trustees are cleaning the eco toilet on a rota - we have in the past benefited from a series of very helpful DofE students who have taken over the job as part of their Community Service. Of late this useful stream has dried up, so if there are any more DofE candidates out there or any other helpful villagers we would love to hear from you. It's not an onerous task but if we have help then that frees Trustees up to do other things.

## The Little Gateway



We have replaced the railings and post supporting the little wooden gate onto the footpath before the bridge - again wear and tear were the culprits.

The old post was sunk in concrete so this was a bit of a job to say the least!! Thanks to Steve and Rob for persevering with it.

# Church News

## Sunday Services

**Sunday 1st November:**

9am Holy Communion, Whatton

10:30 - Bacon Cobs and coffee for 11am Café Church, Aslockton

**Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday Services:**

9am - Reflective Service – Thoroton

10:45am – Parade Service – Aslockton

**Sunday 15th November:**

9am - Holy Communion – Orston

11am - Informal Worship & Cranmer Kids– Aslockton

No formal Cranmer Kids, but the Vicarage (next door to St Thomas's) will be open to families from 10:30 am

**Sunday 22nd November:**

9am – Hawksworth - Holy Communion

11am - Informal Worship & Cranmer Kids – Aslockton

**Sunday 29th November:**

9am – Scarrington - Holy Communion

11am - Informal Worship & Cranmer Kids – Aslockton

**Sunday 6th December:**

9am Holy Communion, Whatton

10:30 - Bacon Cobs and coffee for 11am Café Church, 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

The next book and fabric sale will take place in the church December (wrap up well!) on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th – see the ad for details.

## Church Building

We intend to start a new bid for investigative work and temporary roof protection during November. If we are successful with this bid, it should open the path for further bids for the renovation/transformation work further down the line.

## Lionel's Wonderful World of Colour 2027 Calendar

Lionel provided the church with a curated set of colourful photographs he took in 2026 for a Limited Edition of 250 calendars to raise funds for the church. We still have some of these left, so please contact me (Jules) by email, WhatsApp – or just grab me – to get your copies.

juleshum@gmail.com **/ WhatsApp 07846902453**

# Sustainability Hub Updates

## Christmas Jumper Swap & other ideas

According to Veolia (https://www.nottinghamshire.veolia.co.uk/xmasjumperswap) each year around 12 million new Christmas jumpers are bought in the UK (and many are only worn in one festive season).

Apart from finding a used one in your local charity shop, or decorating any old jumper yourself, there are local opportunities to **swap your existing jumpers** (making sure of course that they're in good condition and clean!).

In the case of the **Bottesford Repair Cafe**, if you just wish to donate jumpers that you no longer want, please contact Fiona Winfield (fmwinfield@gmail.com) or drop into the November cafe (8/11). We'll have a rail to facilitate swaps at the November and December cafes, as will Bingham.

## Local(ish) options

Inspire/Veolia initiative - https://www.nottinghamshire.veolia.co.uk/xmasjumperswap):
drop off unwanted jumpers at Newark or **Bingham library**, between 2 and 29 November.
Or swap via Nov/Dec **Bingham Repair Cafe** - email for info or them to arrange drop-off: binghamrepaircafe@gmail.com

## Find a new jumper - Inspire markets/Repair cafes

- Sun 8 Nov - Bottesford Repair Cafe (10-12.30)
- Sat 21 Nov - Bingham Repair Cafe (10-12.30) - [note 3rd Saturday not 2nd]
- Sat 5 Dec - West Bridgford Library (10-2) [also on 21/11 & 28/11 at Worksop and Sutton in Ashfield libraries - times vary]
- Sat 12 Dec Bingham Repair Cafe (10-12.30)
- Sun 13 Dec Bottesford Repair Cafe (10-12.30)

For other ideas to help your wallet and the planet this Christmas, check out the **WWF**'s Top Tips for a Sustainable Christmas: https://www.wwf.org.uk/top-tips-sustainable-christmas. And consider gifts made locally, available at **Christmas artisan markets**, for example at Long Acre Arts (Bingham) on Sun 15 November or in Bingham Library on Sat 28 November.

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

# Orston Garden Club

October's speaker was from Bradgate Country Park - would you ever have thought that a tree is considered young at 100 years old!!

Our November speaker is Rachel Barrowcliffe in the village hall, 7.30pm on November 18th, a regular speaker who will be talking to us about starting up a cutting garden. All welcome, membership £25, 2 people at the same address £45. Guests £5.

**Happy Gardening, Anne Hounslow 07968779696**