

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2020

Chairman's Annual Report

As Chairman of Narborough Parish Council, I am once again honoured to Chair the Annual Parish Meeting.

Many local groups continue to thrive within the community, Commbus Project, the WI, Friends of Narborough Station (FONS), Littlethorpe Community Association, NALT (Narborough and Littlethorpe Theatregoers), Narborough Travel Club to name a few are all well embedded. Some of the local groups have had milestones to celebrate during the last year. NALT celebrated its 10th anniversary, they have a busy group organising trips to see shows both locally and further afield and Friends of Narborough Station celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the station re-opening following the Beeching cuts. They continue to work hard supporting and campaigning for local services, whilst their volunteers keep the station looking neat and tidy.

September 2019 saw the long-awaited opening of the new Parish Centre, which was celebrated with an event to which parishioners were invited to enjoy an evening of entertainment . We are pleased to have an expanding range of activities held at the Parish Centre, from yoga to children's birthday parties and our facilities have also attracted a number of businesses who have held their team meetings on site.

The local library continues to grow from strength to strength, with its volunteers coming up with new ideas for fund raising and group activities. Its "busy hands" group helped to make the knitted poppies that adorned the village so well in November and the nativity scene in December. The Parish Council is pleased to support good causes, such as the library, by providing a venue for fund-raising events at a reduced cost.

Last year was election year for local Government including the Parish Council. Many of our members decided to stand for re-election and one or two did not. We were delighted to welcome 3 new members onto the Council during 2019, but we do still have vacancies. If you feel passionately about your community and would like to be involved in what happens, why not consider standing as a Councillor yourself? Whilst it is an unpaid role, it can be very rewarding. If you are not sure whether being a Councillor is for you, why not come along to a Council meeting and judge for yourself. You are welcome to talk to any of the Councillors or the Clerk.

As a Parish we have well-maintained parks and play areas, the Recreation Ground, Thorpe Meadows and the Cemetery. Everyone involved, both paid workers and volunteers, can be proud of what is achieved in a relatively small community.

Alison Clark
Chairman
Narborough Parish Council

10th March 2020