

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Unsurprisingly quite a few clubs, as they aren't currently able to meet, haven't submitted any articles this month, but we've got some fantastic replacements. We realise Covid-19 has dramatically changed our lives but rather than focussing on the negative, we would like to publish your stories about how something positive has come out of it. Please write in with how, for example, your work/life balance has improved or you're now earning money from what you thought was just a hobby etc. We've kicked off this month with Rob Whittle's article on cycling and a new cycling club Claire Hills and Rob have set up for villagers. There is also a very informative article written by Allan Boldero who looks after St Mary's Bells and Clock (also an exciting opportunity for the right person!). And to totally spoil you - another article publicising Harlington's very own film production company!

Keep well, stay safe.

Lois (Editor)

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The Methodist Church Letter *plus* Cycling Group

A phrase we are hearing a lot of at present is “The new normal”. Whenever the rules change for Covid-19 people talk about getting back to it, and tell each other that we cannot have the “old” normal. Yet the signs are all around that what many people would like is for things to return to how they once were.

This is not surprising. If your job depended on the urban economy, you long for commuters to return to get it going again. If your way of meeting people was through coffee mornings or social groups, you can’t wait for them to restart. If you are in a high-risk group you need to be free of the fear of this new, potentially deadly disease. And we gradually slip back into old habits and patterns. At the start of the pandemic it was said that a good Samaritan is someone who crosses over to the other side of the road. How often does that happen now?

But good can come from bad situations. When I see how much help has been given by all sorts of people to those who they see in need; when I see people communicating in new ways to a wider community; when I see love of neighbour lived out, then I say “Can we make this the new normal? Can we keep the good spirit of generosity that was developed at the start of lockdown, the best of what happens when we feel we are working for a common good, and develop and strengthen it? Can we widen the range of those we recognise as our neighbour to include all the disadvantaged?”

This is a big ask. It challenges us because, while we can easily share from our surplus, we find it difficult to share from what we have thought of as the basics. At the start of the pandemic, pollution went down as people reduced their travel. It has risen again, but wasn’t it pleasant? Does it tempt you to see if we could achieve it again but without others having to be out of work?

In September we took a step backwards in the release from rules and regulations. Can we try to achieve a “new normal” that does not to take a step backwards in the way we treat our neighbours?

Clive



Harlington Cycling Group



When my wife gave me this coffee mug for my birthday, I thought it was quite amusing at the time but the more I thought about the subtle (!?) message, the more it sank in... I think I may have become a bit obsessed with cycling!

When lockdown was announced on the 23rd March, the whole world, quite literally, had to change behaviour. Staying at home was compulsory and exercise was limited to 1 hour a day, either solitary or with your family.

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Harlington Cycling Group (cont/d)

Cycling was my way of dealing with the new circumstances and the impact it was having on me and my family.

Lockdown gave me an excuse to make a radical change to my lifestyle. Traveling in Europe for business stopped and I finally had the opportunity to do some regular daily exercise, eat healthy home-cooked food and as a result lose a few pounds - but most importantly, the chance to bring my batting average up in terms of speed and climbs on my bike... oh and spend more time with the family looking like I was listening!



Here in Harlington, we are fortunate to have some of the most beautiful countryside in the world! Whether mountain bike or road cycling (or a bit of both if you have an all-terrain bike), you can be sure of a wide choice of routes avoiding the main roads and seeing some of the tranquil picturesque paths and roads that make this part of Bedfordshire a much visited region for cyclists.

With the aid of a mobile phone or small satnav device, it is now easy to navigate the countryside on a bike and cycle a little bit further alone or with friends and family. There are a number of cycling groups currently in Harlington, but probably not geared to novice cyclists. From October 4th myself and Claire Hills will be arranging three group rides each week for novice and intermediate riders, riders with mountain bikes, and all-terrain and road bikes.

Every **Tuesday at 8.30am**, Claire will be riding 3-5 miles routes for beginners on mountain bikes.

Wednesdays at 9am Claire & I will be cycling 5-10 miles on either mountain or road bikes, for beginners, and

Sundays there will be a group for intermediate level riding, just road bikes, for 20-30 miles!



The groups will be made up of 6 riders (conforming to current Covid19 legislation). Social distancing will be observed. Every group will have a group leader. Each meeting starts at the Village Hall car park 15 minutes before the ride times noted.

We follow the British Cycling guidance on group activities.

If you want to join in or would like more information, then please get in touch with either Claire or myself and we will send you details of the 'Harlington Spokes Cycle Club' WhatsApp & Facebook group details.

Keep well, cycle safely and think about joining our Harlington Cycling Group.

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Harlington, Station Road	9.43		
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Westoning, Church Road (Village Hall)	9.50		
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Harlington, Sundon Road (Bury Close)	11.17		
Harlington, Station Road	11.20		

Harlington Heritage Trust *plus* Advertisements

As said in the August Contact Magazine, due to Covid19 continuing, all remaining items on this year's HHT Programme, from September to December, will be cancelled. Hopefully, as the pandemic diminishes, we will be able to re-instate some of these events in 2021.

Just to remind members there will be no Programme Card with the HHT December Newsletter but instead events for 2021, if we can go ahead at any time, will be listed in future editions of the Newsletter and in this Magazine.

All Memberships will now cover both 2020 and 2021; no fees will be charged for next year.

Quarterly Newsletters will continue to be distributed in the normal manner. The Trust's AGM will be postponed until the Government advises that these kind of events can take place.

Take care everyone and keep well.

Barbara Thurston
HHT Secretary

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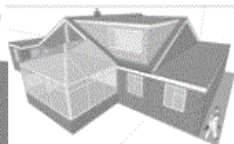
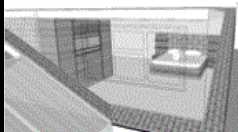
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The Bells... the Bells!

I'm Allan Boldero, and I look after the clock and bells at St Mary's church. I was born in Islington, London. Nowadays people tend to say "posh!". Not then. The Luftwaffe were carrying out redevelopment by dropping large explosive items on it. So my family moved to Luton where I grew up, went to school, and obtained an apprenticeship at George Kent's. I worked in the Research Department there until the company was reorganised in 1971 when I moved to Wrest Park, Silsoe. I spent the rest of my career there translating the whims of scientists into something resembling reality. I must have done something right since I ended up with a Fellowship of the Institution of Engineering and Technology.



I live in Greenfield but have had a long association with Harlington - my late wife and I attended the Heritage Trust evening classes in the Parish Hall where we got to know the Rev. Stephen Williams. When my wife died in 2009 Steve asked me to look after the clock and bells at the church because he needed "An engineer with a sense of history". This was partly because the clock was running about three hours slow! Occasionally I have a parishioner remark that the clock is ten minutes out, to which my reply is "So would you be if you were 400 years old" as it has been estimated to have been made around 1660. This is based on the style of its construction which is a "cage" of spindly wrought iron work with knob shaped finials on the uprights. These resemble the things you find on firedogs in inglenook fireplaces. It was originally a bell striker only, that is, it had no face and merely struck the hour bell. The mechanism to do this is still in place to preserve the history, but disconnected, although it would be a simple matter to restore it to action.

Records are rather sparse but sometime in the 19th century, to judge by the appearance of the parts, a face and hands were added to the clock. The story goes that the Lord of the Manor wanted to be able to see the clock face from the Manor, but maybe the West side was just easiest! Unfortunately this was not foreseen by the original builders and the pendulum is on this side of the mechanism and thus in the way of the shaft which drives the hands. The problem was overcome by putting a loop shaped bend in the pendulum which doesn't help with the timekeeping. Neither does the lump of cast iron acting as the pendulum bob which is adjusted by a crude wingnut. No putting pennies on the thing for fine adjustment like Big Ben! The clock is kept cosy and warm in a cabinet made from the bar screens of a now closed village pub, complete with etched glass panels. I say warm because it has a thermostatically controlled heater and is electrically wound, so there's no need to wind it up by hand.

Some of the bells are very old, the earliest dating from the 15th century. But they are now high tech - computer controlled and struck by electromagnetic hammers... There isn't a lot to describe really as it's a matter of black, or rather grey, boxes. There's a control panel in the entrance lobby and a driver unit in the tower bell chamber.

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LiFE Church *plus* The Bells... The Bells!



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For the foreseeable future Life Church continues to meet via Zoom.

Sunday service at 6pm for worship, sharing and teaching

4th Oct Trevor Withers

11th Oct Carol Gibbs

18th Oct Rose Agnew

25th Oct John Dooan

Wednesday at 7pm for prayer

Everyone welcome

If you would like to join in with any of these, please contact us for the Zoom link. If you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone the address is below

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The Bells... the Bells! (Cont'd)

The tower unit sends electrical pulses to the hammers in response to a time signal for the hour strike or tunes and peals as required. (Listen for special tunes which ring on specific Festivals and special occasions). So, the hour strikes are accurate, but the clock does what it wants!

From my opening remarks you may deduce that I am of a certain age. I had partly convinced myself that I was immortal but recent events have persuaded me otherwise. It took me a couple of years to become familiar with the foibles of the clock and bells and I feel it would be a good idea to pass on my knowledge to an "apprentice". It's really only a matter of keeping an eye out for anything that doesn't look, or sound, right. Oh, and the occasional adjustment of the clock hands which is easily done with a screwdriver inside the clock room. Annual servicing of both clock and bells is performed by Smith's of Derby who are the people to call in event of any fault and who recently restored the bells to health. And don't worry about having to climb the tower - it's just a narrow spiral staircase with no frightening views. **Anyone who would like to get hands on with a piece of history contact 07711 511729.**

Let's hope that the clock and bells keep going for another four hundred years!

Allan Boldero

Hopefully next month we will have photos of the actual clock mechanism *Ed.*

Crafternoon Tea *plus* HVH 100 Club

Most Crafternoon Tea members have tried (and may still practice) a variety of crafts. Maybe that is because if one is inclined to craft work, it takes time to find out what we really like doing, or maybe it is that we like to have a change occasionally. So many of us knit, but not necessarily all the time. And many of us collect patterns for various crafts, which we do not get rid of often. At our last meeting one of our members was going through a stack of old patterns, looking for something in particular and someone else asked if she had a pattern for something else, so we discussed old patterns and sources of patterns and materials for quite a chunk of the afternoon, and arrangements were made to lend patterns.

We also discover new crafts from time to time. The photo below is of a rug made on a peg loom. It was made with unspun wool, and if you want further details, I can put you in touch with the creator.

The church is now open for Sunday services, and I am working on the risk assessment I have to do before Crafternoon Tea can go back. Currently we have a choice of going back and meeting in the church itself, or waiting for the internet to be run into the hall, and meeting there. It will be possible to have tea or coffee, but not homemade food – all food served must be individually wrapped. If I can get all the details in place before we meet in early October, I will let the regulars know. We will have to sit socially distanced and wear masks!

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm. If you would like to join us – currently on Zoom until we can go back into the building – please let me know and I will make sure you are included.

Our October meetings will be 12th and 26th.

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HVH 100 Club

The winner for September is Maureen Edwards of Brian Road with ticket number 51 .

If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact our Treasurer, Dave Thew at hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com. The money raised each month helps to fund the upkeep of the Village Hall.

*Barbara Thurston, Secretary,
HVH Management Committee*

HNH *plus* Walking4Health

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Harlington Neighbourhood Help Good Neighbour Scheme Update

We are driving clients to appointments again from October, where other options are not available, as a few of our driver volunteers are prepared to continue to drive people.

Meanwhile we continue to get shopping, drop off and collect prescriptions from local doctors and the pharmacies in Toddington, Barton and Flitwick, and run errands around the village, including a bit of lawn mowing, paper bill paying, paperwork and help with IT.

We have purchased PPE for volunteers and clients when we do start going to appointments again. If there are other things you would like us to do please let us know.



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Sue Whittle, HNH Co-ordinator

Walking4Health - Harlington

A safe way to stay fit, enjoy the village and meet fellow residents

Our Walk Leaders continued to walk in September with several lovely walks. We were pleased that numbers are rising again to around 12 with some new residents joining for the first time for the new, shorter, round the village walk.

At the time of going to print the new measures limiting gatherings to 6 were announced and we await full guidelines, but for now we plan to continue our walks but limit groups to 4 walkers and two leaders

These will be every second Friday as usual.

Next dates are: **9th** and **23rd** October and **6th** November

We start as usual from the Village Hall car park at **10.30am**.

Because of restrictions and also feedback about what our walkers want, the walks will now be a bit different in that we are advertising them only within Harlington, and we are offering two each time – a short 40 minute walk around the village only, and a longer, more strenuous walk within the village but over the fields. You can choose on the day.

There will be a maximum of 6 people on each walk with at least 1 walk leader, and we will be collecting contact details so we can advise of any changes/routes

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Harlington Parish Hall - East Room

Dear Villagers

By the time you read this Harlington Parish Council (HPC) will have met (14th Sept 2020) to discuss a change of use for the East Room in the Parish Hall on Church Road. They are saying this proposal is temporary, but just last October HPC agreed to investigate moving the office permanently. They propose to move the clerk's office into the main Hall from the current building - an office which was very costly to build at the time. This is despite HPC being aware of a legal issue they need to address before they can go ahead, and despite them attempting to avoid consulting any current users or other villagers.

You will probably be aware as a resident that you pay a precept in your Council Tax for HPC, who say on their website that they are "The voice of the local people". It would seem logical therefore to consult with residents on significant changes which affect the use of public amenities in the village.

The Parish Rooms are there for everyone, and every society and group – of which there are many in the village – and HPC are looking to change the use of the East Room into a very big office for the Parish Clerk. This would make it unavailable for private hire, or public use. The reasons put forward for this are many – but each and every one can be positively and reasonably addressed in a way that ensures the East Room continues to be available for community use.

If you feel strongly about this proposal, or any other HPC business, then contact the Parish Councillors, whose names can be found on the following page of the HPC website:

<https://harlington-pc.gov.uk/members-of-harlington-parish-council/>

A Concerned Villager

Dear Villagers,

This is a note to publicise what appears to be a little known fact that moves are afoot to take away part of the village's scant public resources.

Decades ago, the then Parish Council acquired the old school to become the Parish Hall as a beneficial resource for the use of the parishioners. Part of the arrangements made included the provision of the full facility on a Wednesday morning for the free use of parishioners. The Wednesday Coffee Mornings and meeting of the Games Group have continued to enjoy these facilities ever since.

Some years ago the Parish Council decided to move the Clerk's office to the site, from it's previous location, and the current office was built at considerable cost. Last year it became apparent that the Clerk wished to move into the East Room of the Parish Hall. The Council agreed to an investigation of the issues surrounding such a move and the resultant loss of a recreational facility. Cont/

HPH - East Room (cont/d) *plus* Edvert!

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Consultation with all interested parties was promised. Apart from some informal chats resulting in no feedback or published outcome, no formal consultation appears to have been made. However the agenda for the next meeting of the Council has been noted to include consideration of the *temporary* relocation of the Clerk's office to the East Room. Once moved, it is hard to imagine it being relocated back again!

With the likelihood of considerable future expansion of the village, the need for recreational facilities can only increase, yet we stand to lose part of what already exists. Maybe the council needs to organise a public consultation so that ALL interested parties (the parishioners as a whole) can have their say.

The Wednesday Morning Games Group

An opportunity...



With my youngest son safely packed off to University, I'm hoping to sell my house (Bradshaws!), buy a camper van and head off into the blue. With all the modern technology available, in theory I could still edit Contact sitting on a beach somewhere. However the consensus is it would be better to find a new Editor within the village. With the wealth of professionals and gifted amateurs here I'm sure there must be someone who would like to step up and have a go. I will prepare a more detailed job spec, but there should easily be at least a couple of months before any volunteer would be let loose by themselves.

Computer literacy, good grammar and spelling and an eye for consistency help also the ability to liaise (mostly by email) with various contributors, advertisers and the churches. We use Microsoft Publisher to produce the magazine, which then gets converted to a PDF and sent to the printer.

I've loved my time editing the mag, starting off rather hesitant and then gradually growing and hopefully developing the role and magazine. When I took over from Clive, I was told it takes an average of 8 hours to prepare Contact, but to be honest it can take as long as you like, depending on how much you want to get involved.

If you'd like to join this friendly team and contribute to part of village life, please get in touch: harlingtonvillagemagazine@yahoo.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Lois

PS. The successful applicant would have to meet and be approved by the three Churches and the Contact Magazine committee.

The Carpenters Arms Delivery Menu

Main Menu

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Chained Down

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Harlington resident and former Harlington Upper School student, **Harrison Watson**, has established a career as an actor and has worked on numerous films, commercials and in the West End.

James Sweetser, a former HUS student is a talented young photographer already making his mark with his unique creativity and style.

Josh Methven, another former HUS student, is a talented cinematographer, editor and VFX artists, who at only 18, has already worked with some big names.

The local lads have worked tirelessly in collaboration to begin production on their first feature film and would be grateful for your support. Production has already begun with a teaser trailer available for you to enjoy now (see below).



Some of the scenes in the upcoming film will be captured locally. You'll spot another local HUS student and very talented actor, **Phoenix Henries**, in the trailer. Phoenix breathes real energy into his character of Rapz.

Chained Down, is an urban youth drama, co written by Harrison Watson; focusing on brotherhood and the destructive power of coercive control and the realities of PTSD. The film centres around two foster brothers who are both running their own separate gangs; once the cornerstone and strength in each others lives, they have been torn apart by betrayal, anger and violence. Three years on from their brotherly bond being severed, one brother is living lavishly but struggling with regret from the past, the other is suffering with severe PTSD and being subjected to psychological manipulation.

There is an amazing cast and crew full of young passionate story tellers and they would very much appreciate your support in bringing their story to screen.

You can support these local lads by following them on Instagram @theblackraincompany

or taking a look at their kickstarter.:

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Harlington WI *plus* HiB



What a difference a month makes! We were so looking forward to planning future meetings in a way that kept our members safe. Sadly the infection numbers are rising again which means more restrictions have been put in place by the Government.

At the time of writing, the new guidelines from 14th September state that no more than 6 people can meet either indoors or outdoors at a social gathering. While the Village Hall committee has to decide how to open up the Village Hall safely, we will have to monitor the situation and keep all our members informed.

I was hoping to be writing about our socially distanced picnic that would have taken place, but sadly that had to be cancelled because of the new restrictions.

Harlington WI is very sad to report that Betty Longman, one of our past Presidents and long standing member, passed away peacefully on August 23rd 2020 in the Luton & Dunstable Hospital. The funeral has taken place. We send all our sympathies to her family and friends.

It will be a while before we can resume our monthly meetings or plan any events. We will continue to assess the situation and the Government guidelines as they evolve and we will let you know how we can proceed as soon as we can.

In the meantime please take care and stay safe.

For further information please contact Lin Merrison on 01525 757161.

HiB



Autumn Planting: we will be planting out wallflowers, pansies and bellis on **Saturday 31st October**, meeting at 10am by the Village Hall. Bring gloves, (and trowel - if you have one). You may see us out and about the week before as well, clearing the beds and planters. Do get in touch if you'd like to join us, or just come on the day.

Awards Evening: we weren't able to have an actual Awards Evening in the Parish Hall, but we'd still like to say "many congratulations" to all of our winners and hope you keep your trophy duly dusted and shiny for the year!

If you'd like to volunteer to water, weed or maintain HiB planting around the village, please contact Ian on 874720 or Tricia 07711 511729.

HiB Committee

Methodist Chapel *plus* Quote

After much trial and effort to ensure we are Covid secure, we opened the building again on 13th September.

This includes Sunday Worship and those activities permitted under the new regulations.

Worship is, however, a much different experience than it used to be. Our services continue to be on Zoom and live streamed. We are leaving it up to the preacher as to whether they come to the church or join us from home. We are projecting the Zoom participants onto a screen. The congregation has to be socially distanced, to wear face coverings, not to sing, and to leave immediately the service finishes, without time for conversation in the building. This comes quite hard. Last Sunday I spent half an hour clearing up after the service, and when I got home, most of the Zoom congregation were still talking.

We seem to have got our live streaming sorted; check our YouTube channel, Harlington Methodist Church.

October preachers are:

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| 4 th October | Harvest – Rev Wallace Edwards |
| 11 th October | Worship Group |
| 18 th October | Rev Nina Johnson |
| 25 th October | To be confirmed |

Our circulated material is available on <https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk>. If you want to join us, our service time is 10 am, with the link normally sent out the day before. Email me, clivedsalmon@aol.com, or phone 874481 to be added to the link email list.

Ladies Bright Hour is now meeting again at **2.45 pm in the Lower Hall on Thursdays.**

Our monthly virtual **Coffee Mornings** will continue on the last Saturday of the month. Again, contact me to be added to the list.

Clive



Inspirational Quote

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal:

it is the courage to continue that counts.”

— Winston S. Churchill

St. Mary's Church *plus* Church Warden's update

OCTOBER SERVICES

There will be a service at **9.30am every Sunday** throughout October. Social distancing will be observed in these services and face masks will need to be worn.

Please note the new time of meeting which will continue now until further notice.

Within the quintet of churches including Toddington, Chalgrave, Westoning, Tingrith and Harlington we continue to offer a **Recorded Service** each week. The service is produced with the wonderful musical support of Nicholas Hopton and can be viewed from each Sunday on our Facebook and Website pages.

There is a service each **Wednesday at 10am** which is normally led by Revd Elizabeth Bradley.

A Quintet **Upper Room Service** takes place **each Sunday at 6pm**. Join people from across the Quintet in an hour when you do not need to stray from your home. There's music, scripture, reflection and prayer in a time where you can just sit and listen. Contact a minister for an invitation to the Upper Room.

Useful links are:

Website: www.harlingtonchurch.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/

A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7667>

If you would like a chat or prayer, or would like to discuss marriages, funerals or baptisms please do call us on **01525 714442**.

*Revd Linda and Revd Nigel Washington, Ministers
and Dr Robert Johns, Reader*



St Mary's Church Warden Update



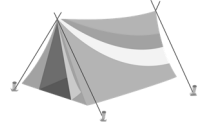
Churchyard: as suggested by our experts, I have now collected some seed from the Burnett's Saxifrage and am scattering it in specific churchyard areas. It will be interesting to see the results. You may have noticed that the hedges have been tidied and some ivy removed from the larger trees and walls. It certainly looks a lot better than it did! Next on our plan is to see if we're able to put up some bird boxes before the nesting season starts next year.

Bunyan's Trail: some of you may also have seen our visitor, a Chaplain at Luton University, who bivouacked in the churchyard recently. Whilst he is following the Bunyan's Trail, it was very appropriate for him to stay in Harlington with our John Bunyan connections. He was also delighted to see the Bunyan window and the Bunyan altar table in church.

Cont/d

Church Warden (cont'd) *plus* Something Silly...

His “camp” was quite well hidden from view on the East side of the church but he said he enjoyed his short stay and slept well. We wish him well as he continues his journey.



Gift Day: this was held on September 12th. Sue and Tricia also completed a sponsored jog/walk in aid of St Mary’s and the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. The Trust funds repair grants to churches and helped us when we needed our new boiler. So our thanks to the Trust, to our sponsors, and everyone who donated to our Gift Day appeal.

For information about services and other events, please visit our website www.harlingtonchurch.org, Facebook page or church noticeboard.

Alternatively, please give me a call.

Best wishes,
Tricia. Churchwarden 07711 511729



Something Silly...



In the absence of any write-up or winners from the Annual Village Show (as there wasn’t one!) we’ve been sent this photo of an exceptionally long runner bean - 48cm!!!

If anyone has grown (or is currently growing) one that beats this, then please send us a photo like the one on the left with a tape measure next to it. Or if you have any huge, unusual or humorous vegetables, then please send us a picture. I think we could all do with something light-hearted at the moment.

Lois, Editor

Inspirational Quote



“Life is a Journey to be

experienced,

not a problem to be solved”

Winnie the Pooh

Brain Tumour Research *plus* Jigsaw Library



Thank you , Thank you, Thankyou AND Thank you!

For buying plants and vegetables helping us to raise much needed funds and awareness for Brain Tumour Research.

For those kind folks who are growing plants for me, putting produce in the trug for supporters to donate, and one very kind man who placed a box of apples outside my door with a sign and even neatly folded plastic bags. He then offered to refill the box for a second time and again when it had been emptied!!

For the appreciation I have received for the Canadian Rhubarb Pie recipe in a previous Contact and many saying they were going to have a go at baking the said pie - I am so pleased.

And finally for the lovely notes I have received from supporters who said, and this is for ALL those kind folk who provide the plants and produce outside my house - " Thank you for selling such lovely plants. Our garden is looking very colourful" and "for the lovely Victoria plums and cooking apples. So good! Looking forward to next years rhubarb and enjoyed the pie."

I find this whole situation humbling and thrilling: gardens are being enjoyed, worked and planted up. The charity is receiving 100% of the funds raised through the sale of plants and produce and I feel a sense of purpose from a situation that had left me lost, sad and devastated - we are ALL winners!!

If you haven't visited the stall outside my house please pop along to 132 Goswell End Road where a warm welcome awaits you.

A HUGE thank you to you all.

Jane and Emma Bartrop and Alice Sulaj



Harlington Jigsaw Library

Jigsaws are still available for you to borrow.

There are simple jigsaws to more complex ones. Just call/text or email your request; approximate size, small or large pieces and I can then deliver to your home. You're welcome to collect if you prefer.

If you'd like a different challenge as the evenings draw in, and there are just repeats on TV, why not give one a go?

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0-4 Club *plus* Messy Church

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We look forward to
welcoming you back as
soon as possible



We hope you have all had a great summer and look forward to welcoming you back as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support during this time.

Keep checking our Facebook and Instagram pages for update as to when we will be reopening.

See you soon!



Messy Church

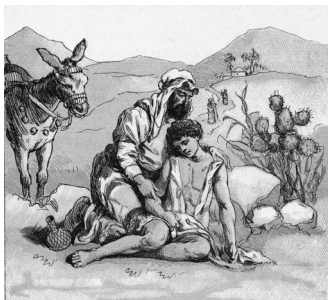


We are not expecting to be able to hold Messy Church before Christmas, but will continue at least with the same virtual approach we have used since lockdown, although it may be possible to develop this a bit further now we have re-opened the building. If you signed up on our contact list then we will email material to you. If you haven't, then it's available on our website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk> and you can download it from there.

Alternatively you can email me at clivedsalmon@aol.com.

In October, our theme will be **The Good Samaritan**.

In the even more unlikely event that the lockdown no longer affects us, Messy Church meets in the Methodist Church and Halls on the 3rd Saturday each month from 4-6 pm. This would be 17th October, but keep an eye on Facebook and our website.



Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church, live or virtual, is not just for children.

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