

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Please supply your own film clip about people returning. The ones I can think of come from horror films. You may think it appropriate.

I have written a longer piece in the body of the magazine, but I will emphasise a key theme; let us start looking at the positive things. We can let the talk be of funerals, there have been many, and I hope people will write about individuals for Contact, to celebrate each one. But we can also talk of vaccinations, and getting out of pandemic and lockdowns, of the good things and kindnesses we have seen, of the new things we have learned, of the new friends we may have made, or the old ones we have reconnected with.

There will be much to be done to restore us to the sort of lives we want to lead, with hugs, with gatherings, with singing. There will be much needing to be done so that people can catch up and be restored, and I hope you will work for that as faithfully as you have in the lockdowns.

Tell me what you are doing and what you need, so that we can help each other. Clive.

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Letter from Rev Nina Johnson, Methodist Minister

We are well and truly into the Christian season of Lent – a time associated with the idea of giving up something. I am still surprised when I hear people talking about what they are giving up even though they don't go to church or would consider themselves to be practicing Christians.



Over the last twelve months we have had to give up so much – being able to meet up with family and friends, visiting relatives in care homes and hospitals, going out for a meal, going out for a day or holiday, attending social clubs and groups, being able to celebrate weddings, and even being able to attend funerals and doing the important work of bereavement and support as we would normally do at the gathering after the service. And there are many more things that could be added!

I think that we have given up enough!

For many years I have thought that the real value around the discipline of Lent is not about being life denying but life enhancing. For us to cultivate an attitude where we don't take so much for granted but become more aware of the things and the people that we are thankful for; to become more aware of the love of God at work in our hearts and lives and in those around us. A chance for us to appreciate again the natural world and to look again at how we can cherish and take care of our beautiful planet as we seek to repair some of the damage that has been done to it.



With activities limited last spring and summer, the outside spaces around our homes became increasingly valued, and gardens and the activity of growing, whether veg or flowers were given more time and care and in turn gave more enjoyment (though some may have experienced mixed results!). And maybe things learnt last year can be used ben-

eficially for this.

Whilst we have lived with the kind of restrictions that we would condemn if imposed by a dictatorial government or leader intent on suppressing the freedom of its people, there has undoubtedly been a re-evaluation of what is really essential to us as human beings. For some people these times have brought a huge burden of isolation and loneliness that has been difficult to bear, for many the importance of being able to gather again with family and friends has been heightened. Who would have thought that just over a year ago the possibility of being able to meet up with one other person and sit on a park bench with a coffee

Letter from Rev Nina Johnson, cont'd *plus* Alpha

would have been met with so much hope and eagerness as at the current time!

In the gospel of John in the New Testament section of the Bible, Jesus says that he has come that people might have life and life in all its fullness. The way of being and living in the world that can be seen in the life of Jesus is the key. Being able to live from and in love and not from bitterness or hatred gives us a freedom to be ourselves and continue to become more ...To live with an acknowledged sense of reverence and awe that might be triggered by the birth of a baby, the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, a landscape or waves crashing onto a beach, but that we know is always humming away within us, enables us to appreciate the many gifts that life offers us including people. To know this is to walk in peace and joy and hope.

In the midst of all that has been lost, of all the anguish and anxiety and difficulty of the last year, if we have re-discovered or looked in a new way and found the wonder, the beauty, the appreciation of the ordinary in our living, then 2021 and maybe 2022 will be brighter but not just because of the easing of restrictions!

Nina

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New Editor's Bit *plus* Thanks

Normally the editor is limited to a small slot on the front page, but for my first issue of my second spell as editor I need a bit more space.

Firstly, I must thank Lois for the work she has done as editor. Every editor brings their own style, and Lois has brought hers. She has looked for new articles and elements to introduce to Contact. This has particularly been the case during this last year of pandemic. A lot of groups have stopped meeting, and it would have been

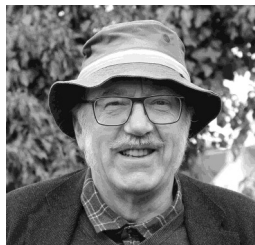
easy to say, as some other villages have done, that there is nothing to write about. Instead, Lois has found new areas of interest and helped Contact to fulfil its function, that is to contribute towards keeping the village in contact with itself.

I aim to continue with this. It is to be hoped that, with vaccinations, the worst of the pandemic is now coming to an end. I doubt that things will ever completely go back to the way they were, I'm not sure I would want them to. I hope we have learned things in the last year that will benefit us in the future. But I hope also that we can now make plans for a future opening up of activities. I will be contacting various group and society leaders and asking them about how they have been managing and what their plans now are.

I have put in a picture of myself in the (disreputable) hat I wear walking around the village. Do say hello. Feel free to talk about the magazine, or what you are doing or hope to do. Don't be surprised if I say; "that sounds interesting, could you write a piece about it?" I'm a great believer in telling people what is going on.

The pandemic has been pulling the churches into the 21st century, with Zoom, YouTube and Facebook. (Other social media are available, but on the whole we've not got there yet.) I think they've done quite well. If other groups would like to learn from them, or have things to teach, let us hear about it. Finally, we have lost some familiar and valued faces round the village, some from Covid, others from other causes. Contact is a good place to remember people. Feel free to send in obituaries, feel free to send in other, happier notices as well.

Clive



Thanks

Thanks to the litter pickers. Andrew Asbury and those with him have done and continue to do a great job clearing up around the village. I trust they will wear their "litter pickers and pie club" hi-viz vests with great pride. It is only a shame that some who pass by seem to be unable to resist throwing rubbish onto the verges.

On the subject of mess, thanks to all the dog walkers who clean up after their dogs, no matter where the mess is. Now if the rest can only follow suit...

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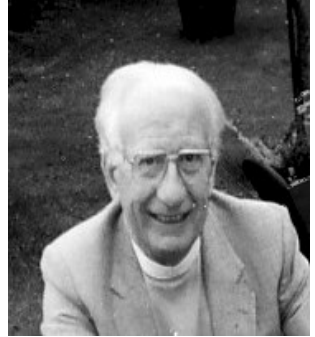
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Revd. James Donaldson, 1927 – 2021

“If I can help somebody as I pass along ... if I can spread love’s message that the Master taught, Then my living shall not be in vain.”

Jim lived the words of this familiar song.

He was born in Northern Ireland, and never lost the love of the sea and mountains of his homeland. After an apprenticeship at the Harland and Wolff shipyard, a tragedy aboard ship leading to the loss of 26 colleagues, led Jim to change the direction of his life.



He enrolled at the Irish Baptist college in Dublin, and after qualifying, came to England with his wife Betty, to two churches outside Durham.

In 1960, Jim took up the pastorate of Union Baptist Luton, Caddington and Pery Green Churches. Having no car in those days, Jim travelled by Lambretta!

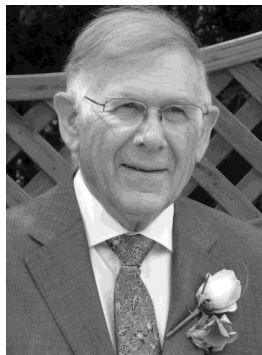
He worked tirelessly in the community, conducting weekly services in many residential homes, Chaplain in the old St Mary’s hospital, and pastoral visiting. He was known by the florist in town as “The Freesia Man”. Flowers cheer people, and if someone couldn’t get to the door, Jim could get the flowers through the letterbox! During the sixties, with an influx of Irish families to work at Vauxhall’s, Jim found ways to help them integrate, and for his kindness and dedication was awarded the “Freedom of Cavan”.

On retirement from full time Church ministry, Jim joined the Chaplaincy team at the Luton and Dunstable hospital, where he served for sixteen years, whilst lecturing at Dunstable College during the evenings. Eight years after the death of Jim’s wife, he remarried and continued with much of his work as visiting preacher, services in residential homes, some hospital work, and much pastoral work. He never travelled without his Prayer Cards, which he believed helped people to pray during difficult times.

His Irish lilting voice and his sense of humour endeared him to people. The Irish jokes were still funny to Jim however many times he told them! He was a real gentleman. He “lit up” a hospital ward with his easy and sensitive approach, and appeared to know everyone in a ward. He could always raise a smile. He had an incredible memory for people, their families and their problems, and his daily prayers were a manifestation of his love for so many people.

Brian Carrington, Revd. James Donaldson, HNH

I would like to express my gratitude for the extreme kindness and messages of sympathy I have received from so many friends in the village and my neighbours in Brian Road after the death of my dear husband, Brian Carrington.



After his long fight to beat his illness and several long stays in hospital he finally succumbed to Covid, which he tragically contracted in hospital in December and he passed away on 31st December.

It has been very comforting to both me and my family to know that Brian was so well liked and respected, and this has been borne out by your offers of help and support at this very sad time.

Thank you all so much. Janet Carrington"

Revd. James Donaldson, cont'd,

Due to failing health, when we moved to Harlington he was not able to engage in much village life. As a free-churchman he was made very welcome in the local Churches, and he managed to attend Wednesday Communion Services (until lockdown) which meant a great deal to him.

He continued his ministry with phone calls and prayers until his final illness. His legacy is loving kindness, and he will not be forgotten.

The family thank all those who have kindly sent flowers and beautiful cards, he would be so touched

Barbara

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We do have a few drivers willing to take you to appointments where other options are not available. We will also collect shopping and prescriptions from the village shop and Tesco. Please note that **Flittabus** services are suspended for the time being. Please get in touch if you can give or need help.

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Harlington in Bloom



AGM: Friday March 26th 7.30pm, via Zoom. This is our chance to review the past year, and think about plans for the future. If you would like the Zoom details, have any suggestions or ideas, please contact Ian or Tricia – details below. If unable to access Zoom, please do call us instead.

Borders and planters: it's early February and we're in the middle of a VERY cold snap. The daffs are full of buds and quite tall already, whilst the snowdrops planted a few years ago along Church Road look really beautiful.

Spring Garden judging: Judging of village front gardens will start from March 15th, and there are always some stunning Spring gardens to enjoy. Let's hope the weather is kinder then.

Work parties: Saturday 20th March 10am meet at the Village Hall. This is for general tidying and weeding. Join us on the day, and bring gloves and a trowel if you have one. For AGM Zoom details or to find out more about HiB, please contact Ian on 01525 874720, or Tricia via tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com and 07711 511729.

HiB Committee

Commonwealth War Graves

At this location there are Commonwealth War Graves . . .



Thanks to various organizations, Churchwardens and Harlington Parish Council, and despite many years of misplaced mail, the Cemetery in Barton Road has at last got a Commonwealth War Graves sign. You may have seen it when walking or driving past.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is an organization of six member countries whose function is to mark, record and maintain the graves and places of the Commonwealth of Nations military service members who died in the two World Wars. The commission is also responsible for commemorating Commonwealth civilians who died as a result of enemy action during World War II. The commission was founded by Sir Fabian Ware and constituted by Royal Charter in 1917, as the Imperial War Graves Commission. The present name was changed in 1960. War graves can be traced on nationwide websites such as Pinterest.

Harlington qualifies for three war graves only, which does seem rather strange.

The earliest of these is that of **Private. George Stone.**

Born in 1896, child of Martha E and William Stone, he lived at Old Chapel Yard, Sundon Road.

He enlisted at Bedford in the 2nd Bedfordshire Regiment of Kitchener's Army, along with E. F. Harris, in August 1914. As his gravestone says, he died on 22nd May 1915, at the Royal Hospital Salford, of wounds received in action. He is also listed on the War Memorial at the crossroads, and the Roll of Honour and Memorial in St Mary's. If you enter the cemetery by the Barton Road gate, George Stone's grave is C of E plot number 46, straight ahead from the gate.



Commonwealth War Graves (Cont'd)

Gunner Leslie George Kent.



Leslie was 2nd cousin to John Giles of Sundon Road, born in 1917, and lived in Pretoria Cottages. He was married to Vera, who grew up in Luton. Leslie died on 10th April 1940, aged 23, after 3 weeks illness while serving with the Royal Artillery. His grave is C of E plot number 67. If you follow the path on the left from the Barton Road entrance, there are four graves in a row and Leslie's is the first stone you come to. His name also appears on the stone laying plaque at the Methodist Chapel, dated 1926.

Able Seaman Norman Jeffrey

Norman Jeffrey was born in 1910 and grew up in Barton, the son of Alexander and Ethel E Jeffrey. He married Susan who was a school-teacher at Harlington village school and they lived at the top of Sundon Road beside Jimmy's shop, near the Carpenters. Later they moved to Wingate Road. He served in the Merchant Navy, on S.S. Dartmouth Park, (originally the Camp Sussex, launched in Canada in 1943), Norman died of consumption on 21st August 1945 aged 35. Susan survived him. He is buried in C of E plot 91, to the left of the gate at the Barton Road entrance.



The land for the cemetery was purchased from the Cooper family at Toddington in 1899, and the first burial appears to be Rev. William Spencer, vicar of Harlington, 1894 to 1905. He had been one of the proponents of the 'new' cemetery.

The cemetery was originally divided in two, for Church of England burials on the left, and Non-Conformist burials on the right, when entering from the Barton Road gate.

If circumstances allow, an exhibition will take place in the Parish Hall on Remembrance Day in November.

Russell Preston and others

Harlington Society of Art & Crafts *plus* Celebration



I know that we cannot meet in person or visit any galleries or museums to discuss and share our art & crafts at the moment, but there are lots of resources online many which offer free trials for 7 days. One of the best sites I have found for tuition is, 'SkillShare.com'. It is divided into categories that range from creative writing to photography and fine art too, that includes all different aspects of drawing and painting. There is even a section on film & video!

One particular artist that appeals to me is watercolour artist Jane Davies. She paints in a very loose style from Beginners to Intermediates. I am definitely going to have a go! I will post my results on our Facebook page. There are lots of other artist too using a variety of mediums. You can experience a trial for free for a whole week before you pay, but can cancel at any time. However, the classes are so good you won't want to cancel.

If it is galleries and museums you are missing then google 'Free Museum Tours' and a whole host of virtual tours of the some of the worlds most prestigious art museums will appear. The British Museum, London and the Getty Museum, Los Angeles are particular good. Easy to navigate and very inspiring and the best part is they are free!

So, if you feel a little fed up and need some inspiration give the internet a go and please share what you find on our Facebook page.

Hopefully, we will be able to meet soon, but in the meantime, Happy art & Crafting!

Julie (Chair person)

Celebration Days in March

1st March - St. David's Day - the Patron Saint of Wales, symbolised by the daffodil and the leek.

14th March - Mothering Sunday (also called Mother's Day) The day servants returned to their Mother Church, and could also visit their mothers.

17th March - St. Patrick's Day - the Patron Saint of Ireland, symbolised by the shamrock.

Hedgehogs *plus* March Humour

Late March is the time when hedgehogs will start to come out of hibernation, so it is essential to provide a water source and also to provide additional food if possible. Meaty cat/dog food (not fish flavour) will really help a hedgehog who has been hibernating since around November! When the warmer weather starts to come in, we will all be tempted to give our gardens a good tidy, but remember that a small wild (messy) area will provide a natural food source for hedgehogs and other wildlife. Bugs, beetles, worms, slugs and snails will be attracted to the wild area and in turn attract hedgehogs. It is also very important to have a 'hedgehog highway' – cutting a 5 inch hole in your fence or digging a tunnel under your fence, will provide much needed access to allow the hedgehogs to roam from garden to garden, providing the opportunity of finding more food.



I am pleased to report that W E Black Ltd. who are currently building flats on the Station Yard site, have not only confirmed that the site will be fairly open allowing hedgehogs to roam, but that on completion of the site they will ensure there are gaps in any fences and that we can also display a road awareness sign somewhere on the site! This is fantastic news and great to have a building company supporting our efforts with local wildlife. I would like to thank Mr Gadsden, Managing Director of W E Black Ltd. for his support in our efforts to preserve the hedgehog population of Harlington.

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March Humour

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A: It's spring-time.

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May.

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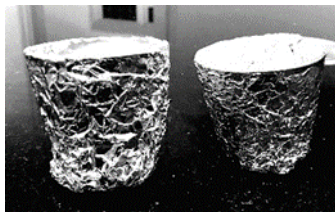
... Pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16

Messy Church News



MESSY CHURCH NEWS

The broadcast for the January Messy Church followed the Christmas format, with the craft activities integrated into the celebration. For New Year, we looked at “New Beginnings”, based on the story of Nehemiah, who when we first encounter him is the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes, at a time towards the end of the period of the exile. The news from Jerusalem is bad, and Nehemiah is sad. The King allows him to return



to Jerusalem to help with the rebuilding. Despite the difficulties, he rebuilds the walls, and the Jews make a new start in Jerusalem.

Our technology for Zoom and live stream worked well; it was good to see and hear children joining in (but not visible on the live stream). Our green screen, which worked in the rehearsal – yes, we do rehearse – didn’t work well half an hour later when the sun was setting. Back to the drawing board there.

We will continue with this format, and more “live” material will be available in March on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, starting streaming at 4pm on 20th March. If you signed up on our contact list then we will email written 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 for the material or the Zoom link.

Our March topic will be “Passion and Palms”, leading up to Easter

In the unlikely event that the Coronavirus no longer affects us, Messy Church meets in the Methodist Church and Halls on the 3rd Saturday each month from 4 to 6 pm. but keep an eye on Facebook, the YouTube Channel and our website.

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As we are still unable to have our monthly meetings in the Village Hall, we have organised some Zoom meetings so we can meet virtually in March, April, May and June.

The Zoom meeting taking place on Tuesday 16th March will be a talk by our member Ann Freeman on Medical Assistance Dogs and how they are helping in fighting the pandemic.

Our AGM on Tuesday 20th April will be another Zoom meeting. The current committee have all agreed to continue for the next year if they are voted on by members. Please note we would welcome any additional committee members as many hands make light work!

Our Zoom meeting on Tuesday 18th May will be a 'Show and Tell' for members to join in. You may have a photo, a poem, a new hobby or an object that has kept you going and sums up your year in lockdown.

Finally, our Zoom meeting on Tuesday 15th June will be by our guest speaker Alison Morgan with her talk entitled 'From Nurse to Crime Writer', which sounds really intriguing.

Sara will send you a link to join these Zoom meetings for each month so please make sure you reply to her emails and join us if you can.

If any new members would be interested in joining Harlington WI and would like a 'taster' of one of our virtual meetings, you would be very welcome. Please call Lin (see below) in the first instance who will then arrange the link for you.

In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

Sally Tombe

For further information please contact Lin Merrison on 01525 757161

Harlington Heritage Trust

As I type this in early February with the snow falling, freezing temperatures and the wind blowing, we are all so hoping for better times in the year ahead. The roll out of the vaccines is progressing well so there is great hope on the horizon. So fingers crossed. No future events are planned, at present, for the HHT calendar but when things change we will let you know in this Magazine and in our HHT March Newsletter.

Take care everyone and try to keep well.
Barbara Thurston, HHT Secretary

Methodist Chapel *plus* 100 Club

We continue to use Zoom and YouTube for our services, whether we are able to be in the building or we must all worship from home. Our services are all at 10 am. At time of writing the building is closed, but changes take place at short notice.



March preachers are:

- 7th March Sandra and David Goodwin “Come and See”
14th March Rev. Olufemi Cole-Njie Mothering Sunday
21st March Worship Group (followed by our Annual Church Meeting)
28th March Rev. Nina Johnson

Our circulated material is available on <https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk>
If you want to join us, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, clivedsalmon@aol.com, or phone 874481 to be added to the link email list.
Or you can watch us live on YouTube, or see the later recording, on the Harlington Methodist Church channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTMWR_QCxujkh1zHjTFcoJw

Normally through Lent we use a Lent Liturgy, linked to items added to our cross in the church. You can look in through the window and see this each week as you walk past the church. Look out for daffodils for Mothering Sunday if we're not back in the church.

We will be holding a Virtual Coffee Morning on Zoom on Saturday 27th March 2021. Contact me for the link for this. Clive

HVH 100 Club

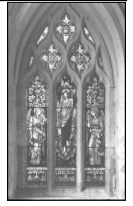
This month's winner is number 86 belonging to Natalie Keene of Leicester. If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact our Treasurer, Dave Thew at: hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com.

The money raised each month helps to fund the upkeep of the Village Hall.

*Barbara Thurston, Secretary,
HVH Management Committee*

St. Mary's Church Services in March

At the time of writing most of our worship gatherings have moved online. Please contact Linda or Nigel to request the zoom links or to ask to be included in the weekly Church information newsletter issued by email.



We offer a Service of the Word in church at **9.30am each Sunday**. Social distancing will be observed in these services and face masks will need to be worn.

Within the Quintet of churches (Harlington, Toddington, Chalgrave, Tingrith and Westoning) we have introduced a **Live 11am Sunday Service, via Zoom Link** so you can tune in to a service from your homes to worship together, although physically separated.

We continue to offer the **Recorded Service** each week. The service is presented by Nigel and Linda and produced by Robert Johns, with musical support from Nicholas Hopton. Access can be gained each Sunday (and during the following week via our Facebook and Website pages).

We also now have a **Wednesday Morning Service** which can be accessed by contacting one of the ministers. The service starts at 10.30am

A Quintet **Upper Room Service** takes place **each Sunday at 6pm**. Join people from across the Quintet in an hour when you again 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.

Morning Prayer services are held via Zoom on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9.30am

Please check the **Church Noticeboard** and websites for updates.

The church is also available for Private Prayer by arrangement. Please contact Linda or Nigel for more information.

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, do call us on 01525 714442 or email Nigel: nwashy2@gmail.com or Linda: revdtoddington@gmail.com We are here for you.

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

St Mary's Churchwarden *Plus* More Thanks

Services: we continue with our March church services on Sundays at 9.30am, as things continue to improve. Some folk have also visited the church to spend some time in reflection, or prayer. Please get in touch if you would like to visit the church at any time, maybe simply to rest in the quiet and stillness of a beautiful building. You can visit our website for information about live and recorded services, www.harlingtonchurch.org and there is more information elsewhere in this issue of Contact.



Social: we also meet for afternoon teas via Zoom, for a chat and to share our news, so please do get in touch for details if you'd like to join us. On long Biblical journeys, I wonder if everyone had some camel-mile tea!



Bells: full marks to anyone who noticed that the bells were a little out of sorts at the beginning of the year. The hammers were struggling to hit all the notes in some tunes, particularly when “double-strikes” were required. At the beginning of February, the tune at 12 noon was slowed down and the hammers adjusted on some of the bells. Did you notice the difference?

Churchyard: there are no unusual wildlife sightings to report this month, although the garden birds seem very busy stocking up on food before the nesting season starts. By the time you read this, hopefully all of the bird boxes will be fixed in place ready for their new occupants. We may not be lucky enough to have any residents in the first year, but we'll wait and see.

Take care, and stay safe.

Tricia Churchwarden 07711 511729

More Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has continued to purchase my home made jam and marmalade from the box at 31 LINCOLN WAY, and the lovely people who have given me donations. Because of this I have been able to send a cheque for £678.00 to the MS THERAPY CENTRE, Bedford, for which they are extremely grateful.

Thank you for your continued support,

Gwen Gray.

Brain Tumour Research, Walking4Health, Par. Hall



So another coffee morning cancelled but maybe..... just maybe....
A friend suggested to me that we should have our own virtual coffee mornings at home and send a donation to brain tumour research. At the time I just couldn't begin to think about trying to organise something else having had to already cancel and unpick an event we had been trying to arrange. Then in November 2020 my sister in law Sue sent me a message saying she had just had such a coffee morning at home and guess what, a lovely surprise, she had won "What's in the box" and for those of you who aren't familiar with our coffee mornings, it is a game my brother always supplies which is basically a bottle of something, always alcoholic, in a box and you pay a £1 to guess what it might be. The lucky winner is generally thrilled because they pay to choose their favourite beverage. I always remember the delight of my friend Beverly when she won a bottle of Baileys, it was like someone had given her the world, she was thrilled.
So in that spirit I just wondered if those of you reading this magazine might like to join in with this crazy idea and because 26th March is "Wear a Hat" let's put a hat on, have a coffee/ tea, maybe a piece of cake and make a donation to Brain Tumour Research, if you want to. You can go through our just giving page: justgiving.com/fundraising/fluffycloudandco and maybe during that week visit our plants outside 132 Goswell End Road, Harlington. It has recently been restocked thanks to Gwen Gray and her green fingers, Diana is growing onions, herbs and some flowers, Tina has delivered some beautiful house plants.
Let's not let this pandemic stop us, let it help us to be creative, think outside the box and continue to make a difference. Let's do something rather than NOT. It has been a year of staying home..... so let's stay home and do something positive for Brain Tumour Research. 📖 🍷 🍵 🍰 🍩 🍪 🍌

Thankyou Harlington for your continued enthusiasm and support
Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj

Walking4Health



Walking4Health is cancelled until further notice

The Walking for Health Team
07887 708304

Parish Hall

At a meeting in February the Parish Council confirmed that they would not be moving their office into the Parish Hall.

Crafternoon Tea *plus* March

Whilst looking for a picture for you for this month, I found several of orchid flowers, and wondered if they would look good as tapestry, but first I have to finish what is already started! Below are pictures of someone else's completed project – looks good, doesn't it? These photos were actually taken at Crafternoon Tea in May 2019, but I haven't used them before. I am quite happy to showcase your work, if you would like, both in this space and/or on the Crafternoon Tea section of the Clive and Tina website (see below).

Some people are already starting on their handmade Christmas presents for 2021! Are you in that number? Let us know, so we can share your pleasure.

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm. You do not have to be working at any particular craft, we welcome any and every craft. Currently we are meeting on Zoom, contact me for the link if you want to join us.

Our March meetings will be 1st, 15th, and 29th. Further dates can be found on the website below.

Contact: Tina Salmon (christinasalmon60@gmail.com), 874481, website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>



Cross stitch tablecloth, a project completed by one of our members.

March

The March wind blows winter away
And sweeps the streets from day to day
March brings surprises, first the day's hot
Then it starts snowing, likely as not
Hurry, March wind, hurry along
We like to hear you sing your song. ~ Author Unknown ~

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