

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

I noted in the Parish Council news that they were going to stop providing dog waste bags. This was intended as an emergency provision, and has now become the norm. It will be interesting to see what effect, if any, this has on the amount of mess in the streets.

One of the effects of the pandemic has been to narrow horizons. We go to less places and meet with less people. Sometimes this is going to mean that we miss issues that we should really care about. What concerns are on your mind? What things are (going to be) needed in the village, the county or the country? What are you going to do about it? There have been some good things happening in the village during the pandemic, but what will be needed as we come out of it? And what will be the “new normal”? I doubt the world will completely return to its old pattern. Let me have your thoughts and we can share them. Perhaps we can start a new generation of good things. Clive.

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Letter from Rev Nigel Washington, St. Mary's

Dear Friends,

The days have been so grey in lockdown. Restricted and confined we have longed for the sunshine and brighter, longer days. Problems of employment, finance and health have festered and stories of sadness and loss have hit to the heart of us. Only now are we awakening from this nightmare it would seem. Some have been vaccinated and most abide by protocols, washing hands and keeping a distance. As we emerge, we experience a new beginning.



But we are not the same people we were and the new normal unravelling is a different normal and we move forward gingerly, conscious that we have been bruised and what we value and what we cherish most in life is perhaps different now. How will it be now in these unlocking days? How can we hold fast to those things which are good and true and sustaining in all circumstances? Well the good news is that Jesus doesn't socially distance.

We all need a spiritual compass in life to give us direction, to give us hope, or a road map or satnav to rely on. At Easter God's story came afresh to us for our guidance, and the experience of Jesus triumphing through apparent defeat was ideal for a locked down generation battered and in need of help.

Religious leaders over the years have come and gone, but the fact remains: only One stepped forth from the locked down tomb. Only One has risen from the dead. Only One has conquered death. Only One offers the promise of eternal life to those who follow him.

"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus said. "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." So, Jesus' followers gathered in churches or online at Easter? Why? To show off their Easter finery? No, rather it was to celebrate the victory of Life over death, hope over despair, to give thanks to Jesus who will lead us from lockdown to life in its fullness.

And now comes the time of empowering at Pentecost when the weak, fearful and broken disciples, huddled in a hidden room, were suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit of God, the Spirit that is available to us today in Harlington as we emerge from our lockdown.

Letter Ctd. *plus* Harlington Village Show

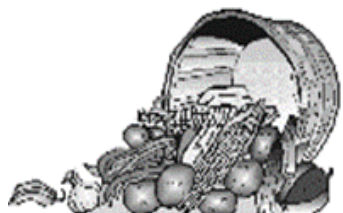
What better time for us to discover the true power of walking in Godly ways, when lockdown grey is displaced by dynamic colour and life in all its abundance pours in to the corners of our being. What better time to ask God to come to us. What better time?

With love and prayer

Nigel

Revd Nigel Washington

Harlington Village Show



**35th HARLINGTON
VILLAGE SHOW**

28th August 2021



It's now May, and we hope that April's showers are bringing May flowers. We hope your gardens are beginning to bloom and that your vegetable and flower plants are getting established. We're planning a Show as usual, however, the exact format will be dependent on the situation in August. The Flower and Vegetable classes will be the same as in previous years, if we go ahead as normal. Contact Tricia if you would like details of these classes. Handicraft will include knitting an Izzy doll, and entrants may donate them to charity afterwards, if they wish. Other Handicraft classes will be: A sewn item to welcome a new baby; A card to thank the NHS; An origami flower; A hand made object to decorate your garden. Keep an eye on our Facebook page where you will find more information soon.

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TOOK OFF AND FLYING!!!



My last article for Contact was titled “Taking Off” and you really did just that. Thank you to everyone who participated virtually for our coffee morning and who donated. Some people put donations through my door and some donated on the just giving page and both these have amounted to £737.55. This was beyond what I had hoped to raise and will be a great boost to Brain Tumour Research funding and not too far from what we would raise at our coffee mornings, so thank you everyone. I would like to say a personal thank you to my neighbour Gill who invited me to a coffee across our driveway wall and even provided me with a stool to sit on while we chatted and was a welcome break from my gardening whilst wearing a silly hat!!!

I met some lovely people and had some great conversations during the day trying to explain why I was wearing the hat which actually turned out to be threefold: Wear a hat day to raise awareness for the charity Brain Tumour Research; it was a cold day and it was keeping my head warm; to hide an awful lockdown hairdo!!! So thank you to everyone who stopped to chat and pass the day with me.

A massive THANKYOU also to Debbie Thrower who instigated the Betsy Bunny Easter raffle, having crafted her. Betsy raised a great deal of interest, raised funds beyond either of our wildest dreams, and also seemed to boost my plant sales as she was displayed in my hallway window looking out at the plants so thank you to everyone who bought tickets and further supported the charity.

Plant sales during the Wear a Hat Day took off and more than £50 was taken that day alone. It was a great week and the fine weather brought you all out looking to restock your gardens, more than £200 has been raised since my last article in contact. This has taken plant sales soaring up to £4399.05

I have been busy splitting plants, digging up plants that are spreading or growing in the wrong place; pricking out tomatoes, cabbage and brussel sprout seedlings this Easter and sowing more seeds: celeriac, herbs, leeks and red cabbage. I have some tomatoes and broad beans ready for sale in my grow house so please do feel free to look inside. I have received lots of plants on my doorstep so a big thanks to all contributors. This is a massive help to me as Easter started with me digging up plants from my garden as I was receiving requests for specific plants, which is not a problem, but it was difficult to keep up with the demand!

So please continue to visit and support by buying your plants at 132 Goswell End Road. It is no problem if you see a plant and you do not have any cash on you, please take the plant and drop the money through the door the next time you are passing. There is a supply of bags on the tall stand if you need one.

A huge thank you from the charity and from me personally.

Hope to see you soon

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Harlington in Bloom



Congratulations to all our spring garden winners and runners up and highly commended. As ever it was very difficult to select the final winners. What lovely displays in gardens around the village despite the weather conditions!

Winner

No 8 Astrey Close;

Runners-Up

No. 4 Churchills and No.1 Brian Rd.

Highly commended

No. 90 Goswell End; No. 19 Brian Rd; No. 18 Glebe Gardens



In other news, sincere thanks for private and business donations received. This helps us do the extra things, apart from the bedding



plants, such new plants for the bed on Goswell End Road and the Memorial Bed. We also plan an autumn planting of bulbs to fill in some gaps in the daffodil display running up Goswell End Road.

All very welcome to our work parties below. Secateurs, gloves, green bags all handy. Stop by and say hello even if you are not free to help. We really enjoyed seeing the passers-by in March. Social Distancing and the current Covid-19 guidelines will apply.

Dates for your Diary

15 May - Pruning and Weeding Morning Meet Village Hall 10.00 -12 noon

05 June - Planting Summer Bedding Meet Village Hall 10.00 -12 noon

Follow us on fb Harlington in Bloom for calendar events, nice pics and news updates!

Flittabus, HNH, Jigsaw Library

Don't forget, Flittabus are running again. The timetable was in the April edition. There is no need to book.

HNH Good Neighbour Scheme

Harlington Neighbourhood Help Good Neighbour Scheme Update

We are still driving clients to appointments where other options are not available as our drivers get vaccinated and have regular Covid checks.

We also help with shopping, dropping off and collecting prescriptions from local doctors and the pharmacies in Toddington, Barton and Flitwick, and do 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 and have car screens.

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Harlington Jigsaw Library

As we move into better weather (fingers crossed) there may be more opportunity for outdoor activities such as walks and gardening. But if you're at a loose end, or having to stay in, the jigsaw library will still be available, with lots of varied and interesting puzzles for you to borrow.

Well done to 2 of our village "puzzlers" in particular, who are on course to break records if they carry on so enthusiastically. However, their challenge – should they choose to accept it – is to complete ALL of the library jigsaws! (And I'll sneakily keep adding some new ones!).

The library is **not** based in Bradshaws Estate Agents any more, so please contact me if you'd like to borrow one. Just call/text or email your request; approximate size, "normal" or larger pieces etc and I will then deliver to your home. You're welcome to collect if you prefer. When returning a jigsaw, just let me know if there are any missing pieces or any other problem.

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We continue to use Zoom for our meetings next month but are planning to be meeting together from the middle of June.

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May preachers are:

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| May 2 nd - | Rose Agnew |
| May 9 th - | Trevor Withers |
| May 16 th - | United Churches Christian Aid Service (10 am) |
| May 23 rd - | TBA |

We also meet on Wednesdays at 7pm for prayer.

If you would like to join in with any of these, please contact us for the Zoom link.

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Easter Bunny Raffle

Easter Bunny Raffle

in aid of Brain Tumour Research Charity



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Jane Barltrop drew out the winning ticket for me & the winner was Ketina Orriss, so Betsy has a new home in Harlington!!

I want to thank you all for your generosity, and I am pleased to say the Raffle Raised an amazing £180 for Brain Tumour Research, which I am really thrilled with.

With thanks Debbie

Rev. Steve Williams

Bells, new organ, eating daffodils and much else besides

Following the announcement of the retirement of Rev. Steve Williams as vicar of Harlington on 6th. April, parishioners were asked about Steve's contribution to the church and to the village.



The **bells** came immediately to mind to most people. When Steve arrived in the parish in 1986, he was bemused to discover that there were not enough bells to play a full octave. To a musical person (Steve is an authority on Elgar and a keen member of the Three Choirs Festival) this made no sense. How can you ring anything worthwhile? Eventually he succeeded in securing the funds (many thanks if you contributed) and two new bells (F & F#) were commissioned from the Whitechapel bell foundry in East London (regrettably, the foundry closed in 2017 after 450 years of bell-making). Some members of the congregation were able to go and see bells being cast, and there was a service of dedication once they had been installed. With the new bells came the innovation of computerised controls. No more bell pulling in St. Mary's Harlington! Not only that, but the bells could be set to ring special tunes on special days, as well as performing clever tricks such as not ringing during the night — much appreciated by some. The fact that so many villagers contributed to the cost of the most recent repairs indicates how much the bells are appreciated and this is Steve's lasting legacy to the village.



Regulars at St. Mary's particularly appreciate their wonderful **organ**. It was not so wonderful in 1986, since the original 1889 organ made by Trustam, a highly respected Bedford firm, had been ruined both by a 1958 conversion to a single manual with tabs instead of stops, and in 1985 by plaster getting into the works. In 2002, the blower caught fire which made repairs essential but, fortuitously, a church in Ecton Northants. that was closing, generously offered to donate their Trustam organ. So, building on the original, our organ was restored to its original state with two manuals and a wider range of proper organ stops, thus becoming unique. In 2006, Steve organised a rededication service with prestigious choir and speakers.

Eating daffodils? Perhaps Steve pretended, as parts of a daffodil are in fact toxic. However, this was certainly an effective ploy to gain people's attention when Steve was preaching an Easter sermon shortly after he arrived in the village. Indeed, Steve quickly gained a reputation for his **imaginative services**, for example, the entire front of the church being filled with local garden centre

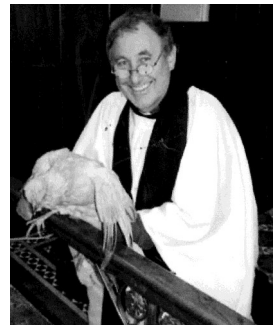
Rev. Steve Williams, ctd.

plants over Easter to represent the garden of Gethsemane, and in another year celebrating a Passover meal led by our Jewish neighbours. Many villagers will recall Steve's commitment to the annual Remembrance Service which has grown in popularity over the years. This is partly thanks to Steve's detailed research into Harlington's contribution to two world wars, and his encouragement of the involvement of armed forces personnel, including in one year armoured vehicles guarding the church.

A couple of years after Steve's arrival it became clear that Harlington's Bunyan's Oak was dying; reputedly in the 17th. century John Bunyan himself preached from this tree. Steve seized the opportunity to commission an altar table and credence table to be made from a large branch that had fallen from the tree, and these now stand in pride of place in the church sanctuary, a fitting memorial in 1988 for the tercentenary of Bunyan's death. Being very keen on **history**, Steve was also extensively involved in the inauguration of the six blue plaques that we see around the village, with a special fondness for reminding people of the first English steeplechase, in his view the forerunner of the Grand National.

As to the **church building** itself, this is now transformed compared to how it was in 1986. Firstly, entry to the church is now via a beautiful, practical West Door that Steve commissioned; entry used to be through the South Door which is now reserved for special occasions. In the 1990s, extensive repairs to the roof were undertaken, which meant closing off the main part of the church and having services, including one wedding, in a tightly packed chancel. New windows and chandeliers (a gift from Harlington manor) were fitted, and a special stained-glass window in honour of local MP Ivor Clemitson, who lived in the village as a child, installed and dedicated in 2009. Other additions included a recycled pulpit, some wonderful icons, and many other refinements to aid worship in our historic building.

Above all, we thank Steve for his active participation in the life of the village, his encouragement of collaboration between the three churches in Churches Together, his enthusiasm for local history and support for its heritage, and we must not forget his spell as editor of this Contact magazine, although adding articles under the pseudonym Victor Stove never fooled anyone! We wish Steve well in his retirement in Herefordshire, and as a parish look forward to merging with Westoning and Tingrith into the new benefice.



Robert Johns (Reader St. Mary's Harlington)

Rev. Steve Williams, a letter.

Retiring Reverend Steve Williams, a vicar and a friend to the village

Steve, fresh from his position as curate at St Pauls in Bedford first arrived in Harlington in 1984 to take the position of Vicar at St Mary's. The eager young vicar found the building to be in poor repair, a family of newts who liked the damp conditions inside had even made the church their home. So Steve set about to improve the church and, under his watch, the now beautiful building thrived.

Steve worked tirelessly with residents to raise money for improvements to St Mary's and during his time their efforts helped to repair the roof, bells and the church clock. A fun children's teddy bear parachute launch from the clock tower was always a day to remember and Russ Berrie 'Harlington' bears were previously sold to raise funds.

New windows were installed, the Clemitson (in memory of Ivor Clemitson, a local MP) and the Astry. The bespoke oak hospitality unit was gifted in memory of Alan Rix to aid the after-service tea and coffee sessions. Lighting was improved and the old organ was replaced when Steve arranged for a better one to be donated from fellow church Ecton in Northhamptonshire. Steve even had a new altar created from a branch of the Bunyan oak that he was given.

The church bells were repaired and subsequently three new bells were then added, with help of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Arnold Hone and Graham Cooper. The bells proudly rang out to herald in the Millennium year and a new Yew tree was planted for the Millennium by 100 year old Florrie Wilson nee Stone, who had lost 2 of her brothers in WW1.

Always keeping his loyal secretary June Walmesley busy with new projects, around 1994 Steve arranged for Fortnum and Mason's to loan St Mary's their Christmas window display of Pilgrim's Progress for 18 months. This brought in many tourists, including a coach full from Holland who had an interest in John Bunyan. They returned to the village time and time again following the Bunyan Trail.

History remains a fascination of Steve's and he researched Harlington, sharing his findings in his sermons & Lady Day Lectures. He also shared his knowledge in the Contact magazine which he edited for many years, replacing the cut-and-paste version with the modern computerised format we have today. A fountain of knowledge, whatever you were curious about in the village Steve has the answer. With a wink he will tell you that the Café at number 6 Lincoln Way was once a pet store and lingerie shop named 'Rabbit & Knickers'!

We all enjoyed listening to Steve's down-to-earth sermons where he made the whole community, young and old feel included. Of course, the same could be

Celebration Days in May *plus* Heritage Trust

1st May Day, an ancient spring festival, traditionally celebrated with maypole dancing.

3rd A Bank Holiday in the UK and Ireland. In 2020 this was moved to a Friday to celebrate VE Day

4th Star Wars Day - May The Fourth Be With You!

23rd Pentecost or Whitsun when the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit.

29th Oakapple Day, Also known as Restoration Day, it is a traditional English celebration of the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, following the death of Oliver Cromwell.

31st Spring Bank Holiday Monday, a Bank Holiday in the UK and Ireland.

Harlington Heritage Trust

No future events are planned at present for the HHT Calendar but hopefully after June 21st when all remaining restrictions on social contact are potentially lifted, we will be able to plan for our events from September onwards. Members will be notified of future events for 2021 in this Magazine, HHT Newsletters and local posters.

Enjoy the sunshine and take care, everyone.

Barbara Thurston

HHT Secretary

Rev. Steve Williams, a letter Ctd.


said of his annual Pet Service where dogs, hamsters, cockerels, snakes and even the local favourite, Samson the donkey were known to attend!

Thank you for being a friend to Harlington Steve, we wish you a peaceful and happy retirement.

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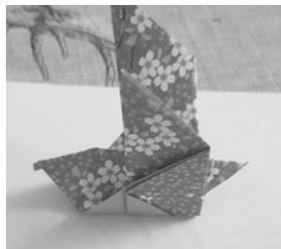
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Messy Church News



By the 3rd Saturday in March, Easter was fast approaching, and so it made sense to look at the end of Lent. Passion and Palms covered Holy Week, from the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday to the resurrection on Easter Day. We



made palm leaves to wave, doves to be set free when cleansing the temple, and a model tomb with a bread roll and icing. Some of the children also cut out praying hands, to remember Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. This was



an additional activity in our booklet that we didn't have time for on the live stream, there are usually some.



Our technology for Zoom and live stream continues to work well; it is good to see and hear children joining in again (but not visible on the live stream).

We continue with this format, and more "live" material will be available in May on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, starting streaming at 4pm on 15th May. 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 May topic will be Pentecost, when the disciples received the Holy Spirit, and changed from frightened people to bold speakers about Jesus.

Harlington Messy Church will be streaming on the 3rd Saturday each month from 4 pm. We are not expecting to run a Messy Church session at the church before September. Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church, live or virtual, is not just for children.

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It's hard to believe that it has been a year since the first lockdown and that I'm writing this for the May Contact! It's even harder to believe that I can see snow on Dunstable Downs! I think we are all looking forward to more freedom, getting out and about more and seeing our families and friends again.

By the time you read this we will have had our AGM and our Committee members will have been elected. Please look out for Sara's newsletters for all our up-to-date information.

On May 18th we have our 'Show and Tell' Zoom meeting to hear our members' lockdown stories. It could be that you have taken up a new hobby, been inspired to paint, or there's a picture or event that has kept you going over what has been a difficult year. We are really looking forward to hearing your stories!

On June 15th we have speaker Alison Morgan giving her talk entitled 'From Nurse to Crime Writer' again on Zoom, which sounds very intriguing. We hope you will join us then.

Both meetings start at 7.00 pm and please look out for Sara's emails giving Zoom meeting details so that you can join in. We would love to see you.

Take care everyone.

Sally Tombe

For further information, please contact Lin Merrison on 01525 757161.

Walking4Health



Walking for Health Harlington – a safe way to stay fit, enjoy the village and meet fellow residents

Walks for health have started again. The dates for this month will be 7th and 21st May

We will start as usual from the village hall car park at 10.30am.

We aim to offer two walks 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.

The Walking for Health Team

07887 708304

Methodist Church *plus* HVH 100 Club

We will 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, and we may have the building open for worship again this month. Watch out for any announcements.



May preachers are:

2 nd May	Come and See led by Tina and Clive
9 th May	Worship Group
16 th May	Christian Aid Week United Service
23 rd May	Rev. Nina Johnson, Pentecost, Communion
30 th May	Rev. Ebute Obiabo

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 YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTMWR_QCxujkh1zHjTFcoJw

We will be holding a Virtual Coffee Morning on Zoom on Saturday 29th May 2021 from 10am to 12 noon. Contact me for the link for this.

HVH 100 Club

This months winner is number 96 which belongs to Elise Lefay of Chapel Yard Harlington.

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*

"The world's favourite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."
- Edwin Way Teale

St. Mary's Church Services in May

YOU ARE WELCOME

We are pleased that we are back in full flow with services at St Mary's Church and this is a really good time to welcome new worshippers who would like to join a service occasionally, once a month or more often. We assure you of a very warm welcome. All Sunday services are at 9.30am except where stated.

2nd May at 8am BCP Holy Communion
at 9.30am Holy Communion

9th May at 9.30am Holy Communion

16th May at 10am Churches Together service for Christian Aid

23rd May at 9.30am Pentecost Holy Communion.

30th May at 9.30am Morning Prayer



There is a weekly Church information newsletter issued by email. Let us know if you would like to receive this.

We also have a **Wednesday Morning Service** which starts at 10am. All welcome.

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 a zoom invitation to the Upper Room.

Morning Prayer services are held via Zoom on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9.30am. Again, do contact a minister for details.

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

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

Useful links: 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


Churchyard: We are planning to take part in the



Churches Count on Nature event from June 5th to 13th. This is an event covering churchyards across England and Wales and includes



keeping a record of the animals, birds, insects, fungi etc seen in the churchyard. It is being jointly run by the conservation charities Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK and the Church of England and Church in Wales. We are still meeting to think about how our event will be run, but we hope villagers, especially youngsters, can be involved.

The blue tits are around but less busy and probably nesting, so we're still hoping for the flutter of tiny wings. The primroses have again been putting on a glorious show. I didn't realise that there's an actual Primrose Day on April 19th, to commemorate the day that the British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli died, in 1881. The primrose was apparently his favourite flower.  Someone at church first told me about this, and although once celebrated nationally, it now seems to have fallen by the wayside. Incidentally, I have been meaning to catalogue my dried flowers, but realise I have more pressing problems to deal with!

Church building and repairs: we are currently reviewing the church Quinquennial. This is a report, written every 5 years by an architect, listing the priority of work required on the church, inside and out. It makes for quite scary reading. There's a long list of work necessary to keep this Grade I listed building "healthy"! One of the main issues is the external concrete "cladding" which must have been considered a good idea at the time it was done. This deteriorates over time, rain gets behind it, and then it becomes detached, potentially damaging the wall behind. The current priorities in particular are: one (or two) of the buttresses, some external walls, internal cracks and the South porch which has a large crack by the window on one side. Sorting all of this will take time, especially gathering the necessary funding. It also distracts us from other work we'd like to do to make the church more welcoming, user friendly and available for village activities. I'll let you know how things progress.

Services: see the noticeboard or website at www.harlingtonchurch.org for further details.

Take care, and stay safe. Tricia Churchwarden 07711 511729

"Another May new buds and flowers shall bring:
Ah! why has happiness no second Spring?"
- Charlotte Smith, Elegiac Sonnets

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The Greensand Country Festival 2021 is go!

This year's Greensand Country Festival, supported by Mulberry Homes, is back for 2021 after being postponed last year due to the pandemic.

With a year off, the Festival is determined to come back with a bang, and it has certainly achieved that. There is a fantastic line up of activities throughout the month of May for all age groups and interests.

How about having a picnic whilst watching vintage planes at a drive in air display at Shuttleworth? Or experience an outdoor sound bath in the beautiful landscape of the Swiss Garden? This involves meditating to the sounds of Tibetan bowls, it is a very relaxing experience.

If you are interested in any of these activities, then book now via www.greensandcountry.com and visit the Festival page. All walks, tours and events are listed there with plenty of information to help you decide what you would like to do. The walks include 'Explore Manor Park', 'Rocks across Greensand Country', and 'Walk the Vale'.

Crafternoon Tea

Our experiment in late March went very well – except that the hall echoes quite a lot with only one person in it. However, we now know we can run hybrid Crafternoon Tea, so if you are among our regular attenders, I will let you know when we will restart in the building. The dates below will apply whether we are only on Zoom, or whether we are running hybrid – some of us on Zoom, and some in the building. If you want to be on my regular contact list, please let me know. My contact details are below.

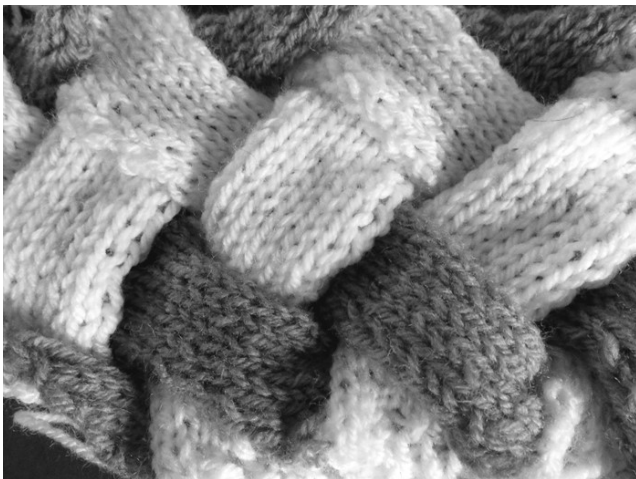
When we are sure exactly where we will be, we can decide if we want to have a display of what we have made during the various lockdowns – or pictures of what we have made, if we have given away our makings.

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.

Our May meetings will be 10th and 24th. Further dates can be found on the website below.

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

I don't know what this design is called, I call it basket weave!



The picture shows a sample I made to demonstrate to a student how the design should work. I didn't keep a copy of her pattern!

Now I have a knitting pattern which uses the design – and in due course, I shall make something for myself.

Tina

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