

Editorial

Dear Villagers,
Our great hope is that, on 21st June, the Summer Solstice, we will be able to throw off at last the restriction imposed on us to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. There is still some hesitation, new variants of the virus are appearing and spreading, even in Central Beds. As you have cared for your friends and neighbours during the last 15 months, please continue to care as we come out of this period. There will be many who have suffered loss of relatives and friends and not been able to mourn, and many who have found the whole thing has severely shaken their world.

You may also want to look up the Parish Council Community Awards, for which nominations are being sought by the end of this month. It will be a hard task, as suspect, to pick a winner, with so many people in the village having done what they can to make life better. Finally, this is a place where you can record the lives of those who have died. Do send in tributes.
Clive.

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Letter from Rev Nina Johnson, Methodist Minister

June has probably been my favourite month for as long as I can remember. No doubt a very significant contributory factor in this when I was a child, was that it is also my birth month – although these days this is of no real significance at all!

June was also the month that we usually went on family holidays. My dad who worked for London Transport would swap his allocated annual leave to a time just before the ‘high season’ campsite prices would kick in; I now suspect that this had a significant part to play in making a holiday even affordable for us. Of course in those days it was possible to be absent from school for a holiday without incurring any legal or financial repercussions from the State.

June is also the month when we can pretty much be sure that frosts are over and tender bedding plants can go in our gardens to bring about dazzling flower displays. And there is warmth, long, light days and shorter dark nights and the promise of more warmth and sunshine to come – I love the month of June!

This year (as I write) it promises more, as the various restrictions that we have lived with for the last 15 or so months will be eased further to enable us to live something closer to what we would regard as normal. But the pandemic has changed things, and continues to change things even now in other countries around the world. For some, the pain and sense of loss at not being able to visit or meet with relatives and loved ones; of not being able to grieve in the ways that are helpful and more sustaining; of the impact on wellbeing – with a reluctance to seek medical advice or the cancellation of hospital treatment and procedures for our physical health, as well as the increase of issues on our mental health. And whilst some of us may be revelling in the easing of restrictions others of us will continue to carry the negative impacts with us. As a community and as members of many different communities we need to be understanding of one another with a compassion that in time might come close to bringing a greater healing and wholeness amongst us and between us.

I think that there is now a greater awareness of the ‘unknowing’ of how life will be; if we are honest that unknowing is never far away though we tend to fill it with certainty and answers. It is easier to live with a sense of certainty than to live with unanswered questions. Sometimes the church, politicians, even ourselves can proclaim answers that seem to be little more than platitudes, or filling the space with words that sound good but have no real substance and no real bearing on life. I think that there are some questions for which there are no answers – not that we can grasp anyway. But in a prayer book that I use there is a quote that I come across each month. The words are by Rainer Maria Rilke and it has become something that I often remind myself of, and perhaps they could

Letter Ctd. *plus* Foodbank News

be helpful to you?

“Have patience with everything that is unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a foreign language. Do not search for the answers, which could not be given you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.”

My faith in God does not necessarily provide me with the answers but helps me to live with hope and trust in the present - however it is and with the questions it may raise.

In peace,

Nina

Foodbank News

Compassion, thought for others and generosity are words that should be at the forefront of a description of our village. At St Marys church we are collecting food for the LU5 food bank as I guess you know from previous editions of our village magazine. In times like the past year it is so easy to draw in concern for others and concentrate thoughts for our own family, but your thoughts for other people in need continues. The first 4 months of this year you have provided over 500Kg to people who, through no fault of their own, need help. Village organisations have also contributed, in addition to individual giving. The Harlington adult Football team and Andrew's litter clean up group have donated direct to Sanjiv in the village shop and we are grateful to these and all the individual donations received.

Our village shop provides a wonderful service by acting as a central collection point and should anyone need any advice or information you can always ring 01525 754313 and Sandy or David can answer questions, regarding what is the greatest need at the moment. For instance at this time tins of beans are not needed as they have enough, Sugar is now not desperately needed as we and other collections have had a special push on this product.

As the lockdown and the restrictions on meeting in church diminish we would love to have donations before and after the services at St Mary's church if that is more convenient. I will include information about this next time.

David and Sandy Jones

Brain Tumour Research *plus* HVH 100 Club



Requests are ready!!



It has been a slow start to the growing season because of the cold weather and frosts preventing me from putting out all my plants and vegetables into my grow house: celery, aubergine, cauliflower, sprouts, red and green cabbage, celeriac, leeks; herbs: coriander, basil, parsley and oregano so you could donate. Then the winds came along and blew one of the doors off my grow house so thank you to whoever put it back in situ and propped it up with a Holly tree and the broad beans. I have now repaired the door so please do come and take a look at the tomatoes, aubergines, kohlrabi and broad beans homed in there. But please note as soon as the weather is suited to the plants they will be available outdoors. So an exciting season awaits us all!

I already have lots of marigolds available thanks to Mary and I have the second delivery on my front porch, don't delay they are flying out. I also have succulents, fruit bushes: gooseberries and strawberries; there are cornflowers, aquilegia, foxgloves, hollyhocks, forget me nots, sunflowers, verbascum, geraniums and skimmia and many others including an assortment of houseplants also supplied by many good friends, neighbours and villagers, Thank you where would I be without you.

I have had requests for lily of the valley, red cabbage, tumbling tomatoes, gardeners delight tomatoes and cabbage; your orders are ready inside my drive gates with your name on them ready for you to collect at your convenience.

To date you have all contributed to £4606.56 raised in plant sales from my front door, so sincerely Thank you

Please continue to visit and support by buying your plants at 132 Goswell End Road. Thank you for your support in the past and anticipated support.

Hope to see you soon

Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj

HVH 100 Club

This month's winner is number 95 belonging to Oliver Savage who has moved to Staffordshire. Oliver also won in Nov!

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.

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*Barbara Thurston, Secretary,
HVH Management Committee*

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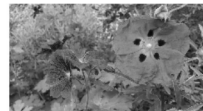
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Harlington in Bloom



The 2021 AGM was held via zoom and the committee now comprises:

Ian Fairgrieve (Acting Chair), Tricia Murphy (Secretary), Judy Harfield (Treasurer), Gill Whiting, Jane Barltrop, Martin Stynes, Steven Jackson, David

Kingham, Vivienne Dunlop, Teresa Glenister.

We are sorry to lose Doreen Gatward from the committee after many years of service and practical contribution for which our profound thanks. A small token of a plant and a card has been given to Doreen and such a shame we were not able to give her more of a 'group' send-off.

Plans are afoot for the summer bedding. Look out for these beauties from 5 June in the village beds and containers:

Mixed Begonias, Sempifloren, Geraniums, Begonias, Bacops, Pet Fanfare
Mixed Geranium Trailers, Salvia Victoria

Thank you so much to those who turned out on 17 April and 15 May for the weeding and pruning parties, it is much appreciated. The current seasonal plantings will be cleared in the week before the planting date of 5 June.



Everyone very welcome to our work party below. Trowel and secateurs, gloves, green bags all handy. Social Distancing and the current Covid-19 guidelines will apply.

Dates for your Diary

05 June 2021 - Planting Summer Bedding Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon

Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> or follow us on



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"Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January."

- Hal Borland

Hedgehogs

The hedgehogs are well and truly out in the village. There have been reported sightings in Park Leys, Pilgrims Close, Wingate Road and Westoning Road, with some areas having more than one. This is fantastic as it shows the residents in our village are doing their part in helping hedgehogs. This could be through putting out food and water, having a hole in the fence to join gardens together allowing free roaming, having a messy area of the garden or a log pile to attract insects for hedgehogs to eat and importantly a hedgehog house where they can hibernate over winter or have their young in the spring. Having had Hedgehog Awareness Week in May, we must continue to do our part to help our village hedgehog population. Since the year 2000 we have lost over half our hedgehogs from the countryside and a third from towns and cities. According to Hedgehog Street information, the decline in urban areas does appear to be slowing. What we do as a village for our much-loved hedgehogs counts towards their survival.

Please join the Harlington Hedgehog Facebook Page to keep informed on Hedgehog and wildlife welfare. For the Leighton Buzzard Rescue Centre please call 01525 759916.

Honey, Harvey and Friends

Honey the hedgehog and her little brother Harvey were very happy.

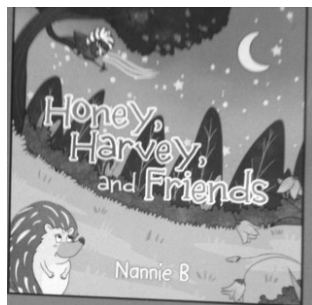
They had found a safe and secure garden to live in. It was full of pretty flowers, had lots of garden statues and a large fish pond. But best of all, it had a wishing well where all the garden creatures gathered each evening.

Harvey loved living here, but he was very naughty, and with his friends often got into trouble.

One evening, Honey went to wake him up but his bed was empty.

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June preachers are:

June 6th	Carol Gibbs
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June 20th	Mike Oliver
June 27th	Mike Preece

We also meet on Wednesdays at 7pm for prayer

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We hope the sun is shining now, and with the warmer weather your gardens are starting to bloom and your vegetables growing well. We are hoping to go ahead with the Village Show, barring any major changes to Covid guidelines. This year we will NOT be delivering a printed schedule to every house, but hope to publish information about the Show in the July edition of the Contact magazine. The July Contact magazine will list the Classes you can enter, plus a recipe and a knitting pattern. There may be a reduced number of Classes (from previous years) due to space restrictions in the Hall. You will also be able to get information about the Show, including Rules and Entry forms, from several locations in the village from July 3rd. Look out for details of these locations in the July Contact magazine, and on Facebook.

If you would like to get started with knitting the “Izzy doll” (Handicraft Class), please look at our Facebook pages, or contact Tricia (see below) to request the pattern. Dolls can be left at the end of the Show, if desired, and will be donated to a children’s charity. The Photography Classes are: 1.Flowers, 2.Fruits, and 3. Fun. Just use your imagination! For the first time, the photography classes are also open specifically for children: Ages 8-11 and Ages 12-15. The Flower arranging Classes include: “Nature’s Bounty”, and “Eastern Promise” with the Novice Class: “An arrangement in a mug”.

If you should have any questions please do contact Tricia: 07711 511729, tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com.

HVS Committee

Harlington Heritage Trust

There are still no future events planned at present for the HHT Calendar. After June 21st when hopefully all remaining restrictions on social contact are lifted, we will have a committee meeting with a view to arranging our events for September, October, November and December. Members will be notified of our plans for the rest of the year in this Magazine, HHT Newsletters and local posters.

Enjoy the June sunshine and take care, everyone.

Barbara Thurston
HHT Secretary

Adventures of an Harlington Escapee

After a couple of date changes, it was decided I would be off on my travels on 23rd April (mainly because the drive I had the Mobile Home parked on was needed!). I'd serendipitously joined the Camping and Motorhome Club and booked a campsite on the Isle of Wight to visit my friend, Gina. As the C&MC also book the ferry for you, I gave them a call. The person on the other end of the phone was brilliant. He advised me not to try and travel from Harlington to the IOW in one day, and suggested I stay at Rookesbury Park campsite near Portsmouth on my first night, so I would easily make the 11am Ferry the following day. He booked both the campsite and the ferry for me and was incredibly reassuring.



After having a couple of (much needed) driving lessons, off I went (with Ruby, my rather manic dog). It all went amazingly well. I told the people at Rookesbury Park, that apart from driving there, I didn't have a clue how the water/loo/electrics worked and they did a sterling job of showing me the ropes – brilliant! I made the ferry just in time the following day as I inadvertently went to the wrong terminal despite the satnav.

I arrived at Southlands Camp site without incident (apart from a very helpful horse-rider letting me know one of the side compartments had opened and all my worldly goods were about to be strewn everywhere!). The campsite gave me and Ruby a very warm welcome – unfortunately the weather didn't!!! For the most part it was sunny, but also frosty and cold. This was not a good time then for the electrics to give up!!! The shower blocks were still shut, so I was washing in hot water from the kettle (thankfully the gas still worked), and night-time by torch! Just for good measure, we also had hail, and another night of gale-force winds when I thought the van may tip over. I had to wait another few days before I could book accommodation in a chalet for me and Rubes whilst the van went into the garage to have a service and the electrics sorted.

One week later, we are back in the van with hot water, and a beautiful view of the Solent, so, as Shakespeare once said 'all's well that ends well'. I'm staying on the island for another few weeks, when hopefully lockdown will have eased still further. The van is now hopefully fully functioning and Covid and Brexit allowing - the world is my lobster!!! It hasn't all been bad though – I've been out and about – a cream tea in stunning Yarmouth, a visit (and lunch) at the Garlic Farm, a trip on the 'floating bridge' from E Cowes to Cowes, followed by another scrummy lunch. Ruby is happy as she's also had play time on the rather shingly beaches and long walks with one of the locals. Lois



Memoirs of an evacuee *plus* Celebration Days

June 6 1944. D Day

Troops began arriving in the village towards the end of 1942.

‘Bedford in the spring of 1944 seemed to be a Mecca for troops, especially American. All troop movements had to go over the bridge to go South and we all knew that the invasion wouldn't be long before it started, because of the increasing traffic that way. On the railway, goods traffic was the highest ever known. One day as we returned to Harlington from school, the goods trains were one behind the other, from Amptill up to Leagrave. Generally the cargo on goods trains was mostly coal, but this time, most of the wagons had Army equipment aboard. Every class of tank, bren gun carrier, lorry and jeep could be seen. This traffic went on twenty four hours a day for several weeks. Aircraft numbers increased and on the day of the invasion the sky was just full of aircraft. School work was almost ignored that day, as all that we wanted to do was talk about the invasion.

‘I didn't like the year of 1944 passing as I knew that I was going to end up back in London and having to go out to work. My present life wasn't dull, I had plenty to do, model making in the evening, ATC, and then work weekends in the summer. In London I now knew no one, mates you had at ten years old were no longer there. The first of the V weapons started to come across at the start of June, they were the Doodlebugs or V1s. My younger brother who had gone back home in the earlier part of the year was re-evacuated to Leicester where he lived with an elderly gent, a Mr Fox and his caring daughter. So I didn't have his company to look forward to, we were always good mates. [A Doodlebug narrowly missed the Sharpenhoe Road factory]’

Memoirs of an Evacuee. Bernard Poulten. 2019

Russell Preston

Celebration Days in June

12th June Queen's Official Birthday and Trooping the colour

20th June Father's Day

21st June Longest Day and official start of summer

Harlington 0—4 Club, CTH, Count on Nature

Harlington
0-4
Club



Hi everyone, Hopefully, by the time this goes to press, we will be up and running again. We really missed you all at 0-4 Club!

Welcome to all of the new babies that have been born during the last year. If we haven't met you already, we hope to see you soon.

Please see our Facebook page for up-to-date guidelines on booking and any current Covid restrictions. It is very important to us that our families stay safe and well.

We run our playgroup on **Mondays and Fridays 10- 11.30** (term time only). Mums, dads, grandparents and carers are all welcome to come and play with their children and enjoy a chat and a cup of tea with some of the other parents. Each of our sessions are different. We provide a range of activities for the children including crafts, cooking, trikes and ride ons, play dough, small world play, dressing up, stories, songs as well as many other activities. We also have a dedicated baby area.



Churches Together in Harlington

Will be holding a United "Upper Room" service on Wednesday 16th June at 8 pm on Zoom.

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Messy Church News



For our April Messy Church, we decided to look at a character from the old Testament. Jacob is quite a character. He really is a bit of a rogue and a scoundrel. We looked at the first part of

his story (the second part is the subject of our June Messy Church) Jacob was the marginally younger twin. Esau, the elder twin, was entitled to the birth-right (a larger share of the inheritance) and the blessing. Esau didn't value these, but Jacob did. Two things made this worse. Life style; Esau was a hunter, who went out to catch wild animals for food, while Jacob was a farmer, who stayed closer to the camp, and favouritism; Isaac, their father favoured Esau while their mother Rebekah preferred Jacob. Esau traded the birth-right for a meal of bean stew, and then Jacob, helped by Rebekah, tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing. When Esau discovered this, Jacob had to run away, and it was then that he had his dream of a ladder up to heaven, with angels going up and down it.



We will continue online for Messy Church until the summer. When we start again in September we hope to be able to meet at the Methodist Church, although we are looking at ways to continue live streaming.

Our June session will take place on the 19th, both on Zoom and on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, starting streaming at 4pm. 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. Unfortunately the 17th July session will have to be YouTube only.

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

Clive

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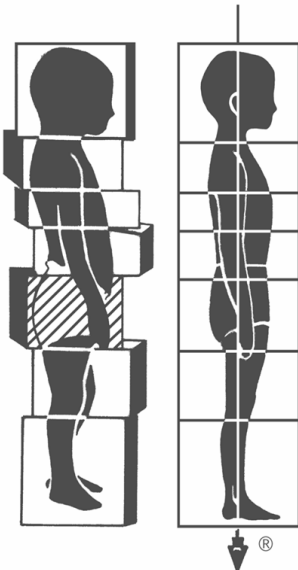
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We are nearly halfway through 2021 already. Hopefully, by 21st June, the longest day or the Summer Solstice, we will be meeting our families and friends again under more normal circumstances.

At the time of writing, we are still carefully planning our return to monthly WI meetings in the Village Hall. We have to take our direction from WI headquarters as the safety of all our members is paramount. We aim to be back in the Village Hall in July.

We have started up our rambles again, led by Sara, so please look out for all information in our newsletters, plus all our meeting dates as well.

Our final Zoom meeting for members is on June 15th with speaker Alison Morgan with her talk *'From Nurse to Crime Writer'* which will be really interesting. It starts at 7.00pm and Sara will send joining details so you can take part. We look forward to seeing you.

Our first meeting back in the Village Hall will be on Tuesday July 20th but the details are still in progress so please keep looking at your newsletters from Sara. We can't wait to be back!

Take care and hoping to see you soon.

Sally Tombe

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



Some of our ramblers enjoying a walk around Woburn

Methodist Church *plus* HNH

We will continue to use Zoom and YouTube for our services, although we are expecting to have the building open for worship as well. Our services are all at 10 am. Watch out for further announcements.



June preachers are:

6 th June	Come and See led by Martin Wallis
13 th June	TBC
20 th June	Revd. Nina Johnson
27 th June	TBC

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 (Live or Virtual) Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th June 2021 from 10am to 12 noon. Look out for the details nearer the time.

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.

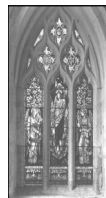
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St. Mary's Church Services in June

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 are pleased that new people have joined us on a Sunday morning. The more the merrier. We assure you of a very warm welcome.



All Sunday services are at 9.30am except where stated.

6th June at 8am BCP Holy Communion

 at 9.30am Holy Communion

13th June at 9.30am Holy Communion

20th June at 9.30am Morning Prayer

27th June at 9.30am Holy Communion.

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, 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>

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St Mary's Churchwarden *plus* Pearl and Peter

St Mary's Church



Churches Count on Nature Week: an event taking place between Sat 5th June and Sun 13th June, in the churchyard. Further to the information in last month's Contact, the **launch date is Sat 5th June 3 - 6pm.** Activities for young and not so young; including bark rubbing, nature trail, activity sheets, discovering where things live, making a bird feeder. The activities will be repeated on Sunday 6th, Sat 12th and Sunday 13th June, 3 - 6pm. Teas and cakes available both weekends and advice and information will be available about birds, flowers, hedgehogs, every day during the event.

Everyone is welcome to explore the churchyard at any time during the week as well, with information and activities left on site. We hope to have someone on hand to help and guide you every weekday afternoon 3-5pm. We're also looking forward to welcoming children from the 0-4 Club on June 7th and 11th.

The wild flowers are starting to appear and I was excited to discover that not 1, but 2 of our new nest boxes have blue tits in residence. Meanwhile, the starlings are still really busy feeding their very noisy youngsters. By the way, do you know why birds fly south in the winter? Because it's too far to walk!



Take care, and enjoy nature! Tricia Churchwarden 07711 511729

Pearl Everett and Peter Champion

Sadly, at St Mary's we have lost 2 much-loved, faithful and loyal members of the congregation. Peter Champion died on 12th April and Pearl Everett died on 8th May. Both were talented musicians; Peter gave joy to many when playing the piano and Pearl was a gifted church organist with a special instinct for choosing the right hymn for each occasion. She served the church with such dedication for many years. Peter and Pearl will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these distinguished local people.

Nigel

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Crafternoon Tea

I have been told that the L&D hospital are now preparing to take in the work of many hands over the last year – and asked to let them know how many items are ready. I have accumulated, over the period of the pandemic, 30 blankets for the neo-natal unit, 12 large lap blankets, which could be used as shawls, 6 shawls, and 9 smaller lap blankets. These are not all of my making! In fact, very few of them are mine. So thank you to anyone in the village who has contributed to this total (some of them, especially the large lap blankets, have come via the other craft group I attend).

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, and all logics for crafting!

Last Monday, we discussed when we should return to meeting at the Methodist Church (with the addition of computers, so people can join from home), and having refreshments. We thought that 21st June would be a good opportunity to do this. As I write, we are now aware of the problems that might be caused by the Indian variant now present in the UK, and which, might, therefore, alter these plans. However, this is how it stands at present: for 7th June, we will be online only. On 21st June, we will meet at the church, unless I have contacted you to say it cannot happen. On 5th July, we will be online only again, and from then on, we will expect to be at the Church, unless something else happens.

Our June meetings will be 7th and 21st. Further dates can be found on the website below.

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



A selection of blankets supplied in the past to the neo-natal unit at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. These were all made by people in the village. The picture was taken at Crafternoon Tea in September 2016.

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