

Editorial

Dear Villagers,
I do not understand why a holiday in the UK is now being described as a staycation, as if you can only have a real holiday if you go abroad. I suppose, like so many things, it is the travel trade trying to persuade us to use their services and make them money.

This is just one more example of people trying to get us to do something by manipulating language. John Humphreys wrote a good book about it. What other ways are people using to manipulate us? Sometimes it's fake emails. I don't know how many times I've been carefully selected to receive a legacy of several million dollars, if I just click on this link. Life would be very dull if we were always logical and devoid of emotion, but when people are using emotional language to overcome our logical thinking then beware.

Lockdown has not yet ended. We still hope it will end soon and we be able to meet freely with friends and family and go to plays and concerts once again. But don't forget we are not safe till we are all safe, all round the world.
Clive.

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Letter from Carol Gibbs, Life Church Leader

Is it too soon to open the country up? It's being debated at the time I'm writing this article. We are all looking forward to the days when life can return to normal, where we will be able to meet up in homes, gardens and venues, with no limit on numbers for weddings and funerals, no face masks and even be able to sing in church.

Over the past 16 months we have all needed to find places where we can find rest and sanctuary. During this time my husband has been on furlough and has tackled our garden, clearing the weeds, chopping back plants, creating a new path and putting up a greenhouse. Our garden has become our place of restoration.

Sarah Eberle has created a garden for Chelsea Flower Show on behalf of the Bible Society, based on the Psalm 23, a garden for a pandemic. The famous psalm speaks of God's presence with us in all moments of life. It brings the sense of journey through the psalm with the ups and downs of life and leads us into a place of sanctuary. It captures not just the times of blessing but also the times of pain.

When I look at our garden my eyes are drawn to the small dianthus flowers, looking beautiful against the green grass, it reminds me of all the blessings in my life, my family, friends, home just to name a few. The pink and white foxgloves stand tall despite the cold hard frosts we experienced during May.

The sound of the bird song as they announce the start of a new day that God has given me. The blackbirds who have nested in one of our trees have produced young, whom they fiercely protect, as our cat has learnt only too well.

There is a key line in the psalm which says 'He restores my soul', do you have a place where you find restoration from the day to day experiences on our journey of life?

Following the Chelsea Flower Show, The Psalm 23 Garden will be made a permanent feature at a hospice in Hampshire. It will be a special place for patients and families as they journey through life.

Can I suggest that during the next few weeks identify your place of restoration as we all continue to journey through the COVID outbreak, not just in our country but the world. Read Psalm 23 and allow God to restore your soul.

With every blessing

Carol Gibbs
Life Church,
Harlington

Brain Tumour Research



What a Month



I think we have made several records!

Firstly in 1 week a record £290 was raised just so incredible.

Thank you to St Mary's for the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for Brain Tumour Research at your "count on nature week" an outstanding £52.70 was raised having attended 2 sessions. It gave me great pleasure watching children and their parents rubbing bark, collecting bugs, making bird feeders; the awe and wonder those children demonstrated was awe inspiring. I had conversations with lots of lovely folk which allowed them and me to connect and converse on our individual experiences regarding loved ones suffering from Brain tumours and how these medical issues affect our relationships and experiences of death, it wasn't morbid just an opportunity to put our feelings into words, Thank you.



Last week my eldest daughter Alice brought to my attention to a new fundraising idea from Brain Tumour Research to raise funds under the guises of "wear a hat with flowers" to be celebrated on Friday 18th June and she suggested we make a plant pot person wearing a hat of flowers and this is our response: Fleur

We had a happy 2 hours creating her. She will be on display outside my house 132 Goswell End Road for the rest of this month. I am not arranging any other fundraising other than selling plants, but I will pass on any donations that come through my door with thanks to you all.

You have all surpassed my wish to support this charity and I can't thank you all enough. Thank you for all the plant donations, rhubarb, help loading my car to attend fundraising events, those purchasing plants;

you have and continue to help me achieve my one and only wish to prevent others suffering this disease, my enormous thanks. Please keep visiting and supporting.

Jane Alice and Emma

Foodbank News *plus* HVH 100 Club

Dunstable foodbank is here to supply emergency food parcels to individuals and families who live in LU5 and LU6 postcodes who cannot afford food. Conventionally clients are referred to us by a number of agencies, but many are not operating normally in the Covid crisis. People needing our help can approach Dunstable Citizens Advice - telephone numbers: 01582 670003 or 07367 457834.

Alternatively, we can be contacted directly by email:

info@dunstablefoodbank.org.uk or telephone: 07874 200056. It can be difficult for clients living in the villages to collect food from one of our distribution centres in Dunstable or Houghton Regis. We do have a delivery service that currently operates on Wednesdays and Fridays, although if demand increases, we will add extra days. We remain very grateful for the continued support of our volunteers and donors in this increasingly busy time.

As for ourselves in Harlington a few figures to show how we are doing through the generosity and love you have for those in difficulties..

St. Marys Harlington donations	2020 1040.42 Kgs
	2021 770 .26 Kgs year to date
Total food distribution from the warehouse	2020 95116 Kgs
	2021 47702 Kgs year to date

included in these figures are some donations from the Life Church.

Families fed financial year 2020-2021 Children 2177
Adults 2855

We would just like to repeat Mike's thanks for the volunteers, sterling work from all at the Harlington Post office and general store, and to all the people who have contributed with donations to the Food Bank.

God bless you all

David and Sandy

HVH 100 Club

The winner of the 100 club for the month of June is number 24 belonging to Doreen Brown of Westoning Road.

If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact me at: hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com.

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

Dave Thew, Treasurer,

HVH Management Committee

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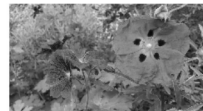
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Harlington in Bloom



Thanks for everyone who came on 5 June to planting day and hope you are all enjoying the bedding plants around the village as they grow. More work has also happened at the Goswell End Road bed and it is starting to look great! Ongoing work is taking place on the War Memorial Bed to get it

looking even better including battle with the invasive Spanish bluebells. Compost and bark is also being added to the Dry Bed near the crossroads to whip it into shape. Committee member Steve Jackson has done sterling work on erecting a replacement Anglia in Bloom sign and trimming back brambles and more at the Station Road entrance to Harlington.



We are starting to put more dates in the diary with an Awards date hoped for 24 September in the Parish Hall. It would be great if you could return currently held trophies to a committee member so that we have them back in time. Fingers crossed this will be possible by then. Summer judging of front gardens, containers and baskets will take place in July.

We also will have a presence at the Village Show at end of August where we would love people to drop by the gazebo and chat with us about Harlington in Bloom projects.



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

Dates for your Diary

- 03 July 2021 — Weeding working party. Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon
- 21 August 2021 — Weeding working party. Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon
- 28 August 2021 — Gazebo @ Village Show
- 24 September 2021 — Awards Evening Parish Hall 7.30pm

Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> or Tricia Murphy Secretary 07711511729 tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

Wildlife Trust, Flit Vale Local Group, Flittabus



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Wildlife walks & talks

Flitwick Moor Nature Reserve

Wednesday 14th July

6.45pm for a 7.00pm start (Folly Wood car park)

Invertebrate Walk* lead by Colin Carpenter

Colin is the Reserves Manager for Flitwick Moor and is the County Recorder for bumblebee species. Colin has an excellent knowledge of the invertebrate life of this Site of Special Scientific Interest, which is influenced by both the acidic iron-rich peat soils and the alkaline River Flit flowing from the chalk of the Chilterns.

This site can be very wet and paths slippery so suitable footwear should be worn. *For our guided walks we ask for £3 donation per adult

Please book your place as numbers will be limited to allow social distancing (see below for contact).

We very much look forward to seeing you!

Open to all. Events have group size limits. Please reserve.

To book places or for additional information please email

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July

4th - BBQ

11th - John Doohan

18th - Freddi Gilbert

25th - Rosie Hughes

We also meet on Wednesdays at 7pm for prayer

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Harlington Village Show *plus* Heritage Trust



35th HARLINGTON VILLAGE SHOW

28th August 2021



Have you ever heard about the Village Show? As you can see it has been an annual village event for many years, and a firm favourite! This year it will be a little different from previous events, however we still hope it will go ahead and be as special as ever.

In July every home in the village will receive a List of all the Classes which will be available to enter. This will include the pattern for the “Izzy Doll”, and the set Muffin recipe – for the Craft, and for the Baking classes. If you should choose, the Izzy Doll may be donated, after the show, to the Bananabox Trust – a charity that works with families in Malawi.

The Rules and Entry forms for the Show will be available from 1st July at Harlington Newsagents, and also outside 43 Barton Road, 126 Goswell End Road, and 14 Pilgrims Close. Also check our Facebook page for updates and further information.

The Show organisation will take into account any Covid guidelines relevant at the time, but we hope to ensure that visitors are able to enjoy the Show without the village hall being too busy. There will be a small entry fee to the show, and refreshments will be available for a set charge of £2 - £3, so please bring cash along on the day.

Please contact the Village Show Chair for any questions or further information
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HVS Committee

Harlington Heritage Trust

There are still no future events planned at present for the HHT Calendar. As I type, we are still unsure if remaining restrictions on social contact are going to be lifted on 21 June due to the Covid cases rising again. Members will be notified of our plans for the rest of the year in this Magazine, HHT Newsletters and local posters.

Enjoy the summer weather and take care, everyone.

Barbara Thurston
HHT Secretary

Further adventures of an ex-editor

The day after submitting my last missive (and rather mistakenly thinking all was well with the van – now renamed Calamity Jane), I set off with my buddy, Gina for some sightseeing. After about a mile the van silently lost all power. Thankfully I managed to pull over safely. I was then recovered by the lovely garage that had done other work on the van and it was eventually



towed back into DH Price (other garages are available). Luckily, having met Gina's landlord by now, I was able to stay there. The van was in for a couple of days for what turns out was a loose connection on the fuel pump. What has been brilliant about this trip so far is the eclectic mix of people I have met (even through adversity). Steve, the recovery driver, had had a serious health scare and had quit his old job that had contributed to it, and was now enjoying driving recovery vehicles and meeting people. The taxi driver was equally chatty and told me he used to be a commercial airline pilot until 9/11, which then, for obvi-



ous reasons, came to an end. He then moved to Spain to become an estate agent, then having got married, he returned to the IOW, had kids and now loves his driving job. Later I was talking to another couple in the club and it turned out the husband knew Harlington rather well as he used to be a post-man delivering to the Brown's Crescent side of the village about 6 years ago. Small world!

The van has had a sparkly new Solar Panel fitted so I am now not dependent on electric hook-ups at camp sites. In fact we had a lovely night parked up on East Cowes Esplanade about 8ft from the sea – stunning.

One Sunday a friend flew in from Harlington and we had lunch at the Propellor Inn at Bembridge.

I also had another adventure – being rescued by the RNLI. Once again I met (rather a lot) of fantastic people. I was staying at Thorness Bay and decided to take Ruby on what was described as a 'Coastal Path' walk. It started off well – beautiful sandy beach stretching before us, then it started to get rather rocky, then more rocks and seaweed. As the walk was composed of lots of little bays,

Further adventures of an ex-editor *ctd.*



at each one I thought 'ok, it will be better round the corner' but no! Just more of the same. I was getting rather concerned now. Luckily I was wearing proper walking boots but either slithering over masses of seaweed or granite rock, I wasn't very happy. I saw what looked like a path up the steep cliff so we scrambled up there and hoped to walk along through the fields. Unfortunately the path wasn't one and we were met by an impenetrable wall of hawthorn. Un-

able to go on, and with the tide coming in, it was not an option to continue over the rocks so I called the coast guard.

What superstars!!! I gave them my location and luckily as I was wearing a white shirt the first boat sent to do a recce spotted me, then another smaller inflatable boat with 3 superheroes in, scrambled up the cliff to help us down into the boat.

Apparently there was also ground crew ready in the field at the back with brush-cutters, just in case we had to be rescued that way. A helicopter had also been mentioned but thankfully they didn't go for that option. Having slithered rather unceremoniously down the cliff, with Ruby being spoilt rotten by the crew, we were returned in the boat back to the Bay through all the half-term holidaymakers. There, despite me and Ruby being unhurt, we were met by two medical emergency teams – lights flashing et al! I am now officially in love with Lofty, the gorgeous RNLB volunteer who helped me to the shore – anyone brave enough to give me a piggy-back so I didn't get my feet wet is a super-hero in my book!



To be continued...

To be continued...

Current Editor's note: You can support the RNLB through their website. This wonderful organisation supplies and operates lifeboats and provides beach life-guards. It is funded by voluntary donations.

Harlington 0—4 Club, St. Mary's Family Team



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.

St. Mary's Family & Children's Team News

Well... what a strange few months we have been having... we hope you are all well and staying safe and looking after each other.

We will be doing a few new things over the next few months and we really hope you will want to come and join us.

All through the summer holidays we will be set up to meet you in Bury Orchard near the church from 6pm-7pm just before bedtime for our **Bedtime Story & Prayers** group...Milk/squash and Biscuits will be provided.

The day will be different every week and of course weather and Covid-19 Rules permitting.

Save these dates and let us do your bedtime story for you!

Monday 26th July, Tuesday 3rd August, Wednesday 11th August, Thursday 19th August, Friday 27th August, Saturday 4th September... 2021 of course.

On **October 3rd 2021** we will be starting a monthly **Messy Church Breakfast** for all the family. Come and join us in the Parish Rooms at **9am** for breakfast provided by us, followed by a story and then craft. We aim to be finished by 10:20/30 but you will always be welcome to stay for coffee as the Sunday morning congregation wander over to have a cuppa and see what we have been up to!

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Celebration Days in July

St. Swithin's Day is 15 July, a day on which people watch the weather. Tradition says that whatever the weather is like on St. Swithin's Day, it will continue on for the next forty days.

There is a weather-rhyme that is well known since Elizabethan times.

'St. Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.'

Who was St. Swithin?

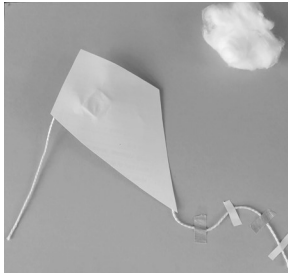
St. Swithin (or more properly, Swithun) was a Saxon Bishop of Winchester. He was born in the kingdom of Wessex and educated in its capital, Winchester. He was famous for charitable gifts and building churches.

Messy Church News



Pentecost this year was in May. Did you know that Pentecost is a Jewish Festival which celebrates the first barley harvest? Pentecost is important to Christians too, because it is when God sent his Holy Spirit - also talked of as an Advocate or

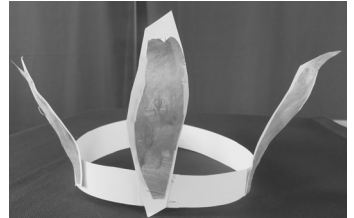
Comforter - to be with us. The disciples were in a house together when they heard a sound like a violent wind blowing, and they saw what looked like flames coming to rest on each of them. The Holy Spirit gave them strength and confidence, and they stopped being frightened and hiding in the way they had since Jesus was crucified,



and went out into the Jerusalem streets and spoke about him. 3000 people came to believe that day, which is why it is thought of as the birthday of the church.

In our Messy Church session, we talked about the time from Ascension Day to Pentecost. We made an Ascension scene, flame head-dresses and a kite

picture with springy kites to think about the power of the wind.



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 July session will take place on the 17th, on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, starting 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. Unfortunately we can't run a parallel Zoom session on this occasion.

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

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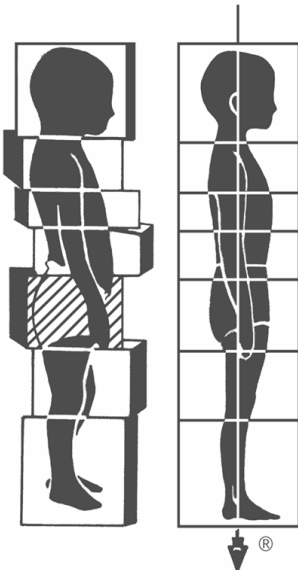
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We are still waiting for the government to assess all the data for the end of restrictions on June 21st. If all goes well, our July meeting will be the first one back in the Village Hall since the start of the pandemic.

Our July meeting is on Tuesday 20th at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Catherine Doherty talking about the National Garden Scheme which should be very interesting. It will be wonderful to see everyone face to face rather than on a screen. It will be socially distanced, well ventilated and we won't be serving refreshments. There will be one way in and another way out to ensure all our members' safety.

We are hoping for our members to meet up for a picnic on Bury Orchard on Tuesday July 27th from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm. Bring your own picnic! This is of course weather permitting.

Our August meeting is on Tuesday 17th at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Frankie Styler. She used to be a psychiatrist's secretary but is now a stand-up comedienne! That promises to be a really fun-filled evening!

Our September meeting on Tuesday 21st will be our 70th birthday party. We are planning a social evening with an invitation to former members to join in the celebrations. There will be more details to follow nearer the time.

Our October meeting on Tuesday 19th will feature a talk from The Blood Biker. This will be a very fascinating talk from a motorcycle blood delivery rider.

Please look out for Sara's newsletters with all the details and any updates, plus more details of rambles and visits. Don't forget to put the dates in your diaries!

It's so nice to think that after a very long time we can now plan our monthly meetings so far ahead and we can welcome our members back in the Village Hall.

In the meantime, take care and we will see you soon, Sally Tombe.

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

"People take pictures of the Summer, just in case someone thought they had missed it, and to prove that it really existed."

- Ray Davies



Methodist Church *plus* Technology

In June we reopened our building for Sunday Worship, and also held the first of our restarted monthly evening communion services. As well as being present in the building, subject to COVID restrictions, our services are also available on Zoom and streamed to YouTube on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel. We are also now serving refreshments after the morning service.



July preachers are:

4th July	10am	Come and See led by Martin Wallis
	6pm	Evening Communion Service led by Revd. Nina Johnson
11th July	10am	Revd. Dr. Ebute Obiabo
18th July	10am	Communion Service led by Revd. Nina Johnson
25th July	10am	Shepherd Kombo

Our circulated material is available on <https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk>. It is currently possible to attend church without pre-booking. If you want to join us on Zoom, 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 recording later, on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel.

We will be holding a (Live and/or Virtual) Coffee Morning on Saturday 31st July 2021 from 10am to 12 noon. Look out for the details nearer the time.

Technology in Church

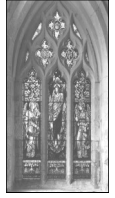
At present, because of COVID rules, we are operating the church technology with a minimum number of people, usually just one in the church. Ideally, this should be a team of four or five. If there is anyone who would be interested in helping with technology at the Methodist Church once it is possible to have more people involved, let me know. The picture shows our set up for Messy Church.



St. Mary's Church Services in June

YOU ARE WELCOME. Just come, sit and be....

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 when new people join us on a Sunday morning, The more the better. We assure you of a very warm welcome and in July a free and sunny one we hope.



All Sunday services are at 9.30am except where stated.

- 4th July 8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion
- 11th July 9.30am Morning Prayer.
4pm a short service to mark the formation of the new Benefice of Harlington, Tingrith and Westoning. All welcome.
- 18th July 9.30am Holy Communion
2.30pm Baptism
- 25th July 9.30am Holy Communion with Baptism
12.45pm Baptism

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 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: 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

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

St Mary's Churchwarden *plus* Bereavements

St Mary's Church



CHURCHES
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Nature

The Churches Count on Nature event took place between June 5th - 13th. This was a learning experience for all of us, as we welcomed families to visit, investigate, and learn about wildlife around the church. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such fun, plus all of our helpers. Thanks also to Frances for her display on hedgehogs, to Jane for her plant stall, (raising funds for the Brain Tumour Trust) and to the 0-4 group for 2 mornings spent exploring and finding all sorts of creepy crawlies around the village hall. We are also very grateful to Bradshaws for helping with some printing. I shall be sending off the churchyard “observations” to the Biodiversity Network for their national records.

Meanwhile, our 2 families of blue tits left their nest boxes at the end of May, along with the starling brood, and we really hope to have more residents next year. You are welcome to walk around the church grounds and there are benches if you'd like to rest awhile. Just don't go on the hour if you hope to take a nap – the bells will put paid to that! It may be worth reminding everyone that the church clock doesn't usually show the correct time as it gains quite a lot, but the bells strike accurately on the hour. So, a question for you: Why should you never eat a clock? Answer: because it's a time-consuming process.



Best wishes, Tricia

Churchwarden

Bereavements

Remembering Gordon Henry who died 4th January and Norma Henry who died 8th February 2021, of Christian Close, sadly missed by all their family and neighbours.

Also Rev. Dr.. T J Wesley, a former minister at the Methodist Church, who died on 7th June 2021.

Harlington Upper School Governor Vacancy



Harlington Upper School Local Governing Body Governor Vacancy

We are **seeking new governors** to join the Harlington Upper School Local Governing Body.

We welcome applications from those in the local community. This is an important role, with significant responsibility for the school delegated from the Trust. This is not a Parent Governor position, although it does not preclude a parent or carer from applying.

In particular, we wish to attract those with skills and experience in safeguarding, finance and HR or those with a working knowledge of the education system.

Governors do not need to be education experts, as we are seeking those with a wide range of skills and experience from the local community. Being a governor is a rewarding way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of local young people. Governors operate at a strategic level, and are not involved in the day to day running of the school. They are responsible for setting the school's vision and ensuring its high standards are maintained.

5 or 6 Local Governing Body Board Meetings are held each year, during the evening. There may also be occasions where Governors visit the school for monitoring visits, or to be part of a panel.

If you would like to apply or would like to chat informally, I would be very happy to talk to you. Please contact me on rholland@harlington.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Holland, HUS Governing Body

The information will also shortly be posted on our school vacancies page: <https://www.harlington.org/our-school/vacancies>

Summer Humour

Why do bananas use sunscreen? – Because they peel.

What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea? – It gets wet.

What race is never run? – A swimming race.

What does the sun drink out of? – Sunglasses

Crafternoon Tea *plus* HNH

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!

Our July meetings will be 5th (this meeting will be on Zoom only) and 19th. Further dates can be found on the website below – we will continue to meet fortnightly through August.

Even when we are able to meet in person, we are going to continue to meet on Zoom **as well**, so that people who are not able to come to the building for any reason can still be with us.

We will meet on 19th July at the Methodist Church, but we will only be able to have 6 of us in the building. You need to let me know in advance if you would like to be in the building, so I can make sure that we have no more than 6 present – 5 plus me! Although 19th may be the last day of restrictions, we will plan in the same way for all occasions until we are sure restrictions are lifted.

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



In these days of re-use, re-purpose, or recycle, it is amazing what a craft-minded person can make of what others would throw away.

These were small Pringles pots. They make great desk tidies, don't you think? If you would like one, I can pass your name on to the craft-minded person concerned.

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.

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