

Editorial

Dear Villagers,
One of the tasks of the editor of Contact is to choose the cover illustration. For some months this is relatively easy. November, December and January have their own obvious themes, for other months there are celebrations that can be used. Otherwise I have used pictures that represent the season, or Harlington. How would you represent it? The consultation on the new development will have ended by the time you receive the magazine. I have been sent some comments, sensible ones concerned with safety, which I trust were also sent to the developers. Of course the trouble appears to be making sure that what is agreed at this stage is actually what is built. And when this is done we will have several hundred new villagers to welcome into our community. To me, the representation of Harlington has always come through the warmth of welcome from the people, both the long established families, and the more recent arrivals. Keep it up. Clive.

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Letter from Carol Gibbs, Life Church Leader

As I write this, many children have just started a new adventure, a new class or school. September always feels like a new season, leaving the old behind and stepping into the future. It could be a large leap or tiny baby steps, moving forward along the journey of life.



This week has been an emotional time for me. Over the past few months, as a family, we have been emptying our family home. A house which as children we helped during its building. I can even remember seeing the plot of land overgrown with weeds prior to the foundations being laid. Being part of the construction made it a special place for us all. It was definitely a home filled with love. Every item and piece of furniture had to be sorted and moved to a new home. Photos were discovered of us all as children and have given our family and friends hours of laughter and tears. Did we really wear clothes like that and those hair cuts! We looked just like a basin had been placed upon our heads to guide the scissors.

The house sale was completed today. Now is a time to let go and step into the future, we will have memories of that part of our journey but now is a time of new beginnings for the house and also for us as a family.

As Life Church we have had a new beginning this September, we have started to meet together in person rather than on Zoom and also have changed our venue to the Parish Rooms.

The world has stepped into a new era with the arrival of a global pandemic, we are all stepping in to uncharted territory.

These changes are exciting, challenging but can also be frightening and difficult for us as individuals and as groups. As Christians we have a sure foundation, a God who is with us and understands the journey we are all going through. I am reminded of a song that was frequently sung at my local church and was a favourite of my parents.

One more Step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new,
Keep me traveling along with you.

Letter ctd. *plus* HVH 100 Club

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me travelling along with you.*

As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do.
Keep me travelling along with you.

Words and music Sydney Carter

As we all continue along journey of life with all its many left and right turns, let us trust in a God who loves each one of us. My prayer for each and everyone of you is this:-

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15 v13)

Carol Gibbs

Life Church Harlington.

HVH 100 Club

The Sept winner of the Village Hall 100 Club is no 68, belonging to Iain Robertson of Park Leys.

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

Harlington Village Show



35th HARLINGTON VILLAGE SHOW



Fantastic! That's the Show Committee's reaction to Show Day – with all of our exhibitors and visitors making it such a brilliant day. Thank you to all who entered – whether it was the smallest ripe tomato, best cake, Izzy doll, photo, vegetable, flower or fruit – and well done.



The 2021 winners are:

Some of the Izzy Doll entries

Flower Cup:	Sara Waldron
Vegetable Cup:	Tricia Murphy
Flower Arranging Cup:	Jackie Gray
Preserves & Cookery Cup:	Anne Brown
Photography Cup:	Nicholas Hopton
Craft Cup:	Jackie Gray
Fuchsia Cup:	Sara Waldron
Dahlia Cup:	Sara Waldron
Heaviest Marrow:	John Harfield
Longest Runner Bean:	Alastair MacArthur & Tricia Murphy
Childrens' Pre-School:	Ben Hopton
Children 5-7:	Marcus Gray
Children 12-15:	Hannah Williams
Best Grown exhibit:	Rosemary Cockfield
Best Flower exhibit:	Sara Waldron
Overall Winner:	Tricia Murphy

Special thanks to our judges, and to the WI for lovely refreshments. Thanks also to the committee, and all of the helpers, who make it happen. Please see our Facebook page for more photos of the Show.

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Harlington in Bloom



Firstly, thank you to 6 committee members and volunteers who were able to get stuck in to the weeding and pruning morning on 21 August. We look forward to welcoming you to the next planting day which will be Sat 30 October. Meet in the village hall carpark initially for the winter planting. The beds will be stripped in the preceding week. Sometimes there is a little more life in the summer bed-

ding plants depending on the weather. If you would to have some for replanting, just ask the HiB person you see stripping the bed or container or contact HiB in advance to arrange.



Good to meet people at the Village Show. Terrific new photo board put together by Jane Barltrop which will be on display at other events. HiB Ian Fairgrieve and Tony Price also pictured visiting Jane at her Brain Tumour Research fundraising plant stall. News of the Awards Evening in next issue of Contact as it hasn't taken place at the time of writing!

In other news, a big welcome to new sponsor Innovation Scaffolding (07927448020 www.innovationscaffolding.co.uk and find on fb). Thanks for their contribution and interest.



We welcome more villagers of all ages to get involved in keeping the village plantings in order! It's fun and quite possible to get involved on a casual basis from time to time as suits you and your other commitments.

Dates for your Diary

30 October 2021 Winter Bedding Planting Village Hall Carpark 10.00 – 12.00

Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom> or Tricia Murphy Secretary 07711 511729 tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

Family & Children's Team at St. Mary's *plus* HNH

Thank you to all the families who joined us through the summer weeks for our Bedtime Stories and Prayers. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did meeting and seeing you!

As we have mentioned before, on **October 3rd 2021** we will be starting our monthly **Family Breakfast** for all ages! We look forward to meeting all of you who may want to come and join us in the Parish Rooms at **9am** for breakfast, provided by us, followed by a story and then some 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!

Future dates will be advertised a bit nearer the time when we hope to get into a regular rhythm.

We pray for all those who have been back at school for a few weeks, we hope everyone has settled in nicely and are enjoying being back with their friends.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you need from us!

With love from everyone at St. Mary's.

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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October Quote

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October



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And golden and brown."

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



Harlington WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our August meeting was well attended by members and visitors. Frankie Styler kept us all amused recounting her journey to becoming a comedienne and it was a very enjoyable evening. Joyce won the raffle.

Harlington WI provided refreshments on Saturday 28th August at the annual Village Show. It was slightly different this year but it was so good to be getting back to village activities. It was much appreciated by all the visitors.



Our wonderful committee members in charge of refreshments.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated our 70th birthday. A full report and hopefully some photos will appear in November's Contact.

Our October meeting on Tuesday 19th is all about The Blood Biker. This is an outstanding life-saving service that Ross, a blood delivery rider, will tell us about and explain the amazing job he does. It will be a very enlightening evening.

Our November meeting on Tuesday 16th will be a craft evening, so make a note in your diaries and look out for further details to follow.

All our meetings are now back in the Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm. Visitors who want to give the WI a try, please arrive at 8.00 pm. We are still observing social distancing and have the hall well ventilated.

Look out for all the details and updates in Sara's newsletters as well as further information on rambles and outings. Don't miss out!

Take care and see you soon, Sally Tombe.

For further information please call Lin Merrison on 01525 757161.

Harlington Society of Art and Crafts

We are back!



Harlington Society of Art & Craft are back, starting with
an 'Origami' workshop.

Come and join us for a fun evening making butterflies, Cranes and
Elephants out of folded paper.



Tuesday 28th September 2021

7.45pm – 9.30pm

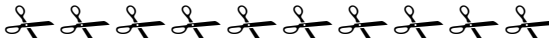
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Book Sale *plus* Hedgehogs

I am now regularly being asked if we are going to hold the Book Sale this year. I would love to be able to answer “Yes”, but I don’t think that I can at present.

The reasons for this are:

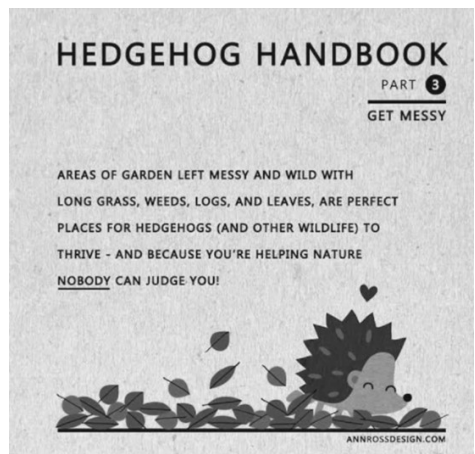
As anyone who has been knows, the book sale is a crowded event. We believe that we still need to keep events COVID secure, practically impossible at the book sale.

Reports and possibilities of a firebreak lockdown are still around, and with rising hospital numbers have to be a possibility. Unfortunately we can’t just delay the book sale if this happens, particularly if we have already collected a lot of books.

If we can work out a way, we will hold a smaller sale, probably in the Spring. Clive

Hedgehogs

We have all noticed a little drop in temperature as we are now heading into the autumn season and so looking out for smaller hedgehogs is important. The smaller ones may be late hoglets and may find it difficult to put on the required weight before hibernation. Keep putting food (meaty/biscuit cat or dog food – not fish flavoured) and plenty of water. This will help the smaller hogs gain the weight they need over the next few months. If you are not able to put out extra food, another way you can help is by having a messy area of your garden. This will encourage natural food for the hedgehogs. You can also build a small log pile with an entrance where a hedgehog may take up residence in preparation for hibernating (a wooden box or pet carrier would work just as well!). There is still plenty of time over the next few months for hedgehogs to gain weight and find a home but we can all help them with these small extras. Keep watching the hedgehogs over the coming months in preparation for when the colder weather starts, so you will know if you have any particularly small hedgehogs which may need rescuing when we get the first hard frosts.



Brain Tumour Research *plus* H H Trust



Another great event



Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the plant stall at the flower and vegetable show. A further £ 78.90 was raised on the day and I know there were some generous donations through the door afterwards that I think were related to it. Thank you to those people who also donated plants to the stall and to the Harlington in Bloom committee who helped me to erect and dismantle the gazebo and those who helped carry the trays of plants and pack my car. I went up to the hall in 3 trips and got home in 2 — RESULT!!

Thankyou also to those who stopped to talk and share their experiences and support for the charity, this means a lot.

I promised in the last Contact to inform its readers of the total raised for the charity since I began in November 2015 and drumroll please 🥁

I am thrilled to announce the total raised to date is £28,850.94!! Thank you all so much for supporting, providing plants, fruit and vegetables; the team who have helped organise and run the coffee mornings, you have all played a part in this and I thank you most sincerely.

Talking of the coffee morning I would like to run these again at some point but currently feel unable to run them safely and so plan to wait until such a time that may make it possible. There is no point planning a coffee morning and then no one turns up as they are not yet confident or indeed running it if it were to put any of you lovely people at risk so please watch this space and in the meantime please continue to buy your plants and veg at 132 Goswell End Road. I still plan to sell Brain Tumour Research Christmas cards from my house; they remain the same price 10 cards for £4.50 and I will have them ready to sell at the beginning of November, so you are welcome to knock the door or phone 875404 and I would be pleased to show you the available designs.

Our thanks as always

Jane, Alice and Emma

Harlington Heritage Trust

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Barbara Thurston
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Messy Church News *plus* Walking for Health



We can't write up the September Messy Church as it hadn't happened before Contact had to go to the printers. If—a very big if—all the technology worked it will have been live and on Zoom and bits on YouTube. You will be able to see the videos there, and we will also put some pictures on the Church Facebook page.

October's Messy Church will be based on the stories of the boy David, and, all being well, will also be live and electronic. This will be on 16th October, from 4 to 6 pm.

Even though we will be live, we will put material on our website, <https://cliveandtina.co.uk> and you can download it from there to use any time.

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

Clive

Walking4Health



Walking for Health Harlington takes place every second Friday.

It is a great way to stay fit, enjoy the village, meet fellow residents and now to also stop off for coffee, cake and conversation at the cafe after!

The leaders aim to offer 2 walks each time - a short 40 minute walk around the village and a longer more strenuous walk within the village but over the fields. The starting point as always is from the village hall car park at 10.30am.

Dates for walks over the next two months are:
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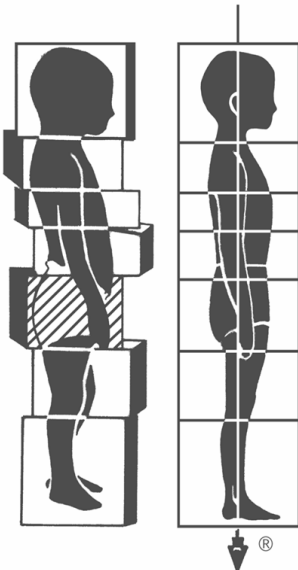
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- 10th - Rose Agnew
- 17th - Rob Payne
- 24th - Trevor Withers
- 31st - John Doohan

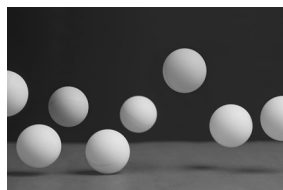
Wednesday 7pm Prayer meeting continues to meet on Zoom.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone please contact us on the address below

lifechurchcentralbeds@gmail.com

Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games

If you have not been before and would like to join us for coffee/tea, a chat or a game of table tennis we would love to see you. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 10am until 12oclock. The Games Group section have begun playing table tennis again and you are very welcome to join us. We



also have a small snooker table, and if anyone would like to come perhaps to play different indoor games eg chess, card games or Scrabble, please do come along any Wednesday morning to see us and have a chat.



Doreen Gatward and Valerie Bates.

Methodist Church

We are holding all services in the church, and our services continue to be available on Zoom and streamed to YouTube on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel. For those in the Church, refreshments are available after the morning service.



October preachers are:

3rd October 10am Come and See for Harvest led by Geoff Best and Rev
Jenny Spouge

6pm Rev. Patrick Kandeh including Holy Communion

10th October 10am Rev. Nina Johnson

17th October 10am Rev. Nina Johnson including Pastoral Visitors Dedication
and Holy Communion

24th October 10am Catherine Roots

31st October 10am Worship Group

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COFFEE MORNING 30th October 10 am to 12 Noon in aid of our charity.
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LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

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7th October Rosemary Barratt

14th October to be arranged

21st October Sandra Goodwin

28th October Russell Preston

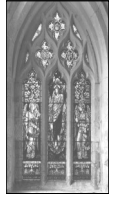


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Contact Trevor Caveney if you are interested in booking any of our Halls, Rooms or the Church, subject to COVID rules. The Halls are suitable for meetings, groups, clubs and particularly good for children’s parties. Reasonable prices Tel 01525 754527 or hmc.bookings@ntlworld.com

St. Mary's Church Services in October



October services at St Mary's Church will be varied and all are welcome to attend any of the services, midweek or on Sundays. We celebrate **Harvest Festival** and those who would like to offer produce are encouraged to bring this to the church on Saturday 2nd October between 10-11am or to the service itself on the Sunday at 9.30am. Fresh produce will be sent to the Noah project and tinned goods will go to the Foodbank. On Friday 1st October at 7.30pm at church we will have '**Hurrahing Harvest**', a small social with food, music and words from the Quintet Choir and guests. More details will appear on the church noticeboard. Do come along.

We also mark **Prisons Sunday** on 10th October and on 31st we have a service of '**In Loving Memory**' when we can remember our loved ones who have died. Names are read out and candles lit in a sensitive service of remembrance.

Families Breakfast. We are particularly excited to be launching our first monthly Families Breakfast Club (See Family Team Article).

This will also be a month when members of the congregation will be asked to consider their stewardship of their gifts and talents.

And there is still time to join the online **Alpha Course**. Phone 714442

October 3rd	8am	BCP Communion
	9am	Families Breakfast Club in the Parish Rooms
	9.30am	Harvest Festival Service
October 10th	9.30am	Morning Prayer Prison Sunday
October 17th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Stewardship Week)
October 24th	9.30am	Holy Communion
October 31st	9.30am	Holy Communion
	4pm	In Loving Memory Service.

(Names of loved ones to be remembered can be sent to Nigel or Linda on 714442)

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.

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.

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Art Exhibition “being”: We would like to thank Harlington artist Stanley Greening for producing such a wonderful exhibition in church in early September, which was combined with a local country walk, “I Walk this Earth” which included a poetic installation en route. Very inspiring, and I really enjoyed both of these events. If you visited or walked, I hope you did too.



Gift Day: Another huge “thank you” to everyone who very kindly supported the church Gift Day in September. It was lovely to meet so many village folk, especially to chat and socialise, and also to share something that most churches excel at – yummy cakes! I’ve recently got a fantastic stereo made of cake. It’s a gateau blaster!!

Projects and repairs: On a more serious note, the church architect’s recent visit highlighted the repairs and renovation now required for our lovely Grade 1 listed building. I know there are arguments for and against keeping an old building standing, but personally, I hope it will be here in Harlington for another 800 years, at the centre of the ‘village’.

Celebrations & children’s activities: In September we celebrated several joyful occasions with 1 adult baptism, 3 children’s baptisms and 1 wedding. Best wishes to all of you. Just a reminder that our new monthly children’s breakfast club and activity group starts on **Sunday October 3rd**, at 9am in the Parish Hall. Visit our website www.harlingtonchurch.org for more details, and for other services.

Take care, Tricia Churchwarden

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October Quote

"October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again." - Hal Borland

*In Loving Memory
at St Mary's Harlington*

*A service to remember those who
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*Sunday 31st October
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Our October meetings will be 11th and 25th. You are welcome to join us, either in person at the Methodist Church, or virtually on Zoom, as we will be doing both. We are still tweaking our ability to be both present and on line, so we will continue to work at this. If you want to join us on Zoom, rather than in person, please contact me in advance, and I will send you the link. If you have had problems with Zoom – not hearing us, or us not hearing you – and you haven't told me about it, please let me know, and we will see what we can do to improve things for you.

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Sometimes the freebies that come with craft magazines are really fascinating. These pom-pom makers were designed to have something solid inserted in the middle, rather than for the middle to be completely filled with thread. Our 626 Club children found the difference so interesting I nearly ran out of dolly

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