

Editorial

Dear Villagers,
It's funny how one month we have lots of things going on and the next month very little. Look out for what is happening.

Speaking of last month, I had a couple of phone calls telling me that Don was Pearl's uncle, not her father.

The Jubilee events seem to have been very successful despite the weather.

Looks like outside the shops is becoming a place for Harlington celebrations and singing.

We're heading into the holiday season. I think many of us need a time of refreshment. While you are holidaying, don't think of work, but as you return, think about what you like about Harlington, and what you could do to help with that.

Despite the occasional resurgence, Covid is fading as a major worry for most of us (although it has not gone and is still serious for many people). What did you do differently? What did you learn? What would you like to continue with in the future?
Clive.

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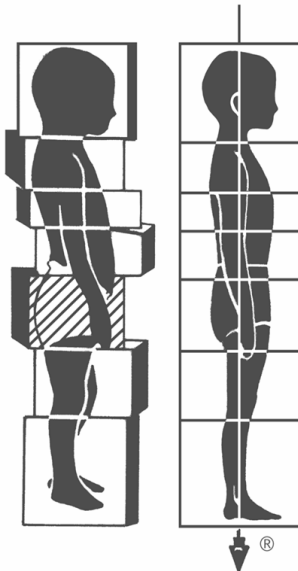
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Letter from Carol Gibbs, Life Church Leader

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. — John 15:12

As I sit down to write this letter my mind starts to wonder and reflect over the past few days of celebrations for the Queen's 70th Jubilee. Watching the beacons being lit across the Commonwealth, the thanksgiving service, a concert in front of Buckingham Palace and the parade has been so special. Not just due to the Queen's amazing 70 years on the throne, but how the country has come together to celebrate. Houses were adorned with bunting, flags were flying and even postboxes covered with knitted crowns, corjis and characters. Street and garden parties took place, sharing food, everything from sandwiches, barbecued sausages and burgers, to the lemon trifle and Victoria sandwich.

One of the special highlights for me was the sketch of the Queen and Paddington Bear having an afternoon tea. Filming was a closely guarded secret and even many of the royal family were surprised by it. Paddington offered to share his marmalade sandwich with Her Majesty as he produces it from under his hat, she declines as she reveals her own marmalade sandwich hidden in her handbag. The Queen always has her handbag with her, coordinating with her shoes. It is believed that she carries a mirror, lipstick, mint lozenges and reading glasses, the essentials that are very similar to the contents of most ladies' handbags.

As Christians we are called to carry God's love at all times in our lives, in our homes, work places, when we party and when we are challenged. Our faith is rooted in God's word, the Bible and our own relationship with him. It is not an accessory like a handbag or hat but it is fully part of who we are. We are called to love everyone even the people we do not like or who are different to us. It also is not optional. We can choose if we eat the marmalade sandwich that we have in our bag or under our hat but we are instructed to love our neighbours as ourselves.

God demonstrated his love by sending his son Jesus to live in this world, amongst us and ultimately dying on the cross for each one of us. Let us show God's love to the people we meet. It may be by inviting the neighbours for a cuppa, offering help to cut the grass, sharing the vegetables grown on your allotment or by saying hello to the people in the street. To receive the warmth of a smile can change your day as it feels that you have been noticed and that others care.

Let's all go and make love the core of our lives.

Love and prayers

Carol Gibbs

Leader of Life Church.

Harlington Village Show *plus* HVH 100 Club

36th Harlington Village Show

27th August 2022



Well, the schedule has gone to the printers at last and we all breathed a sigh of relief – whilst also hoping that there aren't too many deliberate mistakes! The hints and tips are inside, as are all the Show rules, so do read them through when the schedule pops through your door in July. Our Facebook page will also have some advice from the beginning of July and you can email us for more information at harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com.

The cookery classes include a Queen Elizabeth Cake (to the given recipe) and I can honestly say that it's delicious. Classes also include 3 tea cakes made using yeast, flavoured shortbread, a vegetable pasty and chocolate chip cookies made by a man. Likewise the children's classes all include chocolate chip cookies and a homegrown sunflower head. In the younger age groups there is also a decorated crown, and an insect palace for the older children to make. The age groups have been amended slightly, so please check them when you enter.

If you need more entry forms, they'll be available at the newsagents, with Sanjeev. Entry forms need to be submitted to any of the addresses given on the form **by 5pm on Thursday 25th August**. *We also need trophies returned by the end of July at the latest please.* Take them either to 43 Barton Road or 126 Goswell End Road, but please check that someone is in to receive them. Thank you.

Harlington Village Show Committee Queries: Tricia 07711 511729

HVH 100 Club

The May winner of the 100 club is Ketina Orris of Oak Close with number 36.

The June winner of the 100 Club was number 45 belonging to John Eagling 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.

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Dave Thew, Treasurer, HVH Management Committee

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Next Milton Keynes Flittabus

Tuesday 5 July 2022

Depart Car Park at Harlington Village Hall: 09:15am.

Return 1:00pm from Door 5 CMK

Harlington Heritage Trust

This year's coach trip will be to Winchester on Saturday 16 July, leaving Harlington Village Hall at 09.00. Cost £20 per person, payable on booking. To book a place please contact Janice on 01525 877419, or email jtuckett01@aol.com.

Other 2022 HHT events will be publicised in the HHT members' newsletter, 'Contact' magazine and the HHT website.

HNH Good Neighbours

Good Neighbours - Harlington Neighbourhood Help (HNH)

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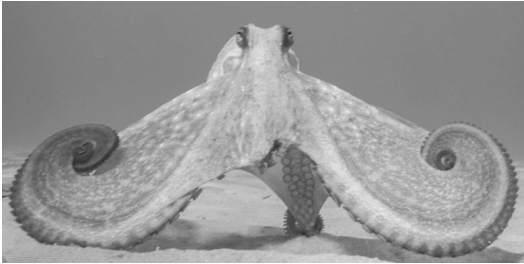


"The Summer looks out from her brazen tower,

Through the flashing bars of July."

- Francis Thompson, A Corymbus for Autumn

Triumph And Contentment

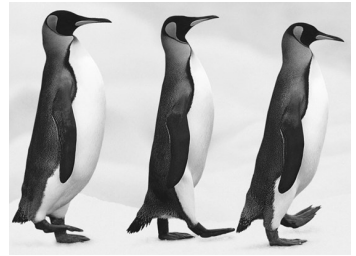


The Chatter of excited birds,
to announce the dawning day,
the patience of the octopus,
as it's waiting for its prey.

The playfulness of otter cubs,
along the barnacled shore,
the wisdom of the languid sloth,
showing less is sometimes more.

The loyalty of albatross,
though they wander far away,
the urgency of the mayfly,
which must mate in just a day.

The throng of the penguins' huddle,
in the long Antarctic night,
hummingbirds' tiny perfection,
stationary though in flight.



The iron will of rutting stags,
the industry of a bee,
the triumph of baby turtles,
reaching the foam-tumbling sea.

A leopard on the snowy slopes,
content to be so alone,
badgers happily enlarging
their subterranean home.

We may not always notice,
when we're deep in despair,
but if we look and listen,
such things are always there.



Duncan Willox
23.02.22

Brain Tumour Research



How far do plants raising funds for Brain Tumour travel?



The answer is I'm not sure but I know some have travelled as far as Nottingham; when I was talking to a regular supporter, he was taking quite a few pots from my display up to a friend who lives there. Can anyone beat that?

How far do people travel to support the charity and buy their plants?

I now know of 2 families that come from Westoning and have donated for plants they have chosen from here for 3 spring times now. It would seem that they stumbled across my fundraising plant sales for the charity as they went for their exercise walk during the first lockdown and now continue to support having



been pleased with their purchases saying "Why try to grow tomatoes when you get such choice here" and the other family when showing their parents around their garden stated " yes it came from Harlington and this one, yes that one too" and now their parents always visit and support whenever they pay visit to their daughter and son in laws.

I received a lovely WhatsApp the other week from another supporter who thanked me for the clematis they had chosen which now looked like this, well done Rachel:

So once again thank you to all those who supply me with plants: tomatoes, runner beans, chard, apple trees, cosmos, perennials, shrubs and even 2 bags of lovely home made compost, so welcome when I buy about 20 bags of compost during the growing season. Thank you to the mystery donor who left gardening tools:spade, snow shovel, garden fork and leaf rake. If anyone needs gardening tools they are available for a donation. Also for the ant powder, lawn fertiliser and other garden sundries. Lewis has donated 2 of his tomato plants that he grew when he received a birthday present of a red bucket, compost, and about 12 tomato seeds. His face was a picture when I reached them out of the grow house to show him their progress after 2 weeks and then that surprised smile vanished and a disappointed sad voice proclaimed "but where are the tomatoes Grandnan?" Patience Lewis, you'll learn!!

Brain Tumour Research *ctd.* Plus Walking 4 Health

Well so far this year I have banked £1390 thank you all you supporters you should be very pleased with your efforts. And finally thank you all you well wishers and positive supporters who have supported and encouraged my decision to retire from my teaching career. You will hopefully be pleased to learn I plan to volunteer in my school to run a gardening club one afternoon each week and sow the love of gardening in those little hearts and minds and encourage them to share the fun, wonderment and pleasure in the art of gardening! Happy gardening everyone!

Jane and family

Walking 4 Health



More News re the Harlington Village Walks

These are now rebranded as Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

In June we started weekly walks which proved very successful, so we are continuing these into July and maybe beyond

We always aim to offer two Walks:

A short 40-minute walk around the village and

A longer more strenuous walk within the village, but over fields

They are all accompanied by experienced walk leaders and there is no charge. You can choose on the day which you prefer to do

Do come and join us, get some fresh air, stay fit and active and have a chat along the way.

Walks will start as usual from the village hall car park on Friday mornings at 10.30am.

If you might be interested in training to be a walk leader do please get in touch. The training is a simple and a very enjoyable day out.

Telephone number for all enquiries: The wellbeing team on 07887 708304

"Along the river's summer walk,
The withered tufts of asters nod;
And trembles on its arid stalk
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- John Greenleaf Whittier

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Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

BedsRCC features on BBC's Escape To The Country

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity made a star appearance on a recent episode of Escape to the Country, aired on Tuesday 31st May 2022.

The episode followed Chris and Albert's search for a home in Bedfordshire. It opened with a clip early on of our Environment and Community Officer Mike Fayers, who is involved in our Wellbeing Walks and Good Neighbour Schemes:

"There's some beautiful villages in Bedfordshire, it's really lovely looking round. So although I've lived here as long as I have, I've still got a lot more exploring to do." - Mike Fayers

With 800 miles of public rights-of-way in Central Bedfordshire alone, the county is filled with places to walk, run and cycle. Our deputy CEO Cliff Andrews shared about the Biggleswade Green Wheel in today's episode, which BedsRCC was involved in bringing about. Cliff explained how the Green Wheel benefits the local community, explaining the many ways it gets used. When asked who uses the Green Wheel, Cliff said:

"Everyone. Loads of people from the local community, runners, walkers, cyclists, parents with buggies, parents teaching kids to ride their bike, dog walkers, everyone."

The episode highlighted how the Friends of Biggleswade Green Wheel look after the Biggleswade Green Wheel by keeping the vegetation off the path so it's clear for everyone to use.

We also saw a Wellbeing Walk in action, who regularly use the Green Wheel for walks. One wellbeing walker explained the importance of paths like these:

It's just uplifting. ... It really is very pleasant to just go out and forget all your worries.

As well as featuring some of our staff here at BedsRCC, the episode also highlighted how important volunteers are to the work we do. If you're interested in getting involved and making a difference to your local community, visit the volunteering page of our website (www.bedsrcc.org.uk).

Watch the Bedfordshire episode (Series 22 Episode 52) of Escape to the Country on BBC iPlayer.

Harlington's Big Jubilee Picnic

Harlington neighbours and friends!

You never disappoint and in spite of the threat of rain all afternoon, you came in droves to support us for a picnic (in the village hall) to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



We were staggered to see that in true Britishness families pitched up gazebos with friends and picnicked on Bury Orchard (as we had originally planned)



The Boys Brigade played in the car park finishing with The National Anthem, whilst Martin Williams sang for us indoors.

The ice cream machine proved to be a real hit, and children and adults alike enjoyed adding all their favourite toppings. Traditional tombola, face painting and glitter tattoos were also available.

Our Victoria Sponge competition was judged by our very own "Mary Berry" Nellie, who deemed Paul Wells to be the worthy winner! Most entries were sliced up and enjoyed by everyone afterwards.

The bunting competition was judged by Councillor Silvia Collins and there really was only one outright winner- Marcus Gray, who's highly creative mum Jackie was instrumental in the yarn bomb installations by the shops and postbox toppers

For those neighbours unable to attend the picnic due to health issues, we delivered a "jubilee in a box" to them! This contained amongst other things a slice of Victoria sponge cake, some seed bombs (which hopefully will grow red, white and blue flowers) and a flag!

We want to thank everyone of you for attending and supporting us. As you know, this was organised and funded at the start by just the four of us. But we had partners and family who helped behind the scenes- so a big thank you to them too.

Rita Panchal
Suzan Whittle
Kate Carroll
Lidia Kidman



Wildlife Trust, Flit Vale *plus* July Quotes



Bedfordshire
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Wildlife walks & talks

Saturday 9th July, 10.00am-12.00, Fancott Meadow Wildflower walk* with Graham Bellamy

Join Dr Graham Bellamy on a tour round the spectacular traditional flower-rich Fancott meadow with both sweet vernal and quaking-grass and the adjacent mixed-wood spinney. Places are limited. The Fancott Pub is close by for lunch. *£3 per adult

Saturday 6th August, 10.00am-12.00, Duck End Dragonfly and damselfly walk* with David Withers

A guided walk round the Duck End nature reserve with the reserve's ward, David Withers. This small reserve (1ha, 2.4ac) is a gem of remaining wetland, hopefully providing some unusual flora, dragonflies and damselflies. *£3 per adult

Saturday, 13th August, 10.00am-12.00 Broom Wildlife walk* with Betty Cooke

A guided walk round Broom looking for invertebrates, birds and wildflowers with Betty Cooke. Meet in the overflow car park of Jordan's Mill. *£3 per adult

Open to all.

To reserve a place or for further information please email Ann at flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring or text on 07580 178889.

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July Quotes

"The dandelions and buttercups gild all the lawn: the drowsy bee stumbles among the clover tops, and summer sweetens all to me."

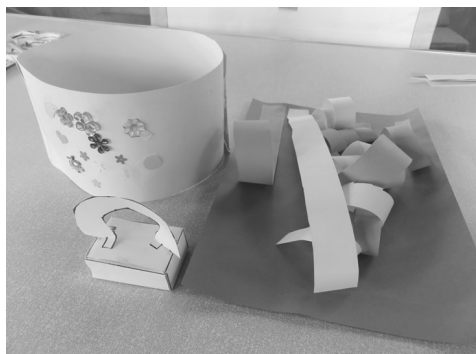
James Russell Lowell

"A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.
A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon.
A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly."

Messy Church News *plus* Wednesday Coffee



In May we completed the 3 part series we have been doing on King David. Having looked at young David and David the outlaw, we looked at David the king. Of course we had crowns, but we also had David's conquest of Jerusalem, which he made



into his capital. We also made models of the Ark of the Covenant, which he brought to Jerusalem.

Because of holidays there will not be a Messy Church meeting in July. We will aim to make material available and have something on Zoom or YouTube. This will depend on time and whether we can

get a reliable internet connection on holiday. The subject will be "Holidays". Look out on <https://cliveandtina.co.uk> for material, or on Harlington Methodist Church YouTube Channel.

Children need an adult, but Messy Church is not just for children.

There will not be a Messy Church in August, our next meeting at the Methodist Church will be on 17th September.

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 10 am until 12 o'clock. 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.



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Harlington in Bloom *plus* Advertisement



Dear all

I thank Ellie Kingham, our new secretary, for most of this.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the recent weeding and planting

Summer judging will be taking place at the end of July. This year as you know, we have added a category for microplots at the allotment, so more potential (and new) winners. The awards evening for winners of both the Spring and Summer judging will take place at the end of September (date to be confirmed)

Could all of last year's Harlington in Bloom show trophy winners return their trophies to 126 Goswell End Road (Judy and John Harfield) by end of July please

Dates for your Diary

09 July 2022 - Pruning and Weeding Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon

Follow us on facebook page Harlington in Bloom <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> for calendar events, nice pics and news updates!



Harlington Upper School

VACANCIES

Please keep an eye on our school website for upcoming vacancies, including support staff and Invigilators.

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Crafternoon Tea *plus*

Over the years that Crafternoon Tea has been running, I have written about various forms of embroidery, from the very formal, single colour cross stitch, through the multi-colour, to the very informal free embroidery.

This is totally different, it is both formal and informal – entirely hand-made, and beautiful!

I have never seen anything like it. My aunt used to use a combination of applique and machine embroidery, and although what she produced was lovely, this is on a different scale of measurement – not for size, but for skill.



If you are working on something different, come and educate us – we don't know everything about craft, and we love to learn, and to admire the skills of other people.

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. Conversation is often wide-ranging and not necessarily about craft – come and join in.

Our July meetings will be 4th and 18th. For the 4th, we will be hybrid, on Zoom and in person. On 18th, the meeting will be in person only. Our first August meeting will be 1st, which will be back to the hybrid version, on Zoom as well as in person. Please let me know if you want the Zoom link for any meeting.

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

LIFE Church *plus* St. Mary's Family Team News



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JULY

3rd - Polly Oliver

10th - Vicky York

17th - Mike Oliver

24th - Social Event TBA

Wednesday 7 pm. Prayer meeting 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

St. Mary's Family Team News

At the time of writing this we have yet to hold our first Messy Church Afternoon Tea, preparations are well under way but you will have to wait to the next edition to hear all about it.

Our July Messy Church Breakfast will be on **July 3rd** at the Parish Rooms from 9:15am. Bacon/Sausage Butties, Pastries, toast etc, etc will be served as you arrive and then onto craft and story/prayer time.

Contact Rebecca on 07877 342640 if you would like more information.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is anything we can do for you.

With love from everyone at St. Mary's.

Methodist Church

Our morning services continue to be available on **Zoom** and streamed to **YouTube** on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, as well as in the church, where refreshments are available after the morning service.



JULY preachers are:

3rd 10 am Come and See

6 pm Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Joanne Sherwood

10th 10 am Local Arrangements

17th 10 am Service with Holy Communion led by Martin Wallis

24th 10 am Service led by Fiona Arscott-Smith

31st 10 am Service led by Tina Salmon

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 Zoom email list., or if you would like a copy of our printed service emailed to you.

COFFEE MORNING 30th July, 10 am to 12 noon in aid of our charity, Kids in Action. Live in the hall, but with Zoom for those who want to just “drop-in”.

LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We meet at 2.45 pm every Thursday in the Church Hall

July

7th Members' Own

14th Elaine Mountfort, Safety Officer from Central Beds.

21st Jackie McCall

28th Tba



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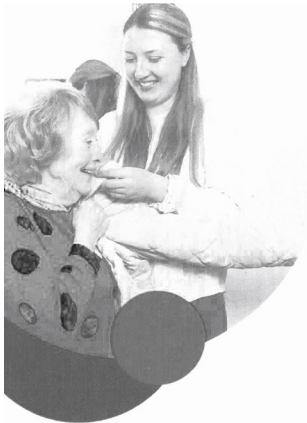
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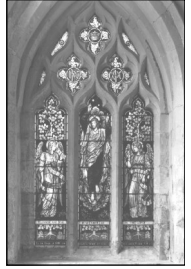
St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services planned for July.

Just come and sit and be in our ancient village church.

All Sunday services are at 9.30am except where stated.

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| 3rd | 8am | BCP Communion |
| | 9am | Families Breakfast Club |
| | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 10th | 9.30am | Holy Communion.(Sea Sunday) |
| 17th | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 24th | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 31st | 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 of churches 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.

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

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St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Churchyard: the young of the robins nesting in the porch have now fledged, but another pair (or the same pair?) are now raising a brood within the wall to the right of the tower.

Our **Nature Day on July 9th**, celebrates all wildlife in the churchyard, with lots of activities for the whole family, 10.30am to 3.30pm A free event, no booking required. Complete a puzzle trail, discover the mini beasts that live there and be creative with nature crafts. Watch out for our posters and Facebook posts. Refreshments are available and we may even have some delicious ladybird cakes again!

A Day of Poetry: on Saturday 11th June. In the morning, we had great fun being creative and thinking about how to describe various animals, create rhymes, make a poet-tree by writing ideas on paper leaves and lots more. Thanks to all who came and made it special. Our evening session was a time to chill out and just be, whilst sipping Pimms, and enjoying poems that were either people's favourites, or ones they had written. What a talented bunch you all are. By the way, how do poets say hello? "Hi, haven't we metaphor?"

An Evening with the Vicar on Friday 22nd July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A talk from Nigel, reminiscing about his varied and interesting life, with lots of stories and things to make you smile. Plus 2 course meal, tea/coffee. There will be some optional audience participation songs. Tickets £12.50. Contact tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com for tickets or more information.

Friends of St Mary's Church: those interested in forming a steering group/committee met on Friday 24th June, so hopefully we'll be a bit further forward with plans to create a Friends of St Mary's Group. We really do appreciate all the interest in caring for and maintaining this historic building in the centre of our lovely village. If you're interested in learning more about this initiative, or would like any further information, message us via email: friends@harlingtonchurch.org.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

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Village Diary *plus* Celebration Days

July

1 st	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
2 nd	FHLSA Summer Fayre	Lower School 11 am to 2 pm
3 rd	Families Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
4 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm plus Zoom
5 th	Fittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
8 th	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
9 th	Wildflower Walk	Fancott Meadow 10 am to 12 Noon
9 th	Pruning and Weeding	Meet Village Hall 10 am to 12 Noon
9 th	Nature Day	St Mary's 10.30 am to 3 pm
10 th	Contact Copy Date!!	
15 th	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
16 th	Messy Church	On YouTube only
18 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm in person only
22 nd	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
22 nd	Evening with the Vicar	Harlington Village Hall 7.30 pm
29 th	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
30 th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon

August

1 st	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm plus Zoom
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If you want your events included here, send details to the editor by 10th July.

You can do that without sending anything else, if you want.

Don't forget the regular weekly things like the Wednesday Coffee Mornings that aren't shown here.

**GET YOUR AUGUST 2022 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY
10TH JULY**

Celebration Days in July

St. Swithun was Bishop of Winchester from his consecration on 30 October 852 until his death on 2 July 863

The name of Swithun is best known today for the saying that if it rains on St. Swithun's day, 15 July, it will rain for forty days.

St. Swithun's day if thou dost rain

For forty days it will remain

St. Swithun's day if thou be fair

For forty days 'twill rain no more

Some say that this saying comes from him having asked to be buried outside the church, where water from the eaves could fall on him. When later he was moved into the cathedral it is said to have rained.