

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Work has well and truly started on the new housing off Sundon Road. We already have complaints about lorries in the wrong place and mess from the site. Things don't seem to change.

We can expect work to start on the "West" Harlington site before too much longer. By the end of next year there may be 300 new houses, with more to come. Churches say hate the sin but love the sinner. We may not like the building work but do welcome new people as they come into the village. For one thing, I hear many comments about the lack of volunteers. Hopefully we'll get some new ones if they feel part of the community.

Speaking of volunteers, does anyone fancy editing a village magazine? It's an interesting job which enables you to keep in touch with the village while having your say, at least to a small extent. Any takers?

Look out for the scattered quotes this month. Clive.

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Letter from the Methodist Minister *plus* HNH

Dear all

In May the Christian churches celebrated Pentecost, that is the coming to the apostles of the Holy Spirit.

I like to share this with believers and non believers in our village.

The Holy Spirit is God as our comforter and is related to human beings as the action of God in our life, when it marks our existence, when it inspires and accompanies our actions, when it makes us forget our grudges and rebuilds broken relationships and becomes concrete with our solidarity, sharing, and welcoming, when it transforms us into peacemakers, mediators of hope.

The Holy Spirit is the action of God in our life when respect, reconciliation, loyalty, and inclusivity take place with our testimony. Because these are the many faces of the Holy Spirit for Christians and simply of love for those who do not believe.

Love is one, but its realities, its manifestations are infinite.

Even if our behaviour is praiseworthy, we cannot define ourselves as Christians. The true Christian acts!

But it is also true that many are not believers and are great examples of this love and they can be a model for many, also for those who profess to belong to God but are unable to love or live in solidarity and inclusivity!

I believe our village can be a great example of unity, collaboration and harmony if we, people of different faiths, commit and care for all those who need our hand, and care in Harlington !!

Reverend Claudia Lupi



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Harlington Village Show *plus* July Quote

37th Harlington Village Show

Saturday 26th August 2023



Show opens to visitors from 2pm

Schedules with the lists of classes and entry forms, will be delivered to homes at the beginning of July. There will be spare entry forms and class lists in the Harlington Shop from Saturday 8th July. If you have any queries at all about entering, please contact us via: harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com

2022 winners should return their trophies to me by the end of July at the latest please

Flower arranging classes: do refer to the schedule for more detailed information

“Evergreen” an arrangement of fresh foliage in a tin, by a novice

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“Kaleidoscope” max H40 x W35 x D35cm

“Simply Red” an arrangement max H60 x W50 x D45cm

Exhibits are rarely perfect; but uniform, clean & blemish free exhibits are best. Fruit should not be ‘polished’, and apples are displayed with their stalks downwards. There is more advice in the schedule about how to display your fruit, veg and flowers. Show rules & the class description will give you the number, size or weight required for any exhibit. Once you’ve submitted an entry form, you bring your exhibits to the Village Hall on Saturday 26th from 8.30 – 10.45am. Show stewards will be there to greet you and give you any help and advice required.

Visit our Facebook page or Instagram to see example photos of the classes.

Harlington Village Show Committee

Queries: Tricia 07711 511729

July Quote

"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."

Harlington Lower School *plus* July Quote



We have had another lovely month at Harlington Lower School.

Oak Class were lucky enough to recently spend some time at the Methodist Church learning about the church as part of our recent RE work on Special Places. Hazel Wallis kindly organised an artefact hunt and the children enjoyed exploring and

searching in the main hall. The whole class were excited to be out of school and were made to feel very



welcomed. Thank you Hazel, once again, for the hands-on experience you provided us with.

We have also had comments from the community about the removal of the tree at the front of the school. Steve Dear were commissioned to carry out a tree survey and unfortunately due to Health & Safety concerns regarding the roots of the tree uplifting the playground soft play surface and pathways the tree had to be removed.

The school Eco Club are working on plans to plant new trees on the school grounds and Central Bedfordshire have visited the school with a view to helping us with a grant for planting and trees to replace any that have been removed.

July Quote

"If the first of July be rainy weather,
It will rain, more of less, for four weeks together."

- John Ray, English Proverbs

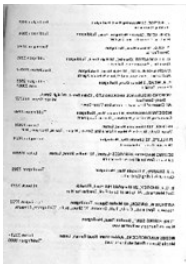
How it all began



One afternoon in March, a number of ‘*Contact*’ Distributors came together for the annual ‘catch-up and cuppa’. I had some old magazines, including the very first one dated June 1977, to show them.

Clive has asked me many times to write about the start of ‘*Contact*’ and I thought it rather appropriate to begin now because, in June 1977 we were celebrating the Queen’s Silver Jubilee. James Preston, the Chairman of the Parish Council, wrote for it a short article and concluded with this: “Let’s enter into the spirit of the occasion and wave the flag and fly the colours of this OUR Special Day”. I looked forward to doing just that for the Coronation.

It was in the summer of 1976 when St Mary’s Church was in the middle of an interregnum, just as it is today. An interregnum is a time when the church does not have a leader, this can last up to 12 months and so members of the Parish Parochial Council (PCC) work together with the Church Wardens to keep the church going. I had been a member of the church for four years and not on the PCC at that time. I was one of the Friday Club (Sunday School) teachers and a leader of a Bible Study Group. One Friday morning I was on my way to get some vegetables from Sylvia Giles when I met with another member of the church. She said it was a pity I had not been at some event on Wednesday. I replied that if I had known about it I would have been there. So it seemed that for the umpteenth time information was not being passed on. Those of you with mobile phones and the ability to text or phone wherever you are 24 hours a day will perhaps not understand what it was like to only have house phones and paper as means of communication; before the 1990s events and meetings could easily slip through the net without you being there. I digress, to return to my story –



As I walked away towards Sundon Road a thought dropped into my mind about a Village Magazine. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have a village magazine which was for everyone? As I pondered this thought more and more I began thinking about all the groups in the village that could be included, - WI., Book Club, Scouts, Youth Club, Sports Association, Lower School to name a few. All sharing their achievements, date and times of events which would be of interest to many.

I began to get very excited about the thought of this village magazine and ideas kept flooding in. I had no idea how it could be achieved but I shared the idea

How it all began *ctd.*,

with my husband, Derek and a couple of very good friends, Geoff and Kathy Webster. Go for it they said, get all the information you can so that you can present it to the Harlington Christian Council (HCC), (now Churches Together in Harlington).

During that summer I collected all the village magazines I could get my hand on and visited some editors in Barton-le-Clay, Silsoe and Toddington, asking for their advice. By the autumn I had a mock-up of a magazine in an A5 folder. I had spent a lot of time with Kathy Webster praying and discussing the magazine, constantly doubting myself and what I was doing. After many months, I said to Kathy, "do you really think this is something God wants me to do" and she replied, "Well, if you don't know now you never will!". So with her encouragement I shared what I had been doing with one of the Church Wardens, John Rutherford and requested time with the PPC to share the details and to ask if it should be presented to the HCC as a joint venture.

Eventually, I was told that I could attend the end of a PPC meeting, which I did at the end of 1976. I took my folder with the mock-up and talked to the PPC about the magazine. They were all very interested but said how is this going to be funded? Fortunately, I had done some sums and was able to say that our costs would be covered if we sold 300 copies at 5p a copy and the advertisements on the inside of the front and rear cover would pay for the printing of the cover (30 two or 3-lined adverts). The magazine itself could be printed by the Roneo machine in the Vicarage. Everyone was enthusiastic but still felt that money was required to launch the magazine. There was a lot of discussion about the cost and whether the Methodist Church would agree and I was beginning to feel after 30 mins that this venture would not get off the ground. Yet, I was certain that it had been an inspired idea and not mine! Finally, the treasurer, Jim Thacker, said that he thought it was a great idea and if the Methodist Church were not willing to be part of it then St Mary's should support it, BUT... that I should wait until a new vicar was appointed and share it with him. See Part 2 later ...

Vicky Yorke

"We go in withering July
To ply the hard incessant hoe;
Panting beneath the brazen sky
We sweat and grumble, but we go."
- Ruth Pitter, The Diehards

Brain Tumour Research



Here we are again getting ready for the July contact. We are half way through 2023, doesn't time fly! You are keeping me very busy trying to keep stocks up as you visit and



spread the word to your families, friends and neighbours. I have met some lovely people who come from far and wide and make return visits from Luton, Greenfield, Toddington and Barton and probably a whole lot of other places that I don't know as I am unable to be here for everyone who visits. A special "Thank you" to my neighbour Gill who kept it all alive and watered at the beginning of June so I could attend my brother's wedding in Horncastle. I was flabbergasted as we opened the door and there was in excess of £58 donated for plants in 5 days. So far this year £795.34 has been raised for plants from my doorstep. For the past 5 weeks I have taken 2 crates of plants on a Wednesday to my school that I retired from and where I now do volunteer gardening: 1 of flowers and 1 of vegetables and £101.30 has been raised, so thank you everyone for supporting and thank you to all those people who drop off their excess plants and those who pot on and grow specifically to support my efforts; I really do appreciate your help. I would also like to thank Duncan for sharing 5 bags of his homemade compost this has been a huge help as you can imagine I get through quite a bit of compost. I joined "The Seed Box" Flitwick Allotment Association about 8 weeks ago and I have bought at least 12 75 litre bags from them, so this is a welcome gift.

I am hoping to take some plants down to the lower school for their summer fete on the 1st and also to the flower and vegetable show on the 26th August so I hope to see some of you there or plants are available from 132 Goswell End Road 24/7, 7 days a week.

On a final note I just would like to give you a smile: Betty kindly phoned to offer me some Alchemilla Mollis and red hot pokers, life was a bit busy at the time so I managed to collect and pot up the red hot pokers but the Alchemilla stayed in her green bag, June made one of her regular visits and knocked asking if I had any Alchemilla so it was duly transferred to another bag and never did get potted up at 132 or make it to the front of the house it just got passed from Betty to June via me, we were all happy and the charity benefitted from this swoppy plant sharing, who would ever think! And yes, the green bag and red hot poker bucket were duly returned to Betty for any further contributions, thank you both. Till August Contact, keep gardening!

Best wishes

Jane Barltrop

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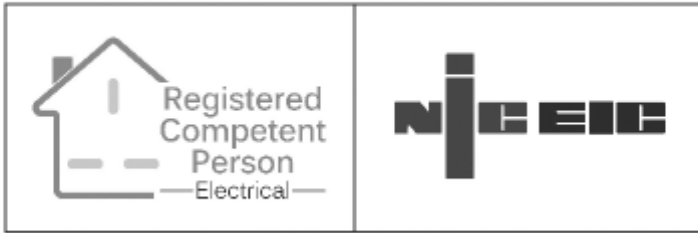
When returning a jigsaw, just let me know if there are any missing pieces or any other problem. If you have a puzzle you'd like to re-home, charity shops will be grateful for your donation.

As borrower numbers have fallen recently, and the jigsaw storage takes up quite a bit of space, I plan to continue with the library until at least the Summer, and then review if it will close or continue. Thank you. Tricia 07711 511729

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Crafternoon Tea *plus* HVH 100 Club



I have suggested recently in these articles that if anyone has developed a new skill, they might like to share with us. Well, one of our existing members decided to try a new skill. The picture shows her needle felting kit. For a full explanation, you will have to come and see. However, the box is full of balls of yarn, and the felting tool is the orange handle with three spikes. Completed are the two small birds on the felting pad.

Walking round a craft shop, a fortnight after this picture was taken, I saw another felting kit being sold. Is this something you would like to try? Or are you just in admiring someone else's skill mode? That's fine, too.

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. You may find all sorts of crafts on the go, and we enjoy watching the skills of others, even if we don't want to try them! Conversation is often wide-ranging and not necessarily about craft – come and join in. If you don't have anything you are working on at present, don't worry, the conversation and refreshments will still be open to you! Refreshments are served at each meeting.

Our July meetings will be 3rd, 17th, and 31st – this last one will not be on Zoom – the first two will be on Zoom as well as in person.

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

HVH 100 Club

The winner for May of the 100 club was No. 91 belonging to Natalie Jeffs 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.

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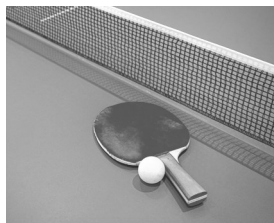
Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games



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 Heritage Trust

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There is no event in August. Our next talk is Sunday 17 September in Harlington Village Hall at 15.00. John Hele will be speaking about "Seventeenth Century Ampthill – A Lively Time for Ampthill". The cost is £4 for members and £5 for non-members, including refreshments afterwards.

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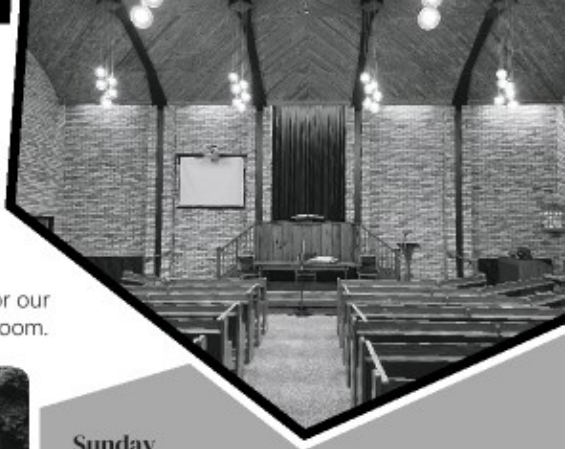
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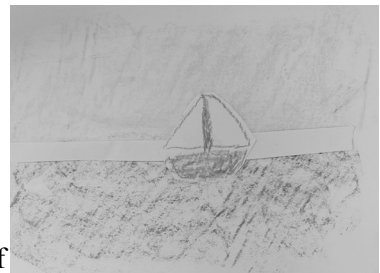
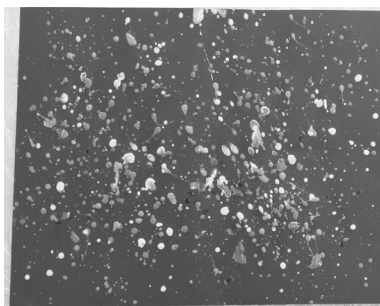


Messy Church News



May Messy Church was about Ascension and Pentecost. For Ascension we made Ascension spirals from paper plates, with a text and cotton wool clouds.

We made Splatter Pictures to represent the flames at Pentecost (they show up much better in colour), and windsocks and sailing boats that represent the sound of a rushing wind and the power of the Holy Spirit. The picture here is a still one, some of you may



have seen the moving boat on Facebook. We also decorated cakes to symbolise that the day of Pentecost is the birthday of the church. Then we



made fruit-like pom-poms and a fruit flan to represent the Fruit of the Spirit. We ate the flan with spray cream at tea time! We ate the cakes as well, along with sandwiches and sausage rolls and strawberries and all sorts of other things.

Our next Messy Church will be at 4 pm on 15th July when, unsurprisingly, we will focus on holidays. In August we will be hav-

ing a break, then we will be back in September.

We try always to have a Zoom link for those who can't get to the chapel, and to livestream the celebration to YouTube, which also provides a recording. Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church is not just for children. If you find that making things helps you with the Bible stories, Messy Church may be for you.

Clive

Harlington in Bloom



Thank you to Harlington in Bloom committee members, Carole Preston, Ann Clarke and Ann Jones for planting up our raised borders, outlier displays and war memorial with our summer bedding that will hopefully bring pleasure to villagers and visitors. At our last committee meeting it was reported that it took under an hour to complete this task; that must be a record! A special thanks to our chairman David Kingham who advises on choice of plants and designs, who plans and orders the required number of plants and coordinates distribution to the planting sites, it is a military operation on his part. He makes it work every time and then he takes responsibility for the all the beds that need watering at the crossroads during the summer; that really takes great dedication and an enormous amount of his time. Thank you so much David.

Future weeding dates for the year are planned for: 8th July, 9th September and 11th November. We generally meet at 10am at the village hall but on the 8 July we will meet at the dry bed behind Orchard House, opposite the doctors. We plan to work for no more than 2 hours so if you can spare up to 2 hours come and be part of the care of Harlington's floral borders. Bring your secateurs, trowels and a garden bag to help us weed and cut back the dry bed. We look forward to seeing you there!

We would also like to remind you that summer judging of front gardens/hanging basket/container/allotments/dry garden/commercial/public buildings will take place the week beginning 17th July 2023, so enjoy your gardens, take pride and let's make this a great competition! You may like to note in your diaries that our awards evening is planned for 29 September. We are yet to confirm the venue but we will be celebrating winners and runners up from the spring and summer gardens competition.

We will be having a stall at the flower and vegetable show at the village hall on 26 August so please do visit our gazebo, say hello, look at the photos of the winning gardens, baskets etc and talk to us we look forward to meeting you!

And finally we are thrilled to welcome back our publicity committee member, Vivienne Dunlop so you will be able to keep up with our HIB antics on Facebook too, as I hand back to her and leave you all in her very capable hands, Thank you Vivienne.

Thanks for reading our news and for the encouraging comments we receive when we are working. We look forward to welcoming any of you who would like to join us at our working parties, awards evening or our AGM in the new year.

Jane Barltrop pp Harlington in Bloom Committee

Coronation Big Lunch Report



The Coronation seems such a long time ago, yet it's been only a few weeks. Apologies for the late report of the event - health issues, work, family etc just took over our time!

“The Ladies in Waiting” were biting our fingernails in anticipation of what the weather would be doing - but after the previous days downpours the sun came

out in a vengeance! Hundreds turned up with picnics, chair and tables and their own flags to celebrate the event as a community. Many more enjoyed the BBQ fayre, something cold from the bar or just a delicious creamy ice cream.

We were entertained by a Sing-a-long with Barbara and later by the youth group Paradox - forget Britain's Got Talent! Harlington have it in buckets!

The event was organised by just the four of us, with our families. We had repeatedly asked for help but sadly very few came forward. So, thank you to Andrew Asbury and his Merry Men: David Wheeler, Paul Freeman, Paul Easterbrook and Michael Asbury who took on the enormous task of running the BBQ. Thanks also to Meryl Parker, Liz Hair, Lesley Henry and Clive Salmon for the use of the PA system.



That really was it - given that we are a village of (currently) 1000+ homes and have just had “volunteer week” please consider putting your name forward for future community events, groups or societies, even half an hour to help out. Without help, these events are harder to put on for everyone's enjoyment.



Finally, we have some bespoke village commemorative pin badges left over, if you missed out. They are £2 each or three for £5. Please message Rita Panchal if you'd like any.

Thank you to those who came along and make the event such a success.

From The Ladies in Waiting

LIFE Church *plus* 0—4 Club



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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:

- 2nd 10 am Come and See Led by Sheila Norris
6 pm Service with Holy Communion Led by Rev Claudia Lupi
9th 11 am Open Air Service on Dunstable Downs
16th 10 am Service with Holy Communion Led by Rev Claudia Lupi
23rd 10 am Tina Salmon
30th 10 am Local Arrangements

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

COFFEE MORNING 29th July, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall

LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We meet every Thursday at 2.45 pm in the Methodist Church Hall

- 6th Helen James
13th Trip to Stockwood Park
20th Rev'd Joanne Sherwood
27th Rev'd Claudia Lupi



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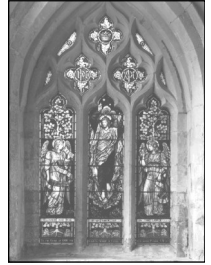
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OPEN AIR SERVICE

If you enjoyed the Open Air service for the Coronation, you might enjoy our Circuit Open Air Service on Dunstable Downs on the 9th July. Bring a picnic for afterwards.

St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. Newcomers especially welcome. July's services are:



Sundays

- 2nd 8 am Book of Common Prayer service
9.30 am Holy Communion
3 pm Messy afternoon tea in Parish Rooms or outside, weather permitting
- 9th 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 16th 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 23rd 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 30th 9.30 am Morning Prayer or Communion

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

Other times

The church can be made available for private prayer by arrangement, please contact one of the church wardens, Tricia Murphy tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com or Neil Walter walterfamily@btinternet.com, or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org. Alternatively email admin@harlingtonchurch.org

For personal enquiries, for requests for prayer, or for enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org or 01525 873214.

Further information and useful links

The church noticeboard is kept regularly up-to-date

The church website is at <https://www.harlingtonchurch.org>

The church Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/

A Church Near You at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7667/>

Remember that we are here for you.

Dr Robert Johns (Reader), Tricia Murphy and Neil Walter (Church Wardens)

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Churchyard: to our delight, we have a ground nesting bumble bees' nest in the churchyard, marked by a sign on the right hand side as you go through the main arched gate. The bees are docile and would need to feel threatened before stinging anyone (the males have no sting), so do go and watch them as they lead their busy lives. Our ground nesting solitary bees should return when the ivy flowers appear, maybe late August, or early September. Meanwhile, the lady's bedstraw flowers are starting to appear in our wild grassland area, although not flowering at the time of writing. Do visit the churchyard to enjoy the wildlife and trees, (and enjoy some shade in the hot weather). Just walk around the outside of any 'wilder' areas, and please use the benches which are dotted around.

Easyfundraising: thank you so much to those who've been in touch about raising 'free' donations for us when shopping online. Online retailers donate a % of your purchase to the church for our Restoration Fund, at no extra cost to you. Some information was available in last month's Contact – but if you'd like to know more about this initiative, please do contact me: tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

Social events:

Afternoon Tea Sunday 9th July from 2.30-5pm at East End Stables. Donkey and horse rides, musical entertainment, afternoon tea, raffle. Parking available. A fun afternoon for all the family. Proceeds to the Restoration Fund.

Choir & Band Concert Saturday 15th July at 7pm till late, the first event organised by the newly formed Friends of St Mary's Church. Barton Community Choir and local band 'The Cheats' will perform live in church. Entry free but donations welcome and please Gift Aid if possible. Bring your own snacks and drink. I've seen the programme of music and songs and the concert is really upbeat and entertaining. If you need to leave the concert before the end, feel free to slip out during a break. Do you know why the choir were locked out of their rehearsal room?.....They missed the key change!

Please check the Contact magazine, our website www.harlingtonchurch.org, or the noticeboard outside church for our service information. If you'd like to speak to someone, or arrange a wedding, baptism etc, contact myself or Churchwarden Neil Walter, or email our Lay Reader Robert: robert@harlingtonchurch.org

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

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Village Diary *plus* Tailpiece

July

1 st Summer Fayre	Harlington Lower School 11 am to 2.30 pm
2 nd Family Afternoon Tea	Parish Hall 3 pm
3 rd Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
4 th Flittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
8 th HiB Weeding	Dry Bed behind Orchard House 10 am
9 th Open Air Service	Dunstable Downs 11 am
9 th Afternoon Tea	East End Stables 2.30 – 5 pm
12 th Wildlife Walk	Flitton Moor 7 pm
15 th HHT Coach Trip	Leaving Village Hall 9 am
15 th Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
15 th Concert	St. Mary's Church 7 pm
17 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
29 th Coffee morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 noon
31 st Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (not Zoom)

Don't forget the regular weekly things like the Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Friday Ramblers Wellbeing Walks that aren't shown here. If you want your events included here, send details to the editor. You can do that without sending anything else, if you want.

GET YOUR AUGUST 2023 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10TH JULY

Tailpiece

Sometimes there are spaces to be filled in the magazine. I may use quotes or poems, sometimes I add an extra "editorial".

I believe in communications, openness and transparency. I think it is important to tell people what you are doing. Of course, different people respond to different forms. Some like to read from paper. Some read electronically. Some like to listen, others to watch. Some like a poster, others like a flier. If we are to communicate we need many methods.

One method reinforces another. A poster can be reinforced by an article, which explains things. Of course, the difficulty now is media fragmentation. Where do you go for news? At least Contact goes to every house. Have a good summer.

Clive