

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

November looks like another busy month in the village (and December will be busier). It is good to see and hear about so much going on.

We are intending to publish a new village directory in January. If you haven't already let me know of any groups that should be listed or changes that have happened in the 4 years since we last published, please do.

You'll note that Flittabus was omitted last month as I didn't receive it. I try always to acknowledge submissions, usually when I get them or just after the copy date. If I haven't acknowledged yours, give me a call.

Hopefully the road to Sundon will be open by 12th November, but if not, don't get trapped by the service at the War Memorial, or if you are, please have patience.

Clive.

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Letter from St. Mary's Church

*The south wall warms me: November has begun,
Yet never shone the sun as fair as now
While the sweet last-left damsons from the bough
With spangles of the morning's storm drop down
Because the starling shakes it, whistling what
Once swallows sang.*

Edward Thomas' poem reminds us of how precious the sun is in late autumn and winter, when the days are shorter, and the clocks have gone back bringing forward the evening darkness. Although *There's Nothing Like the Sun*, from which the lines above are an extract, is not a war poem, Thomas is often regarded as a war poet. He voluntarily served in the army in 1915; as a mature married man he could have claimed exemption from enlistment, but considered it was his duty to serve. He was killed in action in the Battle of Arras in 1917, and is commemorated in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey.

November is the month when we remember all those whose duty it was to serve. We gather around the war memorial not just to remember them, but also to remind ourselves that our village, however large it has become, is a community, and in communities individual lives matter. We must never forget our history.



It must now be close to the centenary of the first war memorial service in Harlington. Traditionally, the war memorial commemoration is followed by a service in church where we bring the suffering of those who are caught up in wars, whoever and wherever they may be, before God, acknowledging that resorting to violence and aggression is not God's chosen way for humankind.

One of Jesus' names is the Prince of Peace. He refused to take up arms, despite his community wanting him to lead them in an uprising against the oppressive Roman authorities. He chose the way of the cross. He chose to lay down his life so that they and we could live.

Sadly, war and conflicts continue throughout the world today. Not just in Ukraine but in civil wars taking place in about 30 countries throughout the world, including some, such as Libya, where armed conflict impedes humanitarian aid reaching disaster victims. We pray for people involved in them all. Peace is what we and they crave — peace as precious as the sunshine in November.

Robert Johns

Reader, St. Mary's Church

Harlington Juniors FC *plus* Senior Tea Party



All the teams at Harlington Jnrs football club are now well into the season and all performing well. The two adult teams picked up some new training tops and bags supplied by a new sponsor, Abram & Roberts quality builders with help from Joe at the Old Sun pub. The firsts have a tough start to life in Division 1 picking up 10pts and sitting in 5th place only 2pts behind the leaders. Reserves have had a fantastic start to the season, four wins with 19 goals scored and just 2 conceded. Top of the table after a 4-1 victory over fellow high flyers Bedford Albion. The U18s have completed their grading games and will compete in division 4 of the league this season. U15s have had a surprising start to the season, winning 3 league games and a cup game. There are many challenges ahead with some tougher teams, but the players are enjoying some success early on in the season.

U13s have continued on from last season. Moving up a league they remain unbeaten with 4 wins beating Wixams 2-0, Stotfold 5-3 and away at top of the league FC Comets Hitchin winning 4-3. U11s also have a great start to the season. Winning 4 times and losing just the once, scoring 27 goals and conceding 12 including a 10-1 cup quarter final victory against local rivals Barton.

All the coaches have been busy maintaining the New Grounds, moving one of the waste bins and cutting back the hedges. If you want to keep up to date with the fixtures or sponsor a game, player or just want to help us with the running of the club, contact our chairman Karlos through our website.

Harlington Senior Residents Christmas Tea Party

🎄 Harlington Senior Residents 🎄

🎄 You are invited to join our Annual Christmas Tea Party! 🎄

You are warmly invited to join us on **12th December from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM** for our delightful Annual Christmas Tea Party at Harlington Upper School.

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We look forward to sharing the seasonal joy with you once again!

Harlington Lower School *plus* Badminton Club



There has been lots going on at Harlington Lower School since the beginning of term. We have started using a book-based curriculum for our English lessons and the children are enjoying reading books such as ‘Coming to England’ by Floella Benjamin and ‘Counting on Katherine’ by Katherine Johnson. The spine of different books we are using for the year gives more diversity to the range of books we read in school.

We have our Reception open mornings coming up on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 16th November at 9-10am. These are opportunities for any parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2024 to visit the school, have a look around and meet the staff. Please share this with anyone who may be interested.

As we are nearing December, we are busy making calendars to deliver to the elderly members of our village. If you know of any villagers who are no longer with us, please let us know. Also, if you know of anyone who would like a calendar, we would be more than happy to add them to our list.

Harlington Badminton Club 50th Birthday

On Saturday 7th October, Harlington Badminton Club celebrated its 50th birthday with a party at the Village Hall. Club members from past and present came together for an evening of remembering the club over the years. Original member, Mick Davis, gave an excellent speech with how the club was formed and was played at Harlington Upper School and Community College for many years. The club has attracted a broad section of players over the years from professional footballers to students! Duncan Willox, who played for the club’s team for many years, presented a highly amusing poem that he had written about the



Harlington Badminton Club’s current oldest and youngest members, John Harfield and Ted Graves.



club’s antics! Nowadays, the club plays at Alameda Hall in Ampthill and many current members were present on Saturday night to celebrate. A great fun evening was had by all.

Great Big Garage Sale *plus* Hedgehogs

Thank you to everyone who supported the sale. In spite of the exceedingly hot day on Saturday and the rain on Sunday we still managed to raise £744.00. This, together with 5 very generous donations and the sale of Jams and Marmalade, a further £656 made the grand total of £1400 to be shared by the MS Therapy Centre In Bedford and 4 local Groups.

Thank you everyone who helped with the setting up and helping during the sale and the clearing up afterwards. Everything that wasn't sold has been taken to other charities, ie. Dr Barnardo's in Amptill, Keech Hospice Shops in Flitwick and Sundon Park, the Animal Welfare Trust, and to some homeless families, nothing has gone to waste.

Another thank you must go to the kind people who have given me loads of apples, blackberries, damsons and plums for making the jam. Oranges, sugar etc are also donated so every penny goes to the fund raising.

Your support is very much appreciated, thank you again, Gwen Gray.

Hedgehogs

Harlington's Hedgehog hospital has been extremely busy the last few months with hedgehogs coming in with issues from being underweight and dehydrated, from strimmer accidents and from various other injuries. Our resident hedgehog carer, Kate Dimmock, has been doing an amazing job bringing many back to health but with some sadness along the way.

Our hedgehog population will hopefully improve with some being released into gardens around the village. Therefore the message, as always, is please leave out water in a shallow bowl, if you can leave out meaty cat or dog food that's an added bonus! If you use trimmers, lawn mowers or any cutters on long grass/undergrowth, it is essential you check for hedgehogs and other wildlife first. Please assess your gardens for any dangerous areas (ponds, netting etc).

Kate gave a brilliant talk at the Parish Hall in September on her work and gave tips on how we can help hedgehogs. For those who couldn't attend, Kate will arrange another talk in the near future.

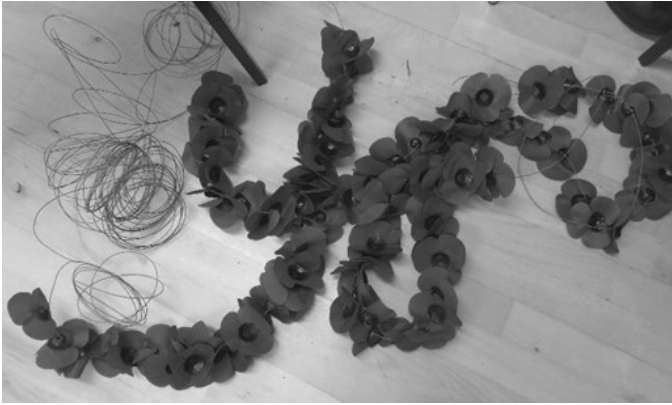
Firework night will take place prior to the next Contact Issue therefore please remember - if you are having a bonfire, move the wood completely to a different position to enable you to check for sleeping hedgehogs. Having a look into the logpile simply isn't enough of a check!! THINK WILDLIFE.

For hedgehog rescue: Kate Dimmock: Harlington Hogspital 07572545179

For hedgehog or wildlife advice why not join the Harlington Hedgehog Facebook page: currently 149 members

Crafternoon Tea *plus* 0—4 Nativity

For the last two sessions, Crafternoon Tea has hosted the ladies who last year repurposed the previous year's poppy wreaths to decorate around both church



buildings for Remembrance Sunday as they repeat the activity, so that poppies may be visible in other locations around the village. The process is fascinating – the picture shows some of the progress last year. We hope to have pictures taken around the village later this year.

If you are interested in craft of any kind and would like to join a group of like-minded people, or would like to try a new skill or refresh an older, underused one, please drop in to any meeting. If you would like to come, but find it difficult to get to the church, please let me know – we are still operating on Zoom as well as face to face. If you would like help with transport, again, please let me know, and I will try to arrange something.

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. There are likely to be all sorts of crafts on the go, and we are happy to share what skills we have with others. We have materials, tools and magazines available, some always on the premises, and some which can be brought in if required.

Our November meetings will be 6th, and 20th on Zoom as well as in person, and refreshments are served at each meeting.

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

0-4 Nativity

Our Carol Service for the 0—4 s and their mums, dads or other carers will be at the Methodist Church on Friday 1st December, at 10 for 10.15 am, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Songs, music, story, mince pies. All 0—4s welcome (bring your own adult!)

Brain Tumour Research *plus* HGS



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Tea/coffee Fundraiser for Brain Tumour Research



“Finally”, I hear you say, well, please mark on your calendars that on the 4th November between 2-4pm tea and coffee will be served in Harlington Village Hall. It will follow the usual format for past November fundraisers and there will be Brain Tumour Research Christmas cards; “what’s in the box?” game; plants; crafts and raffle. It’s a chance to catch up with friends, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and home made cake and support our fundraising, let’s make it a great event I do hope you will be able to join us.

A big Thankyou to everyone who supported the gazebo sale on 1st October, our stall raised £106 and I have now got a bit more space in my loft! A massive thank you to my friend Liz who provided items for sale, gave up her time to help and provided a lovely picnic too! Delicious!

Thank you also to those contributors who brought lavender, cooking apples, courgettes, cucumbers, beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, plums and plants and all those who have made donations for them. The grand total for donations through my door now stands at £1637.02 since the beginning of 2023.

This is all amazing and brings great comfort knowing we are trying to do something positive out of something so devastating. Thank you for helping and supporting our efforts, you will never know how much this means to us and without you all supporting our purpose in life would be more limited. Our many grateful thanks.

Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj

Harlington Gardeners’ Society

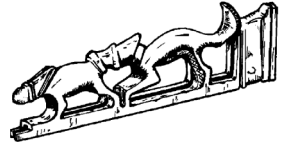


Our AGM will take place in the Village Hall on 17th November at 7.00 pm after which (at 7.30) we will have another talk given by Michael Brown, who many of you will remember from his “Death in the Garden” talk last year.

Entry will be free to members, with cheese & wine (also soft drinks) being provided.

Non-members will be welcome to pay an entrance fee of £4 per person on the door.

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



Monday 6th November 2023

Flitton and Greenfield in World War II (part 2)



This talk continues the story from February this year when Margaret spoke to our society. It shows what life was like for the villagers and was mirrored by villages throughout England in the war years.

Speaker: Margaret Butt

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ 7.30 for 7.45 pm start. Members free, visitors very welcome £5.00 payable on the door. The talk will also be broadcast live via Zoom to Society members.

Next meeting: 4th December – An Unassuming County: The Making of the Bedfordshire Countryside.

Speaker Brian Kerr

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What is Paganism Part 2 *plus* Wellbeing Walks

This is the finish of the article from last month. Here the description of Pagan celebration days continues.

March arrives with slightly lighter days when we celebrate the Spring Equinox or Ostara, a time of white carpets of Snowdrops forcing their heads above the covering of snow, things getting warmer perhaps?

Beltane comes with a flourish, the 1st of May. The natural world spreads out it's new growth, the Blackthorn being one of the first with it's milky white scented flowers taking charge of the hedgerows.

The Primroses, Bluebells, Daffodils, the young of many animals emerge into the countryside for the first time. Amphibians egg laying in the ponds, birds starting to build nests although some have started in early march, life is full on.

June 21st we have the summer Solstice (Litha) where we celebrate the longest day of the year, Pagans, Druids, etc. flock to the Stone Circles to witness the rising of the midsummer sun through the perfectly aligned portals - stunning.

August the first (Lammas) the part of the calendar which celebrates the harvest which is now being gathered in, weather permitting, for storage over the winter period.

September the 21st Autumn Equinox (Mabon)

Foodstuffs are being gathered in across the natural world to enable survival through the winter as the light starts to recede and the days become colder.

I have a number of friends who follow the Christian faith, we have conversations, we laugh, but there is never a sense of animosity; why should there be?

Andy Bishop (Pagan)

Harlington Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

The Harlington walks happen every Friday morning and start from the Village Hall Car Park at 10.30am. They are a great way to stay fit, enjoy the village, and meet fellow residents. It is almost impossible not to feel good when we're walking outdoors – it's a natural mood-booster and a tonic for mind and body.



Whether you used to enjoy walking but have lost your fitness or want to get started to improve your wellness, we're all in it together. We're a friendly bunch so you'll get the warmest of welcomes. Everyone walks for their own reasons, whether to ward off illness, manage health conditions or boost their wellbeing. Yet we all get more out of it by walking together.

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IDEAS

- Café Gift Voucher of any value
- Coffee and Cake Voucher (favourite teacher?)
- Christmas dog treat flavours for the furbaby
- Pizza party with your own playlist/crafty activity

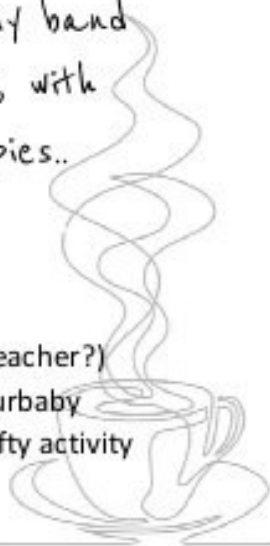
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Harlington in Bloom



Hi everyone, so good to see so many people in the village hall at our Awards evening. Thanks to all who were able to come. We did really enjoy it too. So many people to thank that made it happen. Lovely flowers in jam jars provided by Judy Harfield for the tables. But the set up and breakdown people are a must, not least because Andy

Bishop and John Harfield amongst others pitched in to help the committee. Thanks to those who helped with refreshments also.

It's always a bit tense at the beginning of the evening. What, no glasses? Will the tech work? Where on earth is switch for the magic screen? What can we use to prop the projector (kindly loaned by the Felces). Upturned plate if anyone needs this tip! Will people trip over the wires taped to floor?



But it was just brilliant. Very good speeches by David Kingham (acting chair- he won't let us make him chair). Very nice words by Harlington in Bloom President David Barack. DB did gently remind the audience that he could remember most of the committee and helpers from his time as Chair. So we always need new people. And we do have some more recent joiners. So behind the scenes for instance is Rosemary Toohy doing an amazing and much appreciated job as Secretary. Teresa Glenister, Anthony Price and Martyn Stynes: Always bringing muscle and enthusiasm to the Harlington in Bloom party.

So what are the Awards? They are kerbside views of Front Gardens in Spring and Summer. They are nominated by committee members who walk the village and allotments and nominate an unlimited number of plots. The nominees are then judged by people independent of the committee.



Spring Garden

Winner: Cathy Sheehan 88 Goswell Road
2nd Audrey Gammon 20 Lincoln Way
3rd Pat and Alan King 19 Brian Road

Harlington in Bloom

Best Dry Garden.

Winner – Atkins Family 65 Lincoln Way (a clear winner with a good mix of features).

Best Hanging Baskets / Containers.

Winner - Jane and Mark Cattle 1 Daubeney Close (an exceptionally good mix of plants and colours)

2nd – Jesse McNulty 33 Lincoln Way

3rd – Tricia Murphy 43 Barton Road

Best Front Garden.

Winner - Stephen Ginger and Andrea Rogers 5 Kent Court (an excellent mix of plants for all seasons)

2nd - Pete Bostock 9 Brian Road

3rd - Fay and Ian Winkworth 41 LincolnWay

Best Public Building

The Parish Hall – nice new bed by the parish clerk's office

Best Commercial Building

The Old Sun, Sundon Road, Malcolm Maclean

Allotments

Winner Liz Hair

Joint 2nd Darran Wicks and Roger and Nicole Ivett

3rd Claire Abbott

Highly Commended Ian Squire

Microplot Winner _ Yuliia Yurista



Next year we will be welcoming sponsors again for some of our flower beds. While Harlington Parish Council pays for the main bedding plants for the village, sometimes we need a little extra for maintenance or capital expenditure on equipment such as the bowser and irrigation systems.

Everyone very welcome to our events below:

Dates for your Diary

11 November - Weeding/Tidy of War Memorial Meet Village Hall carpark
10am-12.00

9th February 2024 AGM All welcome Village Hall.7.30 pm

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Also, because the Milton Keynes bus is very popular at this time of year, we need to have a good idea of how many passengers will be travelling.

So, **for November and December only**, please **reserve a seat beforehand**. To do this, call Margaret on **07 770 946 497**. And if you find you can't join us after all, please let Margaret know.

NOVEMBER FLITTABUS EXCURSION

The popular excursion to the Burghley Christmas Fair in Stamford is now **fully booked**.

WHAT DIDN'T HAPPEN LAST MONTH

Regular readers of the Flittabus column will be wondering why it didn't appear in Contact last month. Despite emailing it to the editor in good time, a "technical error" somewhere along the line meant the editor didn't see it. How wondrous are the arcane workings of the internet gremlins!

HVH 100 Club

The 100 Club winner for July was Morgan Bishop of Flitwick with ticket number 37.

The 100 Club winner for August was Jill Thew of Oak Close with ticket number 3.

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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Wildlife walks & talks

Monday, 20th November. 19.15 Maulden Church Hall, 2A Church Rd,
Maulden, MK45 2AU Brief AGM (19.15-19.30) followed by

Tales of the Bee Bank (solitary bees and wasps) a talk by John Curd

John writes: During our first lockdown of 2021, I was lucky to discover a very active natural bee bank in Rushmere Country Park. Knowing nothing to begin with, I learnt much and this talk attempts to demonstrate the many interactions between the various bee and wasp species inhabiting the bank. £4 entrance charge to this event.

Open to all, but please reserve as space is limited.

For additional information or to reserve your place please email
flitvale.info@gmail.com.

(If you don't have email, please ring Ann on 07580 178889 between 6-8 pm.)

We have no activity planned for December.

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Flit Vale Local Group

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HNH Good Neighbours

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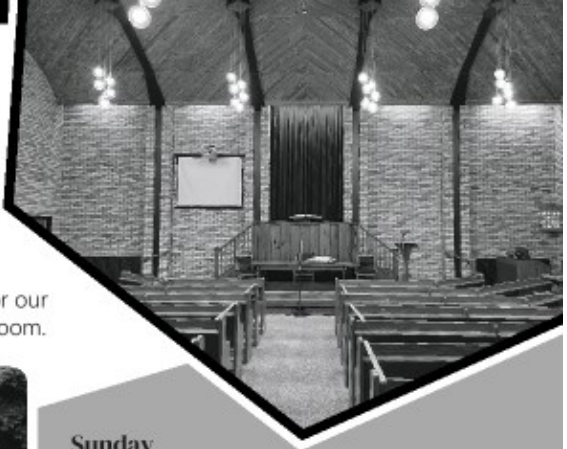
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Messy Church News *plus* Harlington Hotshots



September seems to be a good month to think about creation, and this year we used the story of Noah as a basis. After the flood life came back to the world, and God sent the rainbow as a sign that there would always be seedtime and harvest in future. We made lots of different bird insect and animal models, tried to make balloon models for flowers, and iced rainbows on biscuits. And we also planted cress seeds.



In our next Messy Church, at 4 pm on 18th November, we will consider the story of Blind Bartimaeus, as we think about Jesus healing people.

For those who don't know, from 4 pm we have activities, including painting, cooking, model making or similar, then at 4.45 pm we go into our celebration, with stories, songs and some more activities. While we're doing that, someone else is setting out tea, which we have from 5.30 pm to 6 pm.

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 Hotshots Netball Club



Hi, my name is Emily Thornton-Greet and I am very excited to be starting up Harlington Hotshots Netball Club again on Saturday mornings at the Lower School at 10:30.

This is a club for years 3 to 6 and all genders are welcome!

All subs will be go towards running the club including insurance, upkeep of equipment and end of year awards. Hopefully as time goes, we will be able to attend friendly tournaments with other clubs.

All our coaches are DBS checked and we will always have one first aider on site. So please feel free to come down for a session to see if you would like to join!

For more information Whatsapp:07982375060 or emilytg@me.com

LIFE Church *plus* HHT



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All Welcome

November

5th - Worship

12th - Remembrance Service at the Memorial, Crossroads

Followed by United service at St. Mary's

19th - Rob and Sarah Payne

26th - TBA

Wednesday 7.15pm Prayer meeting continues to meet on Zoom.

For more information check us out on our website.

You can also contact us through our website if you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone

www.life-church-harlington.com

Harlington Heritage Trust

On Sunday 19 November Janice Tuckett will be giving a talk on “Monarchs in Beds – English Kings and Queens who have visited our county” in Harlington Village Hall at 15.00. From William the Conqueror (possibly!) to Charles III - which places did they visit, or stay, who did they meet, and what did they do whilst in Bedfordshire?

The cost to attend the talk is £4 for members and £5 for non-members, including refreshments after the talk. HHT events for 2024 will be publicised in the HHT members' newsletter, “Contact” magazine and on the HHT website.

Methodist Church

We meet in person in the church and also have people join on Zoom, or view the service on YouTube for morning services. Everyone is welcome.



NOVEMBER preachers are:

- 5th 10 am Shiela Norris
6 pm United Bunyan Service with Holy Communion
12th 10.55 am United Parade Service at the War Memorial then in St. Mary's
19th 10 am To be arranged
26th 10 am Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Martin Wallis

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 25th November, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm at the Methodist church Hall. Members have the opportunity to hear from a variety of invited speakers, share in the company of others and enjoy a nice cup of tea.

So why not join us? New members are always made very welcome. No need to book ahead, just come along! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Speakers for November .-

- 2nd Alan Parfit
9th Olivia from Action for children (NB. In Church Sanctuary)
16th Aley Green with Jam for Sale
23rd Claudia
30th Sue Blain with Poetry



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St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Churchyard: I recently disturbed 10 jackdaws and 3 squirrels around the entrance arch on Church Road (in bird parlance a group of jackdaws is called a 'clattering'). None seemed bothered by my visit, but we're still being bothered by the mole – I've lost count of how many mounds of earth it's now made. Did you know that moles over dramatise everything. They make mountains out of mole hills..... ;-)

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Harlington History Exhibition: Sunday 12th November from 11.15am -4pm in the Parish Hall, after the service at the War Memorial. Displays of articles, historical village information, model train layout, stalls. Refreshments including Harlington pasties. Free entry, donations welcome for refreshments.

Art Attack: Saturday 25th November from 10am - 1pm. free entry. With a Christmas theme and all the family welcome, spend a bit of time painting, crafting, drawing and creating. You can leave your creations to decorate the church, or take them home. We also hope to make a large display – pop along on the day, and find out what that is. See local posters or our website for more information, www.harlingtonchurch.org.

Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December, 12-5pm in the church. Maybe your group would like to be involved and enter a tree this year? If you'd like to enter it's not too late, but let me know asap, entering a tree is free. Add a bit of sparkle to your Christmas preparations. Door entry £2.50, children free. Refreshments, home made cakes, and excellent raffle. We are also collecting toys throughout November and during the Festival weekend for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal. Toys can be for babies and children up to age 16, new and unwrapped please. tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

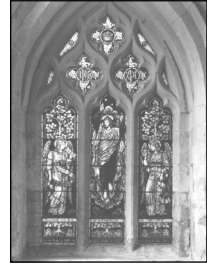
For service and event information, check the Contact magazine, the noticeboard outside church or our website: www.harlingtonchurch.org. If you'd like to speak to someone, or arrange a wedding, baptism etc, contact myself or Churchwarden Neil Walter, or email our Lay Reader Robert: robert@harlingtonchurch.org

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church.

This month includes a joint Bunyan commemoration service at the Methodist Church on 5th. and the traditional Remembrance Service on 12th. which begins at the war memorial. Late October and November's services are:



Sundays

29 th October	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	5.00 pm	In Loving Memory Service
5 th November	8 am	Book of Common Prayer service
	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	TBC	Family Breakfast Club in Parish Rooms
	6 pm	United Bunyan service at Methodist Church
12 th November	10.55 am	Remembrance Sunday at the village war memorial
	11.10 am	Remembrance Sunday service in church
19 th . November	9.30 am.	Holy Communion
26 th . November	9.30 am	Holy Communion

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 10 a.m. 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/>

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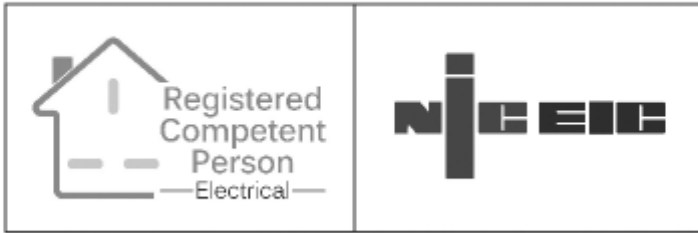
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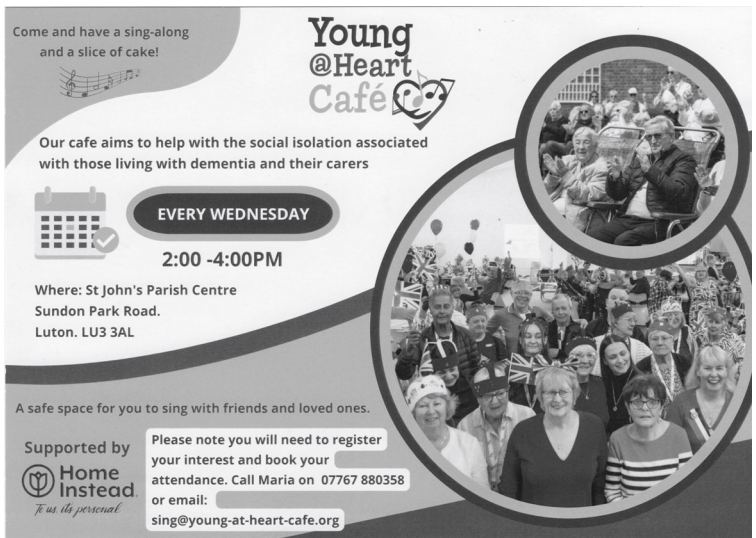
1 st	Reception Open Morning	Harlington Lower School 9 – 10 am
4 th	Brain Tumour Research Fundraiser	Village Hall 2 – 4 pm
6 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
6 th	ADALHS Talk	Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre 7.30 pm
7 th	Flittabus to MK	Bus Stop Station Road 9.15 am
11 th	Weeding/tidying	Village Hall Car Park 10 am
12 th	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial 10.55 am
12 th	History Exhibition	Parish Hall 11.15 am – 4 pm
16 th	Reception Open Morning	Harlington Lower School 9 – 10 am
17 th	HGS AGM	Village Hall 7 pm
18 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
19 th	HHT Talk	Village Hall 3 pm
20 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
20 th	Wildlife Talk (AGM)	Maulden Church Hall 7.15 pm
25 th	Coffee morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 noon
25 th	Art Attack	St. Mary's Parish Church 10 am – 1 pm

December

1 st	0 – 4s Nativity	Methodist Church 10 for 10.15 am
1 st /2 nd	Pantomime	Village Hall
2 nd /3 rd	Christmas Trees	St. Mary's Parish Church 12 – 5 pm

Don't forget the regular weekly things like the Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Friday Ramblers Wellbeing Walks that aren't shown here.

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