

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Happy New Year to you all. This year will bring some changes to the village as new houses are completed and new people move in. There will be a General Election, and if the polls are to be believed, a new government.

Many things will, of course, stay the same, even when we don't want them to. What is that phase, "May you be the change you want to become"? The best changes come from us working together to make good things happen.

On a different note, if you could volunteer as a Contact deliverer, speak to Debbie, or email me. If you would like to be editor....

Finally have a look at the Directory published in the centre pages. If you notice errors or omissions, or if changes happen, please let me know. I will have a little corrections spot if any are pointed out.

Clive.

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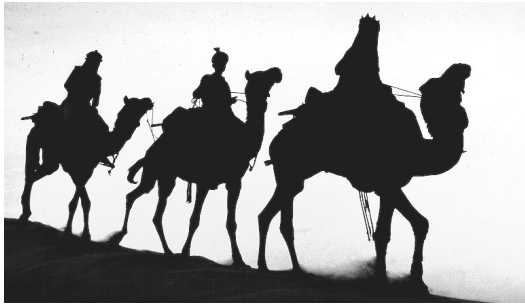
Letter from St. Mary's Church

January marks the beginning of a new year, when we look back to 2023 and forward to 2024. Globally, 2023 was not a good year. The huge loss of life in the Israel-Gaza conflict causes many of us to despair. Added to that is the horrendous conflict between Russia and Ukraine that started in the previous year, to which we can add civil wars in several countries which rarely make it into the headlines. When will it all end? Has it ever been as bad as this in our lifetime? Questions that many people ask.



It is important to take a broader perspective, and the Christmas message of peace of goodwill may help here. We need to remind ourselves that Jesus came into a world in turmoil, where people lived their everyday lives in abject fear. They lived under a repressive, cruel, vicious, Roman regime which terrorised people. No wonder they were desperate for a saviour to come and rescue them. In the end, they did not quite get what they were expecting, they did not get someone to lead a revolt or insurrection. Someone prepared to die for them, and then rise from the dead, so they could all be saved. Not insurrection, but resurrection! They, and we, received an amazing gift of eternal life for those who follow the Messiah. In the end, all will be well.

In January many churches celebrate Epiphany when we recall the ways in which it became clear to people around Jesus at the time that he was the Son of God,



the fulfilment of prophecy, God made 'manifest' meaning God shown to human beings. No wonder the Magi, the Kings, were so excited and prepared to travel so far. No wonder we love to remember their wonderful, vividly colourful story as Christmas moves into Epiphany. Yet not only is it a great story, the three Kings or wise men

also represent us. They were from different races and cultures, different ages, well educated but sometimes made mistakes (they nearly revealed to King Herod where Jesus was born). They knew there was more to life than material possessions. They were prepared to take risks in order to take up a challenge. So many lessons we can learn from them as we move into 2024.

Robert Johns
Reader, St. Mary's Church

HARLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP



Notice of Annual General Meeting 2024

**Thursday 16th February from 7.30pm
at The Hub and Spoke Café Lincoln Way**

Everyone welcome!!

Harlington Neighbourhood Help (HNH) started in May 2000 as a pioneer group for Bedfordshire with initial funding of £200 and 80 volunteers.

We currently have 22 volunteers, most of them drivers, but we also have non-drivers as we help with forms, prescription collections, shopping etc.

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Transport requests are for anyone who has difficulty using local public transport, but tend to come from some of our older residents. They are driven by DBS checked **volunteer drivers** who wait during the appointment, and are currently offered reimbursement at the rate of 45p per mile. We always need more drivers. Most local journeys are currently completely free thanks to donations.

Our committee has 7 members including a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Minutes Secretary. All are volunteers and are elected at the AGM each year.

If you'd like to get involved in any way contact Suzan Whittle,
Secretary, on 07887 708304

"January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year festival was called the Cervula and people decorated their homes and gave each other gifts."

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Return from MK as usual: **1:00 pm** from Central Milton Keynes, Exit Door 5.

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Brain Tumour Research



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“Where’s your wheelie thing?”



This was the question I was asked as I walked past Sue and Stuart as they walked their dog, we passed walking round the village as we frequently do. This made me smile thinking of the conversational joke, “Where’ve you bin.... No where’ve you wheelie bin... “ you know the one! Anyway back to the “wheelie thing”, it has been off the road for a couple of weeks. Basically I have worn it out; it has trundled up and down to the allotment, around the village carrying heavy bags of compost, brought vegetables back home, it has had a busy year! I have replaced one wheel because it’s tyre fell off and I have now worn out another tyre, but because one of the front wheel forks has bent and the wheel wouldn’t swivel to go round a corner or travel in a straight line, there is no point replacing the bald tyre! Anyway whilst at the Christmas tree festival and talking to Ralph and Jackie about the “wheelie thing” Ralph offered to take a look and thanks to Ralph I am now back on the road and you will see me trundling again and I will replace the bald tyre! Thank you so much Ralph; this truck means an awful lot to me and helps me in my fundraising and gardening interests. It’s become my signature and everyone expects to see me pulling it at all times!

Talking of the Christmas tree festival thank you to Tricia and everyone at St Mary’s for inviting me to sell Brain Tumour Research (BTR) Christmas cards and making me so welcome. Thank you also to the “mystery gardener PT” who found and picked up some BTR pens near St Mary’s on Saturday 2nd December and returned them to me; that was a really kind and helpful gesture. Thank you to everyone who stopped to talk and bought cards, you helped me to raise £103. I had 7 boxes of cards on a sale or return basis from BTR, that’s 224 packs of cards and after sales at the coffee morning, Frosts, Holy Family Luton, St John’s Luton and St Mary’s Harlington, I have 2 boxes left so I am very pleased with this as a fundraising effort.

Thank you also to Anne for her donation in memory of her aunt, Donna Cox and Christmas gift to the charity.

It has been a mad race to the end of the year for fundraising with a day at Frosts selling BTR merchandise where £333 was raised in donations and sales. I will have been in Newport Pagnell selling plants on the 11th December. On the 12th December Flitwick Rotary club offered a day collecting for them at Tesco, Flitwick, this will raise £150 for BTR, and finally my new venture delivering cards around Harlington. I will report on that in the February edition of Contact.

Band Concert *plus* BTR *ctd.*



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But in the meantime another Thank you to Mary who has offered to help me with this delivering at the south end of the village and Margaret in the north west.

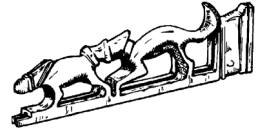
So this concludes 2023 and sees in 2024. Let's hope for another super year fundraising and a breakthrough in their research. Wishing you all a Happy New Year and our thanks for your support and encouragement.

Best wishes

Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj

ADALHS *plus* Wellbeing Walks

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



Monday 5th February 2024

Archaeology of the Route of HS2 in Buckinghamshire



Stoke Mandeville
Roman Bust

Buckinghamshire has a rich archaeological history which is being added to with the construction of the HS2. The significant archaeological finds of the route will be shown in this talk.

Speaker: Lucy Lawrence, Archaeology Officer, Buckinghamshire Council

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 March - Going Like the Clappers – the 1907/08 Sharpshoe Speed Motor Hill Climbs

Speaker: Bryan Marsh

www.adalhs.org.uk

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.

Crafternoon Tea *plus* Jigsaws

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, so let me know if there is something you are likely to want.

Christmas causes a number of things to happen in our house: tidying up brings to light odds and ends of yarn which need using up. Variable solutions mean giving them to 626 for pompom making, or adding them to the stash at the Church, for people who want oddments for finishing off projects – ask if you want to look. There may also be presents of new books, or yarn, needles and crochet hooks, craft kits – sometimes not new, but from someone else's tidying discoveries.

These things may happen in other houses than ours – our first meeting of the new year will be an opportunity to bring (or acquire) from other people. From the navy blue glittery yarn pictured in the October 2022 article, I have made a jumper, a cardigan, and the ribbing for the matching slipover, and others have used more, along with the purple glittery yard given in the same package, which, to my knowledge, has made at least three cardigans or jumpers for small girls! Where there's a gift, there will be someone with an idea!



Our January meetings will be 15th, and 29th on Zoom as well as in person, and refreshments are served at each meeting.

There will be no meeting on 1st January!

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

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There is now a wide variety of subjects and sizes of jigsaws available, from fairly easy to very difficult, and for children or adults.

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Harlington Lower School Westoning Road LU5 6PD * Tel: 01525 755100	<u>Mon-Fri: 8.00 am to 4.30 pm.</u> <i><u>Weekends and School Holidays:</u></i> <i>No accessibility</i>

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Sharlene Clarke, Practice Manager

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This is the first time we have republished the Directory for a few years. I hope we have made the right corrections, although I am aware that there are some contact details missing.

If you spot any errors or omissions, I will publish changes as they are notified to me. Watch out for these in the next couple of months. I aim to reprint a full listing in July or August, our next quiet period.

Harlington Gardeners' Society



As our present chairman resigned at the last AGM we were in danger of having to close. But great news, we have got a new chairman – designate. Therefore we will be carrying on “in business” for at least another year. However we still wish to have more members join our committee so if you are interested please let me know.

We will be holding our New Year Social for members on 20th January at 1 pm in the Village Hall at which we will formally elect out new chairman. Refreshments will be served, but members will need to bring their own drinks & glasses. Subs will remain the same & will be taken during the event.

Later in the year will hope to hold our Spring Social with a speaker, our annual coach trip to a RHS garden & our annual BBQ. Details later.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

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Flit Vale Wildlife *plus* HVH 100 Club



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Friday, 2nd February 19:00 for a 19.30 start Maulden Village Hall,
5-13 Flitwick Rd, Maulden, MK45 2DN

Quiz Night

Our annual Quiz Night. Fundraising for the Wildlife Trust BCN. Teams of four to six.

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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.)

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

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www.wildlifebcn.org

Flit Vale Local Group

www.flitvale.org.uk

HVH 100 Club

The 100 club winner for November 2023 was number 66 belonging to Hannah Spencer of Harrold Beds

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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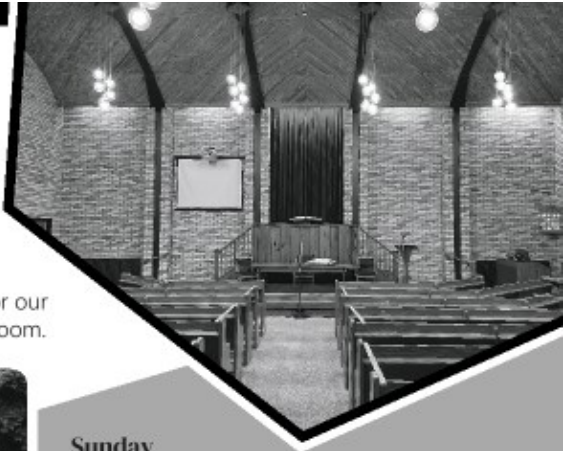
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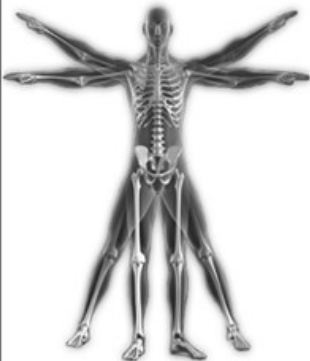
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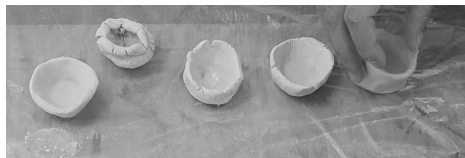


Messy Church *plus* Wednesday Coffee Mornings



Our November Messy Church was about healing miracles, particularly Bartimaeus. Jesus often used these miracles to show that God's love went beyond the rules that Jews tried to live by in his day.

Most blind or otherwise disabled people would have had to



beg, so we made begging bowls. We also made stamp prints of crowds, and chocolate mousse to represent mud



In our next Messy Church, at 4 pm on 20th January we will look at the story of Zacchaeus, another story where Jesus was showing people what God was really like.

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 have a Zoom link for those who can't get to the chapel, and 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 with the Bible stories, Messy Church may be for you. Clive

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.



LIFE Church *plus* Harlington Heritage Trust



LIFE CHURCH
HARLINGTON

Sunday services usually at 10.30am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

January

7th - Worship

14th – Scott Pettingale & Dawn Childs

21st - United Service **10am :@ St. Mary's**

28th – Worship

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 21 January Bryan Marsh, a local resident and motorcycle enthusiast, is giving a talk on “Hoo’s the Fastest – Motor Speed Trials at Luton Hoo 1902-1923”.

On Sunday 18 February the storyteller Mark Steinhardt will be entertaining us with “The Scandal of Frank Spooner”. Frank Spooner was a school headmaster, and ultimately a Director of Education, who disappeared with nearly £3,000 of County Council money in Edwardian times.

The cost to attend the talk is £4 for members and £5 for non-members, including refreshments after the talk. Other 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.



JANUARY preachers are:

- 7th 10 am Rev. Claudia Lupi. This is our annual Covenant Service
- 6 pm Rev. Jenny Spouge
- 14th 10 am Preacher to be confirmed
- 21st 10 am United Service at St Mary's for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 28th 10 am Rev. Jenny Spouge. This service includes Holy Communion

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 27th January, 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 January .-

- 11th Pam Greener
- !8th Richard Luscombe
- 25th Rev. Claudia Lupi



ROOM BOOKINGS

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

St Mary's Churchwarden

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

St Mary's Church



HAPPY NEW YEAR from everyone at St Mary's!

Christmas Tree Festival & Salvation Army Toy Appeal: a big thank you to everyone who helped at the Festival in early December or entered a tree. What a talented lot you are! The church looked amazing, especially with all the art work the children had created at the earlier Art Attack. The winners of the public vote were: Adult tree – Harlington Crafters with Jack and the Beanstalk. Children's tree – Harlington Brownies with Aladdin (with just one point more than Harlington Rainbows!). The Salvation Army have also asked us to pass on their sincere thanks for all the donated toys. They said what a difference it made to so many children on Christmas Day. Thank you. Talking about toys, I once forgot how to throw a boomerang.....but then it came back to me!

Concert of Sacred & Popular Music Friday 29th December, 7.30pm. Just in case the Contact arrives early, here is a reminder of this event. Please 'book' via stevetg@me.com. Donations on the door.

Quiz Night: Saturday 10th February 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact me please to book your place or team by Monday 5th February. Teams can be up to 6 people, £5 per person to include light refreshments. Either bring your own drink, or soft drinks, tea and coffee are included. tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com. Any proceeds will go to our Restoration Fund.

Family Messy Breakfast this month is on Sunday 14th January, 9–10.20am in the Parish Hall. Pop in any time for breakfast, fun and crafts.

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, please contact myself or Churchwarden Neil Walter, or email our Lay Reader Robert: robert@harlingtonchurch.org

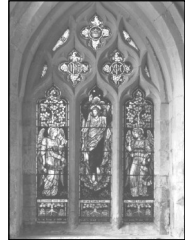
Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

"Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer,
With never a thought of sorrow;
The old goes out, but the glad young year
Comes merrily in tomorrow."
- Emily Miller



St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. On 21st. January all churches in Harlington meet together for our annual service for Christian unity, a very special occasion.



January services are:

Sundays

7th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Please note there is no first Sunday 8 a.m. service this month, it will resume in February

14th 9.00 am Messy Breakfast

9.30 am Sunday worship (Service of the Word or Communion)

21st 10.00 am Churches Together joint service for Christian unity

28th 9.30 am Holy Communion

February

4th 9.00 am Messy Breakfast

9.30 am Sunday worship (Service of the Word or 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/>

Remember that we are here for you.

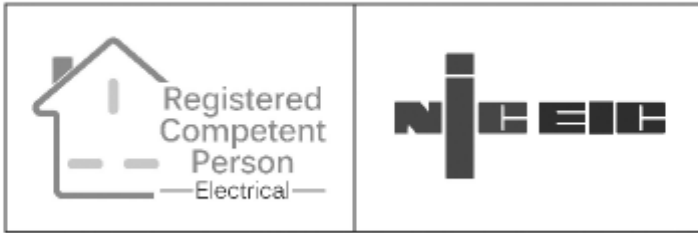
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Village Diary *plus* New Year's Day Walk

January 2024

1 st	Walk	Village Hall Car Park 11 am
2 nd	Flittabus	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
14 th	Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
15 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
15 th	Community Forum	Harlington Lower School 6 pm
15 th	Wildlife Talk	Maulden Church Hall 7.30 pm
20 th	HGS Members Social	Village Hall 1 pm
20 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
21 st	HHT Talk	Village Hall 3 pm
27 th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon
29 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)

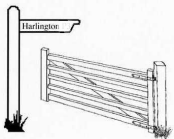
February

2 nd	Wildlife Quiz Night	Maulden Village Hall 7 pm
4 th	Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
5 th	ADALHS Talk	Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre 7.30 pm
10 th	Quiz Night	Village Hall 7.30 pm
10 th	Band Concert	Barton Village Hall 7.30 pm
16 th	HNH AGM	Hub and Spoke 7.30 pm

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

GET YOUR FEBRUARY 2024 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10TH JANUARY

New Year's Day Walk



As usual the Toddington Rambling Club walk will commence at 11 o'clock prompt from the Harlington Village Hall car park & will be 4/5 miles in length. If another leader can be found a shorter walk of about 2.5 miles will be held.

All Harlington residents are cordially invited to attend, however due to weather conditions at that time of year a certain amount of mud should be expected & wellington boots or preferably walking boots should be worn.

It must be noted that the walk will be at your own risk so please take care & do not leave the walk without notifying either the leader or the back marker.

Regards Tony Roberts – Chairman of Toddington Rambling Club