

# Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Once again there are so many things in the month's issue that the contents list has had to be in really tiny print. For those of you like me, who qualify as a Senior Resident, and who could do with a magnifying glass for the small print, find yours then turn to page 10 to read the details of the Upper School Christmas Tea Party. You need to respond to them now to get your special invitation.

I have requested people to check and update the Community Directory so that when it is republished in January it will contain accurate and comprehensive information. Please don't wait till it comes out and then say "that was wrong".

Also let me know of any other December events for next month's edition. Planning for the open air carols is underway, watch out for more details. Clive

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## Letter from the Life Church

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Autumn is one of my favourite times of the year. The walk amongst the bright, colourful trees as they shed their leaves in preparation for winter and in readiness for the new life of spring. Being able to put our wellies on, letting us splash through puddles and kick those fallen leaves. It almost takes me back to my childhood.

So far this autumn, we have experienced lots of rain. Every time I go out I clutch an umbrella. When I've forgotten it, I've been soaked in the short journey just from the car to the front door, where I then fumble with the keys, getting wetter still as I try to gain access to our home. Today, it's been a day of sunshine and showers and as I drove home after work there was a beautiful rainbow in the sky. The colours were vibrant and a glimpse of another rainbow was reflected below.



Rain is important in the life of our planet, it is needed to nourish the plants, grow the fruit and vegetables and indeed, for every living thing to survive.

Seeing the rainbow reminds me of a well known story in the bible where God gave a promise to Noah and his family. Noah, with his family and a whole host of animals were called by God to live on an ark (a big boat) whilst a flood covered the earth. When the waters reduced and Noah came out of the ark, God blessed Noah and his family. God spoke and said that he would send a sign of a rainbow in the clouds and this would be a promise from God that he would never allow a flood to destroy the earth.

On the journey home as my eyes were drawn to the beautiful rainbow, I was prompted to remember the promises that God says over our lives. The bible is full of them; He is always with us, God never forgets us, He strengthens, helps us and comforts us. These are but a few.

If autumn continues as it's started, it will continue to have lots of rain showers resulting in lots more beautiful rainbows. Can I encourage you to look to the sky and focus on the rainbow and allow it to remind you of God's promises that are there for you if only you turn and trust him.

Carol Gibbs

Life Church Leader

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# Harlington in Bloom

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We enjoyed welcoming some of you to our HiB **All Village Effort** morning **10 to 12**, on Saturday 5 October, tackling the bed near Orchard House. Thanks for the effort put in. We were lucky in having a dry and pleasant morning. By the time you read this, the winter bedding planting will have been set in as well as the beds dug over and emptied. The next working party will be

Saturday 9 November. Other dates to look out for below are the provisional dates for **AGM** and **Open Gardens** in 2025!

Going back to 27 September, we had a great turnout for the HiB Awards evening. Great atmosphere! Those who won awards and certificates, who weren't able to attend, will now have had them delivered. Thanks to all the committee members for all the input in advance of the evening. Here are the addresses of the winning gardens and containers:



Spring Front Garden; Old Manor Farm; 18 Glebe Gardens; Mulberry Cottage; Church Road

Summer Front Garden: 1 Foster Road; 43 Barton Road; 10 Robinson Crescent  
Hanging Baskets/Containers: 1 Daubeney Close; 89 Barton Road; 33 Lincoln Way; 43 Barton Road; 10 Steeple Gardens; 27 Sundon Road

Low Maintenance/Dry Gardens: 3 Bunyan's Walk; 12 Robinson Crescent; 39 Sundon Road

Commercial Building; The Old Sun; Public Building: The Parish Hall

Special Award: Orchard House Residents

Allotment: 19a; 23, 27a; MicroPlot: 4

All very welcome to our work parties below. Secateurs, trowels, spades, clippers, gloves, green bags all handy. Stop by and say hello even if you are not free to help. Working party dates for the rest of the year are now on the events tab on the facebook page!

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## Remembrance Sunday - 10th November

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The Remembrance Sunday Parade, which starts from the Lower School, leads to our annual act of remembrance at the War Memorial, followed by the service in St. Mary's church. We start at 10.50 am at the memorial (parading organisation will say their own assembly times/places. Remember that the roads will be closed for the parade and service.

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## Remembrance Day History Exhibition

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** 11.15 am – 4 pm Harlington Parish Hall

Free local history exhibition & Harlington's role in D-Day, 11.15am - 4pm in Harlington Parish Hall, LU5 6LE. Refreshments available, including 'Harlington pasties' and home made cakes. Exhibitions with local history and photography. Contact [booking@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:booking@harlingtonchurch.org) for more information.

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## Men Of Harlington

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MEN of HARLINGTON books will be available from 11.30 -4.00 at the Remembrance Day Exhibition on 10th November 2024.

Customers unable to pick up their books up will be contacted. Price £10.00

If you see white marker sticks in the grave yard, don't be alarmed, they are there to help you identify villagers who served in the Great War.

Hopefully the map in Men of Harlington will enable you to find the memorials.

Russell Preston

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## HiB Ctd.

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*Dates for your Diary (Some dates may be amended or added nearer the time)*

Sat 9 November War Memorial Tidy Up in advance of Remembrance Sun  
10.00am

Fri 7 February 2025 Annual General Meeting Parish Hall (tbc) 19.30pm

Sat 5 July 2025 Harlington Open Gardens

*Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> messenger or [judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk](mailto:judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk) (Treasurer);  
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# Brain Tumour Research

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**Brain Tumour  
Research**  
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## Rainy Days



Thank you for all your ‘Thank you’s. I think this has to be my favourite part of the growing year when some of you share your thrills, excitement, crop quality from plants you donated for from our charity plant stall. I say “our” because many of you supply me so someone may recognise this photograph of a Dahlia and this is the joy you have shared with Rachel who bought it and wrote “it brightens up the rainy days we have had recently”. I have had several people tell me how pleased they have been with their tomatoes; how sweet and juicy they are even if they have taken their time coming and ripening. I was thrilled to see in the RHS magazine that I had grown some of their recommended varieties so those of you who bought my beefsteak Costoluto Fiorentino, Shirley or Sungold you were in with the in-crowd! I have just made my second batch of tomato soup but it is so delicious I keep eating it and I am supposed to be freezing and saving it, I have eaten lots of salads (salad leaves, tomatoes, cucumber, beetroot), all grown from my garden or allotment often eaten within 20 minutes of picking. My reward for watering is to munch on some freshly picked raspberries or strawberries, what a privilege and reward for my labours. I bet there are a lot of you reading this that would agree and have your own stories and memories.



Anyway, on with our fundraising. Over £1950 has been raised from the front of my house on plants and garden sundries this year. I currently have some beautiful sets of pots also available, hanging baskets and brackets but these may all be bought when we hold our garage sale on October 19<sup>th</sup>. I will report on the hopeful success of this in the next edition of Contact. I have also taken and sold my plants at BTR HQ on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, £120.50 was raised and considering it was a cold and wet miserable day this was a very pleasing result.

Another date for your diary is 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2-4pm when we will be holding our usually annual Tea/ coffee event where you can meet up with villagers, buy your Christmas cards, play what’s in the box, buy some Christmas presents/ crafts, plants etc. Do hope you can be there! I have been offered some old stock BTR Christmas cards that I will be selling for £3 for 10 cards as well some current stock cards at their full price.



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## **Brain Tumour Research Ctd. & Wellbeing Walks**

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Other fundraising projects this Christmas season will include joining forces with Rotary Club of Flitwick Vale and collecting at Tesco on Monday 16th December. Please do come along, say hello and support. I am also hoping to sell BTR merchandise at Frosts like last year but this is awaiting confirmation as is selling cards at Holy Family and St Johns church during advent.

Finally, I would like to thank Gwen Gray for her very kind donation of £100 to BTR when she shared her profit from her garage sale between MS and 3 local charities. Also, for the opportunity to scan the books, CD's and DVD's that were left over at the end of the sale and send them off to Ziffit to raise a further £30 for the charity. Thanks also to Celia for her donation to the charity, Stephen for his plants and especially the Tradescantia which has been very popular this summer, also whoever left me a box of cucumbers for the produce trug and "Mum in a Million" rose soon to go out for sale when I know it's repotting has been successful. This has been another successful month for the charity and a busy race to the end of 2024 and go out with a bang before plans begin for 2025. Thank you all for supporting.

Hope to see you at one of the events listed above

My thanks

Jane and Emma Barltrop, Alice Sulaj

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## **Harlington Ramblers Wellbeing Walks**

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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.



# Harlington Upper School December Events



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Individual ticket: £10

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After a sell-out show last year we advise you to purchase tickets in advance; don't miss out on this joyful start to your Christmas season!

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## Harlington Gardeners' Society, Thanks, HVH

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Our AGM will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00 pm. After the formal meeting we will have some quizzes, on topics such as local & gardens, & a cheese & wine buffet. Following the questionnaire circulated at our BBQ we will be proposing to visit RHS Wisley during the Spring when the Camellias, Magnolias,

Rhododendrons & Azaleas will be in flower, We would like members' views at this AGM.

Our New Year Social will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. At this event we hope to have a speaker. More details later.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

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## Garage Sale Thanks

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MANY THANKS to everyone who came to the Garage Sale on the 14th and 15th of September. The weather was kind to us this year and we raised £866.00 over the two days, this with £200.00 from the sale of marmalade and jam, made it possible to send £766.00 to Bedford MS Centre (to add to the £500 we sent them in June )and also to give £100 each to three local groups.

We are very grateful to everyone who gave us a wonderful selection of items to sell and 33 generous Raffle Prizes, all of which have been collected.

We are now busy sending the remaining items to other charities, ie Keech at Sundon, Barnardo's at Amptill, Age Concern in Luton, Kids In Action In Dunstable, the Homeless in Bedford and various other local charities.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up, helping on the sales days and the cleaning up afterwards and to everyone who came to the sale, it was good to meet you all.

Gwen Gray.

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## Harlington Village Hall

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The committee of Harlington Village Hall are looking for someone to take on the voluntary role of Bookings Clerk. The role mostly consists of responding to emails and sending out bookings forms alongside liaising with local groups and members of the committee and local community. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact Natalie Jeffs (Chair) on 07793116621.

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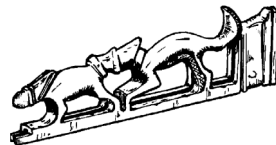
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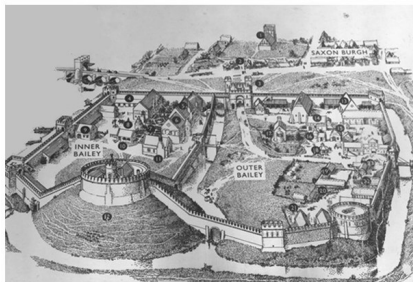
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Monday 4th November 2024

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Speaker – Margaret Butt

The talk will also be broadcast live via Zoom to Society members.

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ 7.30 for 7.45 pm start. Members are free, visitors are very welcome £5.00 payable at the door. Social tea and coffee to follow.

December 2nd – Mowing a Path Through Life – Andrew Grout

January 11th – Celebrity Lunch - Shackleton's Endurance: Rediscovery and Remnants – Mark Frary

[www.adalhs.org.uk](http://www.adalhs.org.uk)



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## Harlington Neighbourhood Help

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Advanced Date

**HNH AGM**

7.30pm Thursday February 13th

25 Sundon Road

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# Harlington Juniors FC

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Adults first team, who play in the Beds county league div 1, have started the season strong after playing six games, winning 4, drawing 1 and only losing 1 so far. They have scored 34 goals and conceded 11.

Adult reserves, playing in the Beds county league div 2, have also started the season strong. having played 3 games and winning all 3. They have scored 12 goals and conceded just 3.

Under 18's, playing in the Beds youth Saturday league div 4, have played 4 games winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 2.

Under 16's, playing in the Milton Keynes league, have had a mixed start to the season, playing 4 games, winning 1 and losing 3.

Under 14's have started the season strong with 2 grading games, winning both. They then started their first game in league 1 of the Beds youth Saturday league, drawing 1-1 after conceding a goal in the last minute. Then they found themselves away in Bedford for the first round of the county cup, winning 10-1.

Under 12's attracted new players after a successful season in the Chiltern juniors sevens league.

We welcome a new Under 10's team at Harlington Juniors also playing in the Chiltern junior sevens.

A lot of work has taken place up at the New Grounds, with club volunteers Neil O'Shea, u12 manager, Pat Clarke and Gary Coffey cutting back weeds and branches, making the new grounds yet again an attractive place to visit. The only negative thing is the amount of dog faeces that is being left by the odd villager, which is not a nice thing for our young players to slide or step in. It's your responsibility to clear your own dog's mess.

There are things in the pipe line to get the porta cabins repainted. Advertising boards are selling extremely well with local company's taking advantage, with a dedicated sign at the New Grounds and a page on the club's website. The future is looking good for our village football teams.

This is what we are hoping the containers will look like once work has taken place.

Please feel free to check out the club's website; [www.harlingtonjuniorsfc.com](http://www.harlingtonjuniorsfc.com)



Harlington Juniors are always looking for volunteers to help. So if you're interested please make contact via the clubs website. Up the Tons.

# HP Panto, Church Concert, Lunch, Directory

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## PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Ladies in Waiting are thrilled to be arranging another pre-Christmas lunch

Home cooked soup, cakes and entertainment to get us all in the mood for the Festive season

**On Monday 9th December**

**Time: 12 noon**

**At The Methodist Church  
Harlington**

Details on how to get tickets to follow.  
**Please share with your friends and family**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

## Community Directory

We intend to print this again in the January edition (space permitting)

The existing amendments will be incorporated, but please have a look to make sure other entries are correct.

If any other organisations of interest to the village wish to be included, please let me know by 10th December

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# Harlington Lower School

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There has been a lot going on at Harlington Lower School since the beginning of term. The children have settled in well and are enjoying their learning. We have also enjoyed events such as our Macmillan coffee afternoons for parents and a cluster-wide equality, diversity and inclusion event for our Year 4 school council representatives.



The poster features the Harlington Lower School logo at the top left, a circular photo of children working together, and the text: 'HARLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2025'. It lists dates: '18TH NOVEMBER 2024 9:30-10:30AM' and '21ST NOVEMBER 2024 2-3PM'. Below this, it says: 'Come along and find out more about our school. If you are unable to make one of these dates, please contact office@harlingtonlower.co.uk to arrange a bespoke visit.' At the bottom, it includes the 'PYRAMID SCHOOLS TRUST' logo and the website 'www.harlingtonlower.co.uk'.

We have our open days coming up for pupils starting Reception in September 2025. These are on 18<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am-10:30am and on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm-3pm. These days are opportunities to come along and find out more about our school. If you're unable to make one of these dates, please contact [office@harlingtonlower.co.uk](mailto:office@harlingtonlower.co.uk) to arrange a bespoke visit.

We also have a few in-year spaces available across the school. If you are interested in speaking to us about these spaces, please contact [office@harlingtonlower.co.uk](mailto:office@harlingtonlower.co.uk)

Furthermore, we have a vacancy for a community governor. If you might be interested in serving the school in this way, please apply via <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/138938/EDV-2024-HLS-77014>

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.



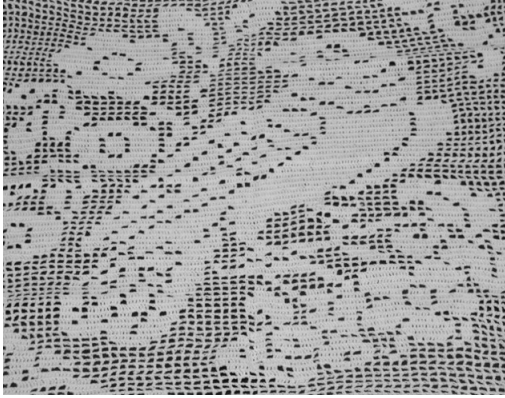
The poster features the Harlington Lower School logo at the top left, the text 'COME AND JOIN US!' in large letters, and the Harlington Lower School logo at the top right. Below this, it says 'COMMUNITY GOVERNOR'. It then asks: 'Would you like to shape the future of the next generation? Do you have a valuable professional skill you can offer? Are you committed to contributing to your local community?' and 'For more information see more details on MyNewTerm'. At the bottom, it includes the 'MyNewTerm' logo and the website 'https://mynewterm.com/jobs/138938/EDV-2024-HLS-77014'.



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## Crafternoon Tea

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Quite frequently, I wonder what picture to use for these articles. I have a lovely picture of some tie-died handkerchiefs I did with the youth group at the Methodist Church, some years ago – but in black and white it looks like nothing in particular. On the other hand, this is filet crochet – and intended to be seen as two colours. This happens to be white, photographed on a dark background, but it could equally be the

other way round, dark on a light background. Whichever way round, it looks fine in black and white!

Another craft which looks good in black and white is blackwork embroidery, which is a variation on counted cross stitch. For some years, I subscribed to a cross stitch magazine, and on several occasions they produced pictures which could be done in coloured cross stitch, or in blackwork. I never tried it, but if anyone wants to borrow a magazine, to try it, just ask!

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. Bring what you are working on, or come with an idea you'd like to try.

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.

Our November meetings will be 4<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be on Zoom as well as in person, and refreshments will be served at each meeting.

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

"So dull and dark are the November days.  
The lazy mist high up the evening curled,  
And now the morn quite hides in smoke and haze;  
The place we occupy seems all the world."  
- *John Clare, November*

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# Flit Vale Wildlife Group *plus* Wednesday Coffee

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November 27th Wednesday, Zoom online, 7.15 pm

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During the presentation, forum members will share their goals and the initiatives they've undertaken to make the Trust more inclusive and engaging for young people. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation.

(Zoom details will be sent to all registered attendees closer to the event date.)

Free

Booking for online Flit Vale events is essential.

Please contact Ann by email: [flitvale.info@gmail.com](mailto:flitvale.info@gmail.com) or phone (leave a message or text if you prefer) 075801 78889 to reserve your place.

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[www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)

Flit Vale Local Group

[www.flitvale.org.uk](http://www.flitvale.org.uk)

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## Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games

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If you 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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# Hedgehogs *plus* Advertisements

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Please as always, 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 strimmers, 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). Please leave your garden a bit messy as hedgehog will use fallen leaves for their winter beds.



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:

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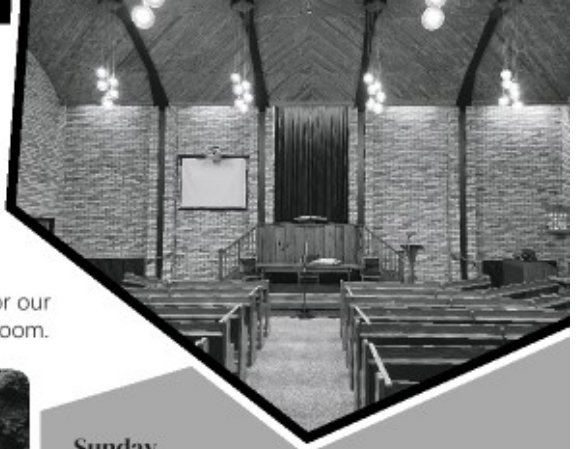
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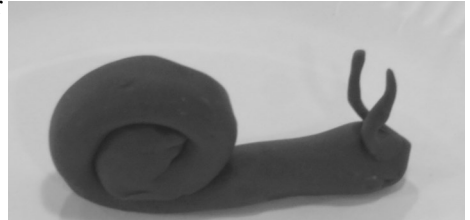
# Messy Church News

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September is a time when we think about Harvest, so in Messy Church we thought about harvest and creation, and we thought about the Biblical days of creation. Before you can have the days, of course, you have to have day created, and you get seas and dry land, and sun and moon, plants and animals and people. Then God had a rest.

As usual, we had a lot of things to do, far more than any one person had time for,



but giving plenty of things to try. So you could make butterfly pictures with splat patterns, the patterns being chaos;

flowers and animals in playdough, and paper or card, and all sorts of other things. My favourite is the activity for separating the sea and the dry land. You make this liquid mixture, and as it cooks it separates into a sponge top with a lemon curd layer underneath—delicious!



Our next Messy Church will be on 16th November at 4 pm in the Methodist Church and Halls. We are going to think about John Bunyan and Pilgrim's Progress.

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

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# LIFE Church *with Baby & Me*

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## LIFE CHURCH HARLINGTON

Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

**All Welcome**

### November

3rd – Margie Lim

10th – Remembrance Sunday

United Service at St. Mary's

17th - Lighthouse Café church

24th – Dan & Rachel Harris

Wednesdays 7.15pm Prayer meeting 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

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*Thursday 21st November*  
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## Methodist Church *including Bright Hour*

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You are all invited to join us at any of our services. If you can't attend in person you can join us on Zoom or YouTube if you have access to the technology. You can also view the YouTube recording later if you wish.



**NOVEMBER preachers** are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 am 'Come and See' led by Tina and Clive Salmon  
6.00 pm **No Service**
- 10<sup>th</sup> 10.50 am United Service at War Memorial  
6.00 pm United John Bunyan Service at St. Mary's Preacher Rev. Claudia Lupi. This Service will include Holy Communion
- 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Rev. Claudia Lupi. This Service will include Holy Communion
- 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Rev. Tim Haines

If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, [clivedsalmon@aol.com](mailto: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.

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**COFFEE MORNING** 30th November, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall. Proceeds to our project which this year is Brain Tumour Research

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### **BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP**

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm at the Methodist Church Hall (unless shown otherwise)

Members have 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.

Speakers/activities for November are

- 7<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Lane and Ann Meader from Aley Green selling jam and updating us on how they are progressing with their sales.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Russell Preston - Harlington during the war for Remembrance day.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Father Mark from St. Mary's church.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Rev. Claudia Lupi
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### **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](mailto:hmc.bookings@ntlworld.com)

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# St Mary's Churchwarden

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## St Mary's Church



***Churchyard:*** we have another work party taking place on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** from 1 -3pm. You are very welcome to join us as we tidy the churchyard area. If the weather is bad then we will be doing some tidying work inside the church. By the way, it was good to see a few ivy bees return to the churchyard in late September but nothing like the numbers we had last year.

***Remembrance History Exhibition: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November*** free entry from 11.15am -4pm, in the Parish Hall. Medals expert, information about the army's war use of Sundon hills, British Legion and Bedfordshire History Society stalls, a model railway and classic motorbike. Refreshments including Harlington pasties, home made cakes.

***Art Attack: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November*** 10am -12 free entry and all ages welcome. Lots of creative crafts and painting, some of which will be used to decorate the church for Christmas. Refreshments available.

***Christmas Tree Festival: Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.*** If your village group, business, or group of friends would like to decorate a tree for display in the church please register your interest via email - [booking@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:booking@harlingtonchurch.org). The church is open between 12-5pm on both days, and there's a Festival Finale celebration at 5pm on the Sunday, with stories and songs. The theme this year is 'Christmas Around the World'. By the way, what's the best thing about Switzerland?.....I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

### **Further information and useful links**

For personal enquiries, for requests for prayer, or for enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact Fr. Mark Edwards [revmarkedwards@outlook.com](mailto:revmarkedwards@outlook.com) 07305 822186 or Dr. Robert Johns [robert@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:robert@harlingtonchurch.org) 01525 873214.

The church noticeboard is kept regularly up-to-date as is the church website which is at <https://www.harlingtonchurch.org>

The church Facebook page is: [www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/)

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

You can also contact me or fellow Churchwarden Neil.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden



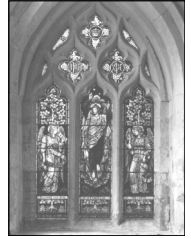
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# St. Mary's Church Services

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

November services include our annual In Loving Memory service on 3<sup>rd</sup>. and the traditional Remembrance Service on 10<sup>th</sup>. in the morning followed by an evening joint Anglican/Methodist Bunyan commemoration service at St. Mary's. November (and Advent Sunday) services are:



## Sundays

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> . | 8 am     | Book of Common Holy Communion service     |
|                   | 9 am     | Families' Messy Breakfast in Parish Rooms |
|                   | 9.30 am  | Morning Praise service for All Saints     |
|                   | 4.30 pm  | In Loving Memory service *                |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.55 am | Remembrance at the village war memorial   |
|                   | 11.10 am | Remembrance service in church             |
|                   | 6 pm     | Bunyan commemoration joint service        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am  | Holy Communion                            |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30 am  | Holy Communion                            |

## December

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 8 am    | Book of Common Holy Communion service      |
|                 | 9.30 am | Morning Praise service for Advent Sunday   |
|                 | 5 pm    | Christmas Tree Festival concluding service |

\*if you would like a name read out contact any of the people below or email the special address: [ilm@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:ilm@harlingtonchurch.org)

## 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](mailto:tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com) or Neil Walter [walterfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:walterfamily@btinternet.com), or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns [robert@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:robert@harlingtonchurch.org). Alternatively email [admin@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:admin@harlingtonchurch.org)

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# Village Diary *plus* Toddington Ramblers' Club

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## November

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Halloween Fayre	Harlington Village Hall 1 pm – 5 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Messy Breakfast	Parish Rooms 9 am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
9 <sup>th</sup>	War Memorial Tidy	10 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance	War Memorial then St. Mary's 10.50 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	History Exhibition	Parish Hall 11.15 am – 4 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Concert	St. Mary's Church 7.30 pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day	Harlington Lower School 9.30 – 10.30 am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Day	Harlington Lower School 2.00 – 3.00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Baby & Me	Parish Rooms 10 am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	HGS AGM	Harlington Village Hall 7 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Art Attack	St Mary's Church 10 am – 12 noon
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Working Party	St Mary's Churchyard 1-3 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	BTR Tea/coffee event	Harlington Village Hall 2 – 4 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Wildlife Presentation	Zoom 7.15 pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon
30 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Trees	St Mary's Church 12 noon – 5 pm

## December

1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Trees	St Mary's Church 12 noon – 5 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am

Don't forget the regular weekly things that aren't shown here such as the Wednesday Coffee and the Wellbeing Walks.

You can send things just to be entered here.

**GET YOUR DECEMBER 2024 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

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## Toddington Ramblers' Club

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The weather was sunny, but not very warm for our Chairman's Garden Party in Harlington. 32 adults attended plus 2 grandchildren who loved riding an old "bike" down the garden path. There were many residents of Harlington present & we were particularly pleased to see the Hardings, formerly of Oak Close, who now live in Co Durham. Members brought a great many cakes to eat & there were many cups of tea & coffee consumed.

Tony Roberts – Chairman TRC