
Editorial

Dear Villagers,

The next developer is looking to build yet more houses around Harlington, with, it seems, little consideration for the existing villagers. We seem to be having further token consultation so that the box can be ticked even while no-one wants to take any notice of what is said. Do give your feedback to the firm and the council, so at least we can say we tried.

The school summer holidays are fast approaching, a time when most activities take a break. Use the time to refresh yourself, ready for a new season. Also use it to prepare for the village show—you should have a show programme with this magazine. Don't forget it's earlier this year.

Enjoy the summer.

Best wishes to you all.

Clive

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A letter from St. Mary's Church

What's special about July? If you are a tennis fan, you will have no hesitation in answering that question: it's Wimbledon! Many of us have for most of our lives associated Wimbledon with strawberries and June, but in 2015 the championships moved a week later to occupy the first two weeks of July. It is also the height of the cricket season and there are many other sporting events that take place, including the first week of the Olympics once every four years. What a great sporting month!



Sport, recreation, relaxation and holidays, most especially the beginning of the annual school summer holidays, are all features of July. All such activities are essential for human beings. The account of the beginning of the world in Genesis tells us that on the seventh day even God rested from the labours of creation! Genesis also tells us that human beings were created in the image of God. The distinguishing characteristic of us humans is the degree of our ability to think for ourselves and be creative. In sport at the top levels this is only too apparent, with athletes for ever devising strategies for winning, being creative about responding to the way their opponents are playing. This is what makes sport so fascinating and enjoyable to watch.

Reflecting about human creativity and God's gifts to us, I have to express real anxiety about developments in artificial intelligence (AI). For AI does not create anything; it uses the information it can access so very rapidly and processes it so quickly that it can produce a breathtakingly brilliant summary or piece of writing that appears to be original. Yet it is not original. It builds on sources that people have created, which is why authors and artists are so concerned about it. They complain their ideas are stolen. Of course, there are enormous potential benefits from AI in all sorts of ways, but from a Christian perspective we need to watch that AI does not take over our God-given ability to think for ourselves and for being creative.

Talking of creativity brings us back to July and the start of the summer festivals season of music of various kinds. If you are among the increasingly large num-

Letter, Wellbeing Walks *and* WorkSpace

bers of lovers of classical music you will know that July marks the start of the Proms season, but there are also rock concerts and even a drum festival! All are celebrations of the wonderful creative gifts God has given us, and our need to take precious time out to enjoy ourselves in this wonderful summer month.

Robert Johns

Reader, St. Mary's Church

P.S. This article was not written by AI.

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.



WorkSpace

With more people working from home, it is possible to be quite isolated. WorkSpace is intended to provide a place where it is possible to work but in the company of others. The Methodist Church in Harlington has internet and WiFi provision so that a number of people could work there at the same time. We are proposing to open the facility once a week, from 9 am to 5 pm on a Friday so that people can get together. We will be trialling this during September, to see how it goes. More information to follow.

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Brain Tumour Research



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Thank You, Happy Gardeners



May has been an inspirational month. So much has happened raising funds for Brain Tumour Research but so much kindness has been shown in terms of moving fundraising opportunities and increasing income for the charity. It all began with a crate of 1960s psychedelic plant pots in marbled shades of blue and purple wrapped in newspaper dated between September and November 1966. It has proved interesting reading since I was only 6 when it was published and Bruce Forsyth was performing a show headlining Diana Dorrs, amongst many other stories and news!! Come and buy a plant and own one of these amazing pots!!

I can't possibly mention every kind contribution as it would fill the whole of this magazine but included in this success are pots from Paul, Pat's wheelbarrow and Dick's Pak Choi - all been and gone! I have also received some beautiful cards for various occasions that Carol is designing and she is making more in preparation for our craft stall at our autumn coffee/tea event.

I had a lovely chat this evening with Jonathan who was searching to replace some sweetcorn and sunflowers after the rabbits had had a lovely feast on his allotment and decimated the plants. It brought to my attention how many of you are donating using our Fluffy Cloud and Co. just giving fundraising page via our QR code. Thank you all so much for your generosity. To date plants outside my house have raised £1027.54, so it looks quite likely that this year are we going to break last year's record. I have lots of tomato plants, chillis, peppers, marrow, butternut squash, courgettes, runner beans, herbs, bedding perennials and house plants.

I received a letter of thanks from Brain Tumour Research for the £716 raised at the 'Wear a Hat' event. This money will fund more days of research than ever before! BTR have launched the Scottish Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence earlier this year, their 5th centre which is focussed on improving outcomes for glioblastoma patients. BTR now fund 100 researchers across their centres and funded initiatives. Pioneering progress has been made over the past 15 years since the charity began. This includes blood tests to detect high grade brain tumours, repurposing HIV medication to treat schwannoma and meningioma, accelerating the launch of paediatric clinical trials and using a "bionic eye" to enhance precision and safety in brain tumour surgery. If you would like to read the full report you can find it at www.braintumourresearch.org/pages/impact-report

BTR ctd., HLS and Baby & Me

Finally I received an amazing and encouraging letter from a lady who lives in Southport and visits my plant stall whenever she visits her son and is now the proud owner of a Heuchara, primroses and was thrilled with her moneymaker tomato plant last year. She wished to thank all the "happy gardeners who also donate plants" and I would like to reiterate that we would not be making this difference or raising this level of funding without all your help and contributions, I am indebted to you all,

THANK YOU so, so much

Best wishes and thanks

Jane Barltrop

"The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses."

- *Hanna Rion*



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Our school is looking for volunteers to help us to make a positive impact on our children's learning journey.

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Harlington in Bloom



The main news for July is Open Gardens on Saturday 5 July 12 noon to 5pm. For those new to the village, this is a rather nice introduction. Gentle meander through some thoughtful gardens, couple of tea and cake venues, chance to talk with people or not as you fancy

- ***Tickets in the form of a printed programme will be available from the HiB gazebo. It will on Bury Orchard, opposite the Village Carpark adjacent to the Village Hall. Tickets will be £5.00 per adult with accompanied children free of charge. Cash payment only available.*** Any profits after costs will go into the Harlington in Bloom funds for future volunteer-led projects.
- We have six lovely and varied gardens to share with you. You will be amazed what hidden treasures there are to see in Westoning Road (under the railway bridge, opposite New Cemetery, Allotments), Goswell End Road, Oak Close, Sundon Road, Bury Close x 2. Treasures not to be missed. From hostas to ponds, model railway to chickens, mature gardens to more recent, you are sure to find much to enjoy!
- Tea and cakes at **The Harfields** at 126 Goswell End Road and **The Pettengells**, 16 Bury Close

Thank you to all who are opening their gardens. Thank you also to all those of you considered it, but it wasn't the year for you.

Contact Vivienne 01525 633290/07758575715 (+ voicemail) for any queries, including on the day. Do leave a message if no immediate answer, so we can get back to you.

Thank you so much to our sponsors who have stepped forward *Green Valley Construction*, Sanjeev at *Harlington Shop*; *Nevilles, Funeral Services* (Amphill); *Wednesday Morning Coffee Group*, *Gardeners' Society*, *The Hub and Spoke Cafe*. Absolutely awesome!

July will also bring the time for nominations for the HiB awards for front garden, hanging baskets, dry garden, allotments etc So you may see people peering at your front garden, this will be likely why. Nominations from 14th July, with final selection by independent judges.

Harlington Lower School *plus HiB ctd.*



This year we have been very excited to develop our Forest School provision at Harlington Lower School. One of our members of staff has completed their Forest School qualification and has worked extremely hard to develop the outside area so that Forest School can be run. Her expertise has allowed small groups of children to experience the child-led

outdoor learning that Forest School offers, fostering independence, confidence, and a deep connection with nature. Forest School involves activities such as shelter building, natural weaving and tree cognition, as well as safe tool use, fire lighting and cooking.

We are thrilled to be able to develop our provision further for the academic year 2025-26 and to be able to offer the Forest Schools to all children across the school as part of our curriculum offer. This will truly embed outdoor learning into every child's experience and has benefits for improving children's mental health, independence and teamwork skills.

To allow us to give this opportunity to every child in the school, and to make this a success, as well as continuing to support our children in other areas, we are putting out a call for volunteers! We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to help out with our Forest School sessions – assisting with activities, supporting children's exploration, and helping with equipment. Additionally, we always welcome volunteers to hear individual readers in school; this one-on-one time is invaluable for boosting children's confidence and fluency. Whether you have a passion for the outdoors, a love of books, or simply want to make a meaningful difference, please contact the school office at office@harlingtonlower.co.uk. We'd love to chat about how you can help!

Harlington in Bloom *ctd.*

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

Fri 26 Sept Awards Evening All Welcome 19.30 pm

Sat 25 Oct Winter planting All Welcome 10.00 am

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Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> or judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk (Treasurer); Rosemary Tuohy (Secretary) 07793 016207/ rosemarypc86@gmail.com

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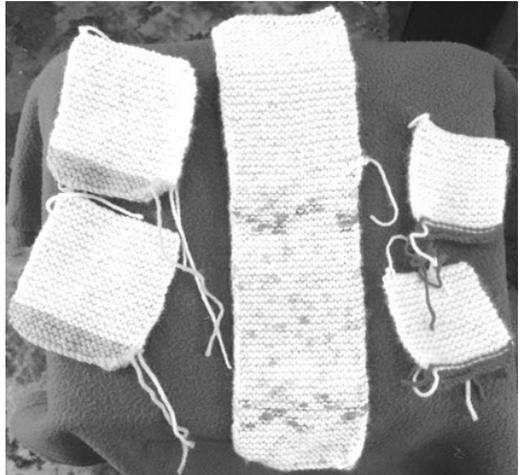


and we are happy to share what skills we have with others. We have materials, tools and magazines available, some always on the premises, and some which can be brought in if required, so let me know if there is something you are likely to want.

Our July meetings will be on 14th, and 28th. 14th will be on Zoom as well as in-person, but 28th will be in person only. Refreshments will be served at each meeting.

I have recently been using one of the simplest patterns ever – even for people who think that simple is never going to be used for anything. There are five

pieces to the pattern – the body, two arms and two legs, all made in garter stitch (plain knitting, no purl!). I was using up scraps of yarn, so the legs and the arms are not the same variegated yarn as the body. Apart from the knitted pieces, all that is required is some stuffing (sold by Dunelm, Hobbycraft and others), two buttons and a little darker yarn or embroidery thread to make the face. If anyone wants the pattern – two different sizes available – just ask me. I have been making them to send to Ukraine, but they would be just as good to sell for any other charity, or to give to grandchildren.



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The service starts at 11 am, and then you're invited to bring a picnic and continue sharing.

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Please contact Ann by email: flitvale.info@gmail.com or

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Saturday, August 2nd, Jack Crawley Barn, Flitton Moor, (TL057360) 11.00 am

Dragonfly and Damselfly Walk lead by John Curd

A walk round this lovely reserve with John, a local odonata expert and enthusiast. We will be searching for the various dragonflies and damselflies that are regularly found here. We will also keep an eye open for any other flora and fauna.

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Harlington Village Show *plus* Wednesday Coffee

39th Harlington Village Show

Saturday 16th August 2025



Please could any 2024 winners return their trophies by July 31st at the latest

to Tricia, 43 Barton Road or Judy, 126 Goswell End Road.

The schedules should have been delivered along with your Contact Magazine this month, so please keep the booklet safe. You'll need it to see what the classes are, plus the instructions for sizes, numbers and how to display your exhibits. If you need any help at all, contact us via harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com. There is also a page of helpful tips inside on how to display your exhibits.

The entry form will be inside the schedule, and you just circle whichever class you're entering, then add your contact details and payment – it's still 20p per entry, but free for children. If a child is entering, please also give their age. Then deliver the form to any of the addresses on the reverse of the entry form *before 5pm* on Thursday 14th August.

Come along to the Village Hall on Saturday 16th August, between 8.30am and 10.45am to display your exhibit, where Stewards will be on hand to help. The Show opens at 2pm in the afternoon when you can visit to see whether you've won a rosette or prize card. (Fingers crossed). And it's better NOT to assume your exhibit won't be good enough, because if you've been struggling, then it's certain other folk have as well. How many times have I heard these words from people who haven't entered?....."Mine are better than those".....yes, a lot! We also have a great raffle, scrumptious cakes, and refreshments!

Tricia & the HVS Committee

Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games

The Wednesday Coffee Morning will be closing for the summer break after the meeting on the 23rd July. We will return on the 3rd September and look forward to seeing all again.



Doreen Gatward, Valerie Bates

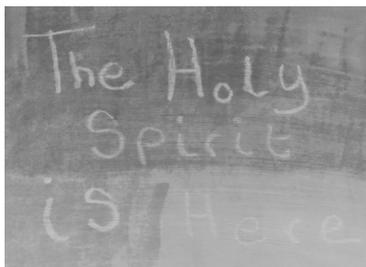


Messy Church News



We used our May Messy Church to get ready for Pentecost by thinking about the early church and the great things that happened when the Holy Spirit came. We didn't exclude that

some bad things happened, in that the growing church was persecuted, but we also considered how God enabled good things to come even from this. We



We also thought about the way Gentiles (us!) we enabled to become part of the church. We made marzipan unclean animals representing Peter's vision at Joppa and



coloured pictures of Roman soldiers. We made a

chariot for Phillip and the Ethiopian, we made jumping figures for the lame man that Peter and John healed, and a lot more.



Our next Messy Church will be on 19th July 2025 at 4 pm in the Methodist Church

and Halls. As this will be the meeting before the holidays, that will be the theme.

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. If you want to try out any of the activities for yourself, we post the information on our website: <https://cliveandтина.co.uk>.

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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Westoning Baptist Church

You are very welcome to join us for our services at the Church or online.



Sunday

Services 11am & 6pm
Sunday School
9.30am - 10.30am (term-time)



Tuesday

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7.15pm



Friday

Noah's Ark Toddlers Group
9am - 11am (term-time)
In 'Hope Hall'



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 **westoningbaptistchurch.org**

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3	Cllr Pete Hughes	9	VACANT SEAT
4	Cllr Karen Saunders	10	VACANT SEAT
5	Cllr Mary Walsh	11	VACANT SEAT
6	Cllr Jack Goodenough	12	VACANT SEAT

PARISH CLERK / COUNCIL OFFICE

Alison Doyle	01525 875933	clerk@harlington-pc.gov.uk
Parish Office, Church Rd, Harlington LU5 6LE		

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mary Walsh	Mary.Walsh@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
Cllr Gary Purser	Gary.Purser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

All Residents are invited to attend Council meetings:

All meetings are held at the Parish Hall Church road, Harlington, LU5 6LE	DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
	13th May 2025	Annual Council Meeting	7.30pm
	3rd June 2025	Finance & General Purposes	7.30pm
	10th June 2025	Full Council	7.30pm
	8th July 2025	Full Council	7.30pm

Want to keep up to date?

If you have not already done so, we recommend you sign up to our newsletter. You can subscribe free of charge by following this link <https://harlington-pc.gov.uk/> on the right hand side of the page, enter your email address and click the blue subscribe button. We will send you the latest Parish information straight to your inbox.

Looking for a venue to hire?

The Parish Hall is available to hire to residents and non residents for regular or occasional bookings. If you are interested in booking the Parish Hall please contact the Council Office on 01525 875933 or use the contact form to initially check availability.

Stay up to date with local news and events

Pick up the Harlington Paperchain from you local Parish Council Office and The Hub and Spoke Cafe! To keep up to date with local news, events, and stories from around the village, the Paperchain is your go-to source for everything happening in Harlington.

LIFE Church



LIFE CHURCH
HARLINGTON

Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

July 2025

6th – John Doohan

13th – Mike Oliver

20th - Lighthouse Café Church

27th – Bible Book Club

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

www.life-church-harlington.com



Lighthouse Café Church

BBQ on the Beach

Sunday July 20th 10.30

Harlington Parish Hall



Sand

Story

BBQ

Activities

Songs

Something for all ages

Methodist Church *including Bright Hour*

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.



JULY preachers are:

- 6th 10 am Come and See led by Clive and Tina Salmon
6 pm Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Claudia Lupi.
- 13th **11 am** Open Air Service on Dunstable Downs
- 20th 10 am Worship Group
- 27th 10 am Rev. Claudia Lupi. 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 26th July 2025, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall.
Proceeds this year in aid of the RNLI

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

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

New members are always made very welcome. No need to book ahead, just come along! We look forward to seeing you.

Speakers/activities for July are

- 3rd Sue Blain – Reading Poetry
10th Trip to Dunstable Downs
17th Nick Crago - Seafarers Mission
24th Birthday Celebration for Barbara at Doreen's
31st Summer Break starts – Recommence on 11th September



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 t315485@gmail.com

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



It seems to be a busy time in the church calendar for social events at the moment, but it's always lovely to welcome visitors into our beautiful church. We'll have some more church tours arranged for our Gift Day on September 13th, so look out for more information in the August magazine.

'Life as a Yeoman Warder'. Many thanks to Barry for coming to Harlington at the beginning of June and sharing fascinating insights into his life as a Beefeater and connections to the Royal family, especially to Queen Elizabeth II. He was understandably proud to share the story of his service and achievements.



Harlington Manor Tours: Saturday 12th July at 1pm and 3pm. Tickets £12 which includes refreshments in the church afterwards. Numbers limited so please book via tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com.

Exhibition: in church, **Saturday 12th July** 1-5pm displaying stone carvings made in the June 'workshops' outside the shops, plus children's art work from the Upper and Lower Schools. Free entry, refreshments available.

Strawberry Tea: at Lower East End Farm, 2 -5pm on **Sunday 13th July**.

Parking available. Afternoon teas; live music; explore the gardens and meet the animals. And what do you get if you cross a dog with a calculator?..... A best friend you can really count on!

Messy Church on **Sunday July 13th** is led for the last time by Rebecca, as she starts a new job. We wish Rebecca all the best in her new role, plus a big 'thank you' from us for everything she has been involved with at St Mary's. Messy Church starts at 9am on July 13th, in the Parish Hall.

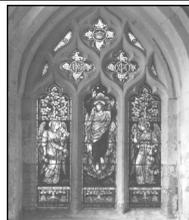
Churchyard: It's good news that we did have some blue tits fledge from one of the nest boxes this year. The starlings also found a place to raise their young – and what a noisy bunch they are. There have been quite a few butterflies visiting at various times; orange tip, peacock, red admiral, speckled wood and common blue. You are welcome to visit, and perhaps sit in the churchyard to enjoy a bit of peace and quiet. The main path is accessible by wheelchair or mobility scooter via the side gate, but take care crossing Church Road.

For service and event information, see Contact, the noticeboard outside church

St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend Sunday services in our beautiful village church. This month's services are:

- 6th 8 am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 13th 9 am Families' Messy Breakfast in Parish Hall
9.30 am Holy Communion
- 20th 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 27th 9.30 am Holy Communion



Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

Other times

The church can be made available for private prayer by arrangement, please contact one of the church wardens, Tricia Murphy tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com or Neil Walter neil@harlingtonchurch.org, 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 Fr. Mark Edwards revmarkedwards@outlook.com 07305 822186 or Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org 01525 873214.

Further information and useful links

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/

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

Remember that we are here for you.

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

or our website: www.harlingtonchurch.org. If you'd like to speak to someone about a life event or for prayer, please contact revmarkedwards@outlook.com, or our Lay Reader Robert, robert@harlingtonchurch.org. You can also contact myself or fellow Churchwarden Neil.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

Harlington Village Hall Update

Harlington village hall has undergone some changes to its committee members and processes and so we thought we would put them on here so that the village are informed.

We have a new bookings secretary, Kay Ratcliffe, who you can contact on harlingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

The hall is now only available to hire from people who reside in Harlington. This means that the person who signs the booking form, is responsible for the hire and is in attendance for the whole event has a Harlington postcode.

We advise you to initially go onto our website at harlingtonvillagehall.co.uk first and check the bookings calendar to see if the date you require is available. Then you click on the 'initial enquiry' button to enter the details. All sections are mandatory.

Once this has been received by the bookings secretary, you will receive a bookings form via email with the details you have entered already populated.

We ask you to check these details and enter any items that are missing and return. You MUST put in your bank details at the bottom of the form to ensure you receive your refundable deposit at the end of your booking date + 30 days.

ALL bookings must have a fully complete booking form except for regular weekly bookings.

Once the booking form is complete and returned and the deposit is paid into the hall account, your booking will be confirmed.

Approximately 1 week prior to your booking, your balance payment is due and after this, the bookings secretary will email you the code for the key safe. The key MUST be returned to the safe after the event.

We hope that you will make use of this lovely village amenity and take care of it for everyone.

Harlington Village Hall Management Committee.

"The linden, in the fervours of July,
Hums with a louder concert. When the wind
Sweeps the broad forest in its summer prime,
As when some master-hand exulting sweeps
The keys of some great organ, ye give forth
The music of the woodland depths, a hymn
Of gladness and of thanks."
- William Cullen Bryant, *Among the Trees*

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Village Diary *plus* Directory

July

1 st	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
5 th	Wildlife Walk	Strawberry Hill Farm 10 am
5 th	Open Gardens	HiB Gazebo by Village Hall 12 noon to 5 pm
10 th	Baby and Me	Parish Hall 10 am
12 th	Harlington Manor Tours	Harlington Manor 1 pm and 3 pm
12 th	Exhibition	St. Mary's Church 1 to 5 pm
13 th	Families' Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
13 th	Open Air Service	Dunstable Downs 11 am
13 th	Strawberry Tea	Lower East End Farm 2 to 5 pm
14 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
19 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 pm
24 th	Baby and Me	Parish Hall 10 am
26 th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 Noon
28 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm

August

2 nd	Wildlife Walk	Flitton Moor 11 am
16 th	Village Show	Harlington Village Hall 2 pm

Don't forget the regular weekly things that aren't shown here such as the Wednesday Coffee and the Wellbeing Walks, not to mention the regular church services.

You can send things just to be entered here.

GET YOUR AUGUST 2025 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10TH JULY 2025

Community Directory

Please check the new Community Directory printed in the centre pages, and let me know if any changes are needed. I will print amendments each month. The next full reprint will be in the January issue.

Clive