

What Sorrow Cares

1914

Enlistment

It was not properly light. The road and the horizon Were not distinct.

He began to whistle a tune But could not keep it going.

He did not look back,
Doubting his ability
To do that and still leave her.

It was not really light But the birds of the hedgerow Sang him on his way.

And she continued to watch him Long after he was no longer there.

Pilgrim (Roger Hawes)

Parish Council Report

This has been a relatively quiet period for your Parish Council; no major issues have emerged and we have concentrated on working with other bodies, especially the County Council, to ensure the local environment is as well cared for as possible. A site meeting with a CC officer identified a number of irritating issues such as badly damaged verges, poor footpaths etc. Progress is often rather slow but we are assiduous in pursuing appropriate action. Unfortunately the cuts at County level have restricted their capacity to respond, and it seems likely that will not get better in the future. A recent meeting between PC representatives and Warwickshire councillors and senior officers looked at ways in which parish councils might take on more of these local jobs. It remains to be seen whether the necessary funding will be available to allow us to take on such new challenges – watch this space!

The question of poor mobile phone coverage was raised with us recently, stimulated by the need for a good signal when a smart meter is to be installed. Although coverage has improved slightly for some users, there is still a problem for many villagers. It may be that the introduction of G4 will lead to improvements; we shall continue to keep an eye on this, but we would be pleased to hear your views on this.

Plans for the War Memorial rededication on the afternoon of 3 August are going well – see opposite. You may have noticed that the cleaning of the Memorial is now complete; and is looking very good in time for the rededication. Although some residents will be away on holiday at that time, we hope to see lots of you then. There will be a road closure from midday, and the Birbury and Club will be open for tea and refreshments, as well as a display of material about the servicemen and their families which has been researched by the History Group. It should be an interesting afternoon.

Maintenance of play equipment is being carried out, and two new benches will soon be in place, one provided by the PC and the other by the generosity of the Birdingbury Country Show. They replace damaged benches donated in the past. We are grateful to councillors and others who have been working on this.

Nationally there are new arrangements for registering electors for the Electoral Roll. There will be more information coming direct from the Borough Council – do watch out for this and ensure that your name gets registered – otherwise you may get deprived of your right to vote.

Best wishes

Diana Turner, Chair, Birdingbury Parish Couincil

BIRDINGBURY WAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION

3.00pm Sunday 3rd August 2014

To mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1 there will be a short commemoration event around the Memorial which will include:

Music from Bourton Trombones – from 2.45pm
Readings of poems
Reflections of villagers on the impact of war on families
Hymns, accompanied by the Bourton Trombones
A Prayer for Peace

From 3.35pm the Birbury and the Club will be open for TEA and refreshments, and a display of information by the History Group:

"Birdingbury Men at War"

On the evening of Monday 4^{th} August there will also be a Vigil from 10pm in St. Leonard's Church

DO COME ALONG
ALL WELCOME

Leamington Hastings C.E. Infant School

Some of Year 2's comments on the LH School Summer Play and the Asian Dance in the Interschool Street Dance Competition.

Street Dance At street dance we had judges, they did flips, it was epic! Then it was our turn, it was really creepy. But I did the splits with Hannah, Krista and Annamai. Evie was behind me and Hannah and then after we had a medal. We didn't win, but it didn't matter, it was good fun! by Ella

Street Dance The street dance competition was fabulous! There were some teenage boys who did a strange type of street dance. I sort of liked it and sort of didn't like it. I liked it when they did flips but not when they put their arms all backwards. Our music was called *Shakalakka Baby*, it was brilliant! **by Rose**

Street Dance It wasn't scary at all, there were 7 groups. We did it in the Benn Hall. I coloured a picture. I liked the competition day because we got to eat sweets. by Evie

The Summer Play I was a narrator with Lily and Millie. I liked the street dance in the play. I started off the play. I liked singing *Food, Glorious, Food,* I liked all of the songs. Year 1 girls did a frozen dance and Year 1 boys did an elephant dance. **by Joseph**

The Summer Play I liked being a narrator, it was hard and tiring and I got hot. We acted out 2 stories - *The Magic Paintbrush* and *The Tiger's Child.* Mrs Kendall said it was fabulous. My costume was pink and sparkly, I had an underneath dress, an over dress, trousers and a scarf. We sang *Food, Glorious Food.* We waved flags. **by Scarlett**

The Summer Play I liked being an Emperor on stage. My costume was purple and black. I had to be angry at Lexie. by William

The Summer Play Being a narrator is fun. If you are a narrator you can only sit down when people are singing songs that are part of the school play. We cannot sit down on *Food, Glorious, Food* and *Wave Your Flag.* My costume was light purple with gems on. I had a scarf but I did not wear it. **by Pavandeep**

The Summer Play At our play, I really liked it. I was a narrator we were gluing the play together. We had lots of lines. On my dress there was a glamorous, sparkling jewel. My dress was dark red with golden sequins. I had a beautiful, purple scarf. We did a graceful tea ceremony dance. We copied Rose's movements and arms. Rose had a beautiful green dress. Our play was at the Parish Hall and Mrs Kendall was the prompt. by Millie

The Summer Play We did a story about the magic paintbrush and the tiger child. All of the Year 2s did the tea ceremony and Year 2s and Year 1s did the street dance. There were lots of songs. I tapped my chop sticks up and down and side to side. I loved street dance because it was my favourite part of the play. **by Ben**

The Summer Play In the summer play I was the Uncle Tiger. I was in the Chinese story and the Indian story. I had to speak to the Tiger Child. I had to scare the villagers. The villagers were Lily, Nathan, Izzy and Priya. The Tiger Child turned into a cat. by Edward

The Summer Play The two stories were the magic paintbrush and the tiger child. I liked Savannah's costume because I liked the pink and jewels. My favourite song was Wave your flag. I like the way William stamped his foot as the emperor. **by Lilly E.**

I would just like to say a big thank you to

Neighourhood Watch!

Following the circulation of a photo of a vehicle I sent out, a very vigilant NHW member (you know who you are!) took down the registration of the vehicle and notified us immediately. This vital piece of information has resulted in an arrest and the offenders have been linked to two further crimes. I would like to thank this individual very much and thank all of the other NHW members who take the time to read the alerts and feed information to me. You are doing your community a great service in the fight against crime. Keep up the good work folks!! This is further evidence that the NHW scheme is very worth while.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Helena Steadman PCSO 6149

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Leamington Hastings C.E. Infant School Give as you live – online shopping!

Please sign up to our online fundraiser, which donates to the school as you buy items on the internet, from many stores including Tesco, Amazon, Debenhams, ASOS, LastMinute.com etc. So far my account has raised £54 without any extra effort at all, so well worth it. The link is **www.everyclick.com** and sign up to 'friends of leamington hastings infant school and nursery'. If you are on a site that donates, a banner will pop up at the top which allows you to sign in before making a purchase.

Please sign up and sign in, it really will make a difference!

Alex Rigler

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Thanks

Thank you so much to the many Birdingbury friends who supported us in so many ways during our move from Marton Glebe Farm to Myrtle and Peter Shepherd's former house on Marton Road. Thank you for meals on moving day, for tasty food treats while we unpacked boxes, for a temporary holiday home for our hens, to Birdingbury's Mr. Fix-it who, amongst other jobs, enabled Dick to watch the World Cup footie matches in peace, to our dear new neighbour for providing drinks for all and sundry on June 27th and for many more kindnesses. Is there any wonder that we didn't want to leave this caring community?

Dick and Aileen

Kimberley brothers at war

Harold Kimberley was the youngest of ten children of Job and Julia Kimberley. They lived in Stone Cottage in Birdingbury (the last house on the right as you leave the village on Long Itchington Road). Harold was born in 1899 and was only 15 when war broke out. Thomas Kimberley was Harold's older brother. He was born in 1895 and was a farmhand living with his parents in 1911. Bill Kimberley, who lives in Hill, is the son of Harold and the nephew of Thomas.



The Kimberley Family in 1908 Thomas is in the middle row standing up, second from the right. Harold Kimberley is in the front row sitting on the right hand side

Harold Kimberley was in the Royal Irish Rifles. We do not know when he entered the war but we do know from his son, Bill, that he was taken prisoner in 1917 when he was just 18. Harold spoke little of his experiences during his lifetime but he did recount how he nearly starved to death as the food ran out in the latter days of the war in Germany where he was imprisoned. He returned safely to Britain after the war but suffered from ill health for the rest of his life as a result of his experiences.

Thomas Kimberley entered active service in WWI on 2 May 1915 in France with the 1st Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was wounded in the autumn of 1916 and, once he had recovered, joined the 1st/6th Battalion of the Warwickshire's. Thomas was involved in action around Peronne in 1917 following the retreat of the Germans to the Hindenberg line. He was killed in action shortly after this on 4 October 1917 in the Battle of Passchendaele. In the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum in Warwick we have found the war diary for the 1st/6th Battalion for this day:

ASSEMBLY TRENCHES October 4th

At 5.30 A.M. attacked. The attack was extremely successful, all objectives being taken except Burns House & Vacher Farm.

Estimated prisoners captured 350, H.Gs 10, Anti-Tank Guns 2.

Casualties Officers, Killed Capt.A.V.Bisseker, Capt. H.S Powell M.C.

2/Lt. Hallam, 2/L.t Poynton, 2/Lt Hussey.

Missing 2/Lt.Fisher

Wounded Capt.Musgrave, 2/Lt. Trickett, 2/Lt Collins,

2/Lt Thurman, 2/Lt. Hearne

Other Ranks, Killed 28 Missing 32 Wounded 153

This rather stark account hardly does justice to the true horrors of the battle. The Third Battle of Ypres, better known as Passchendaele after the location of the final phase, is one of the more infamous actions of World War One. The deadly mud which covered the battlefield, and in which large numbers of soldiers drowned, has made the name synonymous with the view of World War One as a futile, muddy mess.

Thomas was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry at Passchendaele. His nephew, Bill, says it was awarded because 'the Germans were strafing the British lines with machine guns when Tom ran out, threw a grenade which hit the German machine gun post'. It was this act that resulted in his death.

Thomas is one of six men from Birdingbury who died in World War 1 and who are honoured on our war memorial. He is also remembered at the Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium just outside the town of Passchendaele. It is the largest cemetery for commonwealth forces in the world for any war. Sadly, Thomas is not in the Cemetery itself but in the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing.

As well as Harold and Thomas, two other Kimberley brothers also fought in The Great War. Cyril was in The Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and Percy was in The Royal Army Service Corps. We have found Percy's army record from which we know he fought in Macedonia (now Greece) where in September 1916 he contracted malaria! It is hard for us to imagine the impact that having four sons fighting in the War must have had on the Kimberley family.

We will be displaying the material we have uncovered about all the men of Birdingbury who fought in the Great War in the Birbury on Sunday 3 August after the rededication of the War Memorial.

If you have any memories, family stories or mementos of WW1 that you would like to share with us we would love to hear from you either by phone (01926 632091), email (birdingburyhistory@hotmail.co.uk) or bring them along on the 3 August.

Richard Davies, Birdingbury History Group

Letter to the Editor

During the last five years or so there have been many talks and discussions about improvements to the Club. No harm in that - in fact, the Club (as a building) has been 'improved' many times since it was built as a village school. What I feel is remarkable is that despite at least a dozen major additions and alterations, all of the 'original' features have been retained. Many of them may not be in their original place but they are still there – for example, the windows on the front elevation and those in the Birbury.

I am sure that Birdingbury Club has survived because it has been subject to evolution, not revolution. It has survived because it has not been the subject of a drastic rebuilding programme.

I can recall being envious of Bourton Club – a large completely new building constructed while I was a teenager. It is no more – demolished some ten years ago and not replaced. Bilton Club – another well designed and appointed facility – is now likely to be replaced by a supermarket. Most Pubs and Clubs are struggling to survive. I believe that Birdingbury Club survives because it has remained small and, more to the point, has prioritised the needs of the local community.

At the recent Club AGM, 50% of the members present voiced their opinion that a larger kitchen is urgently needed. This had been highlighted at a previous open meeting when the Club's architect presented their 'Master Plans' to the village. Those plans did not include a kitchen.

I propose that we all support this need and somehow initiate a joint project to provide an enlarged kitchen which is accessible from the Club and the Birbury. Let us emulate the spirit and co-operation which existed when the Birbury was built 26 years ago.

Bob Munro

I have now received from the Air Ambulance the total sent to them in memory of David. It amounted to £510.

Jackie Westcott

Jacky, Louise and Joanna Hart would like to express our thanks for all the lovely cards and flowers received after the death of our Mum/Nan, Violet Burden. After a relatively short illness she passed away peacefully on 5 June in Warwick Hospital.

Kind regards

Jacky Hart



Come and join in the fun and come to our

Big Dogs Breakfast party

At: Moonrakers

On: Saturday 30th August 8.30 am to 10.30am Delícious Dog Bíccis, - Lesley's Luscious Breakfast Buns -Canine Cavorting

NO DOG NECESSARY

But

Please let us know if you can come on 632508 or <u>bigdog@jkstarley.com</u>

All money raised will go to Dogs for the Disabled

Willoughby Challenge 2014

Here we are again reporting on another Willoughby Challenge, the only true football tournament of the year. On the lovely sunny day of 29 June, Birdingbury took two teams to the annual Willoughby Football Tournament.

Under 8s

In the morning it was the Under 8s' turn to show off their football skills. This year we had a very fresh faced team with three of them being Year 1 and not having played football until the month before. The lack of youngsters in the village meant we had to borrow friends and family to field a team, but Broadwell and Onley Park were unable to field a team at all

Throughout the tournament every boy and girl battled well and kept smiling. Throughout the day we played three games, of which we managed to win one and lose two. I was extremely proud of the boys and girls who did themselves and Birdingbury great credit.

The team - Dale Starr, Mason O'Meara, Braydyn O'Meara, Jemima Deitch, Charlie Cunningham, Jess Popa, Billy Davies

Under 11s

Now on to the afternoon games where it was Birdingbury's U11s' turn to take to the field. The team wanted to be able to achieve the success of the previous three seasons for which we were fielding a strong team.

The first game went very well for the team, who beat the hosts Willoughby 6 - 0 with George Riley netting the first of his afternoon's hat-tricks, and Rees Moor, Billy Flint and Ralf Callaway also scoring.

In the following game against Flecknoe the boys repeated their goal fest, beating Flecknoe 5 - 1 with Billy and George scoring two a-piece supported with a nice individual goal by Rees Moor.

The next game of the afternoon saw Birdingbury beat Broadwell 4 - 0. A few changes were made with Jake Thomas being replaced in goal by James Tipton, who managed a clean sheet. George Riley went on to score his second hat-trick of the afternoon with Ollie Popa scoring the fourth.

The goal fest continued with Birdingbury putting eight goals past Onley Park for the second year running with George Riley scoring his third hat-trick, Rees Moor two, Ralf Callaway two and Billy Flint one. However, this was a team performance with Ollie Popa, Dominic Whitfield and James Tipton ensuring we kept our second clean sheet. Jake Thomas, bored in goal, decided to get his gloves dirty by rubbing them in

the mud, something these goalkeepers do!!

With our passage secured to the final, along with Grandborough, we decided not to play the last league game and play this as the final.

The Final

Birdingbury U11s had reached the final, and all that was left was Grandborough, who had provided a tough test for everyone else in the afternoon, standing in their way,

Birdingbury started strong with Rees, George and the energetic Ralf working tirelessly and going close on several occasions. The defence was also tested but good tackling from Billy and Ollie kept it nil-nil at half time. Grandborough started the second half strong with Jake Thomas being called on to make some crucial saves. Half way through the second half Birdingbury woke up and some nice passing play between Rees Moor and Billy Flint saw a neat pass to George driven past the keeper with a strong left foot shot. Grandborough quickly responded within 20 secs with their own goal to equalize. On the touch line Coach Cutts was getting nervous as were the subs who were itching to get on. Birdingbury created a good chance in response with an Ollie Poppa defensive tackle seeing the ball fall to Rees, who dribbled past a defender and with a nice right foot shot the ball past the keeper. With the pressure off, the subs, James and Dominic, were released on to the field, their strong tackles keeping Birdingbury goal free from attack. Within one minute of the subs coming on, Ralf Callaway put Rees Moor through, who rounded his maker and played a nice ball out to the left wing where George Riley beat his man and crossed a lovely ball back for Rees Moor to drive low into the goal, and give Birdingbury the much needed win. With one minute to go we threw caution to the wind and played four at the back and one up front with Alex, Dominic and James staying strong, supported by the good hands of Jake, ensured Birdingbury secured the victory with a 3 - 1 win. Birdingbury have now won the U11s four years on the run.

Final Birdingbury 3 - 1 Scorers Rees Moor (Messi) 2, George Riley 1

I would like to say thank-you to all parents who have given their continued support to the boys and girls and carried them to and from training and the challenge, I'm sure the kids really appreciate it. Also thanks to my son Lewis who not only helped me with the training sessions, but on the day he also refereed a third of the games without too many dodgy decisions! And finally, to all the children, without whose dedication and skill we could not have been so successful!!

Good Luck to Rees Moor, George Riley and Jake Thomas on your retirement from Willoughby Challenge football.

PLAY UP BIRDINGBURY - RICHARD CUTTS.

Farewell and welcome -

Best wishes to Wendy and Clive Bringloe who are leaving Birdingbury after many years to live in Rolleston-on-Dove, near Burton-on-Trent. A warm welcome to Daniel Rogers and Jenny Edwards who are moving into Imberdene, Main Street.

Farewell also to Karen and Dave Warner, Claudia and Ari who have moved to Willoughby from Pioneer Farm, Stockton Road. Welcome to Suzette Briggs-Smith and Paul Smith who have joined the select group of Stockton Road residents.

Also now living on Stockton Road are Leigh and Graham Sidaway and their sons Paul and Richard who are the new residents enjoying the views from Marton Glebe Farm. Welcome to them - and their bees.

Last but not least - a warm welcome back to the heart of the village to Dick and Aileen, now residing at High Mead, Marton Road.

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Congratulations and best wishes to:

Guy and Lisa French on their Silver Wedding

Bob and Barbara Munro on their Golden Wedding

Alexandra Law and Andrew Palmer on their forthcoming marriage.

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Bourton and District Garden Club

Thursday 25 September, 7.30, Bourton Village Hall Simon Ainsley talks about 10 Years of Garden Design

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Did you know?

From 1 October you will no longer get a tax disc to go on your windscreen.

What a shame for the owners of all those ancient vehicles with their disc holders crammed with all the old discs.

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Dear milkman:

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.

Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.

Bikewatch - a Wheeler's nature notebook

We've seen several species this year as the summer unfolds. The first, commonly known as the uber fit, can be distinguished by the titanium teeth on their sprockets and an insatiable desire to consume hills. These generally brightly coloured units spend a lot of time in motion but you are hard put to see them because they move quickly and are usually too far away. After a ride they drink sparingly as they prepare for their late summer migration. This epic journey, sometimes as far as Paris, is accomplished using means of navigation which have so far not been understood. It's also a rather pointless migration as they come back as soon as they get there and then ride gently through the autumn, their suntans fading. Occasional sightings of an unshaven specimen are an interesting variation of this species of Scindo Maurus Mentum (sometimes known as mo mentum.)

The common or garden Birdingbury Wheeler has been slightly less prevalent this year. We are unsure as to whether this is due to the weather conditions or predators. Nonetheless 7.00 o'clock outside the Club on Wednesday evenings does seem to produce some sort of a swarm with one or two new specimens, including juveniles, spotted this year (Abber Vallis, Sartor minor to name a couple) as well as old faithfuls (Nil lambo, Petricus Gallus, familias collegium, et cetera). The markings and shapes of these species are distinctly varied and range from bright oranges and yellows right along the spectrum to black. They are also very sociable and welcome new Wheelers readily.

It is interesting to note the riding pattern of the Birdingbury Wheeler (Orbis avium) which tends to be a gentle hour or so with frequent stops to admire the views and draw breath, and then an early return to the nest where comfortable seating is found and the distinct sound of their pre dusk chatter can be heard, often drawing back the uber fit to join them. If you have a Wheeler in your house it is best to push them out of the door just before 7pm on a Wednesday.

Thin Jethro Laskey

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Ride and Stride

The annual 'Ride and Stride' sponsored cycle ride / walk takes place on Sunday 14 September this year. Funds raised are split equally between the Historic Churches Trust and a nominated church of your choice (St Leonard's please!) so if you like to walk or cycle, please do think about joining in.

Contact Liz Ellis for more details (632379)

Birdingbury Club

Dear Villager,

Hopefully good weather will allow the club to hold a few more BBQs during August and perhaps even September so please keep an eye on the web site and the 'A' board. We hope to commence work on the front of the club so we may have to plan these events around our builders.

Please keep Saturday 6 September free for our popular Produce Show. The competition includes everything from vegetables to cakes and flower arrangements so if you want to enter one or more sections you can obtain a programme from Val in the club. Then in the evening there is a grand auction of the produce conducted by Gary Laverick, which is always great fun with all proceeds going to a designated charity.

Birdingbury Cinema starts again on Saturday 27 September. For those who haven't experienced a film show in the club, it is a professional set up with a six metre screen. We will try and select a film that is just available to purchase but before it can be shown on TV.

Finally, we do have some other events and themed nights planned such as Curry Nights and perhaps a Rally and we will send flyers around the village when these are finalised.

Hope you have a good summer holiday,

Ian Tipton

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Birdingbury Country Show - 12 and 13 July 2014

The weather was kind for the 24th Show/Festival and the consensus is that it was 'the best ever'. More information later!



Photo Gaynor Davy

Bill Cowley, Enid Vayro and Gwyn Davy at the Country Show

Isn't this what the event is all about?

They loved it!

Ladies Circle

For our final meeting of the current season we were invited to Jennifer and Geoffrey Johnstone's new home in Leamington Spa. We spent a lovely evening looking around the new garden they had created from the 'wilderness' it had been when they first moved in. Thank you to Jennifer and Geoffrey for sharing their garden with us, and for the delicious refreshments afterwards

Our next meeting will be the AGM on 9 September, when we will put together a programme for the forthcoming year. New members and new ideas are most welcome. We meet in The Birbury on the second Tuesday of every month from September to July, at 7.45.

Barbara Munro

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The Birbury

Our Coffee Shop was open on Saturday and Sunday, 12 and 13 July, during the Birdingbury Country Show. Jackie and Jennie Westcott provided a lovely selection of homemade refreshments and beverages and we had a steady stream of visitors. We raised £220 for our funds which helps keep the Birbury open for villagers to use. Many thanks to all our caterers and washer-uppers.



Future event

Our Autumn Country lunch will be held at 12.00 in the Birbury on Sunday 28 September. Please do join your fellow villagers for a selection of tasty breads, cheeses and puds and home made pickles and chutneys. All this for a contribution of £2.50 to cover our costs. A chance to relax with friends, old and new, in the Autumn sunshine.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Hawes

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Birdingbury Estates

Forthcoming events :-

23 August Private function - Main Ring Area – Golden Wedding Celebration

30 August Wedding Reception – Glebe Field

12-14 September - VW Gathering on the Showground

Birdingbury Calendar

August

Sunday	3	Memorial Rededication	Main Street	3.00	2
Friday	8	Library Van	Main Street	11.40	
Friday	29	Library Van	Main Street	11.40	
September					
Saturday	6	Produce Show and Auction	Club		14
Tuesday	9	Ladies Circle	Birbury	7.45	15
Sunday	14	Ride and Stride			13
Tuesday	16	Parish Council	Birbury	7.30	2
Friday	19	Library Van	Main Street	11.40	
Thursday	25	Bourton Garden Club	Bourton Village Hall	7.30	12
Saturday	27	Birdingbury Cinema	Club		14
Sunday	28	Country Lunch	Birbury	12.00	15

Swap Shop every Saturday morning at 10.30 in the Birbury



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