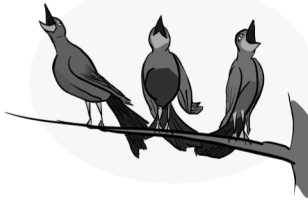


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Birdingbury Fete 1949

Back row: Harold Rathbone, Jess Lomas, Norah Truslove, Ernie Cleaver, Vi Cleaver, Mrs Heath,
Rev Wilbraham, Bill Cowley

Front row: Jennifer Reeve, Annette Cleaver (Facer), Christine Cleaver (Wells), Joy Munro
(Robbins), Jackie Lomas (Farnworth), John Truslove, Raymond Truslove, Richard Gibson

Thanks to Bob Munro for the photo and to him and Barbara for the identifications.

Parish Council Report

Following the resignation of our Clerk, Joanna Bloomfield, the Council advertised for a replacement. We received two applications, both excellent candidates, and, after interviews, we have appointed Rebecca Butcher. She will be taking over immediately, but with help from Joanna over the summer. Joanna has been an excellent clerk and we are very sorry to lose her, but we are confident we have a suitable replacement in Rebecca.

Many of you will already be aware (from our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Cllr Jackie Morton) that there has been a worrying spate of burglaries from sheds and garages over the last weeks, as well as reports of ‘suspicious’ behaviour around the village. Jackie emphasised the need to be extra vigilant about locking sheds and also to note registration numbers of cars and vans acting oddly. She is always happy to receive reports of anything villagers are concerned about, even if it turns out to be absolutely innocent. Her number is 633493.

The PC had a special meeting to discuss a Planning Application for the erection of four low-cost houses and two retirement bungalows on the field next to Masters Court. We submitted a number of objections (which are detailed in the Minutes of this special meeting on 4 July) and the consultation period for this application was extended to the end of July.

The Parish Council agreed to take over responsibility for insuring the Bonfire Night, and to comply with the insurance policy we are required to ensure that training is provided for all those involved in letting off the fireworks. We have therefore commissioned a half-day training session by the Fire Service which will be available to any volunteer involved. It has to be during the day on a week day; **if you would like to join this training session, please contact Cllr Gaynor Davy** with your name and availability. We are hoping to do this in August.

The (very expensive) new surface under the climbing frame in the Recreation Field was installed in some of the hottest weather for decades; we hope it provides some soft landings for our youngsters.

Fly-tipping continues to be a problem around the parish. While councillors are happy to be told about this, the quickest way to get it dealt with is to contact **Rugby Borough Council (01788 533335)** with the details: i.e. nature of the tipped rubbish and its precise location.

Best wishes

Diana Turner,

Chair, Birdingbury Parish Council

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on
Tuesday 15 September in the Birbury
Everyone welcome**

Are you looking for activities, advice or services?

The **Warwickshire Directory** is aimed at helping people find information about local organisations, groups and agencies that provide activities, advice, services and support.

Information and advice play an essential part in enabling people, carers and families to take control of, and make well-informed choices about, their care and support.

Please visit the Directory online at warwickshire.gov.uk/directory.

We are committed to continually improving the range of information, advice and services available to people online.

Do you run a local activity or service?

Are you listed on the Warwickshire Directory? If not, we want to hear from you. The Directory could be a great way of promoting your service to a wider audience for free.

To get listed, please contact the Directory Team by emailing directory@warwickshire.gov.uk or by calling us on 742604.

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Coffee for Macmillan

It's that time again for the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning! It will take place in the Birbury on Saturday 26 September at 10.30. Do come and support it - Coffee and cake, cakes for sale, raffle and competitions.

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Birdsong says thank you to all those who responded to the appeal in the last edition and to those who have generously supported it over the last year. The total received in that time amounts to £235.

Leamington Hastings School

Saturday 13 June was Rose Queen Day and Joel Fieberling and Isabel Mawby, elected by the children as the King and Queen, led the dancing round the maypole.

The friends of LH School were delighted to announce that they had raised £1020 despite the rain and thanked all the staff, parents and friends of the school who worked so hard to make the day a success.

The school will be continuing with their After School Clubs next term, all of which will be running from 3.15-4.15pm and will be free of charge. Instead of Fencing Club, they are looking at doing an Archery Club on Thursday afternoons.



An amazing group of animals turned up one day in June when the school was raising funds for endangered species.

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Sometimes a song

Sometimes a poem
Is a song
Sometimes a movement
Of the eyes.

Sometimes a happiness
May rhyme.

It happens
All the time
On other planets.

Neighbourhood Watch

Birdingbury has been the target for shed burglaries through much of July with five separate events. It appeared that mowers and other garden equipment were the main targets, but on a repeat visit two bicycles were also taken. Because of the size of the items taken (sit-on mowers and other heavy items) and apparent route taken, it is thought that there must have been several strong people involved in the crimes.

There had been a significant spike in crime in Willoughby during June, although this was not just confined to sheds, so we are not alone in the Leam Valley with an increase in crime just at the moment.

I continue to pass to the police any relevant information that is gathered, for which they are very grateful. Their advice continues to be to regularly check the security of sheds and outbuildings with locks and if possible security lighting and alarms and generally be alert to anything unusual you might see. Please let me know if you want to be added to my email alert circulation.

We are still a No Rogue Trading Area, and in theory therefore should be able to challenge any doorstep callers, who it has been speculated may also have other motives.

In September (date to be confirmed) we hope to arrange an open meeting regarding crime prevention with an opportunity to see new technologies and techniques with representatives from the police.

Keep safe and let's keep an eye open for each other over the summer.

Jackie Morton

See 'Tips for Home Security' from PCSO 6149 Helena Seal on page 11

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Come and join in the fun and come to our

Big Dogs Breakfast party

At: Moonrakers

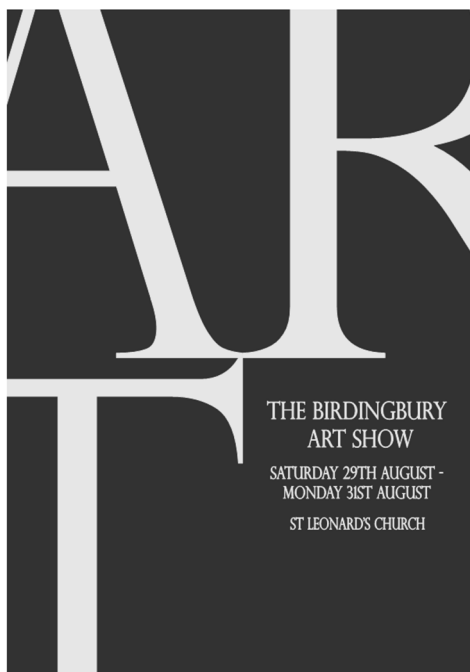
On: Saturday 5 September 8.30 am to 10.30am

*Delicious Dog Biccis, - Lesley's Luscious Breakfast Buns - Canine
Cavorting*

*NO DOG NECESSARY BUT ALL WELCOME
(no cats!)*

*Please let us know if you can come on 632508 or
bigdog@jkstarley.com*

All money raised will go to Dogs for the Disabled



This summer I am organising an art exhibition to showcase the often unseen talents of our villagers and will be looking for anyone who has produced a piece or a collection of artwork to participate. Your work can be of any medium, as we are hoping for variety. It will then be displayed in St Leonard's Church over the August Bank Holiday. If you would like to contribute please contact either -

Peter Law

632381 peterlaw81@hotmail.co.uk

or myself.

Jess Armbrister

632030 Jessie.armbrister@btinternet.com

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The Birdingbury Wheelers Route Plan 2015

5 August	Ryton Pools	17 miles
12 August	Shoulder - Grandborough	12 miles
19 August	Print Wood	14 miles
26 August	Canal and railway circuit	9 miles
2 September	Draycote	10 miles

In case of rain – revert to Draycote

For more information

call Gary 07891 518404 or John 07768 933095.

All welcome!

It's Oiseau-en-terre again

After my last letter I got no reply an' I wonder if le village de Oiseau-en-terre 'as passed by your notice – is Twining a good idee or as you say, simply a cup of cold tea?

Some twining arrangements 'ave many difficulties but why it would be a problem wiv us is 'ow you say "greek to me."

Still, even when you are cold towards us I will point out some of les avantages which we could find, and will elp you to be up your date wiv our news.

First, we 'ave 'ad our fete recently. You English have les fetes which are small affairs with tea an cakes and stalls, but en france a fete is ow you say a FESTIVAL – 'ole fields can be occupied, and there is great big tents an' noise 'an smoke 'an dancing for many heures, people come from kilometres around an' they eat great delicacies which are made ofen from ofal. We could 'elp you do this.

Secondment we have 'ad our local elections. These are always confusing – pour instance nous avons hollande en charge of France? But in our local village it is much simpler – the mare (that is me of course) simply declares the people 'e likes as being elected to 'is conseil and then is grand meeting of all le village pour les informer oo is on le conseil – it's a great system, it takes no time or effort for the electers, and the mare 'as a team 'e can work wiv. You could try something similaire.

I suppose that it is necessary for us to say to you why it is we are attracted to Birding-bury as a partenaire for jumelage. This is a difficult keston. You are a small village but no-one 'as seen fit to twin wiv you up to now. There are 'owever grants for french villages oo twin wiv other villages and the cultural benefits of this can be seen by the 'uge number of people in Calais 'oo are trying to come across.

There are many more things I could say, but I wonder if my frankness is putting you off, and I am scoring as you say an own Gaulle. So I will sign off wiv my salutations and congratulations on your 200th anniversaire de waterloo.

Please be in touch for a liaison.

jean de l'etoile jachere

Maire de Oiseau en terre

(Pourquoui est-ce que les anglais en fete pour l'eau de toilette?)

Willoughby Challenge 2015 - Sunday, 29 June

Here we are again reporting on another Willoughby Challenge, having lifted the U11s trophy for the last 4 years. Could we do it again? Birdingbury took three teams this year to the annual Willoughby Football tournament.

Under 8s

On an overcast Sunday morning a very youthful team of girls and boys from Birdingbury lined up for the tournament. This year we had 6 players making their Birdingbury debut. The team fared very well in the morning, with lots of hand holding and



chatting dominating the midfield. As the morning progressed the kids improved with each game but their talents could not breakdown the older / bigger teams of the other villages and so we did not proceed to the finals. Never mind there is always next year as most of the children have two to three years in this age group.

Team - Frankie Kerry, Erin Flint, Joseph Malin, Bella Malin, Braydon O'Meara, Mason O'Meara, Dale Starr and Tristan Mousab.

Under 14s Veterans

Owing to a number of villages being unable to sport a team in all age groups a new age group was introduced to fill the day. So out came the retired veterans of the Willoughby Challenge to see if they could emulate their glories of yesteryear.

The team of Jacob Cutts, Josh Thomas, Jake Thomas and Rees Moor, did not disappoint, winning the final 4 - 1 against Flecknoe. There's life in the Old Dogs yet !!



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 what the U14s had already done in the morning.

Having navigated the rounds and secured a place in the final without kicking a ball before the last game the team then produced some great goals from Billy Flint, Max Moore and Lewis Bull and staunch defending from Charlie Nutt and Dominic Whitfield.

Birdingbury U11s had reached the final, and all that was left was Flecknoe standing in their way, which coincidentally was a repeat of the last two years' finals.

In a close fought game which Birdingbury led until the final two minutes, when an attack by Flecknoe down the right led to James Tipton conceding the equaliser, poor old James taking it personally, as he felt he had let the team down.



The game then went into extra time, with both teams scoring within three minutes. The dreaded penalty shoot-out beckoned. With the penalties equal at 4 all, up steps the downhearted James to smash the ball in to the top corner of the net with a glorious goal. Not only did James score the final penalty, but a big grinning face and happiness was restored. All that was left was for Dom to stop the ball going into the goal. Big Bad Dom did not disappoint, pulling off a good save and securing the Cup for a record fifth time for Birdingbury.

Team - Billy Flint, James Tipton, Dominic Whitfield, Charlie Nutt, Lewis Bull, Max Moore.

PLAY UP BIRDINGBURY - Richard Cutts

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According to official statistics one third of all accidents in the workplace go unreported. How do they know?

Can you help a family stay together?

Warwickshire Fostering Service is keen to find new parent and child assessment foster carer placements. Parents, particularly young mothers, who are unable to meet their child's most basic needs and protect them, sometimes need a nurturing family environment where they can be supported in looking after their baby or young child.

Parent and child foster placements may help a family to stay together and provide a positive alternative to residential care, which can be expensive and isolating. Potential foster carers provide both practical and emotional support to help the parent to develop the skills required to meet their own and their child's needs. Once the parent has successfully completed an assessment within their fostering placement, they are then supported to live independently with their child.

People who have had some childcare experience or have raised children of their own would be ideal foster carers for a parent and child owing to the life skills involved in this type of fostering. Full training and support is given to foster carers, who are matched to one or more of the different foster care schemes, depending on what suits their lifestyles and commitments. Carers are paid an allowance which reflects the real cost of looking after a child.

The Parent and Child Assessment Arrangement project is currently looking to recruit five foster families who can meet the needs of these placements.

If you are interested in finding out more about Fostering for Warwickshire please contact Central Fostering on freephone 0800 408 1556 or register your interest online at warwickshire.gov.uk/fostering

Richard Harkin
Senior Account Manager

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Collection Card Scam

A Warwickshire resident reported receiving a card through the post which claimed that an item of jewellery was awaiting his collection. All he needed to do was to make a telephone call and pay a £10 fee!

Be warned! These items of 'jewellery' are very likely to be worth considerably less than the £10 it will cost to receive it. The telephone number given to enquire about the jewellery may also be a premium rate number. In addition, consumers who approach these fraudsters are also likely to be added to 'scammers lists' and receive ever more unwanted and bogus post and telephone calls.

Tips for home security

As the area has seen a sharp increase in crime please EVERYONE take a moment to consider your home security. Please see the list below for some tips!!

Home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. A lot of burglaries are spur of the moment, as a burglar may see an open window or another easy point of entry and take their chance.

Tips to consider:

- Window locks especially on older windows will help stop people getting in.
- Securely lock all doors and windows before leaving the house. It's easy to forget when you're in hurry, but it's the simplest way for a burglar to enter your home.
- Never leave keys anywhere near the front door, including your letterbox; burglars know where to look.
- A home that looks empty is far more likely to be targeted by a burglar, so it's worth making sure your home looks occupied.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn on a light and perhaps a radio when it goes dark, even if you are just out for a couple of hours.
- If you're away for longer periods of time, cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries.
- Why not ask a neighbour or relative for help - could they clear the post away from the door mat and open and close the curtains?
- Visibly and permanently marking your belongings helps you and the police identify them if they are stolen. It can also make it difficult for the thief to dispose of the property.
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing locked gates, two metre minimum fencing or walls. Trellis topping also makes climbing difficult.
- Security lighting can be used to make offenders feel vulnerable and observed. It is suggested that you use dusk to dawn lighting.
- Visible burglar alarms are a deterrent; there are many to choose from.
- Fit padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- Make sure that passers-by can see the front of your home. Remove and secure items that may be used to break in or climb up such as ladders and garden tools.

PCSO 6149 Helena Seal

Rugby Rural South Safer-Neighbourhood Team

The Newcomer

Can it really be eight years ago that I drove into Birdingbury for the very first time to have a look at a house for sale?

I'd never been here before, and hadn't wanted to really as Napton was my first choice for moving to, but my son said "Let's just look, Mum...it needn't take long!! Well, how pleased was I that we did ---cos I found a little gem!

The house turned out to be tucked away in a little cul-de-sac, private and quiet and the inside ticked all the boxes e.g. downstairs loo (all of you over 60 will know exactly what I mean), utility room as I had a dog, south facing garden and not overlooked. In fact it overlooked fields at the back which I immediately went to explore. I discovered a public footpath running across fields of quietly grazing sheep, edged by the River Leam slowly winding its way to I didn't know where, with dragon flies, moorhens, water lilies and even swans. That was it. I didn't need to think about it or look any further but I didn't realise then just how much those fields, sheep and river life would impact on my life.

After these eight years of getting to know the Birdingbury community, making friends, joining organisations and even being persuaded to don enormous plastic 'falsies' and sing either Rule Britannia or Stand By Your Man--whatever-- off the back of a farm trailer! Climbing to the dizzy heights of becoming Minutes Secretary to the P.C.C. meant organising cake stalls, trawling around the village in the depths of winter singing carols, and even recently leading a service in our beloved St Leonard's. All this and lots more, but it wasn't actually until a few evenings ago that I suddenly felt... Yes, this really is home and at long last I do feel as if I belong here.

It was a beautiful early July evening after a hot day and I suddenly decided to take my little dog across the fields and along the river, a walk that I have done every single day of living here and loved even in driving snow, hail, wind and rain, any conditions, but that night it looked especially lovely until I spotted something white in the water alongside the bank and went to take a closer look. It was, of course, a sheep that had slipped in, become totally saturated, and then unable to get back up the steep bank and was very near to drowning. Without hesitation I kicked off my shoes and waded straight into fairly deep water and ankle deep sludgy mud which forms a little ledge before the deep water. Try as I might I could not lift her out as she was in deep shock and made no effort to help herself, poor animal. On many previous occasions I had managed to pull lambs and sheep out but this time I realised that I would need some help and started to shout! It seemed ages before my cries were heard but then, Hooray, the French family arrived in force and together we managed to push and pull her out and to safety. Everyone, except the sheep, was breathing very hard I might tell

you as she was very heavy, but it wasn't long before she struggled to her feet and started to wobble away. Result, as they say!

I was soaked in smelly water, coated in even smellier slimy mud but had a very big smile on my face as I walked back home - and then a memory came back to me of a couple of years ago when my daughter and husband came to stay and asked if they could leave my new little grandson with me whilst they went for a quick walk along the river. Of course, I readily agreed, but as I had already helped a lamb out of the river earlier that week, said to them jokingly "Watch out for sheep and lambs learning to swim!" Ha, Ha.-.we all laughed..!

Well, when they hadn't returned some time later I looked out from an upstairs window to see my son-in-law walking back across the field wearing only his boxer shorts...not a normal habit of his, I hasten to add! My daughter followed carrying his sodden clothes but, they also, had big smiles on their faces and I knew immediately what had happened. So, as they walked into the house I said, "Welcome to My World".

It is indeed My World - and a world I wouldn't change now, even with the daft sheep and lambs who never learn and would just like to say "Thank you, Birdingbury" for making me feel so welcome here - you are indeed a very wonderful community and I love life here...even the 'plastic boobies'. And you know what...I don't feel like a Newcomer anymore!!

Anonymous...though no prizes for guessing!!

Big thank you to John and Lesley for sharing their little bit of countryside with me and mine.

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Cycling for Breast Cancer Now

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped me to successfully fulfil both my target and the challenge of my London to Paris cycle ride - I have now raised well over £1,500 for Breast Cancer Now, which is absolutely wonderful! The 280 mile ride was tough, with some dauntingly steep hills, and a rather smelly bog that I was unfortunate enough to fall into, but I made it and am incredibly proud to say so!

Thank you!!

Lizzie Morton

Roy Rogers

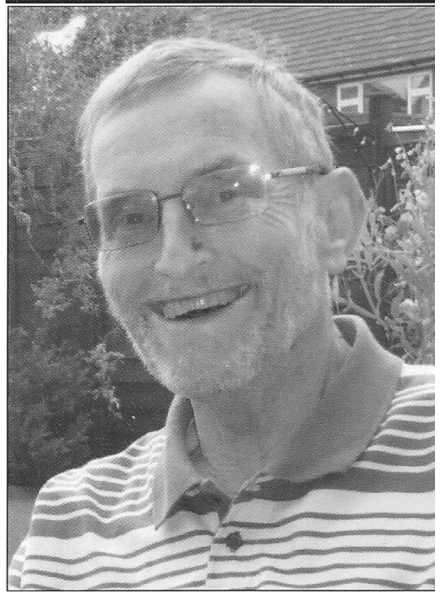
I knew Roy for many years, since before he and Cynthia moved into the village; they came and looked around our house in Main Street prior to buying 'Thistledew' on the Marton Road. Even before that our paths crossed over the quality of components supplied by Roy's employers, Union Carbide, and their acceptability (or not) to be built into a jet engine at Rolls Royce – we were both quality engineers. All very friendly you understand, albeit heated at times.

Our friendship continued with our interest in motoring; both of us did many a mile in our MGB sports car, but the enthusiasm for motor bikes soon came to the fore, Roy being an avid Triumph owner. He went to most Triumph Owners Club meetings as well as the Vintage Motor Cycle Club events. Roy and I went to many exhibitions and autojumbles (jumble sales for old bike bits); he would obtain a plastic carrier bag as soon as he got there and proceed to fill it with leaflets for all sorts of gadgets. He would buy numerous novel small devices to ensure his bike started first kick and ran better. I used to tackle him with "Why have you bought that, Roy?" He invariably replied "I'm going to get the head off next weekend"- needless to say it didn't always happen.

We had a long weekend in Portrush, Northern Ireland with his 41 Club, a great weekend - we tried not to get too involved with the many leather clad lady motorcyclists who look far more fearsome than their male counterparts, but nevertheless they had something about them! On the morning of the main race Roy and I congratulated ourselves by getting trackside on the start line; off they all went, but didn't pass our view point again. The race itself took a detour missing us altogether, all part of a fabulous weekend.

Roy and Cynthia also had an allotment for a good number of years, Roy being the treasurer for many of these.

Then there were Friday nights down at the Club, sacrosanct they were, and took priority over most things. Roy really enjoyed a pint, without going over the top. Quite a few had similar views on the hallowed Friday night and we all had a few laughs especially



when Roy turned up wearing an 'Isle of Man TT races' or 'I would rather be riding my Triumph Motorcycle' or 'RU World Cup' tee shirt, and various others. He loved it!

A very good friend – thanks Roy.

Gary Laverick

Cynthia, Steven, Jayne and Karen wish to express sincere thanks to the villagers whose help and support has been immeasurable throughout Roy's illness and now, following his death. Roy loved village life and would have been amazed at the number of people who came to his funeral. We as a family were overwhelmed but feel he had a wonderful send off as he would have wanted.

He will be sadly missed by us all (including Pippa!).

I am truly fortunate to live in such a caring community.

Cynthia

The next phase in your life

For some of you young village residents August and September can be tricky months. There's the stressful wait for exam results in August and following that, making plans for the next stage of your lives, whatever that is or wherever it takes you.

There are many scenarios: - leaving school and leaving Birdingbury; - leaving school and starting work; - changing schools; and for some of the very young, going to school for the first time.

All of these changes have the excitement of doing something or going somewhere new which at the same time may be accompanied by some uncertainty at leaving the past behind.

Good luck to all of you. We'll still be here in Birdingbury, happy to hear about your new experiences.

Aileen Withington

The People's Orchestra requires players for regular performances

We're on the search for Grade 6-8 musicians who play string or percussion, or anything!

Rehearsals are every Sunday at Trefoil House, Birmingham City Centre at 4pm

For more information, please contact: orchestra@thepeoplesorchestra.co.uk

I have included our website below for further information

thepeoplesorchestra.co.uk

The People's Orchestra was founded in 2012 but the concept first came into being in November 2011 during a french horn lesson between the daughter of our founder/managing director, Sarah Marshall and teacher/co-founder, Andrew Sandham. The idea was to fill the gap between amateur orchestras and professional philharmonic orchestras, with well-trained experienced musicians who did not have the time or desire to give the commitment to joining a professional orchestra.

With help from an Arts Council grant and the tireless work of our volunteers the People's Orchestra was officially launched in March of 2012, our first event was a huge success described as a 'stunning debut concert' by the Express & Star and within the first six weeks we had been booked to play live at Symphony Hall in Birmingham, for BBC Radio WM. The recording was played on air that Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

If you know anybody who may be interested in rehearsals, please pass on the message so that we can reach out to local talent.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Satvir Singh

Tel: 0121 250 3806

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Two snakes in the middle of the jungle. One says to the other,
'Just out of interest, are we poisonous?'

'I don't really know, 'replies his friend. 'Why?'

'I've just bitten my tongue.'

Birdingbury Country Show – 2015

With the 25 years of Show/Festival we have come to realise that the weather forecast plays a major part in the attendance of the event. This was certainly the case this year with the forecast of 'good' on Saturday and 'showery' on Sunday. The attendance was, therefore, good on Saturday but, as predicted, not so good on Sunday.

Unfortunately the forecast proved to be correct and we were 'treated' to a long, persistent shower of rain on Sunday lunch time. However, despite this hiccup we soldiered on and, whilst two ring events were cancelled, we were able to pick up the programme again when the rain stopped and we welcomed another period of sunshine. It didn't take long for everything to dry up and for things to carry on as arranged – although the attendance had been affected.

Along with 140 classic cars, 120 tractors, 60 motorcycles, 30 military vehicles, 45 commercial vehicles, 20 stationary engines, seven steam engines, lots of trade, craft, charity stalls, displays and animals, we welcomed John Anderson – an award-winning Piper - who opened the Show and mingled with the crowd to answer questions. He also led the 'road run' through the village which proved to be very popular.

The financial results have yet to be finalised but, whilst we know we will not reproduce the record breaking figures of last year, there will be some profits to be distributed to our nominated charities. This year we were supporting four charities – DEBRA (for children suffering from epidermolysis bullosa – a blistering skin disease); HELEN LEY CARE CENTRE at Leamington Spa (part of Castel Froma Charity); ILEAP (activities for people suffering with disabilities); PAWPRINTS (rescuing/rehoming dogs from death row).

We are indebted to the help and support we receive in running the event, and, in particular, to the local scouting groups led by 1st Stretton Scouts, and the Leamington Hastings Young Farmers.

A further report will be published in the next edition of Birdsong when the financial position is known.

We have a Committee of sixteen but there is always room for additional members, and offers of help and ideas would be welcomed. Please contact Bob on 01926 632555.

Birdingbury Country Show Committee

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Left in the Birbury kitchen some weeks ago: - white chopping board, small blue plastic tray and six blue plastic picnic plates. Please get in touch with Jackie Westcott (632494) should you know to whom they belong.

Birdingbury Village Club

Things are settling down now under the new management of Mark Thomas, ably supported by Karen and their son Morgan. They have been working hard to get things how they want them and if you have popped in I hope you will have noticed the various changes.

I must mention the sad and untimely death of club and village stalwart Roy Rogers. I've spent many a Friday evening enjoying Roy's company, who is a fine example of how to get on with life even when health is starting to fail you. Roy was a club man through and through so we were privileged to play a part in Roy's funeral and Mark did all he could to help Cynthia, Stephen and Jane give him a fitting send off.

During the remaining weeks of the summer, keep an eye out for impromptu events such as BBQ's, which will be advertised on our website, Facebook, Twitter and the A Board. Certainly a date for your diary is the Produce Show, which this year will be on Saturday 12 September. Apart from the opportunity to enter the various categories of the show during the day, why not come down and enjoy the great fun of the charity auction in the evening conducted by the inimitable Gary Laverick.

Finally, Birdingbury Cinema opens for another winter season on Saturday 3 October with the critically acclaimed 2015 release of 'Far From the Madding Crowd'. If you haven't been before you won't believe the quality of the screening and at just £5 admission where could you get better value? This will be followed by showings in early December and two more in the New Year.

Ian Tipton President,

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Gardeners or Roofers

Free: four sheets of clear pvc corrugated plastic sheeting, 7 ft by 2ft. 6in ideal for making long cloches. I've even got a length of that blue plastic piping for making hoops to hold the cloches in place. Might alternatively be of use for anyone with a roofing job to do!

Leslie Turner: call 633755 or visit Glebe Rise, (bottom of Main Street, last on left going towards church).

Although Birdsong does not accept commercial advertising it is very happy to include notices from villagers of items of which they have no further need.

Ladies Circle

We will have our first get together for the coming year and AGM on Tuesday 8 September, where we will discuss ideas for the months ahead, ending in June 2016.

For those who are new to Birdingbury, Ladies Circle is a group of ladies of all ages who meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Birbury at 7.45, September to June. We are always delighted to welcome visitors and new members, so please do come along.

Last year we held all sorts of different evenings, from a talk on nutritional health, spice traders, a pamper evening, a talk on the POW camp in Birdingbury to a demonstration by Colour me Beautiful on which colours would suit us best. We also visited a local nursery in Dunchurch in early spring. For our last gathering in June we went to The Friendly Inn at Frankton and had a delicious meal with excellent company.

If you would like to know more please contact either Lee Hayden (Chair) 633606 or Julie Colledge (Secretary) 632463.

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The Birbury

We held our annual Coffee Shop on the 11 and 12 July and served drinks and a selection of home made goodies to fellow villagers and regular visitors to the show. Our takings were slightly down this year but we still managed a profit of £145 which contributes to our running costs for the Birbury. Many thanks to all our customers and our dedicated band of helpers.

Our next event is our **Autumn Country Lunch** and this takes place on Sunday 27 September at 12.00 in the Birbury. There will be the usual tasty range of breads, cheeses, salads and home made pickles and puds, followed by tea or coffee. All this for a contribution of £2.50 to cover costs. We look forward to seeing you there

Jenny Hawes

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Coffee and Chat

There will be no session of Coffee and Chat in August as it's the Summer Holidays.

We will meet again at 10.30 in the Birbury on Thursday 24 September, the same day as the Chip Shop van. Please come along and join us for a relaxed chat, a cuppa and a slice of cake - or two!

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Karen, Mel, Jan and Jenny

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Bank Holiday	29-	Art Show	St Leonard's Church		6
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September					
Saturday	5	Big Dogs Breakfast	Moonrakers	8.30	5
Tuesday	8	Ladies Circle	Birbury	7.15	19
Friday	11	Library Van	Main Street	11.40	
Saturday	12	Produce Show	Club		18
Tuesday	15	Parish Council	Birbury	7.30	3
Thursday	24	Coffee and Chat	Birbury	19.30	19
Saturday	26	Macmillan Coffee	Birbury	10.30	3
Sunday	27	Autumn Country Lunch	Birbury	12.00	19
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Saturday	3	Birdingbury Cinema	Club		18

Swap Shop every Saturday 10.30 to noon

Birdingbury Wheelers every Wednesday until 2 September 7pm at the Club

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