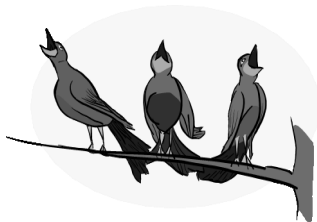


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Tour de Birdingbury

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Birdingbury Parish Council Report August 2019

The last couple of months have been busy for your Parish Council as the new group of Councillors come together. One of the Council's most important roles is as a representative of village views and interests in planning matters. As a Council, we have now agreed a 'protocol' that sets out the steps that we will take to respond to planning notices; from receipt by the Clerk, review, site visit (if necessary) and agreement of the collective response. Councillors will be happy to discuss with anyone the approach that we take on planning, but please note that Councillors can't give advice on individual applications. However, we form our views as a Council in our meeting and parishioners are very welcome to attend these (generally 7:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday of each month - details on the Notice Board on the back of the bus shelter).

You might also have seen that Rugby Borough Council have agreed the Local Plan that sets the scene for housing development and infrastructure over the coming years. This includes an objective of 12,000 new houses, mainly in a small number of larger developments around Rugby and in some villages. Birdingbury is not one of these sites, so Rugby's development policy seeks to limit new development to within Birdingbury's existing settlement boundary. This is a change in policy that was previously more accepting of isolated developments outside of the 'village envelope'.

In non-planning news, a huge thank you to Jackie Morton for her 8 plus years leading our Neighbourhood Watch team! True dedication. And thank you to Jo Cutts who has received the baton from Jackie, and the many others who make NHW work.

At June's meeting we heard from Leam Valley First Responders, first aid trained volunteers who may be first to the scene after an emergency call, depending on where ambulance crews are at that time. Alongside our new defibrillator, this hopefully makes the village a safer place.

Talking of safety, the Council is in touch with Sustrans as owners of the old railway bridge. Bricks appear to have fallen recently from the underside of the span over the river, so please take extra care if in that area.

If you have any questions about anything Parish or community, please get in touch on 07538 583498.

Happy Summer!

Guy French, Chair, Parish Council

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LH Academy Update



On Saturday 6th July, Leamington Hastings Academy held their annual Rose Queen Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the maypole dancing. The focus of the day was to raise money for a new school playground and the event raised over £1000.

There is a donation bucket inside the school for anyone who would like to contribute to this, and I know that other groups locally are holding events to support our project. We are extremely grateful for all the community support we have received.

We have an owl outside the school to show how much money we have raised so far and will keep this updated so that those who live locally and have supported us, can see how much money we have raised.

We also held our end of year play, using Leamington Hastings village hall.

The children were all very excited to perform on stage and acted and sung brilliantly. We are lucky to be able to use this facility, not many infant school children have the opportunity to perform on a real stage twice a year.

It is the time of year when parents start to choose schools for their child's reception year. We would be delighted to show parents around the school for both nursery and school places.

Please visit the school website and Facebook page to find out all about us. The school office will arrange you an individual appointment.

<http://www.leamingtonhastings.covmat.org/>

Suzanne Marson, Head of School



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St. Leonard's Church Fete 2019



The PCC of St. Leonard's Church is delighted to announce the success of the fete on 6th July.

After expenses have been taken into account, the amount raised was £1,669.79.

Our thanks to everyone concerned who worked so hard to make it such a success and, of course, to everyone who came, despite the wet weather, and spent so generously.

The prize allocation for the raffle, which raised £878.40, is as follows:

Prize	Ticket	Winner
£100 cash	1627	The Colledge Family
£40 Cote Brasserie voucher	1835	The Cutts Family
A Half Case of Wine	0048	Liz Tompkins
A Half Case of Wine	1247	T. Ansell
Round of Golf	1955	Mary Lou (Pilates Class)
£30 Sainsbury Voucher	0106	Di & Leslie Turner
Lunch at The Larder	1573	The Law Family
£25 Jason's Butchers voucher	0126	Tony M
Breakfast for 2 at Hilltop Farm	0496	Val Preston
£10 The Friendly Inn voucher	0249	Richard
Meal at The Huntsman Carvery	1687	The Barney Family
£10 Rimo Growers voucher	0299	Rev David Shaw
£10 Cheese on the Green voucher	1711	J. Laughlin
Steam Genie Carpet Clean	0718	T. Healey
Bottle of Rum	0851	Kathryn (Pilates Class)

Congratulations to all!

Daphne Chippendale

Bob Munro Tractor Run 2019

Lots of fun was had on Saturday 20th July at the second Bob Munro Tractor Run. The weather was kind to us and 23 tractors turned up to support us.

We started the day with tea, coffee and bacon rolls courtesy of the Birbury ladies, apologies if there was a gentleman involved but if he was there, I missed him.



We then set off on a wonderful ride around the local countryside with three trailers providing rides. We took in Leamington Hastings, Hill, Broadwell, nearly Napton, Stockton and Long Itchington.

Here we stopped off at the Green Man for refreshments. Cheese rolls and good beer were provided, and it was difficult to drag ourselves away! Eventually we had to leave for an enjoyable but shorter ride back to the Club.

Timing it just right, the barbeque boys were ready with superb hot dogs and burgers, and music which carried on for most of the afternoon. With very little time to catch a breath, we were into the open mic evening in the Club.

It is amazing how popular tractors are especially with the younger generation, and all enjoyed the ride. Many people along the route came out to the road to wave us by.

I have to thank many people for making this happen and being such a success, so here goes and apologies if I miss anyone: Barbara, Jackie, Alice, Gaynor, Josie and others for the superb Birbury refreshments; Mark Taylor for sourcing the food and cooking it; Mark Dent, Carl Kerry and Justin Mawby for the great barbeque; all the tractor drivers who contributed generously to the charity fund; John Edgar for his superb organising and publicity; Mark and team at the Green Man; Mark and Karen at the Club for a long and busy day behind the bar; Chris Morton for sourcing the very successful guest beers; all the performers at the open mic; and last, but not least, all who turned up and supported us all through the day.

We run this event for fun, to put money behind the bar of the Club and to raise funds for 'Bloodwise' the blood cancer charity. I am pleased to report that we raised £585.51 net this year, which may increase due to potential 'matching' funds. So, thank you to all involved - a great village joint effort.

Steve Edgar

Message Board

Birdingbury extends a warm welcome to Robert and Julie Davies and their children Rhiannon and Rhys who have moved into Limecrest, Marton Road, and to Chris and Steph Seeley who have moved into Longroods in Back Lane. We hope you all have a happy time in your new homes.

Congratulations to the Hayden family: Lee and Declan on their retirement, and their daughter, Ceara, on her engagement. Here's to a blissful life together.

Congratulations, too, to Izzy Sharatt (formerly of Birdingbury) who recently graduated from Leeds University with a 2:1 in Sociology. All the best for your future, Izzy!

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Clare Dale



It's with great sadness that my Clare Dale passed away peacefully on Wednesday 3rd July after a long illness.

I would like to thank the people in Birdingbury who have shown kindness and support to my Clare in the past; I know this meant a lot to her.

Clare now starts her next journey of life, free from pain and suffering.

Loving Husband Geoff

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Enid Vayro

Sad to say that one of the oldest residents in Birdingbury has passed away. Enid Vayro, who had lived in Birdingbury for over 60 years, died peacefully at Bromson House Nursing Home last Wednesday. She had been living there for a few weeks following gradually deteriorating health.

Enid, with her late husband Dick and their daughter Lynne, moved to Birdingbury from Frankton, where they had lived at the former POW camp. This had been converted to family living accommodation some 60 years ago. For many years Enid and Dick were familiar figures in the village, and regular members of The Club. Lynne was married at St. Leonard's Church.

Enid was a long-standing friend of mine, and several other villagers. She will be fondly remembered, especially for her sense of humour and her love of travel.

Her funeral has yet to be arranged.

Rest in Peace, Enid.

Daphne Chippendale



Swapshop is Eleven!



“Why don’t we have a village Swapshop so people can share their surplus produce?” suggested Cheryl Turner in the summer of 2008. And so, this regular Saturday event was born. The idea was simple: villagers bring anything they wish to exchange; a rota of volunteers sign up to make a cake/scones /biscuits, order milk, then prepare coffee (or tea) ready

for 10.30 on Saturday morning. There you have it – you’ve got Swapshop! When the surplus garden produce dried up as winter approached, the regulars began to realise it was a nice occasion and it was soon decided to continue anyway. Other items for exchange were brought along (no pressure if you haven’t anything to bring – we just wanted the company) and a seasonal event became a year-round one.

The Birbury Management Committee kindly agreed not to charge a fee for use of the room, but an annual whip-round results in a donation. Regulars bring packs of coffee and sign up to take a turn at providing the service and setting it up each week, so no-one is committed to more than they can cope with. Jenny Hawes, ex-chair of the Birbury, keeps the basket of coffee equipment etc. and kindly ensures that the rota gets filled. Over the years the attendance has grown to around 12 to 18 each Saturday and for some it is a welcome way of keeping in touch with village friends on a regular basis.

On July 13th we celebrated our 11th anniversary with a special chocolate birthday cake and the originator, Cheryl, came back to the village to mark the occasion. If you haven’t sampled this wonderful weekly (and possibly unique to Birdingbury) get-together, why not come along from 10.30 to noon, every Saturday morning in the Birbury!



Di Turner

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Leamington Hastings Bowls Club.



We are having a good season and even if we don't win a match, we've had some lovely afternoons with pleasant company and a nice tea afterwards, so we consider that all a bonus!

Would you like to join us? Please come to the bowls green (next to the Parish Hall and tennis court), every Wednesday at 6pm; we have bowls for you, just wear loose clothes and flat shoes.

Any age and ability, you will be made very welcome.

Sue Turner

A Right Royal Do!

Rugby Borough Council nominate three parish councillors each year to attend a Royal Garden Party. I was surprised and very lucky to receive an invitation from The Lord Chamberlain for Lynne and me to attend Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 29th May. Fortunately, I was able to seek advice from fellow councillors, Di Turner & Gaynor Davy, who had attended previously. We were informed that the dress code is very much like attending a posh wedding, so for Lynne a new dress and fascinator and for me, a suit and tie.

As it was such a special occasion, we decided to make the most of it and travelled down the day before, stopping for two nights. We caught the train just after lunch and travelled first class down to Euston, then a taxi to the Westminster Crown Plaza, with a view of the Palace of Westminster from our bedroom window. We didn't have much time before setting out off up west for a meal at Browns Restaurant, then catching a play, 'Starry Messenger' at the Wyndham Theatre.

On the day, and as we didn't need to arrive at Buckingham Palace until 3pm, we decided to catch a tourist bus from Westminster Bridge for a guided trip around central London. The traffic was chaotic, so we ended up being late back to the hotel. We were even later arriving for the Garden Party, as we had to walk the length of The Mall, which was closed to traffic. Having got through security we entered the palace and on into the Garden Party at the rear.



It was a rather wet and cool day for the 8,000 guests and Lynne was certainly not dressed for the weather. Having had our pick of the wonderful buffet we saw the royal party arrive down the palace steps, led by the Queen, Prince Harry and other members of the royal family. It was a lovely occasion and a real privilege to be in such a special place.

Having eventually left the palace behind, we took ages to flag down a taxi and get back to the hotel to warm up and have a meal.

The following morning, we decided to walk from the hotel along the South Bank. The weather had changed, and it was boiling, so now we were overdressed! We crossed the wobbly bridge and toured St Paul's Cathedral

and then to The Shard, where we had lunch on the 32nd floor. We chilled for a few hours before wending our way home that evening.

What an experience, something we will always remember.

Ian and Lynne Tipton

The WPH Charitable Trust



A Warwickshire charity, with members from Birdingbury, which provides speech and language therapy sessions for children with Down syndrome, has received £2,500 from the WPH Charitable Trust.

The Ups of Downs will use the money to help 50 children in Leamington and the surrounding area develop their communication skills, in turn enabling them to build relationships and share their wishes, needs and aspirations.

Established in 2006, The Ups of Downs works with parents and carers, providing the opportunity for parents to understand more about Down syndrome and how best to support their children. Teaching the youngsters how to communicate is a key objective for the pre-school group, which leads a range of fun activities to promote and encourage development across a range of skills including communication, concentration, early numeracy and literacy, improving working memory, and social skills.

Parents too are shown activities which can be incorporated into everyday life at home to support their child's development. Parents are invited to regular training events which are also open to the professionals who work with members, including teachers, occupational therapists, Portage Services and external specialist advisory teachers.

Nicola Enoch, of The Ups of Downs, said the sessions, delivered by highly trained and experienced speech and language therapy professionals, are very well attended and frequently attract excellent feedback.



THE UPS OF DOWNS
Celebrating Down syndrome

She said: "We have always prioritised providing speech and language therapy to our members since it is so critical for a child to be able to communicate, to be able to be included at home and at nursery or school. We are extremely grateful to The WPH Charitable Trust for its very generous donation which ensures our members can access this specialist intervention. Being able to communicate is a skill many take for granted.

With support our children and young people can make tremendous progress and we're delighted to ensure they have the opportunity to make such progress."

Samantha Clarke, WPH Media Team

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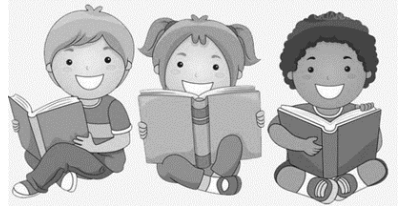
Southam College Community Education Centre offers a varied programme of daytime and evening courses in Southam and surrounding villages. Subject areas include Creative Arts and Crafts, Fitness and Wellbeing, General Interest, Languages and Personal Development.

Autumn term starts from Monday 9th September 2019.

For full programme and further information about Autumn term, visit our web page www.southamcollege.com/about/community-education or pick up a leaflet from libraries, leisure centre and other local venues

For enquiries and to check availability/book, contact me on 01926 810942 or email commed.s@welearn365.com

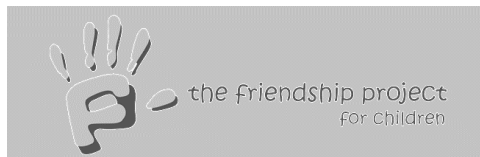
The office is closed during the school holidays and reopens on Monday, 2nd September.



Sue Hawthorn, Southam College Community Education Centre.

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Make a Difference to a Child's Life - The Friendship Project for Children



Volunteers Wanted - Older Friends (befrienders)

Do you have the time to take a child out once a week for 2 – 3 hours on a one-to-one basis?

The Friendship Project is a Warwickshire-wide charity that matches children and young people in need of support with adult volunteers, for friendship and fun.

For more details and an application form, please get in touch with

Kelly Furness (Area Co-ordinator) on **077415 399776**

email: kelly.furness@friendshipproject.co.uk

or visit our website: www.friendshipproject.co.uk

Club Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 24th August	Back to the 80's Disco	Eight 'til late
Thursday 29th August	Fish & Chip Van	From 20.00
Saturday 14th September	Produce Show	See separate notice
Saturday 21st September	Late Summer Quiz	20.00 start
Thursday 26th September	Fish & Chip Van	From 20.00

Karen Thomas

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The 'New' Produce Show



Saturday 14th September at Birdingbury Club

The schedule of classes will be circulated and available from the Club.

Entries must be submitted before noon on the day for judging that afternoon.

In the evening from 8.00pm a **GRAND AUCTION** of the exhibits will be held in aid of the Village Distribution Fund.

Your auctioneer will be Mr Gary Laverick.



Come along, show off your prowess, buy your lunch, support your village!

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Coffee and Chat

We will continue to meet on the last Thursday of the month in the Birbury at 10.30. Our next sessions will be Thursday 29th August and 26th September. Please come and join us for a coffee or tea, some tasty treats and the all-important chat.

Everyone welcome, why not bring a friend?

Your friends at St. Leonards



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New Watch on Neighbourhood Watch



For some while I had been thinking that Neighbourhood Watch could do with a new leader and fresh ideas, so I am delighted to let you know that Jo Cutts has volunteered to take over the role. If you are enrolled on the existing email alert list, then your contacts will be passed over to Jo, unless you have already indicated otherwise, per my email.

I would like to thank everyone for all the support I have received since taking on this task from Jeffery Johnson some years ago. I have been overwhelmed with messages of thanks and cards which have shown me how appreciated my work has been – thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Please continue to support Jo, in the same way you have me, as she takes over.

Jackie Morton

For those that may not know me, I'm Jo Cutts and have lived in the village for 21 years. I'm very happy to be taking over as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Birdingbury. Please feel free to call, message or email any concerns you have, however small.

My contact details are: phone 01926 632686, mobile 07769205571, address The White House, Marton Road, e-mail johannacutts@aol.com.

I would like to thank Jackie for all her commitment to the village over the years and wish her a well-deserved rest! Keep 'em peeled!

Jo Cutts

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Optimism

Birdingbury knows

That a fish out of water

Was not from the Leam

Thin Jethro Laskey



Steve Edgar and Friends

**Tunes from talent around the village
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JO YOUNG

BIRDINGBURY JAMMERS

and more

SURPRISE GUESTS!

Birdingbury Club

Saturday 19 October, eight 'til late, save the date!

Ladies Circle

Our A.G.M. and first meeting of the Ladies Circle will be on Tuesday 10th September, beginning at 7.45pm with refreshments.

At this meeting we will organise our programme of events, to last until June 2020. Last year we had talks from outside speakers, craft events, a musical recital and a meal at a local hostelry to name but a few. A year's subscription is only £15 for ten sessions, or £3 as a guest per event.

Why not come along and see what we have to offer? Our meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Birbury, or elsewhere. We publish details of our programme in "Birdsong". We do allow gentlemen visitors to some events, so watch this space.....

Jenny Hawes



Hello Happy Birdingbury Wrappers

Yes, I know it's only August but Teams 4U are gearing up to wrap and fill the Shoe Boxes now.

We are looking for volunteers to patiently wrap empty shoe boxes, (wrapping paper and sticky tape are provided), and for others to knit gloves, scarves, bobble hats and small teddy bears and dolls.

We also welcome donations of soaps, toothpaste, writing and drawing papers/pencils/pens, toy cars, buses and lorries, small games, small dolls, teddy bears and soft toys, broken jewellery (which can then be made up into small bracelets or necklaces), and sweets in date until 2020 (sorry, no chocolate). Indeed, anything small enough to fit into a shoe box will be gratefully received.

All your gifts will be very welcome and bring smiles to under privileged children this Christmas.



If you can help, please contact me at Tel 632582 or at Lyndhurst Marton Road, Birdingbury.

Thank you for your support through the years.

Daphne Chippendale

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Living in Birdingbury

Guy French, Leslie Turner and I have been having a chat about some things we could do in our village to help us reconnect with our surroundings and maybe also reduce our carbon footprints.

For example, we would like to know what you think about the idea of growing more of the food we eat within our own village. This could be of interest particularly to families whose children could be helped to grow potatoes, radish, strawberries, peas etc.

In doing so, we would also hope to tap into the wisdom and knowledge of some of our older residents. This could have the additional benefit of bringing old and young together a bit more.

What do you think of the idea? If you are interested, please let us know:

Dick 'dick@specialtime.co.uk' 632644

Guy 'guyfrench67@gmail.com' 633197

Leslie 'gleberise@btinternet.com' 633721

Thankyou

Dick Withington



The Runaways

Five riders on the cliff above.
Two shadows on the sand.
A fast ride thro' a dark wood
With death on either hand.

A light against the window.
The diamonds in her sleeve.
Nothing stirs in the great house
Tho' ghosts and lovers leave.

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They come by night together
When the moon is full and low.
They come across the western hills
When Channel breezes blow.

But he is lost as she is lost,
Tho' all the night is clear –
Yet they will ride by moonlight
As clouds of stars appear.

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The diamonds in her sleeve.
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As ghosts and lovers leave.

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Pilgrim

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Friday 30 August	Mobile Library	11.40	Club
Tuesday 10 September	Ladies Circle AGM	19.45	Birbury
Saturday 14 September	Produce Show	Entries 12.00 Auction 20.00	Club
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