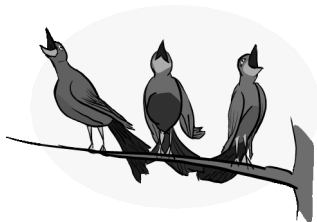


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**April 2020
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Beaming Birdingbury!

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Birdingbury Parish Council Report

The coming months are usually a busy period for the Parish Council and the village, with PC meetings every month, the Annual Village Meeting and the PC's AGM in May. This coincides with Easter, several Saints' days and a special Friday Bank Holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

However, coronavirus hangs over all these events this year. As we saw with the foot & mouth outbreak several years ago, we sometimes face a situation that requires us to change our plans. At the time of writing, government guidance is to avoid unnecessary gatherings and we are expecting to hear that we'll need to cancel our public annual meetings. We will make sure that there are notices on the Parish noticeboard and on the birdingbury.org website giving updates when we have them.

With seemingly daily announcement of new restrictions, it is hard to work out what is best for ourselves, our families and our community. 'Self isolation' and 'social distancing' are the terms of the moment and stand in contrast to how most of us live our lives, particularly in a village like Birdingbury. I know that many of the so-called "vulnerable groups" want to Keep Calm & Carry On: I'd expect nothing less from Birdingbury folk but dealing with Covid-19 is likely to be a marathon not a sprint.

The situation is changing very rapidly, and we are being asked to stay at home more and socialise less. Please think of your neighbours at this time, especially those who will be unable or unwilling to leave their homes. Those of us who are still at work and able to get to shops may need to be a lifeline for others. **Karen Armbrister has co-ordinated a list of helpers who are willing to run errands or to keep in touch with an isolated neighbour.**

If you can help, please let me or Karen know. More importantly, **if you think that you might need some help over the next few days / weeks, however big or small, please do let us know.** We are all in this together.

Guy French, Chair, Parish Council

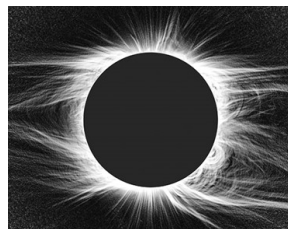
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Birdingbury knows

corona bright round darkness

lit by acts of love

This Jethro Laskey



Coronavirus Support

The current situation is becoming more challenging each day, with various restrictions and 'best advice' now in place for travel. We are all aware of the necessity to avoid hand shaking, physical contact and maintaining distance in social situations, and to be diligent about washing our hands and self-isolating where appropriate.

This is a good time to remember that we have many around the village who might be considered vulnerable, either by age, medical history or other issues. Please can I ask that we look out for our friends and neighbours to make sure that everyone has someone to contact locally if they feel they need help.

A WhatsApp group has been established to keep people in touch with each other and we have leafletted the village. More than 50 people have already offered to be of assistance to others who need shopping, bill paying or other support. **Could you help with this?**

Alternatively, there are those who might like someone to call upon for assistance, who perhaps could help at a time when they may feel they can't be susceptible to potential infection or undertake their normal activities. **Is this you? Would you like someone to call on you if needed?**

SO

please let me know if you would be prepared to be part of our team of helpers who will provide support

OR

if you think you might need some assistance over the next few days / weeks, do let me know how we can help

AND

can we all call on our friends and immediate neighbours to see if any help is needed? Not everyone is on WhatsApp or sees the village Facebook pages.



In the first instance contact:

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Davenport Cottage, Back Lane

Let's be kind to each other and continue to be the loving caring community we all enjoy.

Karen Armbrister

Strictly Birdingbury 2020

Strictly Birdingbury 2020 took place on February 8th and turned out to be quite a night. Unfortunately, Geoff and Veronica, last year's champions from the New Forest, could not make it this year, so the field was wide open for new talent to flourish. Some talent did flourish but not necessarily in the field of dancing. The competition veered between serious dance and serious pantomime with the judges giving marks appropriately for each discipline.

We felt that the event needed a star and we were very honoured that this year we were able to persuade the real, actual, from Strictly itself, all time superstar, Claudia Winkleman to help things along. Mind you, it was not easy to persuade her to visit Birdingbury and, after a very long and frustrating phone call, the clincher was that I promised her that she would meet Mark Dent (apparently one of her long-time fantasies). Unfortunately, Claudia was late, due to spending two hours going up and down the hill in Hill, trying to find Leamington Hastings.



The 'professional' judges consider their scores



'Claudia' presents the winners with the Glitter Ball

All's well that ends well though, and the evening threw up new stars all round, not least of which was our eventual winners, k'n's (Kara and Sophie), who thrilled us all with their superb street dance.

Venice, Jo, Darren and I would like to thank everyone who helped make the night the success, especially the judges; Sophie, Freddie, Joseph, Frankie, Erin, Denty, Lesley, Vicky and Kerry. Thanks also to David for the extra lighting, the contestants for having a go, the bar staff for keeping us watered and all our enthusiastic supporters.

Steve Edgar

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(not another b****y) Brexit Evening

On 26 January, the auspicious first day of the Chinese New Year of the Rat and Burns Night, four-ish teams gathered to participate in the Birdingbury (not another b****y) Brexit Evening.

This was compered by John Starley, ably assisted (or managed) by Lesley Fleming. Biscuits, wines, sausages and cheeses from a variety of old and new trading partners featured, alongside challenges such as the ‘Spot the most wanted person (aka famous politician)’, photographic round, and anagrams to unravel of ‘Things we have got to do’. Perhaps the least appealing of the latter was ‘mucus in snot’ or customs union! All contributed towards making this a lively evening.

The quality of the exchanges can be seen in the final limericks or haiku submitted by each team:

Team 1 Replay Tuesday:

No submission as
All energies spent after THE
Match in Birmingham.

Team 2 The Birds:

The birds turned up for a natter
But ended up drunk and much fatter
The questions came thick
The cheese went down quick
And John’s head was all of a scatter.

Team 3 Takers, Leavers or Remain (a name that changed in line with current policy):

Breaking up with EU
Makes us stronger
Than together
But turns us Blue.

and the overall winners, Team 4 The Brexit Beers:

There was a young man called Boris
Whose hair made us think of a forest
When Carrie said “Hey
Shave your head for a day!”
He said no, just call me Dead in a ditch Doris!

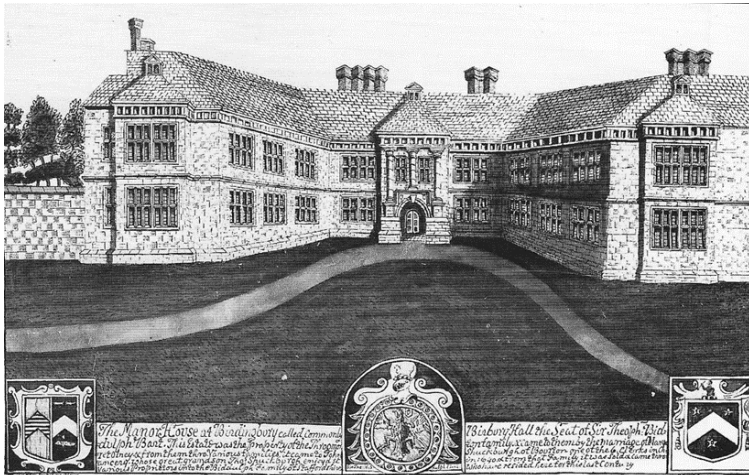
I think a good time was had by all, including the hecklers!

Carmel de Nahlik



The Tenants of Birdingbury Hall

After the disastrous fire at Birdingbury Hall in February 1859 and the contents sale described in *Birdsong* 95, Sir Theophilus Biddulph who had succeeded his father as head of the family in 1854, commissioned John Bromwich and Co, builders from Rugby, to reconstruct the damaged wing and to add the long gallery across the front. They were also to re clad the whole front of the building in fine-worked ashlar stone. This totally changed the appearance of the fine Jacobean mansion and it was also probably somewhat rash, as, while it was reported that the building had been insured for the damage, this would not have covered the new work and in 1863 Sir Theophilus had to raise a £20,000 mortgage for the extra work. This would represent nearly £2 million today.



Birdingbury Hall before the fire: early nineteenth century drawing by Thomas Ward

To add to the family woes, while initially the income from their 2000-acre estate might have covered the repayments, during the 1870s the profitability of British agriculture collapsed, and many tenant farmers could not pay their rents. This was primarily because of the import of low-priced wheat from the newly settled vast Canadian prairies. The farming depression in England lasted until the end of the century.

The Biddulph family had moved out after the fire to live in Menton near Nice and never returned to England. In 1861, and even at the time of the 1871 census, the building was unoccupied although the Goatcher family was living in the stable block. Michael Goatcher was the estate gamekeeper and had been the first to come to the rescue of the housekeeper when she was trapped by the fire.

By 1874 the work must have been completed as the Hall, with its twelve bedrooms, was let to Phillip Albert Muntz. Phillip's grandfather, George Muntz, had developed a copper alloy which became known as Muntz metal and was patented in 1834. It was particularly corrosion resistant and much used, rolled into thin sheets, for cladding wooden ships including ships of the navy as well as the Cutty Sark. By the time the patent expired the business had made a fortune. Many of the Muntz family went into politics including Phillip Albert who became the MP for North Warwickshire in 1884 and a baronet in 1902. It would seem that he rented Birdingbury Hall while he was having his own mansion, Dunsmore House, built at Clifton-on-Dunsmore, to which he moved in 1881. Dunsmore House, now called Clifton Court and grade II listed, has become a nursing home.

In 1887 there is a reference to a Mr Henry Kingsbury of Birdingbury Hall being involved with the village celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, but I can find no other reference to him.

The next tenant was Thomas Blythe who had gone into partnership with Charles Nelson in 1870 to run a lime quarry at Stockton to supply the Nelson gelatine business in Warwick. Until he moved to Birdingbury Hall, Blythe had lived in Stockton House at the crossroads where the Stockton to the Blue Lias road crosses the Southam Road.

By 1891 Thomas Blythe, then 59, was living in Birdingbury Hall with his wife, six children aged 10 to 24, a governess and six indoor staff. There was a coachman and his wife as well as a gardener and his family living in the stable block. Blythe died in 1896 and the family moved out; his sons and grandsons continued to manage the lime and cement business until it was sold to Rugby Portland Cement in 1945.

The Blythes were succeeded by Minna (or Minnie) Mackenzie. She had been born in 1852, to a family of wealthy Liverpool merchants and in 1877 had married Osgood Hanbury Mackenzie, a man ten years her senior from a landed Scottish family; in 1862, with the help of his mother he had purchased the 12,000-acre estate of Inverewe.

Minna and Osgood had a daughter in 1879, but shortly afterwards the marriage broke down. The succession of court cases that ensued kept both the local Dundee papers and the national press in copy for several years. 'Aristocrat Divorce' was a frequent headline.

Osgood was in thrall to his mother who was an overbearing and fearsome lady. Before the marriage Osgood had promised Minna that his mother would move out of his home and into another house on the estate. A report in the Dundee Evening Telegraph states that 'This bargain was coolly broken and, as it appears, was never meant to be kept.'

In 1887 Osgood sued for divorce citing his wife's desertion. His case was dismissed by the judge who declared, 'that she had reasonable cause for leaving and that her husband made no effort to prevent her departure and that he has acted in a way that does not consist with a genuine desire for her return.' The case went to appeal with the same result. 'The evidence shows that the Dowager was of a masterful and imperious temper

and took little account of the defendant's feelings as a wife and mother and she acted with the design of breaking her spirit and securing her nonentity in the house of which she was the supreme head.'

The 1901 census shows Minna at Birdingbury Hall, aged 48, with ten indoor servants - a butler, footman, cook, two lady's maids, two house maids and two kitchen maids. Outside there were more staff, including two grooms.

Regrettably, little is known about Minna's time in Birdingbury: with this extensive staff did she entertain and have grand Edwardian house parties? There seems to be no record. The only information we have is that she made use of the large walled garden and, in 1904, furnished it with numerous greenhouses and a 'peach house' all made by Messenger and Co of Loughborough. The scale of these buildings suggest that it was some kind of business but there is no evidence of that.



Birdingbury Hall kitchen garden with the extensive greenhouses

What we do know of Minna's character, as it comes over from the several hundred press cuttings to do with the court cases (which are available through *British Newspapers on Line*), suggests that a small scale business would not have been in her nature and she certainly had no need of the income since when she died in August 1909, her estate was valued at £41,475. The contents of the Hall were sold in May 1910.

The last tenant was John Bathurst Ackroyd, a wealthy London stockbroker, who took a 21-year lease at £587 per year and moved in with his wife and three sons in June 1910. He was 62 and his wife 45 and they had been married for 25 years. They continued with the custom of employing a large staff: ten indoor servants, six in the stables and three gardeners. However, this style of living was not to last. They had lived in the village for just four years when war was declared.

To be continued in the next edition.....

Chris Barney, Birdingbury History Group

Clouds in my Coffee

The Jo Young Trio - Saturday 29 February

The word was out! With much anticipation, a growing crowd eagerly gathered to hear the latest set of tunes from the 'Jo Young Trio' and their fellow singers Kerry Young and Angela Hanson.

With guitar strings tuned and beat boxes drummed, the band began with a playlist of some twenty-four old favourites but with a distinct and unique Birdingbury twist! Jo's renditions of 'Crazy' and 'Turn me on' temptingly drew us in with their silky ease and elegance, whilst Angela's version of 'I'm on Fire' challenged even that of the great Springsteen, with its beautiful phrasing and melodic delivery. The musicians making up Jo's trio were Steve Edgar on acoustic guitar and David Hanson on bass guitar.... well played boys!



The evening finished with a final set of more up tempo, feet stomping, toe twitching, boogie-woogie songs to uplift and brighten any soul before venturing out for the cold, gusty walk home.

Guess appearances:

Andy Duffield - blues guitar

Darren Young - backing vocals and beat box

Sound engineer- Ian Palmer

Sausage rolls and crisps - Venise Edgar

A great evening and such talent, thank you one and all!

Deb Vials

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Irish Singalong Evening



Thank you to those folk who turned out for our Irish singalong evening on March 14.

Despite worries about coronavirus we had a lovely intimate evening in the bar, playing Irish songs with audience participation. We even had a brilliant display of Irish dancing.

Special thanks to David, Andy and Rob for playing and to Rich Cutts, Chris and Angela for sorting out the song sheets, which have been saved for a possible repeat performance at some time.

Go raibh maith agat all

Steve Edgar

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Birdingbury Rain

Woke up this morning to Birdingbury rain

A torrent down Main Street and into Back Lane

Rain, rain, whatever the reason

It's turned into the monsoon season

Nothing to be done, it's not much fun

Oh! For some Birdingbury sun



Van Steg Deer (with acknowledgement to Thin Jethro Laskey for pen name)

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WWF Cake Sale



KOALA PROTECTOR

Birdingbury Village Club

You're helping WWF to protect the future of Koalas
and to tackle some of the biggest environmental
challenges facing our natural world today.
Thank you.

Paul De Ornellas

Paul De Ornellas
Chief Adviser - Wildlife, WWF-UK



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Here is the certificate we received from World Wildlife Fund as a result of the fund-raising cake sale held in February in the Club lounge. We raised an impressive £185 to help Koala bears affected by the Australian bush fires and to support the long-term work of the WWF in tackling the climate and nature crisis.

I would like to say a massive thank you to those people who supported the cake sale: those who made cakes/ biscuits and helped on the day, those who donated in advance, and the people who came along, drank tea/coffee and ate cake!

Your generous contributions raised £185 which goes to help the animals affected by the Australian Bush Fires.

Many thanks to you lovely people.

Karen Thomas

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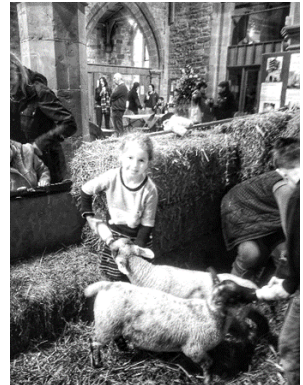
Snowdrop Weekend at Leamington Hastings

A huge thank you on behalf of the Friends of All Saints Church to all who were involved in the planning, execution and running of the Snowdrop Weekend in Leamington Hastings in mid-February, and to all those who came to visit us and enjoy what we had to offer.

During what was one of the worst weekends for weather this year (so far!), we were very glad to see so many people enjoying what we had to offer here in Leamington Hastings and the happy atmosphere in the church. For those brave enough to wander around the village and churchyard, the snowdrops were looking good too! Thank you also to all those who helped with feeding the four lambs in the church on the Sunday.

We raised the magnificent sum of £1239.85 for the church fabric – thank you all again for your support!

Brian Cooke



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Promises Auction Update

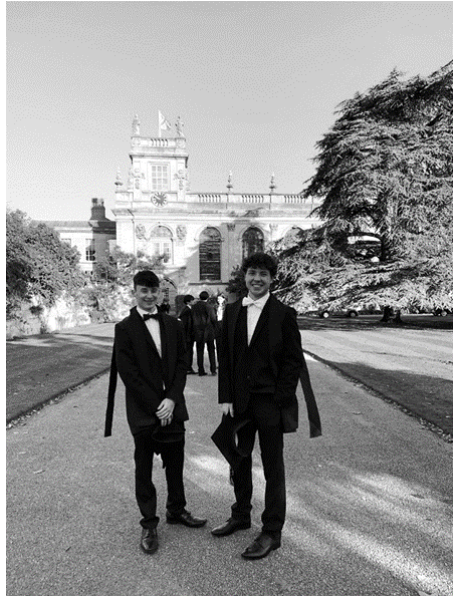
I would like to say a massive thank you to Patrick and Dallal for promising an Oxbridge style interview at the Promises Auction held back in March 2018 in aid of Global Care.

Karen and Andrew were kind enough to bid for the interview and pass it on to me, and it was so useful. The mock interview went well, with Patrick and Dallal highlighting my written work as the main weakness in my Oxbridge application. With some help from teachers and friends, this was addressed.

I applied to Trinity College, Oxford to do history and was lucky enough to get an interview. Patrick and Dallal's advice came in very handy, and I got an offer in January of 2019. I managed to get the required grades and have been studying in Oxford since last October; I should add that I'm having the time of my life!

Thank you so much to Patrick, Dallal, Karen and Andrew.

Here's a picture of me (right) and my friend Jamie (left) in our matriculation gowns in Trinity College's front quad; I wouldn't have been there without this promise.



Finn Peacocke, First Year Historian at Trinity College, Oxford.

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Thank You

On behalf of the Village, I would like to thank the stewards of the Village Distribution Fund (the Birbury Committee under the chairmanship of Gaynor Davy), for the recent and most generous donation to Birdsong. The magazine receives no formal funding and it is completely dependent upon donations like this to keep it running.

I do believe, from the feedback I receive, that Birdsong provides a valuable voice for village residents, keeping them engaged and feeling proud to be part of such a lovely community. Many people are involved in the production and distribution of the magazine, not least those who submit stories, articles and notices. The only costs incurred are those of printing. The donation made by the Committee will provide funding for the next twelve months' publications.

Birdsong Editor

The Bob Munro Tractor Run 2020

A tractor run from Birdingbury Club around local villages to remember the Birdingbury Show

All welcome - Saturday 27 June 2020

09.30 am meet at Birdingbury Club (tractor unloading Friday evening or Saturday from approx. 09.00 am at Birdingbury Estate, Munro's farm)

Camping available Friday and Saturday. Please contact John Edgar below for details

10.30 Tea and coffee and bacon rolls courtesy of the Birbury

11.00 Set off on run (route to be decided, which will include pub stop)

15.00 Barbecue at Birdingbury Club - open to all with a small charge

19.30 Live music at Birdingbury Club

£10 entry fee per tractor. All tractor drivers to receive complimentary tea, coffee and barbecue!

Extra guest ales and cider will be available all weekend at the Club

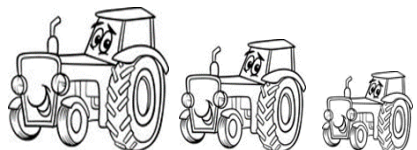
We will be raising funds for Bloodwise, a charity which supports blood cancer research, for which the Tractor Runs have raised over £2195.51 so far.

Please contact one of the following for more information:

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John Edgar 07888699355

David Walker 07841905473



Thanks from Josie

Thank you to so many friends in our village.

Thank you for shopping, lifts, walking and feeding my boys, pies, puds, coffee, flowers and cards, support and encouragement.

In the words of the Tina Turner song - (she was John's 'other woman') - you, my lovely friends, are "SIMPLY THE BEST"

Josie Price



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Hello Birdingbury Wrappers!

I'm sure you are all waiting for this message. Yes, we are ok to go ahead with wrapping Christmas shoe boxes for our friends at Teams4U.

I have some boxes just longing to look pretty again and, as always, wrapping paper and sticky tape available.

So, if you have a spare hour or two please give me a ring and I will arrive post haste.



We are also looking for your gifts of toothpaste/brushes, hair combs/brushes and slides, small toys/cars/puzzles, small soft toys /dolls/ teddy bears, writing paper, pens, pencils and crayons, small bottles of shampoo/soap and flannels, sweets (in date for 2020), socks, mittens, gloves and bobble hats.

Your gifts in previous years have been gratefully received, so very many thanks again.

For more information, you can contact me on 01926 632582. I look forward to hearing from you all!

Daphne Chippendale, Lyndhurst, Marton Road, Birdingbury

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New Homes

A big Birdingbury welcome to Anna and Cian Hatton who have just moved into Lynn Cottage in Back Lane. We look forward to your joining in our lovely village community.

There is a new home for Annette, David, Jack and Pepper Hawkes as well! We are so pleased that you have been able to stay in the village and hope that you will all be very cosy in Main Street.

Birdsong



Problem Connecting?

Some time ago, I spotted a Warwick University project looking at rural mobile coverage and the gaps in provision.

The project is a UK government-funded joint industry-academia research project, aimed at mapping and improving mobile connectivity and wireless services.

I know several people are using signal boosters in Birdingbury and beyond, so I contacted the project team and circulated the initial mapping document and links via Facebook. The response was very helpful.

This is the latest update from the project team, with a final one to come.



We would like to inform you that now our website is ready with the prototype maps in which the user can see their reports (from both our website and Twitter). The maps cover reports from late September to the present. The normal pin map represents all reports, while the heatmap displays only the reports with negative complaints. Feel free to explore the map and find out more about the project on our website: <https://www.noservicehere.co.uk/map>

Please note that as this is the prototype map, we still don't have many options for the user to play around. We are developing more features and filtering methods so that the map will be more interactive.

As you may know, news reports suggest that the providers are closer to agreement on mast-sharing and are supposed to be enhancing mobile coverage in rural areas, though the present problems may mean this is delayed, despite it being even more critical. Hopefully, the Warwick project will provide much needed data to improve the service.

Carmel de Nahlik

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Napton Art Group Easter Exhibition 2020

Napton Art Group are holding their ever-popular Easter Exhibition on Saturday 11 April and Sunday 12 April at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) from 10 am until 5 pm.

On display and for sale will be over 150 paintings plus cards, and craft exhibits. There will also be our usual range of delicious refreshments, a raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Howard Collerson



Birdingbury Club WhatsApp Group

Birdingbury Club stages around 70 events per year such as music evenings, quizzes, darts tournaments, dance competitions, parties, pizza nights, build a burger, Bob's chip van and many more. We, of course, would like everyone in the village to know about them all. Currently, we advertise events via Facebook, Birdsong, posters in the Club, flyers and word of mouth.

We have had a suggestion that we could create a WhatsApp group to improve our advertising, especially as a reminder near to the events taking place and their current status. The Club Committee would like to pursue this great idea, so I have volunteered to be the administrator for the proposed group. If you would like to be included, please leave your details with the club bar staff. Alternatively, I will add you on if you contact me directly:

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Steve Edgar



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Ladies Circle

We had an interesting and well-presented talk by Julia Wright in February on Ryton Organic Gardens - Past, Present and Future. She has been involved with the gardens for many years and was able to give us an insider's perspective on how they have changed, and are still changing. Her slides were very helpful and gave us a good insight into a hidden horticultural gem that many of us have visited in the past.

Our horticultural theme continued in March when we met to exchange plants and gardening tips. There was concern we would not have enough plants because of the weather! However, a lovely selection was available, and we have several plants promised to members – 'when we can actually walk on the garden'.



It was interesting to hear experienced gardeners discussing what could and could not grow in our village plots; and which location was best for particular plants. Another thought-provoking observation was that several of the available plants had been grown from cuttings exchanged by villagers many years ago. We left with several plants each and the promise of more to come.

There are no further meetings arranged at the moment due to the present situation; we will let you know when Ladies Circle is ready to meet again.

Jenny Hawes

Club Calendar

The Club is remaining open for now.

We are aware of the current advice and we encourage everyone to read this for themselves (www.nhs.uk) and to act responsibly. However, we also understand that we fulfil a valuable community role. At the time of going to press, we are remaining open for the moment. If this proves not to be feasible or if the government decide to insist on closure rather than simply advising non-attendance, then we will of course review this.

All Club events and opening hours are subject to the health situation. Keep an eye out on the Club Facebook pages, posters and WhatsApp for updates.

The Club Committee.

Date		Planned Event	Time
April	Saturday 4	Quiz Night with hot supper	8.30pm
	Friday 10	Pizza Oven	From 5.30pm
	Friday 24	Build a Burger	From 5.30pm
	Saturday 25	Birdingbury Jammers	8.00pm
May	Friday 8 to Monday 11	VE Day Celebrations	TBC
	Saturday 16	Spice Truck	From 6.30pm

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Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat is cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the present circumstances. We will let you know when we can resume our friendly get-togethers.

Your friends at St. Leonards

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Swap Shop

Swap Shop is cancelled until further notice due to the present circumstances. We will let you know when we can resume our lively Saturday morning get-togethers.

Di Turner and Jenny Hawes

Birdingbury Jammers

It's been over a year now since the first meeting of the Birdingbury jammers. We are a bunch of guys and sometimes lasses who gather in the Club lounge every Wednesday or, in the summer, Tuesday (to avoid clashing with Birdingbury Wheelers) to learn and play music and to sing together.

We also drink beer, tell bad jokes and share amusing anecdotes. Occasionally, we throw caution to the wind and put on a jammers' musical evening which can be very eclectic. It is all great fun and we would welcome any newcomers of any ability, style and musical instrument to come and join us.

Our next musical evening is scheduled for April 25 in the Club. All are invited to come along, tap a toe, tickle a tambourine, join in the chorus, or just have a listen.

Steve Edgar

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BIRDINGBURY CLUB PRESENTS

THE BIRDINGBURY JAMMERS AND GUESTS

ROCK AND POP AND MORE!



SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 8.30 ONWARDS

(subject to confirmation)

Do try to be gentle.
Do seek to be kind.
For sometimes Tomorrow
Is a hard day to find.

A Lamentation at Easter

Then here it is
That sudden leaving;
The sought for smile,
Now nowhere to be seen,
A frost that freezes
All remembered moments;
Then scars our love
With all that might have been.

If I forget you,
As others say,
When shadows gather
In some form of grey,
Let Tenderness
Search out my heart
With sharpened steel
And ribboned fire.

Let every moment ere we part
Send steel and fire
To haunt, not heal, my heart.



Pilgrim

Birdingbury Calendar

Please note that all events are subject to confirmation, so do check websites and Facebook pages

	Date	Event	Time	Venue
April	Friday 3	Mobile Library (tbc)	11.40	Club
	Saturday 4	Quiz with hot supper (tbc)	20.30	Club
	Friday 10	Pizza Oven (tbc)	From 17.30	Club
	Tuesday 21	Parish Council (tbc)	19.30	Birbury
	Friday 24	Mobile Library (tbc)	11.40	Club
		Build a Burger (tbc)	From 17.30	Club
	Saturday 25	Birdingbury Jammers (tbc)	20.00	Club
	Tuesday 28	Village Meeting (tbc)	19.30	Birbury
May	Friday 8 to Monday 11	VE Day Celebration (tbc)	tba	tba
	Friday 15	Mobile Library (tbc)	11.40	Club
	Saturday 16	Spice Truck (tbc)	From 18.30	Club
	Tuesday 19	Parish Council (tbc)	19.30	Birbury
	Tuesday 28	Village Meeting (tbc)	19.30	Birbury



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