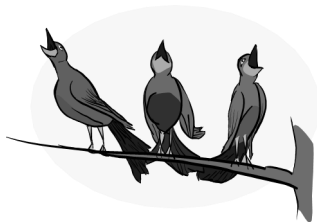


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A Drop of Springtime

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Birdingbury Parish Council Report

We have just had our first meeting of the year (by Zoom inevitably) and there was a lot to catch up on since November. Our longest discussion related to our earlier call with Openreach about fibre to understand what it would take to make a project happen – see later in Birdsong for more details, but it was a positive meeting with a clear way forward.

There has been no movement since last time regarding the potential development in the Glebe Field. We will keep you posted if anything changes, but thanks for those who have contacted a Councillor with views already. Please do keep your views coming.

We also caught up on the application regarding the use of two of the units on the business park. The decision on this was due on 11 January but has been delayed again as further information is gathered. However, the Environmental Services team from RBC have undertaken a noise survey, so we hope to hear from the Council before too long.

Many of you will have seen notices about Sustrans' planning application to extend the cycle path from Birdingbury towards Offchurch, part of the longer-term plan to create a traffic-free connection between Rugby and Leamington. The Council welcomed the project as an extension of recreational options, but we will raise concerns about road-side parking which is already a problem around the Frankton Road junction and under the bridge. We are also interested in options for accessing the path from the village side of the bridge to save walkers dodging cars through the sharp bends under the bridge. Go to <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/rugby/search-applications/> and put in 'R20/0914' in the search box for more details. If you put 'Birdingbury' in the search you'll see all current and past planning applications relating to the village.

Dick Withington has raised concerns (and a posse) about vehicle speed on the Marton Road. The PC is happy to support with funding if we can. Later in the year we will look at traffic speeds and 'calming' options on other roads as well.

We also looked ahead at our budget for 2021-22. We have sufficient reserves, and our expenses are just about covered by the current level of our income, so we have agreed to keep the precept (the PC part of the local taxes households pay) unchanged.

Finally, we have had notice of the 2021 census, the 10-yearly count of our number and kind. There will be public information messages over the coming months, and you should have received online codes and paper forms by the end of February. Returns will need to reflect what the make-up of your household will be on 21st March. Just think: in years to come, a family history researcher will look at this census data and their heart will skip a beat as they spot your name ...

Guy French, Chair Birdingbury Parish Council

Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) and Better Broadband

Sara Kendall, Jackie Chapman (our clerk) and I had a call with Martin Critchley from Openreach to discuss our enquiry about bringing fibre optic cables, and much faster broadband speeds, to properties in Birdingbury. They had provided an initial quote of £128,152 covering 128 houses and businesses.

In summary, the way these schemes work is:

- Openreach provide a quote (done)
- Residents and business owners in the area give a commitment to take an enhanced fibre service when the work is completed
- Openreach apply for ‘vouchers’ (grants effectively) from national and county funds for each of those giving a commitment
- If the total value of the vouchers covers the project cost, Openreach do the work (it takes about 6 months)
- Residents and businesses then apply for FTTP services from any supplier that covers the area
- Openreach then cash in the vouchers to recoup the project costs.

To be clear, residents and businesses don't need to pay for the Openreach work to bring fibre to their door, but they do need to commit to taking a faster fibre service and these services tend to be more expensive than standard broadband.

If the total value of vouchers doesn't cover the full cost of the proposed project, the range of properties covered may be reconsidered to see if costs could be reduced to the level covered by the funding.

So, progress is dependent on two things ... the number of people willing to commit to take a fibre service (to unlock vouchers), and the funding available for each voucher. Regarding numbers, the Parish Council will look at the property lists from Openreach to see if any have been missed, or any included erroneously. We will then ask for an expression of interest from residents to get a view of likely numbers (not a formal commitment; that will come later).

Currently, Birdingbury qualifies for vouchers worth £4000, but both schemes expire in March and, whilst there is an expectation they will be renewed, the level of this is not yet known. So, as it stands, 33 commitments to use the service would allow the project to go ahead.

There is a lot to take in and more detail beyond that covered here. We have decided to hold an online ‘surgery’ one evening on this topic to share more detail and to allow people to ask questions, so please look out for details on the noticeboard, Facebook page and on the village WhatsApp group.

Guy French, Chair Birdingbury Parish Council

Mill House Farm – The Old Milking Sheds



In 1947 my Grandfather, Charles Henry Shepherd, moved here from Long Itchington with his wife, Nelly May Shepherd, and their daughter, my mum Jean. Together they started a small business producing and selling milk from their herd of Dairy Shorthorn cows, and free-range eggs from a flock of Rhode Island Red hens.



At that time, the sheds consisted of a milking parlour big enough to milk ten cows, a bull pen, the milking machine shed and the cooler house. Most of the milk and eggs were sold locally in the village and surrounding area.



In those days, traffic was light, and my Grandfather would allow the herd to graze the verges of Stockton Road.



Last year when the sheds were being converted and the bricks were cleaned and reused, we discovered that each brick was stamped 'Leamington Brick Co'.

Following village tradition, the corbeling or decorative brick-laying on the new house has followed a similar pattern as



some of the other, older red brick buildings in Birdingbury. Examples of these can be seen in Main Street, Long Itchington Road and Back Lane. These corbeling patterns would vary from village to village and the local builders would each have their own style. A lot of these buildings date back to the 1800 to early 1900 period.



Today, my wife Lizzie and I are living in the conversion. It has a precious family history that has been saved from being lost.

Mum now lives at Clifton Court Nursing Home in Rugby and she is delighted at what has been achieved. Maybe one day we will be allowed to bring her home and to see her old place of work, now called Debdale Hill Barn.

John Marshall

The Orchid

Its gorgeous flowers had faded. I treated it with care,
But months went by and, jaded, it looked the worse for wear.

Just one small leaf it slowly grew, that's all, as if asleep.
I thought it dead, and nearly threw it on the compost heap.

I left it in the greenhouse all through summer of last year;
And then – a miracle ! – I saw a shoot, a bud appear.

Indoors I nurtured it once more. Its stem grew longer, fast.
The first new bud from this 'dead' plant began to burst at last.

And now my orchid cheers my room as splendid flowers unfold,
While I stagnate in Covid gloom, so much of life on hold.

With patience, calm and fortitude our lives can bloom anew
Like orchids; in good time we'll once again all flourish too.

A Villager



The Benefits of Exercising Outside in Winter

During the current dark (in more ways than one!) winter days, it is not surprising that we all want to snuggle down at home. Yet we all know that physical activity of any description is beneficial to our hearts, lungs, bones, muscles and joints. However, physical activity outside in nature has some other profound benefits to our overall health and wellbeing.

You are much more likely to sleep better

I am sure you may have heard the term Circadian Rhythm (which is derived from Latin *circa* ‘around’ and *diem* ‘day’). All our bodily functions are influenced in some way by this inbuilt body clock but it requires exposure to periods of daylight and darkness to work effectively. If you expose your body to daylight by getting outside in the morning it will help you to sleep better by setting your Circadian rhythm and making sure it works effectively.

For help with sleep, check out these validated courses to improve sleep www.sleepio.com or www.sleepstation.org.uk (which is free through the NHS).

It can improve your mental wellbeing

Exercise helps the body practice moving in and out of a stressed state. When you exercise, your body produces stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline. These are the same hormones you produce when you are stressed by other factors such as watching the news, home schooling or receiving a demanding email from our boss! Regular exercise teaches your stress system how to recover more efficiently and makes you more resilient to the stresses of daily life. Research in Australia demonstrated that the people who exercise outdoors have higher levels of serotonin (our happy hormone) and it helped reduce tiredness and improved mood.

For help, check out www.mind.org.uk or www.nhs.uk/apps-library/category/mental-health/ or www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing/.

It can boost your immune system

Exercise increases the activity of your natural killer cells (a type of white blood cell) and antibodies which help defend the body against bacterial and viral infections, as well as cancer cells. A study in Japan found that spending time amongst trees enhanced these effects.

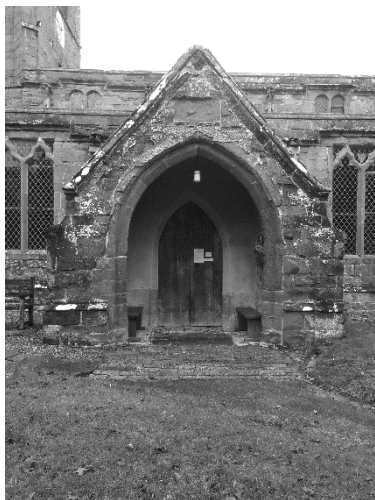
Being outside allows us to leave behind the ‘chatter of daily life’ and look beyond ourselves.

The case for wrapping up warm, putting our boots on, and braving the cold and wet is compelling!

Jill Drew

Porch Perching

In recent months I have enjoyed exploring local villages and the simple joy of sharing a flask of coffee in their church porches.



All Saints, Leamington Hastings

Whilst the village pubs and churches are closed, it is often possible to shelter and self-cater in a porch. A year ago, I didn't imagine I would be using the thermos flask so often! Alright, it's not as good as sitting with a pint alongside a log fire or going into a church but needs must. A little preparation makes the experience a good second best. The stone seats soon chill the nether regions, so a mat or something similar helps. The first few minutes are the best, after which the cold penetrates through the layers: cue to walk on.

All the porch stops can be combined with a short circuit around and about the villages. Quiet streets, lanes, farm tracks, hard surface footpaths, and peace and quiet all add to the, very largely, mud free experience. It also feels very safe.

With the current exercise locally restrictions, I can recommend porches at Frankton, Leamington Hastings and Napton. Many more of our nearby village churches have porches but, sadly at the moment, some of their outer doors remain locked.

When we can venture further afield, try combining a short walk with a porch stop at Priors Marston, Moreton Morrell, Badby, Everdon, Moreton Pinkney and Eydon.

Many of these villages also have wonderful ironstone churches and houses.

Perhaps you can recommend others?

Wrap up warm, get the flask out and enjoy being somewhere local, but different.

Dick Withington



Church of St Nicholas, Frankton

Pawprints Pup-date

A lot has happened at Pawprints since our last Pup-date!

The Dunsmore Kennels site was sold by the landlord to a third party, despite the charity's counteroffers to buy it. Fortunately, after much heartache and negotiation, an existing kennels site was found for sale in Monks Kirby and Pawprints is now the proud owner of both the site and the Dunsmore Kennels' name. It will continue to offer excellent pet boarding and any profits will go to Pawprints.

Anita Twigger, Pawprints Founder and Head of Operations reports:



We have fully moved into our new premises and have begun the long process of finding homes for all our stuff. We have had to have the electrics updated to accommodate our industrial washing machine and in doing so discovered other issues to address. Almost there, we now have to wrangle this huge machine into our new laundry room by taking out part of a wall!

Obviously, it was not possible to have many volunteers safely on site because of the Covid pandemic, and so it was down to the kennels' staff to settle dogs and rehome everything.

Fortunately, the move was completed amazingly quickly, finishing before Lock-down 3 kicked off. Thanks to the hard work and skills of the staff, the dogs have adjusted well and seem to really like the new set-up. So many of the dogs seem really happy and they are all quiet at night, usually a good indication that they are settled. Also, the kennels are much warmer than the previous site, so they are obviously snug too, despite some arctic weather the first few nights.

We have 30 dogs in our care, some are in foster homes, and 2 in permanent foster (palliative care). We have a number of dogs in respite care due to owners' illness/hospitalisation at the moment. We hope these dogs will soon be reunited with their loving owners. We've had to halt adoptions due to the current lockdown, but are still taking in abandoned stray dogs, along with emergency welfare cases.

We are taking each day as it comes but very aware that our funds are now into our reserves. Ongoing planned work will have to wait until we can build our finances back up. We hope soon to be able to introduce some limited volunteering back on site to help the team.

Please support any of our fundraising drives, as we really do need financial help for the coming months.

It only remains for us (Barbara and Chris) to thank you all for your support of our efforts to raise funds for Pawprints Dog Rescue in the absence of the usual fundraising events in a 'normal' year. We can only continue to support the charity because of your seemingly bottomless pit of kindness, and we won't stop until you do. Thank you!

Chris Kilvington and Barbara Sweet

Our Positive Covid Experience

On Sunday 17 January, Rhondda and I went to the Millennium Point in Birmingham for her to receive her first Covid vaccine. I had made the same trip the previous Wednesday and the contrast was striking.



When I went the centre had only been open for three days and the staff were still working out the best system. They could not have been more courteous and helpful but there were only ten vaccinators operating and this was not enough for the numbers arriving, so I waited about an hour to take my place. During that time good separation was maintained and masks were universal, as was good humour.

Our second trip was quite different. There were 28 stations in action and no waiting at all. After sanitizing our hands, we found plenty of staff to direct us to the reception where we presented the letter which we had received asking us to make the appointment. The details were checked on a computer and from there we went directly to a vaccinator who could not have been more personable. There was no rush, a few questions to check on current health, an assistant noted everything down and provided a card which certified that Rhondda had had her jab. That was it.

Driving to the Millennium Point took about 50 minutes (with little traffic) and there is a multi-storey car park with a pedestrian exit on the same level right opposite the door into the centre. The total walk from the car was about 300 yards. There is no charge for parking as you get your ticket endorsed on the way out.

If you are not familiar with that part of Birmingham then a Satnav would be valuable. We went on the M6 and then turned off at the A38(M) Aston Expressway, signed for Central Birmingham. When you get a bit closer, Millenium Point is shown on brown signs. City University is also something to aim for.

It was all together a pleasant experience, largely due to the friendliness and efficiency of the operation. We will still need to keep our masks and distance but, for us, this is a very important stage in restoring our morale. We have appointments for our second jab in early April.

Chris Barney

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Not so easy

‘I’ve just had the most awful time’ said a boy to his friends. ‘First I got tonsillitis then diarrhoea and bacillus. They gave me hypodermic vaccination, then septicaemia was followed by appendectomy.’

‘Wow! How did you pull through?’ sympathized his friends.

‘I don’t know,’ the boy replied. ‘Toughest spelling test I ever had.’

Global Care and House of Hope



Our successful three-year partnership with Global Care's Shack Schools project has come to an end. The charity's focus has now moved to Damascus where, for a minimum of three years, they are supporting House of Hope, an existing NGO. Through their 'Homework Club' work, they provide support and a basic education for some of the poorest and most traumatised 5–8 year-old children who have lost a parent/s through the civil war. If you would like to find out more, I have posted a fuller update report on the Birdingbury Village Website.

Several of us are continuing to support the work of Global Care. If you feel you could help, I recommend you go to the Global Care website and drill down to 'Partner with House of Hope'. It is, I believe, a very worthwhile project.

Dick Withington

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Thank You, Birdingbury

I am writing on behalf of the PCC of St. Leonard's Church to give you our sincere thanks for all your donations to the Church, whether they be from regular standing orders, gifts on the collecting plate or in the Gift Aid envelopes.

Your contributions have enabled the PCC to continue to pay its way and maintain the fabric of the Church. We do not take your gifts for granted and look forward to the day when 'normal services' can return for us all.

Please accept our genuine thanks and warm wishes to you all for a very safe and healthy 2021.

*Daphne Chippendale and the
PCC of St Leonard's Church*



An unusual view of St Leonard's in the 1930s

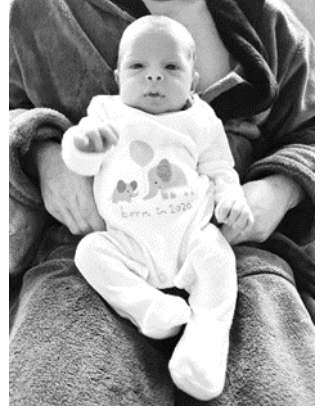
Christmas Present!

To add to the festive cheer, Dan and Jenny Rogers announced the arrival of a very special Christmas present: a new little addition to Birdingbury village.

Arnie Henry Rogers was born 22nd December weighing 6lb12oz and he loved hearing the Christmas carols at home with his Mum and Dad on Christmas Eve.

Jenny later expressed their gratitude for all the lovely warm wishes they had received from the village and said Arnie is a very lucky little man to be growing up in such a wonderful caring community.

Congratulations to all!



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Getting Married!



Congratulations go to Anna Wells and Nigel Ansell who got engaged on Christmas Day.

We wish them a long and happy life together!

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Welcome to Birdingbury!

A warm welcome goes to the following folk who have recently moved to the village: Bryan and Tony at Pump Cottage; Andrew, Kate, Sophie, Sam, Alex and Jessica at Abberley; Sarah, Paul, Olivia and Louis at Brentwood; Sophie and Ruth at 4 Back Lane; and our latest, Diana, Lee and Benjamin at The Dolau.

We look forward to getting to know you all and wish you many happy and healthy years to come in our community.

Detective Dick and Sleuth Steve



Railway Mania

So, what is your 'Covid Craze'? Quizzes on a Saturday, disco dancing workouts in the kitchen or endless Zoom Meetings?

Well, amongst some in Birdingbury there has been a different 'Covid Craze': model railways or more particularly, building them. Michael 'choo choo' Portillo and Chris 'who wants to be a millionaire' Tarrant might be making a good living in second careers involved with trains but the modellers of Birdingbury are enjoying their locomotives simply for fun.

I think my love of trains started as a small boy holding the hand of my great aunt who would take me for a walk and let me stand on a bridge waving at passengers making their way up and down the West Coast Mainline to and from London. One of my most vivid memories, some would say a nightmare, is watching condemned steam locomotives being towed north to the fateful end created by the cutter's touch.

With that passion well engrained, I was very fortunate to have a brilliant Godfather who was kind enough to give up one of his bedrooms and build a model railway for me. The most important locomotive was, of course, Flying Scotsman. Mine had a flickering fire-box, great when the lights were switched off. As with almost all things, ambition reigned, and that layout was not deemed large enough and a new one with a significant viaduct was built in a larger bedroom.

So, for as many years as I can remember I have been intending to build my own model railway and some fifteen years ago the building of a new shed allowed me to make a start with a simple layout. Though rudimentary, it provided motivation to start buying a few things on eBay, but a desire to use the shed for alternative purposes meant that everything had to be packed away in a variety of boxes. Would all this stuff ever see the light of day again?



The autumn of 2019 began with renewed vigour and a decision was made to reconfigure how we use our various sheds, or shall we call them outbuildings, as Knight Frank might? You may well get an impression that we have a few sheds and indeed we have. If I love trains then I would have to accept that I have an obsession with sheds. Unfortunately, it was found that the assigned shed, 'Shed no. 2' had a leaking roof, which is not always the best thing to have where electrics are involved. A simple fix of that turned into several weeks' worth of work and Shed No 2 acquired insulation, lining, heating and floor coverings. The final job was to set up the baseboards for the track, with shelves for boxes, and the stage was set; though the carpenter went away with the very clear thoughts that the layout would never be built.

Well, I am pleased to say that Colin was wrong and though there were moments of stress, I have a track laid. The lockdown was helpful in giving more time but made getting parts very difficult. Most of the suppliers employ older men (strangely enough) and many businesses closed as they went to shield. The biggest stress this created was the inability to tack down the track with the correct long pins. If suppliers had them in stock they were closed, if they were open, they were out of stock. I lay my track on a foam-based underlay (it makes for smoother running but raises the height of the track) and as I tried to lay it with the pins I could acquire, wrong and small, they left the track looking like the rolling waves of the ocean. As locomotives went over points their leading wheels, known as bogies, would come off the track and the train would derail. I well remember lying in bed awake in the middle of the night questioning whether the whole project was sunk! I thought work was stressful.

If I still have your attention **well done!**

Finally, more hours on the internet found a single pack of long track pins. With £4.50 spent we were back, up and running. Some might say ‘on track’.

So, now I have a working model railway, based somewhere on the West Coast Mainline from 1962. The locomotives are appropriate for the early 1960s and for those with interest there are three Duchesses, a Princess Royal, a rebuilt Patriot, and an un-rebuilt Patriot. I’ll stop there, save to say, I also have the locomotives once owned by Wilf Chippendale, an enthusiastic railway modeller who was a great influence in encouraging me to build one. One of his models is a digitally controlled Class 20 with engine and brake noises and a multitude of horn sounds. Models have moved on a bit since my Flying Scotsman with a flickering firebox.

Notwithstanding the work done so far, the layout is far from finished and new ideas are always being hatched in my mind as to how to improve it. We will see how things go.

What more to say if you are still there? Well once you can, you are always welcome to ‘come and play’.

Andrew Armbrister



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An Aside?

My late Dad, Cecil, would have been 100 on the 6 January. His last ever birthday was in 1967. I can remember it so clearly as being overshadowed by the death on Coniston Water of Donald Campbell in Bluebird just a day or two earlier.

The excitement of speed records and advancing technology was somehow more palpable in those days. So, as for many at the time, anything motoring, or speed, was always a matter of excitement. Dad's family were steeped in the golden age of motoring and whilst he, his father and brother were running Radenite Batteries (Never Stop Starting!) on the Foleshill Road, his Uncle Cecil, my great uncle, had set up Coventry Battery and Ignition Services, just round the corner in Holbrook Lane, underneath the arches. Or so I thought.

I was digging around for family research in the British Newspaper Archive (a brilliant time sink!) when I found out that I was not the first Starley in Birdingbury. The advert below from the Coventry Evening Telegraph, then a paper containing a great deal of local news, places him at the Sidings, on the road from Birdingbury to Marton.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 23 April 1948

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This connected with a conversation I had some years ago with the late Bob Munro who told me he thought there was an earlier Starley connection at the Sidings, but he couldn't recollect the detail and we never pursued it. To be fair, he would only have been 7 or 8 years old at the time. I don't think the business stayed there for very long. Nonetheless, one of those odd little coincidences of life.

John Starley

Police Liaison

Having recently been in touch with our PCSO, Helena, about the seemingly abandoned car in the Club car park, I thought it might be useful to pass on some advice she gave.



As always, in an emergency, call 999. However, if anyone has anything they feel should be reported to the police or any concerns about safety, security, or a potential crime, they should in the first instance always call 101. From here they will be directed to the correct department.

Letting Jo Cutts, our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator know, and a timely post on our newly formed Neighbourhood Watch Alert WhatsApp group would be helpful too!

Karen Thomas

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Dog Poo Issue..... Again!

On Monday 11 January, I went over to the phone box to do my regular defibrillator check and was confronted by a large pile of brown dog poo on the grass right outside the phone box.



This is unacceptable at any time but if someone had need to use the defibrillator in an emergency, especially in the dark, the last thing they should expect is to stand in a pile of dog poo. I do not think that any of our Birdingbury dog owners are that irresponsible, so I can only guess that it might be someone from outside the village. I have noticed people pull up outside our house and take dogs for a walk from here.

Please keep an eye out for any offenders and, if you feel awkward saying anything, please let me know because I sure will!

Steve Edgar

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LH Academy Update

At Leamington Hastings Academy, we had a very busy term leading up to Christmas and we did not let Covid19 stop the Christmas magic for the children!

The children, including Nursery, all performed a Christmas play in their class bubbles, which was recorded for parents as an online link and DVD. It meant that despite Covid19, the children were all still able to enjoy performing in a Christmas play and parents were still able to enjoy the experience. Huge thanks go out to Will Heckford who filmed the different plays for us.

Although we could not hold our Christmas Fair in the usual way, we held a Christmas evening full of excitement for children in their bubbles, which was very well received. The children were also lucky as Santa paid them a surprise visit. Who knew that Santa also travelled by tractor and could leave a socially distanced sack of presents! We would like to say a huge thanks to Sam Bailey for volunteering to be Santa and for doing such an excellent job!



Whilst we have had an unexpected start to this year with smaller numbers of children in school due to the current national restrictions, the children are continuing to learn either at home or at school. The children in KS1 are currently learning about the history of toys, if you would like to share with the children what your favourite toy was when you were aged between 5 and 7, they would love to receive an email from you. Contact us at

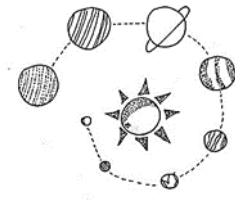
<https://www.leamingtonhastings.covmat.org/> or post on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LeamingtonHastingsCofEAcademyRugby/>

Take care and stay well everyone!

Suzanne Marson, Head of School, Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy

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Birdingbury knows
creation's mighty wonders
outrun human schemes
Thin Jethro Laskey



Coming Soon!

Birdingbury

Children's Poetry Competition

Following the success of last year's photography competition, a contest will be held in the early summer to find Birdingbury's very own Junior Poet Laureate!



Look out for the details of the age groups and subject categories in the next issue of Birdsong.

Meanwhile, get ready to voice your verse and rock your rhymes!

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Dates for the Future

Also, following on from the Photographic Competition last year, we think it would be nice to look at producing a Birdingbury Calendar for 2022, so can we appeal to people to hang on to any Birdingbury photos they already have taken, and those they take in 2021.

We will keep everyone posted on further details in future Birdsong issues.

Karen and Morgan Thomas



Stay in Touch!

In addition to our super website: www.Birdingbury.org Birdingbury has a great presence on social media. Check out:



Birdingbury Village Facebook page

Birdingbury Business and Services Facebook page

To join either, contact Paula at paula.taylo@btinternet.com or go to the page and ask to join.

War on Waste Birdingbury Marton Frankton Bourton on Dunsmore Facebook page

To join this group, find the group on Facebook, ask to join, and answer the membership questions.

St Leonard's Church, Birdingbury Facebook page

To join this group go to the page and ask to join or contact the administrator, Karen Armbrister at karen.armbrister@btinternet.com

Birdingbury Village Club Facebook page:

Just search for the relevant page and like it to receive posts.



Village Chat: Paula Taylor is the administrator for this WhatsApp group – contact her as above to join.

Birdingbury Support Group: Karen Armbrister is the administrator for this WhatsApp group - contact her to join.

Neighbourhood Watch Alert: Jo Cutts administers this WhatsApp group

For a more traditional approach and official information, see the Village Notice-board on the back of the bus shelter.

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An interesting, yet useless piece of information

2021 is the first time EVER when the year is two consecutive numbers AND is the product of two consecutive prime numbers:
 $43 \times 47 = 2021!$

Chris Barney



Whisky in the Dark

A large flock of white birds, possibly seagulls or terns, is shown in flight against a dark grey background. The birds are scattered throughout the frame, with some appearing larger and more detailed in the foreground, and others as smaller silhouettes in the distance. The overall effect is one of a vast, moving flock.

See the white bird
On the cloud's rim,
Catch the sun
And shade your eyes.

Far above us
And beyond
Tender forms
Relive and thrive.

All that saves
And Hope that shelters
Helps the anxious
Heart survive.

Pilgrim

Birdingbury Calendar

Pop-up events are being organised on a week by week basis, so do keep checking the Facebook pages for Birdingbury Village and Birdingbury Club. The village website and notice board in the bus shelter will continue to capture community messages and information.

Tasty Takeaway Timetable

Taste Events will be at the Club car park from 17.00 to 20.30 as follows:

Friday 5 February	Mexican
Friday 12 February	Gourmet Burgers
Friday 19 February	Pizza
Friday 26 February	Indian
Friday 5 March	Dirty Dogs
Friday 12 March	Gourmet Burgers
Friday 19 March	Pizza
Friday 26 March	Mexican

Details of the menus will be circulated as usual on the Birdingbury Club Facebook page and Village Chat WhatsApp group nearer the time.



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