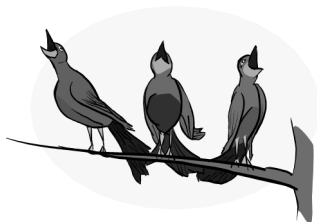


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A Good Crop!

Photo by Liz Marshall

Birdingbury Parish Council Report

A shorter update this time as the Parish Council have only met once. Any PC meeting requires three Councillors in order to be quorate. With two already away due to work and holidays for the July meeting, and me getting ‘pinged’ by the Covid app, it meant that three of us couldn’t meet. Despite 15 months of lockdown and many PC meetings on Zoom, Government advice has changed, and a remote meeting is no longer deemed properly constituted so we can only meet in person. Odd, but they are the rules!

In line with recent discussions at our meetings, we have continued to share information about the potential development of the Glebe Field (the Landstrom proposal). The original information remains on the noticeboard and the village website, and we have recently dropped a summary and plan through every letterbox. Having already shared information by WhatsApp, Facebook and Zoom, the main aim of the leaflet was to ensure that no one had been left out. If you haven’t received one, please message me on 07538 583498 or call 01926 633197, and we’ll print some more. There is no need to take any action at this point.

Regarding the proposal itself, the only recent development has been a suggestion from Landstrom that they and the Diocese are now considering an affordable housing scheme. It is possible for affordable housing to be granted as an exception to the Local Plan, which designates land like the Glebe Field, which is outside the settlement boundary, as not for development. However, exceptions require a proven local need and community support. Our view is that this proposal won’t meet the required criteria as an exception and we are communicating that to Landstrom.

At our June meeting, we discussed the state of the roads in and around the village. There are a number that have developed potholes or sunken verges, so we have sent a list of the locations to WCC and are awaiting their response. We have had confirmation that the repair of the bridge over the Leam will require a road closure due to its complexity and we are waiting to hear when and for how long.

Regarding the concerns about noise from the business park, we understand from RBC that the noise survey has been completed but there has been no final decision. We have asked our local Councillor to press for a conclusion to a case that is now over a year old.

On a lighter matter, our odd job man has carried out running repairs to the play equipment in the Recreation Field, just in time for the start of the summer holidays. And talking of holidays, I’d like to wish everyone a restful summer and good luck with your travels if you plan to go away.

Guy French, Chair Birdingbury Parish Council

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Defibrillator Reminder

It has been nearly three years since we got the defibrillator in the phone box. I am aware that we have a number of new villagers who have arrived since our last reminder and who might not know about it.

So, this is just to remind everyone of the procedure if you find someone unconscious or witness cardiac arrest:

- Step 1** Shake the victim to establish consciousness and shout for help - do not leave the victim.
- Step 2** Call 999 and ask someone to fetch the defibrillator from the phone box. The ambulance service should give you the access code to the defibrillator box. If you live in the village, please make yourself familiar with the code and have it available at all times.
- Step 3** Don't put your face close to the victim. If you think there is a risk of infection, use a towel or a piece of clothing and lay it over their mouth and nose. I have placed a single use face mask in a sterile bag inside the phone box with the defib for anyone to use should they so wish, but this is NOT Community Heartbeat advice.
- Step 4** Give chest compressions only - do not give rescue breaths.
- Step 5** Continue CPR until an ambulance arrives.
- Step 6** After the ambulance crew have taken over, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand gel.

Mark Thomas and I are responsible for checking the equipment and ensuring that it is ready to go should it be needed.

Please feel free to contact me for more information and / or a reminder of the access code: give me a call (07964870069 / 01926 719039), drop me an email (stevegedgar@sky.com), or knock on our door (Rose Cottage, 26 Main Street).

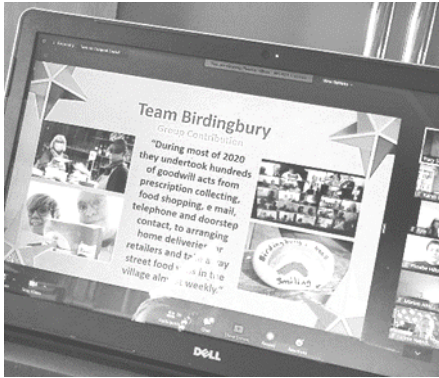
In the meantime, I hope you find this reminder useful and let's hope we don't need the defibrillator.

Steve Edgar



Recognition for Team Birdingbury

A few weeks ago, I saw an article by Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA) seeking nominations for their annual community awards. They were especially looking for local groups who had risen to the challenge of supporting communities during the difficulties presented by COVID, both last year and ongoing.



I decided to nominate 'Team Birdingbury' to get some recognition for all those who had volunteered and undertaken hundreds of good deeds for our elderly and shielding community during the lockdown period last year. Even with a limited word count, I was able to outline many of the activities we had done, including shopping, prescription collection, social actions like the NHS clapping and Community Drop-In, arranging deliveries, online quizzes, distributing cakes and church resource bags, streetside gatherings, charity work, etc etc – the list went on and on!

I was delighted that we were selected as one of 5 groups to be recognised at an online celebration, which some of you attended. We weren't seeking glory, just some recognition of what a great job you all did for this wonderful, caring community in which we live. I have a supply of thank you / recognition cards if anyone would like one and you can hear a recording of the event at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uri9QGh4hAM>

Karen Armbrister

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Thank You Twice from Chris

I would just like to thank those folks who bought my plants, enabling me to send £82 to Myton Hospice. There is plenty of kindling wood still available - a bargain at £7 per large bag! I will double all receipts for a further donation for Myton Hospice.



I would also like to comment on just how hard Mark and Karen worked to keep us entertained at the Club during the European Football tournament, most particularly throughout the day of the final. The Club and Church have risen to the challenge of Covid. Thank you all.

Chris Morton

Celebrating Bill

A Service of Celebration for Bill Cowley will be held at St Leonard's Church, Birdingbury on Friday 20 August 2021. No black to be worn please: bright summery colours will be very welcome (I hope the weather reflects this on the day!).

2:00 p.m. Interment of Bill's ashes into the family plot for family and close friends.

2:15 p.m. Service of Celebration in the church of Bill's life.

This will be followed by Tea and Cake at Birdingbury Club, including the 'Bake for Bill' cake sale in aid of Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Carol King



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Join us to 'Bake for Bill'



As Carol says, following the service on 20th August, we will be serving teas, coffee and cakes for anyone who would like to join us at the Club to remember Bill.

As many will know how much Bill liked cake, we would like to invite you to 'Bake for Bill' in order that we have a lovely selection of home-made cakes on that day.

Any remaining at the end of the day will be available to take away in return for a donation to Air Ambulance.



Further details nearer the time on Village Chat or call me on 01926 633487.

Karen Thomas

Anyone for Tennis?

Tennis is a great action sport which can be played and enjoyed by people of all ages.

Regrettably, I can't remember when I took up the sport – but here's my brief story (which I thank my parents for). It began at our family home in Worcester; my parents introduced me to the game when I was probably about 9 or 10 years old. It involved two runner bean poles, kitchen chairs and a stool – oh, and my father's wooden steps as the umpires chair. I then graduated to the hedge as a net.



As I grasped my forehand, my parents were forever being called into the garden for tennis. My mother made my tennis dresses and a crochet bag for my tennis balls. I spent many happy hours hitting ball after ball against the house wall and garage doors, losing many of my lovely white Slazenger balls into the guttering (only to be found years later). My first racket, bought from a sports shop in Worcester, was a Dunlop – it had years and years of wear before I changed to a Prince. I now play with a Wilson UltroxP.

My father was a golfer and together we would go over to Boughton Park: Dad for his golf and me for my tennis lessons. These were on clay, a surface which I love to play on. My coach was Maurice Jacobs, who was always in a green tracksuit with Cadbury's chocolate in his pocket. Whilst it was my parents who set me off, and always encouraged me, it was Mr Jacobs who taught me the basic techniques and enjoyment of the game.

When I left school I moved to Cardiff to become a nurse. Here, I joined Cardiff Lawn Tennis Club and was coached by Simon Jones. Whilst I loved playing on the hard surface courts, I particularly like playing on grass in the summer months.

When moving to Warwickshire some 20 years ago, I was fortunate to find a lovely club relatively local to me (in Harbury) – sociable but at the same time allowing me to play competitive tennis.

Currently I play in the Banbury league, where I have met some lovely people. But, of course, it's not just about the tennis. I love visiting new venues and have a particular soft spot for Banbury West End, with its lovely old club house, and Deddington, where they make the best ever cakes for post match refreshments.

Whilst I play league tennis, not everyone does and many, many people simply play social tennis.

Today, I am still being coached as there is always something new to learn but like any sport, to be good it's all about practice with the hope of one day feeling that I've played my best tennis yet. However, that's just me – many people are not coached and simply play for pleasure.

People play tennis for many different reasons. Some do it to meet people and socialise, others because their friends play; some play to exercise and others to win competitions, whilst others play purely for enjoyment. There is no one reason.

Tennis is open to all of whatever age and/or ability. If I have given you a little glimmer of interest but you're not sure if it's for you, or maybe you are a rusty racket player not sure about joining a club, I'm more than happy to give you a 'hit' over the net or simply answer any questions you may have. Give me a call on 01926 632876.

As you may have gathered, I love my tennis. I have found it competitive and it has helped me to keep fit but most of all I have found it to be fun.

Eira Owen

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Annual Derby

To continue the tradition started in 1881, on 30 May 2021 Birdingbury took on Bourton at home for the annual cricket match.

We might have lost but we looked good doing it!

More pictures on the village website:
www.Birdingbury.org



Coventry City of Culture

Culture means different things to different people: from Mike's teeming gassy eukaryotic fungi to the flowering of all human talent in its many artistic forms. So, whether you, like me, wait with bated breath for the joy of the Weekly Wallis sourdough, or you prefer a play, song, comedian or work of art, we are all up for something to stretch our senses. Now, on our doorstep, we have a unique treat as Coventry presents its year as the UK City of Culture.



The official website, www.Coventry2021.co.uk will give you all the information you need as the programme gets into full swing. For obvious reasons it has been a slow and delayed start, but things are now ramping up and lots of events are beginning to happen and will carry on into spring next year.

The year isn't just about performances. A big part of the project is to create a legacy. Already a phenomenal amount has been done and Coventry City Centre, for so long a desert and avoided by many, is becoming a vibrant and pleasant place to be.

I have been renewing my attachment to the City of my childhood by becoming a City Host, the welcoming and helpful face of the city. It has been an uplifting experience so far. I have met many Coventrians old and new, as well as visitors. A common theme has been how unexpectedly good and interesting the city and the programme are. So, I hope to see you somewhere whilst I'm sporting my striking blue uniform!

John Starley

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Birdingbury Jammers Latest

Greetings pop pickers! The jammers are a like-minded bunch of musicians of all abilities who get together in the Club on a regular basis to have fun playing music, advance our individual skills, and tell really bad jokes.

We are mostly guitar players but have recently welcomed Sharon into the fold who has added immensely to our repertoire with her saxophone and, occasionally, her flute.

We meet weekly on a Thursday or Tuesday, depending on other commitments and availability. We have our own WhatsApp group where we post song suggestions, videos, gig news and Jammers dates: basically, anything associated with music.

We have had quite a few new villagers recently, so if you fancy joining us for a fun night of music - any instruments and voices, abilities, ages - you will be most welcome. Contact me for more information on 01926 719039 or at stevegedgar@sky.com

Steve Edgar

Birdingbury Children's Poetry Competition



We are delighted to announce the overall winner is Edward Kent. Many congratulations to him. We hope he enjoys spending his prize!

Here is his winning entry.

The Witch

There is a tale of an ominous wood
Deep inside a wrecked hut stood
Overshadowed by dark oak trees
The rusted weather vane blowing in the breeze
Inside the hut an old witch cackled
A cat hissed and a cauldron crackled
With a small charm she turns stone into gold
Putting it into the cauldron of old
In goes mud and the tail of a mouse
The bark of a tree and the leg of a louse
The last ingredient is some tongues of toads
And with a wave of her wand the whole wood explodes

Edward Kent

Goodbye from the Glanvilles

Thank you to all our friends in Birdingbury. David and I were very sad to leave the village without saying goodbye in a fun way - true Birdingbury style! We are relatively settled into our Cornish cottage and are beginning to regard this as our home.

After 26 years we have many happy memories of Birdingbury and especially Progressive Dinners and, more recently, the companionship of Coffee and Chat. We do so hope Karen and the PCC find a new leader for St Leonard's and are so grateful to the enormous support given so generously to David and me throughout my illness. To our doggy friends, we miss you very much!



Olcote was such a beautiful home, and we are so pleased that its new owners love the house too.

Good luck to everyone as you emerge from hibernation and have a lovely summer, best wishes.

Rachel and David Glanville

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Welcome to Birdingbury!

A big welcome to James and Anna, who take over from Rachel and David at Olecote, Main Street.



Having bought their new home, they are now having it made ready to move in.

Meanwhile, they have been spotted enjoying Friday Street Food night at the Club.

Thomas Barfoot

Some of you may remember a previous Birdsong article in 2018 which told of our family visit, along with representatives of Birdingbury History Group, to Ardleigh in Essex. We were invited there for the dedication of a memorial plaque for the two World Wars.

Our connection was in memory of Sgt Thomas Bertrum Barfoot, Bomb Aimer and member of the crew of Halifax MkII DY-P of 102 (Ceylon) Squadron, who were killed when their plane crashed in Ardleigh on 25th February 1943.

Tommy (my Great Uncle) was the son of Constance and Charles Barfoot of Birdingbury. He was aged just 19 when he died and he is buried at St Leonards.



This year, a small housing estate has been completed on the west side of Ardleigh and the District Council had agreed that the roads be named after the Halifax casualties.

The Ardleigh local history researchers have sent us this photograph of the 'Barfoot Drive' road signs.

We remain indebted to those people who have helped keep his memory alive.

Karen Thomas

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Birdingbury Thanks The NHS

A huge thank you to villagers and those from further afield who joined us on Monday 5th July at the Club for our NHS Big Tea event in support of local NHS heroes.

Special thanks go to all those wonderful cake makers and helpers. It was lovely to see people getting together in the sunshine to chat, drink tea and eat cake. A superb figure of £260 was raised and donated to Rugby St Cross Hospital.

Karen Thomas



Stay Safe in the Sun

Why should facial sun cream be part of your everyday routine?

As I am writing this article the sun is shining and it is the hottest day of the year so far.

The sun produces two main types of UV light: UVA and UVB. The easiest way to distinguish them is by looking at what they do to the skin. UVA causes ageing while UVB causes burning. UVA penetrates much deeper into the skin and with cumulative exposure over time, it causes photoaging. UVB is more superficial, responsible for causing sunburn and what can eventually lead to skin cancer (although they both contribute to this).

Unprotected exposure to these UV rays is incredibly harmful. It causes damage to the DNA of the skin cells, resulting in genetic defects and/or mutations that can lead to skin cancer. This includes the alteration of a gene that suppresses tumours: a precursor to melanoma. What is perhaps less well known is that they also cause eye damage, such as cataracts and eyelid cancer which has seen a 24% increase in the last 14 years. A great reason to look cool in your sunglasses!



It is important to remember that whatever the season, UV rays are abundant. Even on a cloudy day, 80% of the sun's rays can still be absorbed by the skin. In fact, it can be highest when it snows, due to reflection.

UVA can also penetrate glass which interestingly explains why most adults in the UK have more freckles on their right-hand side as they sit on that side of the car to drive. Although sitting by a window won't cause you to burn (because it blocks UVB), it does cause photoaging. Another useful fact is that a white cotton t-shirt is only SPF 7, so whilst you may think you are covered, this provides only limited protection.

Of course, if you are spending all day indoors and not directly by a window, it is probably fine to go without sun cream.

What does SPF mean and why isn't SPF in foundation or moisturiser the answer?

The Sun Protection Factor (SPF) rating refers only to protection from UVB. Many face creams and make-up now have a high SPF incorporated into the formula, allowing people to believe this is enough protection for everyday use. However, the SPF factor will only be the right protection if used all over the skin, like paint, and, for your face, if around 1 to 1.5 teaspoons is applied. It is unlikely that we would apply that much foundation or moisturiser to 'paint' our face. It will usually be applied a lot more thinly and so will be less water and rub resistant, therefore offering less protection.

Sun cream has two ratings: the SPF for UVB protection, and a star rating for UVA protection. Together they are often referred to as 'broad spectrum', meaning protection from both. The best protection to look for is an SPF of at least 30 plus a 5star rating.

Should we choose products with SPF in?

Yes of course! The SPF in a foundation or moisturiser is perfect as a second-line defence. But, if you are spending time outside and/or it is summer, sun cream should be worn to ensure sufficient protection. For just a tiny bit more effort, it is worth the added protection and fewer wrinkles as we age.

Let's all enjoy the sunshine safely!

Evie Drew



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Pawprints Pupdate



Following the re-opening of the Pawprints Charity Shop earlier this year, we have changed our focus. We are now spending a couple of afternoons a week helping out in the shop, mainly sorting and checking the items that have been donated. We are happy to take your donations to the shop, clothing is particularly needed, especially children's and men's.

We are very grateful for the brilliant support we have received over the last 15 months. Between us all we have raised almost £3,000, which has gone a long way to helping care for the dogs Pawprints has taken in. This is a wonderful achievement and many thanks to all of you who have bought items, donated items and even given your pocket money (Erin, you are a star!).

Our fundraising efforts will continue; we still have plants available, and look out on the Pawprints WhatsApp group for an announcement about the Pawprints tearoom.

Chris Kilvington and Barbara Sweet

Birdingbury Produce, Art & Craft Show 2021

Hopefully, pandemic permitting, we'll once again be able to hold our annual event this year. The time to start planning your entry is now! For those who haven't been before, this is a lighthearted and at the same time, serious event, demonstrating the skills, humour and one-offness of our wonderful village.

The show is followed in the evening by a raucous auction in aid of a worthy cause.

We are working towards a date of 25 September, but that may yet change.

The provisional schedule can be obtained from the Club. There's something for all ages. Have a look through the schedule and think what you might enter. If you would like any other classes included, let me know at john@jkstarley.com (If we can put it in and you are the only entry, you could win first prize!) Also please let me know your suggestions for a local deserving cause, and the Club committee will decide.



You'd be amazed how many things can fit in a match-box!

John Starley

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Bloomin' Bananas



Many of you may be aware how proud we are of our exotic plants and trees, taking great care to tuck them all up for the winter.

Recently we noticed this usual blossom peeping through the summer foliage in the back garden.

It's our first bananas!

Watch this space to see how things develop.....

The Kerry Family

Club Update

Although the restrictions have now been lifted, we think it's still sensible if we just gently ease our way into this new normality. So, we won't go back to exactly how it was before, and we'd still appreciate you wearing a mask indoors and mostly sit down to drink. We're just asking you to be sensible and considerate of others so that we can all adjust – we think you'll be ok with that?

You can now order at the bar too, but we also know that many people have really enjoyed table service, especially on Friday nights when we have food on. So, we'll keep Friday nights as just table service and on other nights we'll operate flexibly so that we can either take your order at the bar and serve you there, or we can bring your drinks to your table, or serve you at your table. It depends how busy we are and the situation, but lots of you have commented on how civilised table service is so we are keen to preserve sense that if we can!

In other news, Coventry Diocese's land agent, Landstrom, have been in touch with us and asked if the Club would consider taking on the management of the 'village amenity' that they are proposing on Glebe Field. Our simple answer to that has been no, we wouldn't want to either take on a new building or relocate; nor would we take a contrary view to either the village or the parish council on the proposals. Setting a precedent for development outside of the parish envelope seems like an extremely slippery slope to us.

Speaking personally, since we reopened, I have been struck by just how many villagers we have seen through the doors, and how busy we have been. I do wonder whether maybe the pandemic has brought things like the Club, the Church and the things we like about our community firmly into focus. Whilst there is of course always room for change and progress, it shouldn't be at any cost and we should be careful to preserve what have here. It does seem to me to be quite unique!

Tony Flint, President

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Birdingbury knows

Best not get drunk on freedom

Nature rules the world

Thin Jethro Laskey



Where Have All The Cuckoos Gone?

Where have all the cuckoos gone?

Something's not quite right:

Summer fields are silent now,

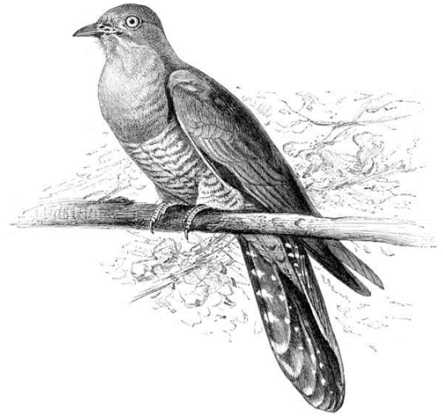
No cuckoos are in flight.

Where are all the nightingales?

Something's gone quite wrong:

They never sing in Berkeley Square,

Where do I hear their song?



Across the silver grass of the Feldon fields

I sit and wait in vain:

I dream of not so long ago

To hear the cuckoo call again.

Steve Edgar

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Hello Birdingbury Wrappers!

I'm sure you will all be pleased to know that the Stretton Teams4u Group is up and running again, filling Christmas Boxes for disadvantaged children. We need all the help we can get! Firstly, we need empty shoe boxes and volunteers to wrap them in jolly festive paper. Secondly, we will be grateful for donations of small presents to fill the boxes:

- toy cars and lorries, small toys and games, small dolls and teddy bears
- hairbrushes, pocket combs, soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, flannels
- Small pieces of jewellery (inc. broken items that can be mended)
- note paper and drawing paper, pens, pencils, coloured pencils and crayons
- sweets (not chocolate) in date for 2022
- anything suitable for children up to age 18 and small enough to fit in a shoe box.

Please let me know if you can help and also, if you are happy to help wrap the boxes, I will deliver empty boxes, wrapping paper and sticky tape to you. I can be contacted on 01926 632582, or donations to me at Lyndhurst, Marton Road.

Thank you all so much for all your help in the past.

Daphne Chippendale

Empowering Youngsters to Create a Better World

If, by September, you have secondary school children aged 11 -14, read on. Starting mid-September (Covid willing), we would like to start a regular Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment (JYSE) group in the village. If you don't have children in these age groups or don't have children at all, your help would be welcomed (subject to DBS check).

JYSE groups form part of a worldwide programme designed to release the intellectual and spiritual powers of young adolescents and direct them towards service to their local community and to the world at large. Although the themes are introduced from a Baha'i perspective (www.bahai.org), the programme is not a form of religious instruction.

Groups of young adolescents come together in their village or town to study materials to help develop their powers of expression. They also plan and carry out service projects and activities for themselves and their local community. It's not like school – we would be there to animate the group not to teach it.

Ideally, we will gather weekly with a small group, minimum of 6, for around 1 – 2 hours. It would be great way for our young people to get to know each better whilst developing themselves and serving the community.

If you'd like to find out more about our plans either as a parent, a possible helper, or both, please contact either Karen at karen.armbrister@btinternet.com or on 07919 594559, or Jean at jean.mcdougallforoughi@gmail.com or on 07826 539775 / 01926 633068. We are both DBS checked (Karen by the Church of England and Jean by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United Kingdom).

Jean Foroughi and Karen Armbrister

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Birdingbury 2022 Calendar

As mentioned in a previous Birdsong edition, we would like to create a Calendar for next year, representing photographs of Birdingbury. Depending on demand, we intend to produce the maximum number for minimum cost, with all proceeds going to St Leonard's Church. We are therefore looking for your thoughts and indeed photographs so that we can make these available in time for Christmas. Get in touch at karent707@aol.com – thank you!



Karen and Morgan Thomas

Camino to COP



In the weeks leading up to 1 November, at least four pilgrimages for climate justice will be heading from various corners of England to Glasgow for the crucially important Congress of the People's meeting number 26.

The group that starts at Westminster will be passing through our area, overnighing at Grandborough on 15 September and Wolston on 16 September. Importantly, they will reach Coventry on 17 September, linking with the City of Culture and Cathedral's Reconciliation Ministry.

There will be 20 pilgrims in this group walking the 600 miles to Glasgow. If you want to show your support, you are welcome to join in either at Grandborough on 15 September after 9am, or at some other point on their journey to Wolston. They will be walking through Draycote and Bourton.

Alternatively, you may wish to help with their fund-raising to cover costs. The overnight accommodation is gifted, but there will be costs incurred through running a support vehicle, publicity etc. Any surplus will go to a Global South project that seeks to support those most affected by climate change. Currently it is the world's poorest who are experiencing most acutely the effects of a warming world.



Under the auspices of the United Nations, there are annual COP talks with a special focus every 5 years, the last big meeting being COP 21 in Paris. There is a general recognition that commitments made at Paris were too small and have also not been met by enough action. The need now is to agree much bigger global cuts in carbon emissions, followed by immediate action, particularly by the so-called powerful nations. It is, also of course about us as individuals and the extent to which we are willing to change our lifestyles to meet the needs of others, now and in the future. There is a very real possibility that, if we do not act now, the youngest children in our community will be trying to live as adults in a world that will be increasingly too hot for human habitation.

Further details are on the website Caminotocop.com.. I hope you can join in this worthwhile pilgrimage in some way.

Dick Withington



She Walks

Too close to see,
Too far to touch,
Those sad old things
She loved so much.

This road has fewer
Turnings far.
Its single light,
The evening star.

And all she knows
Still cannot fix
Her memory's
Loose bag of tricks.

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She walks disposed
So unsecured,
A sauncy cloud,
A wistful bird.

'Till shadowed rivers
Twilight seek
In flowing ribbons
At her feet.

Pilgrim

Lynda DeRosa Photography

Birdingbury Calendar

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

Tasty Takeaways

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

Friday 6 August	Gourmet Burgers
Friday 13 August	Pie and Mash
Friday 20 August	Pizzas
Friday 27 August	Mexican

September dates and menus to be confirmed.

Books on the Move

The Mobile Library Service will be back visiting the Club forecourt between 13.30 and 14.00 on the following dates:

- 6 August 2021
- 27 August 2021
- 7 September 2021
- 8 October 2021



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