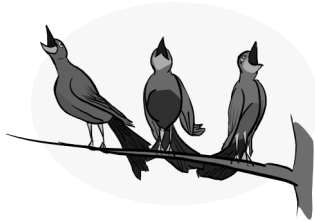


# **BIRDSONG**

**October  
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## **A Splash of Sunshine**

Photo from Bostock Sunflowers

## **Birdingbury Parish Council Report**

The September PC meeting had the longest agenda that I can remember, partly due to our summer break (we don't have a meeting in holiday-heavy August), but also because there are a number of activities in the village that needed to be discussed. It was lovely to see 8 or 9 follow villagers attending and we shifted the agenda around so that they could leave, if they wanted, after the juicier bits ...

Top billing should probably go the planning application for the 5G mast (on the roadside at the Marton edge of the village). Councillors have held several site visits to assess the impact of the proposed installation and concluded that the selected location is far from ideal due to its proximity to houses and its position close to the road near a blind hill crest. The mast would have a major visual impact, and so would the range of metal boxes at its base so close to the main entrance to the village. We have submitted a response to the Planning team detailing our concerns.

We also discussed the effects of the recent installation of a wood burner by one of the units on the business park which has caused complaints about smoke and smells. The installation has been approved by the Rugby Borough Council Planning team, so issues stemming from its use would be dealt with by the Environmental Health team. The Council agreed to write to Environmental Health to make them aware of concerns, but also to write to the owners. Since they have shared on Facebook that they are in a testing phase, we have asked for more details on plans to minimise its impact on neighbours. Our clerk, Jackie, has asked me to remind everyone that in any situation like this, Environmental Health are more likely to respond to a resident who has kept a record of the dates and times when problems occurred than to a Parish Council raising a general concern.

There has been no new activity regarding the proposed development plans for the Glebe Field. We saw a reassuring note from the Diocesan Board to the PCC over the summer and have heard nothing since from Landstrom. We are writing to the Diocesan Board confirming that we do not support Landstrom's proposal so, hopefully, that may be the end of that.

Less helpful is the silence from RBC on the lawful use application for the business park units which is now over a year beyond its ‘decision date’. We are writing to RBC Planning and escalating this to the Council Chief Executive.

We covered a number of other items in the marathon meeting; here are some highlights:

The slow grinding of gears within Openreach suggests that there is “hope for movement soon” on fibre broadband.

Some of our village assets need some TLC, particularly the phone box/defibrillator and the bus stop paintwork. We are getting quotes but if anyone in the village has the skills and time, please contact Jackie on [parishclerk@birdingbury.org](mailto:parishclerk@birdingbury.org) with a quote or for more details.

In a break with tradition, Parish Council meetings in future will switch to the third Monday monthly rather than third Tuesday. We don’t expect the world to end as a result of this historic change, but if it does, sorry!

And finally, we also discussed the Queen’s Jubilee next year. There is a national scheme to use the Jubilee as a trigger to plant trees - ‘The Queen’s Green Canopy’ - so we discussed how the village could support this. There is also a double Bank Holiday on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June, so it would be great if there were community-led activities for all to enjoy over that long weekend. I am writing to the other village groups to see if there is interest in a working party of some sort, but if anyone is interested or has any suggestions, please do let me know at [guyfrenchpc@gmail.com](mailto:guyfrenchpc@gmail.com).

*Guy French, Chair Birdingbury Parish Council*

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Birdingbury knows

Life’s race moves ever faster

Gee Gee Gee Gee Gee

*Thin Jethro Laskey*



## Bill's Service of Remembrance

We are very grateful to Reverend Barbara for holding the short service at our family grave at St Leonard's Church. Thank you to everyone who attended Bill's service of celebration that followed in the church afterwards.

Our very grateful thanks go to Karen Armbrister whose hard work behind the scenes, together with all the willing volunteers involved, helped make the service so very special.



Thank you to Matt Markham, Jenny Hawes, Jo Cutts and Simon Davy for all their lovely contributions in Dad's memory.

Thank you to Bryan Tompkins for playing the church organ and to Aileen Withington for the beautiful floral arrangements.

Our thanks also go to Karen Thomas who organised the 'Bake for Bill' together with the many 'bakers' who so willingly put in their time to make the day so special, in Bill's memory. Everyone who joined us at Birdingbury Club after the service was seen to be enjoying sampling the various cakes that were made. A collection was also held on the day for the Air Ambulance, a charity which Bill supported regularly. Very special thanks to Jackie Westcott for serving teas and coffees in the Birbury.

If we have omitted to name everyone involved, please forgive us. We are overwhelmed by all the support and kindness shown to us and we know how much Dad meant to so many.

A very big thank you to all of you.

*Carol and Paul King*

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## **Bake for Bill**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with 'Bake for Bill'. A tremendous array of cakes was available at the Club on the day, to eat or take away, whilst sharing our memories of Bill. Thanks to all the wonderful bakers in the village, helpers and those who came along on the day. A special mention to Jackie whose beverage making was, as always, second to none. £275 was donated to the Air Ambulance in memory of Bill.



Thoughts are that we may have a 'Bake for Bill' afternoon in August each year, around the date of his birthday. We'll keep you posted.

*Karen Thomas*

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## **World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

Fundraising For Macmillan Cancer Support

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021

A big thank you to all who supported this event and helped to raise the splendid sum of £265.

My special thanks to Jenny Hawes for her invaluable assistance

I look forward to your continued support next year.

*Jackie Westcott*

## Up Corn - Down Horn, Up Horn - Down Corn

This little jingle is an old farmers' saying to express the way farming changes.

Many villagers will have noticed how much of the parish farmland is now ploughed and devoted to crops, principally wheat and barley but with some oats, beans and potatoes.

In 1800, most of the land would have been ploughed in the old strip system and this is evidenced by the ridge and furrow that can still be seen. However, by about 1870 the new steam ships began to bring great quantities of wheat from the Canadian prairies and British farmers found it very hard to compete. Much of our land was put down to grass and dairy farming began to prosper, supplying milk to the greatly increased population of the cities. In 1914 only about a quarter of Birdingbury farmland was still ploughed for corn.

During both the first and second world wars, when food supply was seriously threatened by submarine blockades, much of the grassland was ploughed up again. 'Dig for Victory' was not a joke.

After 1945, farming changed back to a balance of arable and grassland and some of this is illustrated in a fascinating sequence of aerial photos in the National Monuments Record although, unfortunately, these do not cover the whole parish.

The earliest one, dated 27 August 1946, shows many of the fields with the corn harvested by a reaper binder rather than a combine. You can make out the stooks which were made up of a number of sheaves standing on end to dry before being loaded and taken to the farmstead to be built into ricks and threshed over the winter.



During the last 40 years conditions have increasingly favoured arable, particularly the enormous machines that can cultivate our difficult clay soils at great speed when the weather is suitable. At the same time the price of meat and milk has dropped so much that dairy and livestock farmers have found it very difficult to make a living.

In 1980, about 25% of the farmland in Birdingbury was ploughed; by 2007 the area had reached 34%. In the last few years, the pace of change has increased greatly and in 2021 68% of the land was cropped. The 32% that remains in grass includes an increasing area of horse paddocks; there were scarcely any in 1980.

*Recordsworm*

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## Bloomin' Bananas Continued....



So much for the changing face of food production. You may remember the photo of our banana tree in flower in the last edition of Birdsong. Well, it continues to make good progress.

The *musa basjoo* is the hardiest banana for the UK climate. We've had it for about 25 years. This tree withstood the harsh winter of 2010

and is thriving in Birdingbury. It last flowered about 10 years ago.

The bananas are very bitter - probably inedible for the human palette but the birds love them!

*The Kerry Family*



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## Team MAC

As you walk around the Birdingbury countryside and up to Frankton you can't fail to notice that there are a number of sheep and cattle about. Apart from seeing the exceptional animals of our neighbours, chances are you will be seeing the members of MAC Livestock, and no that's not a dodgy pop group!

MAC is the prefix we give to our pedigree flocks. You get to pick your flock name when you join a Pedigree Society. We have a number of different pedigree breeds, but we keep the same MAC name. In the sheep world MAC means McCurdie.



We currently farm 700 Lleyn ewes, which is our main flock. These are a medium sized white sheep that originate from the Lleyn Peninsula in Wales. They make great mums and are very good converters of grass, so do not require lots of supplement feeding as grass/forage is their favourite. The Lleyn lambs are born in March-April and then are either sold for breeding or for meat when they are old enough.

We also have another 150 ewes that are different breeds. These are made up of pedigree flocks of Blue Texel, Charollais, Texel and Zwartble, about 70 in total. The remainder 80 ewes we call crossbreds, meaning that their parents are not the same pedigree. We lamb these ewes in February-March.



We have different breeds for a number of reasons, they suit the farming system that we operate, some breeds are faster growing so we can meet customer demand over a period of time and not all at once. And also, because we actually quite like them and take pleasure in seeing them on the farm.



On the livestock side of the farm, we also have 100 head of cattle, mainly South Devon. They are a brown / orange colour with a usually quiet temperament. The cows calve in late spring early summer so that they can be outside with a good supply of grass, and we should have finished lambing by then. When the offspring are ready, anywhere between 15 and 29 months old, we supply Waitrose with our beef as part of their organic scheme.



In the last couple of years, we have started growing arable crops again. Last year we grew oats that were sold for human consumption, mainly porridge oats. We intend to grow oats again this year but haven't decided on what variety yet but probably it will be similar to what we have grown before.

Being organic we take the environment seriously so are part of schemes to protect the flora and fauna. Each year we grow specific crops that are purely for the birds and wildlife to enjoy. We have wildflower rich meadows, field margins that are not touched to enable birds and insects to flourish. We also supplementary feed the wild birds through the winter scattering bird seed in hedgerows and ditches. We also, aided by the wonderful residents of Birdingbury, plant trees.

We are very fortunate to have 3 miles of the river Leam run through the land we farm so feel a strong duty of care to ensure the water quality is the best it can be. The resident otter and kingfisher seem to like it.

With these different aspects of our farming enterprise, you can imagine we are busy a lot of the time. This is just a snapshot of what goes on, Whether it's tending to the livestock, making their food supply for the winter, cultivating the fields to either plant crops or ensure the soil is maintained for the grass to grow, or general farm maintenance, no two days are ever the same.

Jeremy Clarkson puts it a lot better than me in his series 'Clarkson's Farm' but I agree with him: I have never been as happy as I am as a farmer.

*Heather McCurdie*

## The Bostock Sunflowers

Despite knowing they will not be here for long  
They still choose to live their brightest lives.

*Rupi Kaur*

This summer, we opened our farm gates to welcome guests to our first ever pick-your-own sunflower event, held at our family run Birdingbury Fields Farm.



Having sowed the sunflower seeds in April as an ‘experiment’ to see if they grew and with a vision to hold pick-your-own events, we were reassured by an experienced sunflower grower that they would start to appear after 100 days. We patiently waited as the season changed from spring to early summer, inspecting the field for signs of early shoots. First came the weeds and two whole days spent hand weeding the 2-acre sunflower field. Soon after the sunflowers began to appear much to our relief and satisfaction.

We spent the next month watching them grow, noticing each week they were getting a little taller, and taller still, until early August when they were towering above the grandchildren with many of the sunflowers being over 5ft tall.

There was great excitement when an early bloomer was spotted, a ray of sunshine poking out across the field of thousands of closed sunflowers, you couldn’t help but smile back. Of course, over the coming weeks the sunflowers all began to blossom, a sea of yellow filled the field: a real sight to behold that put an instant smile on faces.





We had the pleasure of welcoming over one thousand guests to the field throughout August, meeting numerous new people from the local area, as well as many who had travelled from further afield. In addition to this, we had drone photographers, the national press, a podcast, and amateur photographers visiting the field too.

The feedback has been so positive, the sunflower field seemed to bring warmth, happiness and smiles to our visitors' days. We simply have to do it all again next year and play our part in spreading some much-needed sunshine! We may even have some new pick-your-own events coming even sooner next springtime if all goes to plan! Watch this space.

Thank you to everyone who visited us at Bostock Sunflowers.

*Lucy Taffs*

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## Painting the Town Red

You will have noticed that our post box has been given a shiny new coat of paint.

Despite being new to the post, official Royal Mail painter, Jake, has a target to put his stamp on seven boxes every day.

What a great job he's done for us!

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## Leamington Hastings Academy Update

We've had a great start to the year at Leamington Hastings Academy, with the highlight being the installation of our new playground markings. The children are really enjoying playing on them (as are some of the staff!) and we are very grateful to everyone who organised or took part in the various fundraising events that made this possible; we couldn't have done it without the support of the local community.



The children have made a great start with their learning this term, with the younger children learning about themselves and the world around them, and the older children learning about The Great Fire of London. We are also looking forward to being able to plan some experiences and trips for the children now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

We would love to hold a community day later on this academic year so we can share the markings and other changes with you, subject to any Covid restrictions in place. If you would be interested in joining a planning committee for this day, or if you would be interested in joining our new Academy Governance Committee, please get in touch via the school office.

Our contact details are:

Phone: 01926 632359

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

<https://www.facebook.com/LeamingtonHastingsCofEAcademyRugby/>

We will keep you updated with our plans!

*Suzanne Marson*

*Head of School, Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy*

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# Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy

*Could you volunteer and become  
a School Governor?*

- Do you care about improving children's education and want to contribute to your local community?
- Do you want to work as part of a team and value contributions made by others?
- Are you willing to challenge and ask questions?

**We'd love to hear from you,  
please contact:**

**Alex Rigler, Clerk to the  
Academy Governing  
Committee on 07962 169199  
or [alex.rigler@covmat.org](mailto:alex.rigler@covmat.org)**



# What Is Yoga?

Yoga is an ancient philosophical discipline, and the origins can be traced back to India.

There are many types of yoga classes – some classes are more rigorous whilst other classes more restful. The yoga postures (asanas), breathing techniques, and meditation are all part of modern yoga.



Modern yoga taught in the UK often derives from ‘hatha yoga’. In Sanskrit (an ancient Indic language) ‘ha’ means sun and ‘tha’ means moon which refers to the balance between the positive sun energy and the negative moon energy which create balance and harmony in the body and mind. Postures are selected to provide a whole-body approach.

Breathing exercises and a guided relaxation are also core elements of a typical hatha yoga practice.

## What are the benefits of yoga?

- improve strength and muscular fitness
- develop balance
- improve flexibility and mobility
- relieve stress and tension
- energise the body
- promote stability and correct posture
- calm the mind and nervous system.

Both adults and children can benefit from yoga.

## What has mindfulness got in common with yoga?

Mindfulness originates from both yoga and ancient Buddhist practices. Living mindfully helps us to focus on the present moment, improve our concentration and wellbeing and reduce stress or anxiety.



This can be developed through the physical yoga poses or breathing and meditation practices. Activities like reading, painting or colouring, walking and gardening are essentially mindful and meditative.

Yoga has really helped me with life challenges that have affected my mental health. I got into yoga in my twenties when I was finding it hard to switch off from a busy job – it helped me feel both physically and mentally strong and more resilient. Later, in my thirties, I also returned to yoga more regularly to help manage feelings of grief following the loss of my father unexpectedly. In the last year, retaining a healthy breath, body, and mind has also been very important and many people have tried yoga and meditation for the first time in virtual classes.

### **How do I try a meditation at home?**

Try this 5-minute mindful practice:

- Find a quiet space and sit comfortably (on a chair or a cushion)
- You might have a calming focal point with you, such as a candle or a crystal or pebble.
- Allow your body and face to relax and be still
- Pay attention to your breath (ideally inhale and exhale through the nose)
- You might close your eyes for a short time
- Notice how your body is feeling as you sit and help any tension to relax with your breathing
- Notice how you feel at the end of the practice.

If you would like to understand more about yoga or meditation, please email me at [rachcoggs@homegrownyoga.co.uk](mailto:rachcoggs@homegrownyoga.co.uk)

*Rachel Coggins*

# Grandborough Farmers' Market



We were delighted with the success of our first market in eighteen months and it was lovely to meet up again with our stallholders and customers. There was no doubt that everyone in the café was pleased to see their friends and have a good chat. The stallholders were very pleased to have done so well too.

The markets are always held monthly on the first Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at St Peter's Church. Our next market is on 7 October. Our regular stallholders are:

- Whittlebury Bakery for breads and cakes
- Mark Oliver for frozen fish and chicken
- Fowlers Dairies for local cheese
- Bee Originals for local honey
- Maliwan Plants for locally grown plants from April to October
- The Jam Lady for home-made jams, jellies, chutneys, preserves
- The Lost Farm for Dexter Beef, Loughtan Manx Lamb, and Pork.



We have a very welcoming café where you can enjoy a friendly chat, whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee, bacon rolls, hot sausage rolls, cheese scones or a selection of homemade cakes.

The church has a toilet for the disabled, baby changing facilities, and highchairs.

Our postcode is CV23 8DH.

Free parking is available throughout the village.

For more information about the market, please contact either Peter or me on 01788 814994 or email: [info@stpetersgrandborough.co.uk](mailto:info@stpetersgrandborough.co.uk)

*Dorothy Johnson*

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## **Saturday Swap Shop Returns**

10.30 to noon on Saturday 2 October in the Birbury

We are a friendly crowd, meeting every Saturday morning in the Birbury to catch up with each other and life in general. As our lives are quite busy, you will not necessarily see the same people every week. We're not a formal club, it's all very low-key and casual.



We normally swap any unwanted, good quality items such as garden produce, plants, books unwanted gifts etc. The usual rule is that if you bring something and it is not taken by anyone, you take it home afterwards. You do not have to bring anything to swap!

A selection of home-made goodies will be available to eat with your coffee or tea.

There is a rota for volunteers to host, make drinks, provide cakes/biscuits, wash up etc. We normally all take a turn and work in twos or threes. Everyone usually joins in to clear up.

We only ask for cash once a year. This is to help the Birbury's funds since they let us have the venue for free. However, we will not refuse any donations of bags of ground coffee – including de-caff please.

Di and Leslie Turner and I will be hosting our first event. In order to keep safe, we will ask everyone to sign in and hand sanitiser will be available.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday!

*Di Turner and Jenny Hawes*

## Yo Birdingbury 'Rappers'!

The logo for Teams4u, featuring the letters 'T4u' in a stylized, bold font. The 'T' and '4' are connected, and the 'u' is a simple curve. The logo is set against a light, textured background.

Teams4u was formed over 25 years ago when the Cooke Family first originated the idea of the 'Christmas Shoe Box', asking children across the UK to fill shoe boxes with stocking fillers for orphaned children in Romania. 2015 saw the 25th anniversary of the 'Christmas Shoe Box Appeal'. Teams4u is a registered charity (No: 1114131).

The need is still there today as the power and joy these boxes bring has never faded. And so, on we go! Many thanks for all your support through this year for "Teams 4u" and the Shoebox Appeal.

We are still wrapping shoe boxes and filling them with gifts such as toy cars, hats & scarves, small toys, hair slides, combs & brushes, toothpaste & brushes, soaps, pencils & pens, small puzzles, flannels, socks, and sweets. The last boxes for this coming Christmas will be sent from The Stretton Team in mid-October.

If you have any last-minute donations, please do bring them along to me at Lyndhurst, Marton Road, Birdingbury, or call me on 632582.

You may be interested to know that this year our boxes will be sent to Eastern Europe: specifically Bosnia, Georgia, Romania, and Moldova.



Please feel free to wrap even after October, as all boxes will be stored for the following year. I can supply wrapping paper and sticky tape.

With many thanks and love,

*Daphne Chippendale*

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## Super-Sub Erin on the Pitch

Whilst Billy was on work experience with Gray during the summer holiday, Erin took over his newspaper round for the day.

‘Getting up was hard but I enjoyed it and I’m looking forward to spending the money!’ said our Super-Sub.

We hope everyone got the right paper!

If anyone would like to be added to the newspaper delivery round, please contact Zena on 07788 991933.

*Alex Rigler*



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## Pawprints Pupdate

We, and all the other Pawprints volunteers, were surprised and shocked by the decision of the Charity's Trustees to close the shop in Rugby. It has left us with fewer options for raising money from the items which have been kindly donated to us.

This week we decided to try something different and ended up at our first Car Boot Sale at the Blue Lias.



Even as we were setting up our tables with a variety of donated items, we were approached by other stallholders, all men, asking whether we had any watches and/or jewellery. Although we found this daunting and a little scary, they soon disappeared when we replied in the negative.

After a couple of hours, we had raised £42.50. So, after paying £5 for the pitch, we made a total of £37.50 - not bad for a couple of hours spent in the lovely sunshine. We had met some lovely people (and dogs) and now have a better idea of pricing and of what sells and what doesn't!

So, we'll be back next Wednesday and hope to see some of you there!

*Chris Kilvington*

## Bowling Along

Thankfully, Leamington Hastings Bowls Club have had a little slice of normality this season.

With all Covid measures and restrictions in place we have had a lovely summer of bowling. The bowls green hasn't looked or played so well in years (or maybe that was the bowlers keen to blow the cobwebs off and get in some practice after such a long time)!!

Saturday 28 August was Lyle Watts Cup Day: with beautiful weather. We raised £401 for Myton Hospice (bringing the total to £13,489 over the last 31 years). There was a raffle and tea and cake, with the presentation of the cup to the winning team: well done Ken, Susan, Di and Brian. Congratulations to everyone involved, what a lovely way to spend an afternoon!

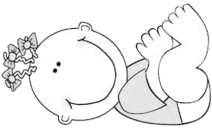
We are unsure, at this stage, if indoor short mat bowls will take place. We're keeping our fingers crossed!  
Thank you to everyone that has played or come along to watch play this season; it's been lovely to see each other and long may it continue!



*Susan Turner*

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## New Arrivals in Birdingbury



Congratulations to Annie and James at Olecote who celebrated their new arrival on the 17 August 2021. A big Birdingbury welcome to baby Millie.

Also, welcome to Daniel, Rhona and family who have moved into Master's Barn, off Main Street. We hope you have settled in and look forward to meeting you all.

And finally. welcome back, Carol, Shannon, Ellie and Reese Moore, who have all been waiting long and hard to come home. We hope that you will stay now!

*Dick Withington*



## Halloween Tricks, Treats & Trepidatious Trail

Calling all Birdingbury witches, warlocks, ghouls and ghosts! Our annual Spooky Spectacular will be held on Sunday 31st October, so get your pumpkins carved and your scariest outfits ready.

Following on from last year, we will be doing another ghostly trail, culminating at our Spooky Shack where everyone can pick up some treats.



Rather than traditional door to door trick or treating, we think it's best to stick with centrally gathered treats which will be distributed at the Spooky Shack. Donations will again be very much appreciated.

Hopefully, our plans will mean that we can go ahead, even if creepy Covid keeps causing disruption, and everyone will feel safe and comfortable.

Look out for details on the village Facebook page and WhatsApp group. In the meantime, keeeeeeeeeep haunting!

*The Witches of Back Lane (aka Lesley & Karen)*

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## Fireworks (or rather the lack of them ...)

Much as we wanted to go ahead with a village firework display this year, a number of factors coming together at the same time means that what was already a venture carrying financial risk but good to do, has sadly become a nonstarter.

This is mostly as a result of the supply of fireworks (mainly from China) being reduced this year, so that even if we could get hold of some for November, the cost will have gone up sharply compared to what we've budgeted and what we've paid previously (rocketed you might say).

Add to that the uncertainty about further Covid restrictions this winter, going ahead just isn't the responsible or sensible thing to do. We'll regroup and look ahead to 2022.

So bad news if you like fireworks, but on the other hand, we understand a number of our four-legged village residents are delighted!

*Chris, Lewis, Richard and Tony*

## **BIRDINGBURY CLUB PRESENTS**

### **Birdingbury Jammers in the 'NOT LOCKED DOWN BUT SHOULD BE LOCKED UP SHOW'**

**Showcasing the musical talents of villagers old and  
new in blues, jazz, rock, pop, folk and all styles in  
between.**

**Saturday November 20, from eight until late.**

**Be there or be square.....**



## **Thank You**

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However, without the essential financial donations, none of this could happen. Thank you, everyone!

*Editor*



## Old Markets

I love old markets  
And their fallen shows;  
The country weathered clowns,  
The wayward looks  
And smiles that last.  
Around every corner  
Turns this time,

Then if my memory clings  
To aught but dust;  
When the selling  
Colour sings,  
I'll stick with it  
And work again;  
The queen of clogs,  
The storm man  
And the flowers  
And earthenware  
That glistens  
With the blisters  
Of stars.

*Pilgrim*

## 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.

### Friday Feasts

Our weekly takeaway or eat in from 17.00 to 20.30 at the Club

October 1	Jammin Pizza plus Steak & Chips on offer and more
October 8	Red Banger
October 15	Taste Events Pizza
October 22	Taste Events Indian
October 29	Smiley Chef Chinese, Wraps etc
November 5	Taste Events Mexican
November 12	Taste Events Pie & Mash
November 19	Smiley Chef Chinese, Wraps etc
November 26	Taste Events Pizza
December 3	Taste Events Indian
December 10	Taste Events Burgers
December 17	Taste Events Mexican

### Mobile Library Dates

08.10.21, 29.10.21, 19.11.21, 10.12.21: from 13.30 to 14.00 at the Club



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