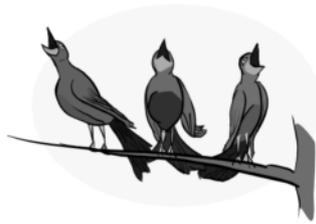


# **BIRDSONG**

**December 2016  
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Photo: Jackie Morton

## **The Nights Draw In**

## Parish Council Report November 2016

At their last meeting of the year, councillors congratulated those who had contributed to the success of the recent Bonfire Night celebrations. Sales went well and the small profit made will go towards next year's event.

Work on various improvements to the slide and refurbishment of the play equipment in the recreation field has begun. The recent work by county highways on re-laying the footpath in Marton Road was welcomed, although we were disappointed that the lay-by near the crossroads had not been done. We are assured that this will be remedied before the end of the financial year.

In the past the village had an active Youth Club but it folded following reduced interest and a shortage of willing volunteers to run activities. Given the large number of children in Birdingbury, it seems a shame that we can no longer provide this facility. If any of you think you might be able to help in getting a new club going, please contact Cllr Gaynor Davy who will be able to spell out what might be required of prospective leaders.

The council has been consulted about the possible removal of the telephone box in Main Street. We would be reluctant to see it go, although it is rarely used for making calls. We would like to explore alternative uses, and would be happy for any suggestions from villagers.

Some of the trees along our village verges are coming to the end of their healthy life, and the county council forestry officer has agreed to remove them. We are concerned to replace any that have to go so that the next generation can continue to enjoy tree-lined village streets.

**If any of you would like to sponsor a replacement tree, either as a memorial to a loved one, or simply because you love trees, please contact the clerk or any of the councillors to register your interest.**

The cost of a new tree of appropriate size (plus planting work) is likely to be around £50 to £80. We look forward to hearing from you! The Parish Council has already set aside a sum of money to support this tree renewal work

The Clerk and councillors wish you all a very happy Christmas and healthy new year.

Please do contact any of your Parish Councillors if you wish to bring anything to our attention or come along to our **next meeting** which will be held at:

**7.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Birbury**

You will be made very welcome.

*Diana Turner*

*Chair, Birdingbury Parish Council*

## Spooky Fun at Hallowe'en



We met at the club and decided to go out as one big group because there weren't many older children.

Kara and I were dressed as cats, and mum was a skeleton! There were devils, witches, monsters, ghosts and more. We planned a route to go trick or treating round the village and the first house we visited was Frankie's. We visited all the houses that had pumpkins outside, gradually filling our buckets with treats!

Eventually, we returned to the club and had some Hallowe'en fun organised by Jackie and a giant pumpkin! We played doughnut-on-a-string and apple bobbing, we made scary noises for prizes, and we destroyed a piñata full of sweets. I think people were wrapping themselves in loo roll as we were leaving! I'm sure everyone had a lovely time.



Here are some spooky pictures that Lexie drew to remind us not to go out at Hallowe'en!



Thanks to Jackie, Chris, Joe and everyone at the Club for making the event such fun.

*Lexie Thomlinson (age 8)*

## Remember, remember the 5th of November: gunpowder, treason and plot!!

Well thank goodness, no gunpowder nor treason but a fair amount of 'plotting' went on by the Team to ensure that the Annual Village Bonfire went off smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

'Chumping' took place before the great day:



The bonfire was magnificent and, as it was a very cold evening, essential to keep everyone happy as they gathered around with their soup, hot dogs and jacket potatoes.

Andy and Co did a great job with the fireworks and it was a spectacular show which just went on and on: filling the sky with beautiful colours and lights, and prompting lots of 'Ooohs' and 'Aaahs'!!

So, well done Team on another successful village event which will now be kept alive to be enjoyed by all again next year.

*Liz Ellis with photos by Simon Davy*



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## Thank you

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank the following people for their hard work, help and support to make Bonfire Night 2016 another huge success: Dan & Claire Shouler; Matt & Sara Hancock; David & Rob Walker; Jenny & David Preston; Declan Hayden; Mike Coles; Liz Ellis; Simon Davy; Andy, Jackie, Jenny & Philip Westcott; Barbara Sweet; Chris Kilvington; Darren & Val Elliott-Smith; and Jan & Hugh Stewart.

*Gaynor Davy*

## Cheese and Wine Evening

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October we held our third Cheese and Wine evening which was a huge success. It was a relief once the setting up of the club had been completed as we somehow managed to sell more tickets than we thought we had spaces. Thanks to the new tables in the club and some careful planning, the scene was set.

We had cheese from 'Cheese on the Green' in Bilton: if there are any cheese lovers out there who haven't visited this local shop you are missing a treat. Not only is the cheese of exceptional quality, they also gave us a generous discount, as the evening raises funds for the club.

We had four wines to taste from Australia and New Zealand: two red and two white. Thank you to Dave Hawkes and 'The Leamington Wine Company' for the superb selection of affordable but excellent wines chosen. Our host for the evening, Alan Blakemore, provided us with an entertaining and informative commentary. Birdingbury now has at least 48 wine experts!!



We had an unexpected prize donated by Alan which John Starley very kindly auctioned for us, raising an additional £220!

That just leaves me to say thank you to Annette and Dawn who helped organise the whole event; Chris, Dave and Craig for moving tables; Craig, Sara and Lesley for their magnificent effort raising funds for the club by selling raffle tickets; and a huge thank you to the Club and Mark for clearing up the aftermath!!

We raised a total of £590 - thank you to everyone who contributed.

*Julie Colledge*

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## Poppy News



I would like to say thank you to everyone who had Poppy this year in their home for a month. So far £250 has been raised for the Poppy charities with a couple of donations still to come in. Thanks also to Karen Armbrister for loan of her Poppy for a few months, due to the popular demand for a month with a Poppy.

Poppy will be staying at home next year but if anyone would like to have my Poppy in their home at any time, for any reason, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to share her.

*Dawn Powers*

## Birdingbury Neighbourhood Watch

It's a sad world we live in when people steal the contents of charity bags. This is what has happened in an area of Rugby town, and the emptied bags were found in the hedgerow on the Stockton Road. The charities get money for the contents of those bags and in this case the Air Ambulance was the loser. If you want to be absolutely sure that your goods are going to the right place, either deliver them to the charity or use one of the collecting "bins" found at recycling centres. Their website shows collection points at The Friendly Inn at Frankton and The Two Boats at Long Itchington.

Late on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, a person was disturbed in the garden of a property on the Stockton Road. They jumped over a fence and ran off in the direction of the Long Itchington Road. It doesn't appear that anything was taken, but obviously they were up to no good snooping around.



We had a visit in the village from one of the notorious "Nottingham Knockers" on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. These purport to be a group of "rehabilitating offenders" who are dropped off to tout their wares around the villages before being collected by their bosses. Our status from Trading Standards as a "No Rogue Trader Zone" was sought to deter these people who were plaguing the village a few years ago. It was dark when one called at our house and he was somewhat surprised when our "local" police officer came to check his credentials. He didn't have a valid peddler's licence and was sent on his way. If everyone declines to buy from them, the message might get across not to come here. We were able to stop him only because I was receiving up to date messages that he was on his way around. Thank you for letting me know.

As we start to hibernate, it is worth taking the time to check the security of sheds and outbuildings and make sure that valuables are safely put away out of sight. Make a note of items and serial numbers and, where possible, clearly property-mark them.

Newcomers to the village might not have picked up on our NHW alert system: this lets you know as quickly as possible if there has been a crime committed so that any information you might have can be swiftly communicated to the police or each other. I act as the central point for this process. If you wish to be added to the email circulation, then please give me a note of your contact details: email to [jackie@elliam.org](mailto:jackie@elliam.org)

Finally, I understand that PCSO Helena Seal has been temporarily moved to another area of the police at Rugby. In her place we welcome PCSO Kamila Shilton 6255 and PCSO Paula Haden 0621. Should you need to report a crime, then use the usual 999 (if in immediate danger) or 101 system.

Keep safe

*Jackie Morton (633493)*

## **Stuart Sweet**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the untimely death of Stuart Sweet. As many of you will know, the cancer that was thought to be in remission returned with a vengeance and Stuart died at home on 14<sup>th</sup> October. He leaves his wife, Barbara; his sons, Leon and Simon; and two grandchildren.

Stuart began his career as an engineer, but soon moved to teaching. He was a long standing and popular member of staff at Champion School, where he taught Mathematics. It was here that he and Barbara met. They moved to The Cottage on Main Street in the early 1980's and were recently married.

Many will remember Stuart as the archetypal gentleman. He was always ready for a chat and to lend a hand when help was needed. He worked tirelessly for the village, taking leading roles in the Recreation Field Committee, organising the annual bonfire and undertaking the role of treasurer of the Club.

In addition to his commitment to the village, Stuart loved sport and the outdoors. He was a passionate member of Marton Cricket Club as both player and chairman; he loved to ski and play golf; and to get away from it all in the caravan. He enjoyed chilling out to jazz music: Miles Davis and Dave Brubeck were amongst his favourites.

His funeral was held at Oakley Wood Crematorium on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Our deepest sympathies are with Barbara and all Stuart's family and friends. We have all lost a good 'un.

*Lesley Fleming*

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## **Thank you**

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to my friends in the village who have helped me through the illness and recent death of Stuart. I really appreciate every visit, phone call, cup of tea, glass of wine and all the offers of help that I have received.

Thank you to everyone who has sent a card or a message, to all of you who attended the funeral and wake. It is a great comfort to me and my family to know he was so well thought of by so many people.

Thanks also to Mark and Karen for helping to make the wake so successful.

*Barbara Sweet*

## Church Cafe Brunch

Brilliant bacon butties and great granola!

As the new vicar, I thought the Church Cafe would be a good opportunity to meet people in the village, and to see how the new servery worked. What I wasn't prepared for was the amazing quality of the breakfast offered - delicious bacon served in homemade bread roll, and the granola! Never has something so healthy tasted so good: fresh berries, gorgeous thick yoghurt, crispy granola, absolutely delicious. Please can you come and cook my breakfast every morning?



Seriously though, it was a lovely morning with great company and wonderful food. Thank you to everyone who helped and I am looking forward to the next one (don't worry, there is plenty of room, so you don't have to sit next to the vicar if you don't want to!).

*Ali Massey*

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## Marton Breast Cancer Campaign

We wish to thank everyone who supported our fund raising event for Breast Cancer held at Marton village hall on Saturday 1st October.

We raised £1,231.00.

We could not have done this without your generosity.

*Helen and Mary*



## Birdingbury Country Show – 2016

After all the expenses had been accounted for, the Committee elected to donate over £5,000 to various charities and good causes.

The main charity, The Acorn's Children's Hospice, received a cheque for £2,000.

Smaller amounts were donated to:

- The Stretton Scouts
- Leamington Hanstings Young Farmers
- The Salvation Army, Rugby
- DEBRA
- Crohn's and Colitis UK
- ILEAP
- HOPE 4U, Rugby
- Cats Protection, Rugby
- Bloodwise (previously Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research) – including the donation from the Church Fete
- Birdingbury Village Fund

This now takes the amount donated to well in excess of £50,000 since the Show took over from the Festival in 2010.

It has been decided to hold the Show in 2017 on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July and, by popular demand, the Sheep Dog Display has already been booked.

Offers of help and ideas for the event are most welcome: please call 01926 632555 or 01926 632026

*Barbara Munro*

*Birdingbury Country Show Committee*

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**Birdingbury Nativity Tourist Trail  
and Carol Singing**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Meet 6.30pm at the Club, tour starts at 7pm.

Wrap up warm though as we'll be going outside to meet some 100% genuine (ish) nativity characters and sing a few carols along the way,

## Birdingbury Remembers

The first part of this year's Remembrance Service was held in church and led by Dr Peter Kent, a licenced lay reader from Rugby, who is also Head Teacher at Lawrence Sherriff School. Peter then led the congregation in procession down to the War Memorial to join a wider gathering of villagers. The ceremony recalled the sacrifice made by the men of Birdingbury and culminated in the laying of two commemorative wreaths.



We were honoured and privileged to be joined at the ceremony by Andy Kelley and his cousin Lloyd who are the great grandsons of Thomas Harvey, one of our WW1 Birdingbury soldiers.

Andy (far right in picture) and Lloyd (middle) were joined by our own Simon Davy and Bill Cowley who displayed an impressive set of medals between them.

Andy and Lloyd's great grandfather, Thomas Harvey, was part of the British Expeditionary Force in Egypt involved in the campaign against the Turks in Sinai and Palestine. He died in the battle for Gaza on the 19th April 1917. He left behind a wife and two daughters.



Andy has asked us to pass on his thanks for the very warm welcome extended to him by Birdingbury. "It was very moving", he said, "to witness Thomas Harvey being remembered in his own village almost 100 years ago after his sacrifice in Gaza, along with the other fallen of the village, an experience greatly enhanced by all the context and background information the Birdingbury History Group have provided on Thomas, his family and his village"



It was so good to have Bill Cowley, still in strong voice, read out the names of the fallen again this year,

After the ceremony everyone enjoyed coffee and cake at the Club, rounding off another event reinforcing our bonds of community down the years.

*Richard Davies with photos by Matt Markham*

## Coffee and Chat

There will be no meeting for Coffee and Chat in December but we will be meeting together at 10.30 on Thursday 26th January in the Birbury. Please come and join us and relax over a hot drink and some lovely homemade cake. Hope to see you there.....



*Your friends from St. Leonard's*

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## Tea at Three



It's that time of year again! Please join us as we celebrate the joys of the season with a cuppa, some warm homemade mince pies, and the chance to relax with friends in singing some festive songs. There might even be some sherry.....

We will be meeting in the Birbury at 3 o'clock on Saturday 17th December, everyone is welcome. Lifts can be arranged if needed. Hope you can come and celebrate with friends and neighbours, old and new.

*Jenny Hawes*

*Chair, Birbury Committee*

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## Swap Shop

Swap shop will be swapping surplus gifts on Saturday 3rd and the 10th December at 10.30 in the Birbury. Have a look through your cupboards and bring any unwanted gifts along to exchange for something else. This has been very successful in previous years. There's also the chance to have a coffee, or tea, and enjoy some cake and a chat with friends. Everyone is welcome.



We will then be taking a break until 2017 when we will meet again on Saturday 7th January at 10.30 in the Birbury to exchange news and views over refreshments.

*Cheryl Turner*

## A Rare and Interesting Map

Ann and John Carroll have in their possession a most interesting map which they kindly lent to Birdingbury History Group to study. They were given it by Val and Joe Sprott who used to be neighbours of the Carrolls when they lived next door in Stable Cottage in Wren Court.

The Sprotts' account, sent to the Carrolls, of how they came by the map goes as follows:

“Joe and I had visited a marketing company in Newport Connecticut and were returning to New York by train. This was 1969.

“We got talking to another passenger on the journey. His name was Clare Barnes Jr. He had an advertising business and was fascinated by everything British, especially antiques. We accepted an invitation for cocktails at the early hour of 5.30 pm!

“He lived on Park Avenue in a very swish apartment with his wife.

“We got to see an amazing collection of beautiful antique furniture and paintings bought from various dealers etc. He had never been outside America!

“He was curious about where we lived and when we said it was a very small village in Warwickshire he wanted the name. He went away and a few minutes later emerged with a huge leather bound book. This was a history of The Hundreds (the old divisions of the county which go back to Saxon times – Birdingbury is in Knightlow Hundred). He turned the pages and pointed on a map to Birdingbury and asked 'Is this where you live?' We were dumbfounded and even more so when he extracted the map and gave it to us.

“The other interesting thing about Clare Barnes was that he wrote a book on the collection of Scrimshaws which John Kennedy had in the White House and one of which he presented to Krushchev on his US visit! A real bit of Trivia!”

The map, published in 1729 is by Henry Beighton who was born near Nuneaton in 1687. In 1725 he surveyed the whole of Warwickshire and published maps of the individual hundreds at a scale of half an inch to one mile. This was one of the very first maps to have been surveyed by trigonometry. It was way ahead of its time. Knightlow Hundred covers the area between Wolvey in the north, Hillmorton in the east, Bishop's Itchington in the south and Kenilworth in the west.

Clare Barnes, Jr. who was born in 1907 was an American author and advertising agency art director. He was best known for his series of books which he began in 1949 with *White Collar Zoo*. They featured animal photos with humorous captions and *White Collar Zoo* was the number one New York Times non-fiction bestseller of 1949.

*Chris Barney*

## Forthcoming Events at Birdingbury Club

Month	Date	Time	Entertainment
Dec	8th	7.45pm	Fish & Chips
Dec	10th	TBC	Birdingbury Christmas Nativity & Carols
Dec	24th	8.30pm	Come in and have a Festive drink with friends and join the Christmas Draw. Please remember: any prizes welcome.
Dec	31st	7.00pm	New Years Eve Celebrations "Music through the Decades" Fizz & Canapés on arrival, Evening Buffet included  Reserve tickets with Richard Cutts, Leigh Sidaway or from behind the bar Tickets £5:00 each
Jan	8th	3.00pm kick-off	Wasps / Leicester Rugby at the Ricoh followed by Take Away Curry
Jan	12th	7.45pm	Fish & Chips
Jan	14th	7.00pm	Film Night – Dad’s Army  Near the end of World War II, the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon deals with a female journalist and a German spy  Tickets £5:00 each
Jan	15th	12.00 onwards	Village Sunday Lunch
Feb	11th	7.00pm	Valentines Cocktail Evening with Buffet ticket event
Feb	25th	7.30pm	Brexit Evening
March	15th	7.00pm	Film Night – watch this space

Please see updates on the Birdingbury Village Club Facebook page. If you don't already receive our news emails, please drop a request to [birdingburyclub@gmail.com](mailto:birdingburyclub@gmail.com) and we will add you to the circulation list.

Hope to see you all soon at one of the forthcoming events!

*Richard Cutts*

## Ladies Circle Report

During the AGM in September nobody was prepared to stand as chair. I hadn't been able to attend, due to a bad back, but was later approached to see if I would be prepared to take on the role and I have gladly agreed to do so.

The first Ladies Circle event of the year, 11<sup>th</sup> October, got off to a swimming start thanks to Jenny and Jan. A tasty evening of crumbly cheeses and delicious wine had been superbly put together for our delight! A clever twist kept us guessing - English cheeses only! This had everyone stumped when a perfectly runny looking Brie was actually a soft cheese called "Sharpham" and came from Totnes in Devon. Another favourite was "Scrumpy Sussex" a cheese made with cider and herbs alongside a great Red Leicester and the ever faithful Colton Basset Stilton.



In all, Jenny and Jan had selected nine wines and nine cheeses for us to try, all helped down with some unusual figgy bread, biscuits and grapes. Many of the ladies stayed beyond the usual hour to finish off a very smooth and fruity Merlot and a Shiraz.

8<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed Irene who is Manager of The Hoskyn Centre at Hamilton House in Rugby. Many of us had barely heard of the Hoskyn Centre and were unsure what happens there.

The day centre is used mainly by older disabled people, where they socialise, do occupational therapy, have mild palliative treatment and generally dispel the loneliness and isolation that age and disablement can bring. The team cook approximately 20-25 two course hot lunches for which members pay £5. Irene was able to share the stories of some of the members and how coming to the centre has positively impacted their lives.



The Hoskyn Centre relies heavily on the generosity of individuals to support their work.

We are looking forward to our pamper evening 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.45pm, arranged by Julie College. As we are expecting large numbers we are meeting in the rear lounge of the club. If you would like to come and join us we would be very happy to see you. You don't have to come every month just come as often or as little as you want. Visitors just pay £3 on the evening.

*Leigh Sidaway,*

*Chair, Ladies Circle*

## Ladies Circle Programme 2016/2017

Date	Event	Organiser	Host
13th December	Pamper Evening	Julie Colledge	Julie and Dawn
10th January	New Year Meal	Jackie Westcott / Barbara Munro	
14th February	Colour Profiling	Julie Colledge	Julie and Maggie
14th March	Flower Arranging	Lee Hayden	Lee and Paula
11th April	Beekeeping	Leigh Sidaway	Leigh and Angela
9th May	Gin Tasting	Angela and Mel	
13th June	'Bring a Plate' visit to Di's new house	Di Turner	

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### Craft and/or Chatter



Can you crochet, knit or sew? OR would you like to learn how?

Come along to the club lounge on Monday evenings at 8pm and meet likeminded people to enjoy an evening of socialising and crafting.

There will be no formal teaching but I am more than willing to share my skills and get you started on your first project.

Just turn up, bring your knitting, crochet, sewing: literally anything crafty.

If you would like to learn a craft, I will have supplies to borrow to get you started.

I will be asking for a contribution of £3 per session to contribute to club funds.

For more information, contact Julie 632463 or [jxcolledge@aol.com](mailto:jxcolledge@aol.com)

**Birdingbury Club**  
**New Year's Eve Celebrations**  
**2016/17 @ 08:00pm**  
**"Music through the Decades"**



**Fizz & Canapés on arrival**

**Evening Buffet included**

**Buy tickets from Richard Cutts (07980 977477),**

**Leigh Sidaway 07957 294773) or from behind the bar**

**Tickets only £5:00 each (casual dress)**

## Bring and Share Lunch

On 15<sup>th</sup> January the Club will be hosting a 'Bring and Share' lunch. This joint venture with St Leonard's aims to bring people together to dispel the inevitable January gloom by eating, drinking and socialising together, particularly those folk in the village who find it difficult to get out in winter and/or usually eat their Sunday lunch on their own.

Volunteers will be bringing plates of food, with the club providing the wherewithal to share it.

More details will be available nearer the time, but meanwhile, do save the date and think about neighbours who might like to come along! It should be fun!



*Leigh Sidaway*

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## Shoe Box Appeal 2016 Update

A message of thanks from Pam and John Hopwood (Stretton Area Organisers):

To The Birdingbury "Rappers"

Thank you all for wrapping so many boxes so beautifully (Some 130 from Birdingbury). Also thank you for all the wonderful gifts of toys, hats, mittens, soaps, toothpaste, drawing paper, pens and pencils etc., and cash for transportation.

This year we are sending 1326 filled boxes to needy children in Northern Romania, in time for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Pam Hopwood

Organisers (Stretton) for T4U (Real people making a real difference)  
Reg. Charity 1114131. email: [info@teams4u.com](mailto:info@teams4u.com)

We will continue to wrap boxes throughout 2017 for next Christmas (so no rush), Please let me know if you would like to be involved and I will bring boxes, wrapping paper and sticky tape to you.

Very many thanks.

*Daphne Chippendale, Lyndhurst, Marton Road. 632582*

## Farewell and Welcome

There have been several comings and goings (or should it be the other way round?) in the village recently, particularly on Marton Road.

Jacky Hart and her daughter, Jo have left the village and are living near Daventry. Birdingbury owes a great debt to Jacky, Jo and Louise, her other daughter, for delivering our newspapers for many years. Thank you very much.



Jo, Richard, Lewis and Jake Cutts have moved from Main Street to Jacky's house on Marton Road and have been joined there by Jo's father, John. Welcome to Birdingbury, John.

A warm welcome also to Debbie, Graham and their children, Jodie and Chris, living in the Cutts' former house.

(For new residents, there is quite a history of people moving houses within the village. At least two families are on their fourth Birdingbury house!)

A fond farewell to Carol, Ellie, Rees and Shannon Moor, who have moved temporarily to Cawston.

Welcome to the new residents at Brentwood, Dominic Murphy and Faye Bradley, with their children Liam (7), Noah (3) and Ben (1).

Finally, goodbye to Sue and Matt with Josh and Georgie who have moved from Limecrest, Marton Road to Stockton.

*Dick Withington*

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## Heartfelt Thank You

Jacky Louise and Joanna Hart would like to say a big thank you for all the kind wishes and gifts we received prior to our move to Daventry.

It was with great sadness that we left the village which holds very many happy memories for us but it was, at the end of the day, the most sensible thing for us to do. We shall miss you all and would like you to know how welcome we were made to feel during our 10 plus years. We are hoping not to be too far away in the future and I am looking forward to remaining a member of the Altar Guild. I also have to admit to missing doing the papers enormously as my waist line is increasing and I no longer have a clue what is going on in the world!

*Jacky Hart*

## Leamington Hastings Academy

### Christmas Fayre - Friday 9th December

Come and join the festive fun at our annual Christmas Fayre from 3-5.30pm on Friday 9th December at the school. There will be tombolas, games and prizes, plus some tasty refreshments. Please pop along - we really appreciate your involvement and support for our little school! Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance from Lesley Thomlinson (633055).



### Quiz Night - Friday 10th February

We will be holding a fundraising quiz night on 10th February at Bourton village hall. We've had great support from Birdingbury residents in the past, and it's always a fun evening (and maybe just a little competitive!). Those who've been to our previous quiz nights will be delighted to know that our (in)famous quizmaster, John Starley, will be reprising his role again for us.

All are welcome - the more the merrier - so please gather together a team of 4-6 folks and get swotting. Tickets are £8 per person, including a hot supper, and are available from Lesley Thomlinson (633055). And don't worry, there will also be wine, beer and soft drinks available to keep those brains well-oiled!

Many thanks for your continued support of our lovely local school.

*The Friends of Leamington Hastings Academy*

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## Regulars at Bourton-on-Dunsmore

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| <b>Ballroom Dancing</b> | 8pm every Monday. For more information, contact Faye Twomey 632372   |
| <b>Gardening Club</b>   | 7:30pm on last Thursday of every month. For more information, contact Carol Cooper 632033 or Barbara Penny |
| <b>Dilly's Kitchen</b>  | Home cooked lunch in the village hall on Tuesdays from 12-2pm.   |
| <b>Pilates</b>          | 11:15am on Friday in term time. Experienced physiotherapist, class suitable for all ages & abilities. For  |
| <b>Zumba</b>            | 10am every Sunday, £4 entry. Charlottebrk@gmail.com  |
| <b>Yoga</b>             | Every Tuesday at 7pm, pay Karina direct.   |

## Birdingbury Calendar

<b>December</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Saturday	3 Swap Shop	Birbury	10.30
Saturday	3 Prelude to Christmas	Church	19.30
Thursday	8 Fish and Chips	Club	19.45
Saturday	10 Swap Shop	Birbury	10.30
Saturday	10 Nativity and Carols	Club and around	18.30
Saturday	10 Concert—Joglaresa	LH Church	19.00
Tuesday	13 Ladies Circle Pamper Evening	Club	19.45
Saturday	17 Tea at Three	Birbury	15.00
Saturday	24 Christmas Draw	Club	20.30
Saturday	31 New Year's Eve	Club	20.00
<b>January</b>			
Saturday	7 Swap Shop	Birbury	10.30
Sunday	8 Wasps v Tigers and Curry	Ricoh and Club	15.00 kick off
Tuesday	10 Ladies Circle New Year Meal	Jackie & Barbara	TBA
Thursday	12 Fish and Chips	Club	19.45
Saturday	14 Film Night -Dad's Army	Club	TBA
Sunday	15 Bring and Share Lunch	Club	12.00
Monday	16 Mobile Library	Main Street	11.40
Tuesday	17 Parish Council Meeting	Birbury	19.30
Thursday	26 Coffee and Chat	Birbury	10.30



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