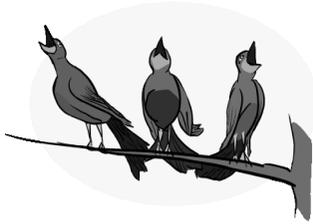


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A Taste of Summer

Floral Arrangement: Liz Ellis

Parish Council Report September 2017

At our meeting after the summer break, the Parish Council concentrated on two main issues: the proposal to set up a group to pursue the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan; and discussions with the Club and the Birbury Management Committee on how best to achieve our agreed aim of a joint approach on the future of the whole building.

A separate article sets out the result of the consultation with villagers about the Neighbourhood Plan. The council has a statutory role in this process while not being the lead on it. We have a responsibility to ensure the process of putting together a plan (that will be put to a referendum) is transparent and open. The group which is taking it forward has already shown that this is their priority too. Our Clerk reminded us that all meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Group should be open to any resident wishing to attend. The challenge will be to attract as wide a spectrum of interests as possible to participate in the process, and it was pleasing to hear that, already, seventeen people have expressed a willingness to be involved.

Discussions have taken place over the summer on the future of the Club/Birbury building, and there will be tri-partite meeting before the end of September to try to develop a joint approach which will lead to Birdingbury developing a Village Community resource, as was strongly recommended in our Parish Plan. Watch this space!

Although I promised my fellow councillors NOT to mention dog fouling ever again, the fact that we received at least five complaints about this over the summer leads me to raise it once more. Most of these come from dog owners themselves, who despair that they are being let down by a few unsocial offenders. ***Please – just pick it up and take it to your own bin, and don't hang the bag on the nearest hedge or leave it on other people's property!***

Do feel free to contact any of the councillors, or the Clerk, about any local issue, or come along to our next meeting, which will take place at

7.30pm on Tuesday 17th October 2017 in the Birbury

Diana Turner.

Chair, Birdingbury Parish Council

Welcome to Birdingbury



A special welcome to Steve and Venise who have moved in to Rose Cottage, Main Street; Anthony who has moved into Glebe Rise, Main Street; and James & Steph along with their daughters, Olivia & Jessica, who have moved into Lime Crest on Marton Road.

We hope you will all be very happy here!

Jenny Hawes and Dick Withington

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Birdsong Appeal

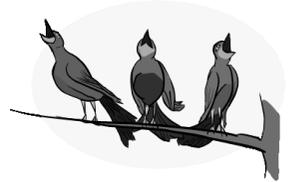
Following last month's appeal, I would like to thank those readers who have most generously donated to the ongoing funding of Birdsong. Together with a significant contribution from the Village Distribution Fund, we will now be able to continue well into next year.

It is most appreciated by all who enjoy the magazine.

Thank you.

Lesley Fleming

Editor



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Coffee and Chat

We had two lovely get togethers in July and August, with some fantastic cakes, and lots of laughter.



Our next two meetings are on Thursday October 26th and November 30th at 10.30 in the Birbury.

Everyone is welcome and it's a chance to catch up with fellow villagers, and relax with a drink and some tasty goodies.

Hope to see you there.....

Your friends from St. Leonard's

Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting

Neighbourhood Development Plan. What is one? Should we have one? A small group of volunteers were tasked at the Annual Village Meeting in April to find out all about Neighbourhood Development Plans and share that information so that the village could make an informed decision on whether to have one or not. Mood Cards were posted inviting both comments and attendance at a village meeting, which was held in the club on Tuesday 6th September.

With around 40 villagers attending, the information was shared with the use of a PowerPoint presentation, together with explanation where required from Jackie & Chris Morton, Lesley Fleming and myself. (Leigh Sidaway was on her holidays).

The meeting concluded with a question and answer session, when healthy debate and an exchange of views took place. The decision on whether Birdingbury should produce a plan or not is based on the return of the Mood Cards. These not only allowed for a Yes or No response but also invited volunteers to come forward to help produce one, should the answer be Yes.

So, whilst there was never an intention to gauge the meeting's views, it did stimulate many cards to be completed and returned. The success of any plan relies heavily on the whole village being consulted and reaching as close to consensus as possible. If this is the start of our village producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, it was an excellent beginning.

Please do get in touch with one of the NPD team if you are interested in getting involved.

Ian Tipton

Deputy Chairman, Parish Council



Neighbourhood Development Plan Mood Results

As part of the investigation into the viability of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Birdingbury, the initial feelings of residents were explored using ‘mood cards’ These were distributed to all residential properties in the parish, and made available in the Club and at the village meeting on 6th September. The responses submitted on these mood cards have now been recorded and reviewed by the team.

Of the 49 cards completed and submitted, 39 indicated support for a Plan. The team considered this a sufficiently positive response to initiate the process.

In addition to the yes/no option, people were invited to consider a series of questions. We have summarised examples of recurring responses as follows:

‘What do you like about Birdingbury?’ included: caring, community spirit; friendly; small; rural village setting; peace and quietness; open views; clean and safe; no street lights.

‘What don’t you like about Birdingbury?’ included: lack of facilities such as shop; infrastructure issues such as drainage, roads, traffic, transport, parking; people feeling left out; divided opinions.

‘What would you like to see in Birdingbury?’ included: improved infrastructure and facilities such as community space, shop; potentially some affordable and/or sheltered housing; greater community spirit.

The full set of replies can be seen on the dedicated pages of the village website: <http://www.birdingbury.org>

In addition, 17 people put their names forward as being interested in getting involved.

The next step is to submit the response to the Parish Council (see Diana’s report). In addition, the volunteers will be contacted individually and invited to a meeting. It is proposed that this will be held on October 11th at 20.00 in the Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

During this meeting, the scope and governance of the plan will be considered. This will eventually be submitted to Rugby Borough Council for their consideration. The outcome of these steps will be communicated to residents via Birdsong, leaflets, notices and the website, prior to full consultation starting.

Thank you to everyone who responded. Your contribution towards gauging the mood concerning the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Birdingbury has been invaluable in determining the way ahead.

NDP Team (Chris and Jackie Morton, Ian Tipton, Leigh Sidaway and Lesley Fleming)

Birdingbury 100 Years Ago: Occupations

This is the first in a series of articles taken from the Birdingbury History Group's May exhibition. It describes the occupations of villagers in 1917.



We estimate that the population of Birdingbury was about 220 in 1917, considerably smaller than today's population of 323. We tend to think of our village having an essentially rural heritage based around agriculture and farming but in 1917 only about 12% of the adult population gave farming as their main occupation. This is based on an extrapolation of the 1911 census data and almost certainly underestimates

the true involvement because many women at the time were listed as 'housewives'. They did more than look after the home of course, and would have been a vital help in growing crops and tending the animals. This was particularly true at peak seasons (e.g. harvest time) when the whole village, including the children, were called into action.

One of the reasons for this lower than expected employment in agriculture was that 22% of the adult working age population were employed by the Army and were fighting in the First World War. With so many men away at war, no doubt the women of the village picked up many of their jobs and chores.



Indeed, almost exactly a hundred years ago today, the First World War was reaching its deadly climax with the slaughter at Passchendaele. In fact, one of our villagers, Thomas Kimberley, died in this battle on 4th October 1917. The Germans were strafing the British lines with machine guns when Thomas took a grenade, zigzagged through no man's land, threw it and hit the German machine gun post. It was this action that resulted in his death and for which he was posthumously awarded the Military Medal.

Thomas's Military Medal is on display in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment Museum in Warwick. In fact, it was a bad time for Birdingbury as two other soldiers had already been killed earlier in the year: Thomas Harvey on 19th April and George Tiff on the 28th May.

In total 37 Birdingbury men were away fighting in the War in 1917 and if we exclude them, the population fell from 220 to 183. But it wasn't just the impact on numbers, the age profile of the village changed dramatically as well with the number of men aged 14-39 dropping from 25% to just 13%. These changes must have made a big impact on village life.

Not all eligible men were conscripted into the armed services. For the first two years of the War, the British Army consisted entirely of volunteers. Disappointed with the results of appeals for more volunteers, the government introduced compulsory conscription on 27th January 1916. Appeals for exemption from military service were commonplace. These appeals were heard at local tribunals and we have found reports of two of them for Birdingbury men: Charles Barfoot and Frank Cockerill. The following is a report from Charles Barfoot's Appeal Hearing that appeared in the Coventry Standard on 5th January 1917:

COVENTRY MILITARY APPEAL COURT

“Charles Barfoot (33, married, general service) a Birdingbury carrier and joint smallholder (30 acres) with his father, supported his appeal by stating that his father was 74 years of age in April, and to him the appellant's leaving would mean great hardship. It was shown that as a carrier the appellant visited Leamington, Coventry and neighbouring towns, taking dairy produce etc, and Mr Wales expressed the view that facilities must be afforded producers in outlying areas to get their articles to market. It was no use asking them to grow more food if they had no chance of transporting it to the towns.

Mr Channing (the Board of Agriculture representative) pointed out that Birdingbury had given more men to the Army than most villages; there was scarcely a young man left.. Exemption was allowed till March 1st”

Charles Barfoot must have made further successful appeals as he never did serve in the Army.

But apart from the Army, by far the most common occupation in Birdingbury was domestic service. Birdingbury Hall was easily the biggest employer in the village with 15% of the adult population working there. However, the Hall was not the only household to employ servants. The Laurels (Milford House) had three domestic staff, The Rectory had two, and Marston House and Davenport Farm both had one servant each.

There were an unusually high number of painters living in Birdingbury in 1917 (6 in total). Two of these were away fighting in the War but four were living in the village at the time. We believe Birdingbury Hall was being decorated during this period and this is almost certainly where they were employed. The other big local employer was Nelson's Cement Works, situated near Birdingbury Wharf and the Boat Inn. In total 10 people from Birdingbury were employed at Nelson's (mainly resident at Birdingbury Wharf) but in 1917 five of these were away at war.



Other occupations in the village at the time included: two publicans (one at the Boat Inn, one at the 'Outside' (now Avonlea); two stockbrokers (John Akroyd and his son of Birdingbury Hall); two butchers (The Cockerills at Brook Farm); two bakers and grocers (Fred and Elizabeth Wills who ran the village shop); two school teachers; two bargees; two dressmakers; the Rector (Frederick Burrows); a builder (William Munro); a mill labourer; an electrician; a carter; a nurse; and a railway worker.

More about Village Life in 1917 next time.

Richard Davies

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Remembering the Fallen at Passchendaele

Securing a pair of tickets in a ballot, with a 1 in 12 chance of success, to attend the 100-year commemoration service of the Battle of Passchendaele at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium, gave my son, William and me the opportunity to pay our respects to my Great Uncle, James Shaddick of the Devonshire Regiment who was lost there at the age of 37.

We also remembered Thomas Kimberley MM of this village who, too, was killed in 1917. He is remembered on the panel dedicated to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, as one of over 35,000 missing empire soldiers who have no known grave and are listed at this cemetery alone. Our own Birdingbury War Memorial at the top of Main Street also records his death.

We also remembered the grandfather of Clive Jarratt (ex-Yew House) who also served with the Royal Warwickshires.

The entire event was extremely moving. It was attended by Prince Charles and representatives from families of the fallen and of Commonwealth governments. The words expressed by the Commonwealth service personnel invited to speak on behalf of their deceased families were so poignant in the surroundings. Those from a serving German Officer in the Bundeswehr also reminded us that there were two sides in the war. The sounding of The Last Post by Royal Marine bugles bought tears to the eyes of many.

We also managed to visit Vimy Ridge and pay our respects to the Canadian fallen at one of the most dramatic war memorials anywhere. Like many of those dedicated to our own soldiers it has been restored and is now again a fitting tribute to those whom we should never forget.

Chris Morton



The Produce Show 2017

The show took place in the Club and Birbury on 9th September and unfortunately clashed with Broadwell, Marton and Southam produce shows. However, in spite of this, the total the number of entries into the 2017 show was slightly up on 2016. There were some interesting home grown entries: a large white pumpkin, a white aubergine and some passion fruit; a selection of very tasty baked items and some lovely and highly accomplished work in the handicraft sections.

The three cups were closely contested and the winners were as follows:

The Alex Johns Challenge Cup (Vegetable Classes)

Andy Westcott

The Birbury Cup (Fruit and Flower Classes)

Jackie Westcott

The Club Rose Bowl (Baking and Preserve Classes)

Jackie Westcott.

Congratulations to them both.

The auction of entries was held, as usual, in the evening and was ably officiated by our resident auctioneer, Gary Laverick. A prize-winning flower arrangement raised the highest amount of £30 but the cakes and sausage rolls, as always, were very popular.

There seemed fewer in attendance at the auction, but Gary was able to coax those assembled to part with their cash and as a result they went home with bags of goodies and we will be able to donate a very healthy £340 to charity.

A big thank you goes to all those who helped with the organisation, submitted entries and supported the auction.

Thank you everyone.

Margaret Burnett



Pies at the ready!

Big Dogs Breakfast



A huge thank you to everyone, human and canine, who came to the Big Dogs Breakfast on 26th August. By merely disposing of Lesley's luscious buns with John's barbecued bangers and bacon, mixing it with the usual noisy Birdingbury crowd, and doing a pied piper impression with Thin Jethro's home-made garlic ridden cheesy dog biscuits, you all raised a magnificent £555!

On behalf of Dogs for Good, thank you for your generosity and your company.



John Starley

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Congratulations



Anna and Will Hine
Just married!



Rhonda and Chris Barney
Fifty years married!

Family Bonfire

Saturday 4th November at 5.30pm

Come along to Birdingbury's Family Bonfire Spectacular at the Playing Field. Please note that food will be available from 5.30pm onwards, the bonfire will be lit at approximately 6.00pm, and the fireworks will start at 6.30pm.

Tickets are £5.00 each with free entry for young children. Numbers will be limited so, to avoid disappointment, please book your tickets in advance. They are available from Liz Ellis (632379), Jackie Westcott (632497) and at the Club. Ticket includes bonfire, fireworks and a delicious supper which is a real bargain, so bring all your family and friends!



Bonfire material will be collected Saturday 28th October. The collection team will meet at the Club from 10.30am. Please leave all material out where it can be seen and contact David Preston (633222) beforehand if you have any special collection requirements. Help with collection would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to a cracking night!

Liz Ellis

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We have a vacancy for a

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Probably 8 hours a week over two days but with some flexibility

Good computer skills are essential, including a sound knowledge of MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Being willing to work closely with clergy and parish representatives and deal with all administrative issues under the guidance of the Rector are both key elements.

For further details, job specification and an application form please contact Reverend Ali Massey on reverendalimassey@gmail.com or 07837 124509

Closing Date: Friday 20th October 2017



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Other Events in Marton

Bingo is every Friday fortnight in the Village Hall, starting from 6th October.

We have our ever-popular 'Pie Friday' on October 13th.

Marton Cinema returns to the Village Hall next month with 'A Sense of an Ending' – date and time yet to be confirmed.

Details will be on the website: www.martonvillage.com or contact me on 633243

Dyan Hewett

Birdingbury Village Club

I can't quite believe we're talking about Halloween and Bonfire Night already, but it seems another busy autumn of club and village events is almost upon us!

Progress on the future development remains positive and we hope there'll be some concrete plans to discuss more widely very soon. Meanwhile, can I raise another very important point with you?

Wine!

I mentioned last month that we'd be reviewing our wine options shortly and we'd still really like it if there were a few knowledgeable volunteers to help us with the selections. If this is you, could you drop me a line at antonyflint@aol.com or leave your details at the bar? Thanks!

Tony Flint

Month	Date	Time	Event
October	5	KO 19.45	International Football, England v Slovenia
	12	19.45	Fish and Chip Van
	14	20.30	Quiz
	28	tba	Halloween Trick or Treating
November	4	19.30	Post Bonfire Drinks
	9	19.45	Fish and Chip Van
	11	20.30	Quiz

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Anyone for Rugby?

2nd December 2017 – Birdingbury Annual Trip to Wasps v Tigers at the Ricoh – KO 16.30

As usual, I will be organising a bus and tickets to this match. Last year there were 62 of us. How many this year? A great village day out!

Why not make an evening of it too – we'll organise food at the Club on our return so that properly sustained post-match analysis can follow!

As soon as tickets are available at the start of October, I will put details up in the Club. Meanwhile, if you'd like to be included on the mailing list, please let me know at john@jkstarley.com.

John Starley

Leamington Hastings Bowls Club

A warm welcome to Darren, Len, Les and Pauline: thank you for playing during our outdoor season, we hope you will continue with us during the indoor season.

Two young people and their Mum joined us for a few Wednesday roll ups and they all did very well. We would like to invite them, and anyone else, to come and play every Wednesday at 7pm at the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. Flat shoes and comfortable clothing is all that's required.

Club members have played well this season. We played 16 matches, won 9 and drew 1. Well done, everyone. Win or lose, home or away, we always seem to have fun, no pressure, lots of encouragement, (some teasing), some good weather, good exercise and good company. Thank you to the ladies who provide fabulous teas after the home matches. Also thanks to the team who keep the green in good order.

We held several events through the season to raise funds for charity and the club. All were well attended and a huge thank you to everyone who joined in. The Lyle Watts Day raised £400 in aid of Myton Hospice.

The last outdoor match will be Ladies v Gents, followed with a fish and chip supper (thank you to The Harvester in Long Itchington) to round off the evening and, indeed, the season.

Work starts in September to improve the bowling green. We did enjoy the challenge of the green this year (thanks to the lack of rain in the spring), although floodlights, an underground irrigation system and a new pavilion are a long way off!!

The date for our Skittles Evening is Friday 20th October, the ticket price is £8.50 and includes food, tea and coffee (or bring your own drinks), prizes for the winning team and a raffle. Tickets from Pat on 01926 632874

Meanwhile, please come and join us on a Wednesday evening; it would be lovely to see you. If you require further information call me on 01788 336913.

Susan Turner



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Ladies Circle 2017-2018

Our AGM took place on 12th September during which we agreed our provisional programme of activities for the coming year. This will include making our own Christmas crackers and table decoration, meals in a member's home and the Birbury, a talk by the Warwickshire Badger Trust, a pamper evening and an acupuncture demonstration. The details are still being finalised but we think we have planned a varied and fun programme.

During the AGM it was voted that some meetings would be for members only but for most events visitors will be very welcome at the unchanged cost of £3/meeting. It was agreed that the membership fee should rise to £15 for ten meetings to allow more scope in booking interesting speakers and activities.

After the AGM, we were really pleased to have the opportunity to listen to a fascinating talk by Lady Kira Dalton on her work with the African Oyster Trust in Gambia. It was heart-warming to hear of the progress the charity has made over the years in bringing education and health care to villages in The Gambia.

Our meeting on 10th October is still to be finalised but Ladies Circle have agreed to act as hosts for a presentation about the installation of a defibrillator in the village phone box. This meeting will be open to all villagers who are interested in learning more about how the village can support this very worthwhile project. Further details will be distributed to all households nearer the time to confirm timing etc.

November and December will see us beavering away 'Blue Peter' style as we have a go at making our own Christmas crackers and table decoration. More details nearer the time.

If you would like to have a chat about joining us as a member, or to come along as a visitor, please speak to a member or give me a call on 632579

Leigh Sidaway

Chair

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Napton Art Group Autumn Exhibition

Napton Art Group are holding their ever-popular Autumn Exhibition on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) from 10 am until 5 pm.

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

Howard Collerson

Letter Copied to the Editor

To Moosher Le Maire Oiseau

From Francophile Birdingbury

Mays Chere Amis Francais

Noose desolé sil voose plate continué escritois voose lettres to Birdingbury. Noose regrets we did not replayé a voose, mais voose must know that Les Purples de grand Bretagne ou Royaume Uni are rubbish at to learn un autre language, and tout le monde do it so much better.

Sil voose plate, sil vous plate continue to escrtior to Birdingbury. We are tout desolé not to hear from Moosher Le Maire, Brexit ou non Brexit, noose still continué to be European!

Bon chance mes amis Francais.

Vive L'entente conrdiale a vive La Republique Francais

Salutations

A Francophile Concerné

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Christmas Shoe Boxes

I hope those of you who came to The Church of St. Esprit in Marton on 16th September enjoyed the displays and stalls organised by the volunteers from Stretton who do so much good work for the charity www.teams4u.com delivering the Christmas Shoe Boxes to disadvantaged children.



At the moment, the gallant team of Birdingbury "Rappers" are busy wrapping shoe boxes in time for this year's Christmas delivery, and we are continually grateful for everyone's help and interest. Thanks to all the kind people who have donated hand-made gifts of small toys and teddy bears, also stationery, toys, sweets, toiletries and accessories suitable for children.

More volunteers are always needed, please contact me on 01926 632582 if you would like to help.

Daphne Chippendale

Church Cafe

Our autumn offering is a 'PIES ARE US' lunch Saturday 14th October 12.30 - 2 pm at St. Leonard's.

There will be a choice of 3 autumnal pies: Homity Pie; Fidget Pie; and Cornish Pasties, plus dessert, coffee or tea.

Donations will be welcome for Hope 4 Rugby. Also, we will be pleased to receive any of your surplus warm coats, jackets, gloves and hats and / or sleeping bags to send to Hope 4.

We are happy to collect these from you if necessary.

We look forward to seeing you on 14th October,

Eira Owen and Aileen Withington

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The Birbury



We will be having our annual get together in the Birbury on Saturday 16th December to celebrate Christmas. Tea at 3 will give us a chance to share a cuppa or a glass of sherry, warm home-made mince pies and sing, together with our talented keyboard player, a choice of festive songs.

Put the date in your diary so you don't forget, everyone welcome and transport can be arranged.

Jenny Hawes, Birbury Chair

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Library Services

Don't forget the mobile library and home delivery services. Dates are given on the back page.

If you'd like more information, I can be contacted on: 01926 851031 or by email at mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk.



Debbie Bennett

Mobile Library and Home Library Delivery Service

Birdingbury Fledglings

This time last year we reported on the exceptional wave of young people from the village heading off to university and further education. Twelve months later we caught up with some of them to find out what they had learned.

As part of his social sciences practical, Will Morton (Earth Sciences, Durham University) has learned how to see off a pint but not yet how to chat up women.

Sebastian Coles (Chemistry, Durham University) has been augmenting his studies with language lessons: he's learned that lunch is dinner; dinner is tea; baps is barmes; and that pi is not an irrational number but £2.50 and chips with it.



Kate French (Mathematics, Durham University) has been studying ethics in her spare time. She has learned that trying to cox the men's four into victory by shortcutting through the shallows concluded with a moral dilemma - which was worse: having a broken boat or having to ask Will to fix it?

Through his Domestic Science option, Marcus Coles (Mathematics, University of Warwick) has discovered his inner chef: spaghetti and beans on curly fries with gravy being his signature dish. He also took a short course in geography and explored the distant foreign lands of Royal Leamington Spa where he bumped into his mum.

Henry French (Chemistry, York University) has been reading up on Family Psychology. The results of extensive self-analysis has revealed that Benson, Monty, Suki and even Parsnip (the Guinea Pig) have been sorely missed, but not his mum or dad.

A fine crop of young talent there. I'm sure the world will be a better place for the great investment being made in their ongoing education.

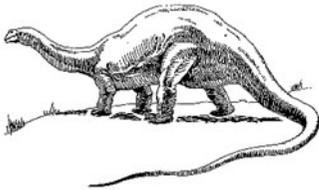
The author of this item prefers to remain anonymous!

Miss Bronte

Emily Bronte
Was a marvellous writer,
Poems that stir you
And stories that fright yer.



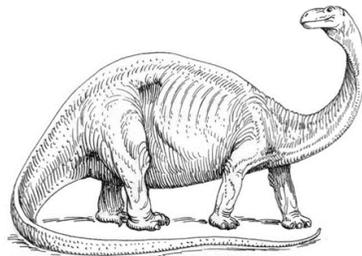
She lived near the moor's edge
With her brother and sisters,
A peacock called Henry
And a spaniel called Blisters.



She walked on the moor
In the wildest of weathers,
Searching the mists
And the wet springing heathers,

Looking for Heathcliff
And looking for Cathy.
Tom thought she was bonkers.
Sue thought she was batty.

Home they both fled
With the wind in a chorus,
'We were looking for fossils
When Miss Bronte saw us.'



Pilgrim

Birdingbury Calendar

October		Event	Venue	Time
Thursday	5th	England Football	Club	19.45
Saturday	7th	Myton Hospice Shopping Evening	Marton Village Hall	19.00
Tuesday	10th	Ladies Circle Defibrillator Presentation	Birbury	19.45
Wednesday	11th	Neighbourhood Development Plan Launch Meeting	Club	20.00
Thursday	12th	Fish and Chips	Club	19.45
Friday	13th	Mobile Library	Main Street	11.40
Saturday	14th	Church Café Pies are Us!	Church	12.30
Saturday	14th	Quiz	Club	20.30
Tuesday	17th	Parish Council Meeting	Birbury	19.30
Thursday	26th	Coffee and Chat	Birbury	10.30
Saturday	28th	Halloween	Trick or Treat	tba
November				
Friday	3rd	Mobile Library	Main Street	11.40
Saturday	4th	Family Bonfire	Playing Field	17.30
Thursday	9th	Fish and Chips	Club	19.45
Saturday	11th	Quiz	Club	20.30
Tuesday	14th	Ladies Circle—tba	Birbury	19.45
Friday	24th	Mobile Library	Main Street	11.40
Thursday	30th	Coffee and Chat	Birbury	10.30



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