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EDITORIAL

Hello again.

It doesn't seem possible, but I have now been editing the magazine for a year!! Where has that time gone? I do enjoy it, though, although it was supposed to be temporary!

In this issue we have the full story of the playground project, which was a mammoth undertaking for a small Parish like ours. All credit to those who had the vision to instigate it, follow it through and bring it to fruition. It's very rare now to go in the recreation ground and not see anyone using the play equipment or the newly refurbished skate ramp.

We also have the full report on the Haversham & Little Linford Village Show, again another area where we punch

above our weight!

Congratulations to all the winners, and apologies for the unimaginative photos. Our usual photographer was unavailable, and I was asked to stand in. My expertise in photography is certainly not of people! However, the quality of everyone's entries was what mattered on the day, and they were all outstanding.

If you have something to contribute to the next or future issues, then please send it to me.

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Open House Lunch

Julia and Ian Cheetham, on behalf of St Mary's Church, are providing an Open House Lunch at the Old Forge, normally on the third Monday of each month. The lunches are for any member of St. Mary's and St Leonard's Churches and residents of Haversham and Little Linford. The Old Forge is located on the High Street next to the Greyhound Pub. Coffee will be available from 10.30am. lunch will be available at approximately 12.30pm and tea and cake on offer in the afternoon until 3.30pm.

Maureen White on 07889 654906 has kindly agreed to provide transport for those who need help getting to The Old Forge.

The Open House Lunch in October will be on Monday 20 October 2025. The date for November will be Monday 17th November 2025. There is no charge for Lunch and you will be warmly welcomed.

For further information please call 01908 914318.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Richard and the Parish Council for that most unexpected honour to Joan and myself with the award presented to us at the show. Those early vears from 1970 on were certainly busy for us as we did what we could to help make this wonderful village thrive as MK grew nearby. It warmed my heart to see so many young new faces as well as the more familiar at this year's show. Haversham's future is in good hands from the PC to the

youngest resident. May God continue to bless this village. From two of its oldest.

Joan and Harold

The Parish Council has also received thanks from Jackie Brown, who was very touched to be given the award, and from Lucille Smith who was 'shocked' to be awarded the Rose-Stimpson Cup.

NEXT ISSUE OF MAGAZINE

Our next issue is for December 2025/ January 2026. Copy date will be 14th November 2025 and the magazine should be ready for distribution on or around 28th November 2025.

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Electra takes her 10,000th quest

When Eleanor Sturgess came aboard Milton Keynes community boat Electra in August for a Fish and Bubbles cruise with her friends, she got slightly more than she bargained for; it turns out that she was the 10,000th guest to take a trip on the boat since its launch in 2021. So all of the guests on the trip got an extra



complimentary glass of Prosecco with their fish and chips, and Eleanor was presented with her own bottle of bubbly in celebration of this event.

This was

Eleanor's second trip on Electra, the first being a cream tea cruise from Fenny Stratford to Stoke Hammond. When asked about what it was that attracted her to the cruises, she said 'because there's no noise from the engine, it forces you to just slow down and enjoy looking at the canal. You realise how lovely and quiet it is, it's really relaxing'. She added 'The wildlife isn't so worried either, because you haven't got all that noise, so they don't hear you coming; it just feels really peaceful'. Eleanor is also keen to come on one of our later trips, particularly the seasonal 'Mulled Wine and Mince Pie' cruise, which I confirmed we would be running again this year.

New cruises planned for 2026

A new charity, MK Canals, (mkcanals. org) is organising the installation of a new electric bollard and accessible boarding point, at the canal side in Wolverton. This will give us the opportunity next year to run trips from Wolverton, North (to the Galleon and Cosgrove) and then South (to New Bradwell and Great Linford). These will probably be approximately 2 hour return cruises, some may have food, we are yet to finalise details.

Also, the fish and chip cruises have been so popular and quick to fill, that we will be running an extra mid-week fish and chip cruise this year, this time over lunch. Watch our web site for details.

Would you like to join us?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, not just to run trips on the boat, but also for a range of shore roles, helping to plan trips and run Electra. For more details, see https://www. bmkwaterway.org/electra/volunteering/ or contact denise.taylor@bmkwaterway. org





held at St Mary's every first Sunday of the month

Lots of fun activities based around Bible stories.

(All the helpers are DBS checked)

Ring/text Joanna, 07989821436 for more info!

HAVERSHAM SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (HSCC) USEFUL INFORMATION



About the HSCC

The Haversham Social and Community Centre (HSCC) charity was established to maintain and operate the Social and Community Centre, under licence from Milton Keynes City Council, for the benefit of Parish residents

You can hire the hall for your events, activities, classes and parties.

To help fund the Social and Community Centre, the HSCC also runs a number of community events each year.

Booking the Social and Community Centre

The Small Hall (approx. 37m²) is available between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays during term time only. The Entire Hall (approx. 150m²) is available 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays during term time and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at all other times.

Minimum hire period is 1½ hours. Kitchen facilities are available at no charge for light refreshments. There is a charge of £25 per session for full catering use with access to the cooker.

One-off hire rates	Parish Resident	Non-Resident
Entire Hall – per hour	£32.50	£38.00
Small Hall – per hour	£12.00	£15.00
Entire Hall – All Day (Note 1)	£390.00	£456.00
Entire Hall – Children's Party (Note 2)	£75.00	£95.00

Note 1: All day is 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. – non-school days only

Note 2: 4 hours ending no later than 6.00 p.m.

Rates exclude refundable damage deposit – cancellation charges apply

Regular hire rates	Parish Resident	Non-Resident
Entire Hall – per hour	£12.50	£18.75
Small Hall – per hour	£5.00	£7.50
Entire Hall – <i>All Day (Note 3)</i>	£150.00	£225.00

Note 3: All day is 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. – non-school days only Minimum 10 sessions per calendar year – cancellation charges apply

To enquire or book please e-mail:

bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk

For more information on the HSCC, please visit our webpage at

www.havershamsocialcentre.org.uk

Regular Activities at the Social and Community Centre

There are a number of regular activities held at the Social and Community Centre, both open and closed groups. If you want to run a regular class or activity, then please contact us to check availability.

If you wish to attend any of the activities listed below, please contact the organiser direct via the details provided:

St Mary's Church Youth Group: every Thursday during term time from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m. Open to school years 5 to 10. For more information contact Amy at st.marys.youth@outlook.com or 07415 982901,or just turn up!

Yoga Class every Tuesday during term time from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. For more information contact Louise on 07974 059163

Sound Bath Meditation Sessions:

Held by Shon on the 2nd Wednesday evening of every month,

7.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m.

For more information and to book, visit https://www.facebook.com/ SoundBathHaversham/events



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- the view from the Chair

write this as the weather turns more autumnal and the nights are drawing in. Another busy couple of months for the Parish Council although very rewarding, and, as usual, there are a number of matters to update you all on.

Before that, I just want to note the recent passing of Christopher Vaughan. Christopher lived in Haversham for over 50 years, initially at the Old Rectory and latterly at Conker Cottage. His



time on the Parish Council spanned three decades from the late 80s including many years as the Chair. I understand that often his daughters had to be encouraged (under duress!) to deliver the Parish Magazine to the village!

He was also able to offer free legal advice to the Parish Council on a variety of matters, such as gaining compensation from the local utilities company when they wanted to move services, which went into the parish funds. He also supported other local groups with his advice and guidance on many legal matters.

Whilst I did not know Chris well, whenever our paths crossed in the village, we would have a chat, often about Rugby (although as many of you know that, unlike Chris, I am not a Saints fan having grown up elsewhere in the country!) but always warm and friendly.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Deborah, daughters Maddie and Miranda and grandchildren Ellie and Benny Roberts as well as his many friends within Haversham and elsewhere.

Playground Update and other work on the Rec

We were immensely proud and a bit relieved to open the new Playground on 1st August. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, despite the slightly inclement weather, and the absolute joy on the faces of so many children as they tried out the new equipment for the first time. There is a separate article elsewhere in the magazine about the journey to that day, but I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Maria, our now former clerk, for all her hard work over the last three years to get this project delivered. It was only right that on the day Maria cut the ribbon to open the play area, although I only gave her about one minute's notice as she and her family were walking up the path just after I had started the opening proceedings!

Alongside the new play area, we have taken the opportunity to relocate and refurbish the benches that used to be in a straight line

along the fence. We also received two new benches from the playground supplier HAGS, for which we are grateful. As I write this, one

bench remains 'work-in-progress', but

thanks to Ian Burgess (and Gill) for their work to bring those benches back to life for us. I have seen all the benches, new and old, are being well used now they are more spread out in the play area.

We have also completed the long-awaited refurbishment of the Skate ramp which I understand 'is skating well'. Thanks to



Rob of Radii Ramps for doing such a great job and to the skating

community for their contribution to the cost, as well as their repainting of the frame. Despite the refurbishment, the ramp will still wear with use and produce splinters, so please parents, do discourage children from using it as a slide. We also now have a clear maintenance regime in place between the skating community and ourselves to keep the ramp in as good a condition as possible in the coming years.

We have now turned our attention to the path from Manor Drive. We have 50% of the funds via the MKCC Community Infrastructure Fund grant and will be progressing this in the coming months. We are not sure of the exact timescale given the work needed to appoint a contractor, but we will keep you informed of progress and, of course, when the work happens that entrance will be closed for a period.

Longer term there are other refurbishment ideas on the table, but these are dependent both on funds and the capacity of the Parish Council to get them done.

Councillor Vacancies

We remain at four parish councillors, so three less than our statutorily allowed

complement of seven. As noted in my last report, that increases the risk that we will not be quorate at our meetings and, indeed, due to illness and a personal situation, that happened at our meeting on 15 September. We were forced to cancel the meeting and inevitably that means that some important items remain unresolved.

We urgently need to bolster councillor numbers and increase representation from across the Parish. Outside of the monthly meetings, this voluntary role is very flexible and you can decide how much time and effort you wish to put in. We all find it very rewarding and you can all see the difference we have been able to make on a number of areas across the Parish

If you are interested in finding out more or to apply, please contact the Clerk at *clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk*. I am also happy to have an informal chat if you want to discuss this with me before making up your mind.

Community Allotment Plot

As a follow-on from the successful Allotment Open Day, a group of residents approached the Parish Council with the idea of a Community Plot to allow people who maybe cannot take on a whole allotment plot, to have a small area to work personally, plus to provide a shared area that can be tended by a group. This was to be discussed at our cancelled meeting on 15 September, so at this stage no decision has been taken, but if anyone is interested in this project, please contact the Clerk and we will pass on your details to the community plot team.

Wolverton Household Waste Recycling Centre

Little news other than to say that by the time you read this, the first meeting of the Community Liaison Group will have taken place. A number of residents have signed up to this group including myself, and

once we have news to share we will do so through the usual channels.

We still have no indication of when MKCC will submit their formal planning application, but that may become clearer at the upcoming meeting.

Highways and Road Safety

Little news here as well - partly due to the usual summer slowdown and also due to the fact that many of the issues raised with MKCC have been resolved.

We continue to press for a resolution to the 'eScooter litter' on the Wolverton Road and are in discussions with MKCC and Lime to try and resolve this, as well as listen to what they have to say about extending the scheme into the new village - we welcome your views on a possible extension.

We also continue to engage with MKCC in regard to the flooding situations at Rowan Drive and Haversham Hill, as well as pushing for the various road safety and speed limit changes around the Parish to be progressed.

Just to remind you, if you see a maintenance issue locally, don't forget to use the 'Report It' page on the MKCC website, https://www.milton-keynes.gov. uk/pay-report-and-apply/report-it.

Planning Matters

A delegated decision to progress the MK City Plan 2050 local plan into its next sixweek round of consultation (Regulation 19) is scheduled for 28 October. After this consultation, MKCC still intend to submit the plan for examination by the Planning Inspectorate in March 2026. The Parish Council will consider our response to the consultation at a future meeting.

No further news on the HcLL Neighbourhood Plan allocated development site in the old village, other than the developer is planning to undertake some landscaping work on the site shortly, which will also improve the

bridleway accessibility.

The long-awaited report of the New Towns Taskforce has not yet been published so we still do not know if their recommendation will include Milton Kevnes. The report is expected in the coming weeks and the date now being quoted is 'by the end of the year'. We have no other information and thus no idea whether or not it will impact our Parish.

As and when we have news, we will update our website at www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/city-plan and www. havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/ npsitenews

Village Show

The Haversham Social & Community Centre (HSCC) Events team ran another excellent village show

on 6 September and their update is elsewhere. As well as my usual role in judging the 'Best Novice Entry', won this year by Zac Cheetham-Joshi,



I had immense

pleasure in presenting three Parish Council awards.

The Parish Council awarded two Community Long Service trophies: the first to Joan and Harold Lowndes for all that they have done for the community since they moved to Haversham in 1970. This included supporting the Church, the HSCC, the Jubilee Club and many other aspects of village life. It was

a pleasure to meet Harold at the show as well as his daughter Karen.

The second was to Jackie Brown, who earlier in the year stood down as both Trustee and Chair of the HSCC. She had

been Chair for 19 years and a committee member/Trustee for much longer. She continues to be involved and helped the events team with the Village Show this year, but we hope she also now enjoys

not having the overall responsibility for the charity! The final

award was the Rose-Stimpson Cup for the 'Parish Resident of the Year' which was kindly donated by Ena and Gerald Stimpson when they moved away

from the parish.

It was presented by their daughter Gill Callow to Lucille Smith (Mrs Smith to our younger readers) for her work on the Forest School at Haversham Village School. This was no small feat given all the aspects of design, fund-raising and delivery and I know that it is well loved by the children. Well done, Lucille!

Congratulations to them all and also everyone else who was successful at our wonderful show!

Other News

CCTV for the Rec: some of you may have noticed the CCTV camera by the school. This is there to keep an eve on the new play equipment on the recreation ground and is not monitoring the school at all.

Neighbourhood Watch: the new village schemes are all set-up and running and

we encourage you to sign up via www. ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw and build our community further.

Parking on the Crescent: it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing level of parking on the 'Green' side of the road on The Crescent which is creating congestion as well as difficulties for people in getting their cars in and out of their driveways. Whilst parking is always a difficult topic, please do try and be considerate of your neighbours when you park.

Parish Magazine Content: we repeat our usual call for content for this magazine. We are very interested in local interest content, charity news and, of course, the contributions from the younger residents. So if you do have an article or other content to contribute, please send it to our editor at carol.langham@ havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk for inclusion in the next or a future issue.

Contacting Us and Helping Out

As well as this regular article, we use our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ HcLLParishCouncil and website www. havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk to share news and useful information - so please follow us on Facebook and visit the website regularly.

If you have any issues, suggestions or questions for us. or would like to volunteer to help with one of our initiatives (Community Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Watch or Litter Picking), then please either message us via Facebook or email the Parish Clerk, Shamina, at clerk@ havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk. We do our best to respond promptly.

Thank you all for reading and I hope you found this informative. Have a great autumn and I hope to see many of you at the upcoming HSCC Fireworks event on 8 November.

> **CIIr Richard Pryor** Chair

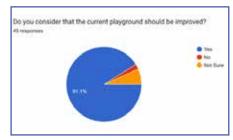
THE STORY OF THE HAVERSHAM PLAY AREA PROJECT

n 1st August 2025, we opened the rejuvenated play area at the end of what was almost three years of work to bring it to fruition. We and the other former and current members of the Parish Council are tremendously proud of the result, having successfully completed the largest single project ever delivered by the Parish Council. We have been truly touched by the positive reactions we have received since the opening. from adults and children alike, and on the various occasions we have been at the Rec. it has been wonderful to see the play area so well used. It has been a labour of love, sometimes tough, but always enjoyable and we wanted to share the story along with a number of pictures from the journey.

Back in late 2022, our annual safety inspection noted that some of the older equipment was getting close to the end of its life and did not meet the current safety standards. The PC was reluctant to just remove old equipment so started to investigate how they could obtain funds to pay for new equipment.

In May 2023 the project kicked off in earnest. One of the key things we Ceri Parkes-Brincat, we ran a number of surveys and face-to-face sessions, including an online survey, a stall at the Coronation Fete and some workshops with the children at Haversham Village School. We also started to contact potential suppliers.

The survey work gave us a good idea



of what was needed and we briefed a number of suppliers in order to get guotes to support our grant applications.

Another requirement for grants was some community funding. We set up a site for public donations and, with the support of Paul and the team at the Greyhound, ran a successful Pig Roast in August 2023. We now had some cash in the bank, but a long way short of the £100,000 we needed.

In the autumn of 2023, we began to apply for grant funding - a substantial iob.



National Lottery Community Fund. In May 2024 a further grant followed from the Milton Keynes Community Foundation

- specifically for sensory equipment

- and then in September 2024 the final and largest grant was confirmed from The FCC Communities Foundation.



These three grants combined with the

ran a tender process over the latter part

of 2024. As this was such a significant

public funds and an amount from our own reserves meant we had reached our Communities £100.000 target. Foundation @ Now we had to run a tender process to choose our supplier. We formed a playground working group that included the two of us and our newest Councillor, Jess Cunniffe, and tender it had to be run according to local government procurement rules, so another learning curve for us all! The tenders were evaluated in early 2025, and at the Parish Council meeting in February 2025 the working group presented its recommendation to the full Council. It was agreed that we would progress to contract with HAGS based on the design you will have seen many times over the last few months.

It was now time to finalise the details, agree the contract, wait for manufacture and then complete the install. In March we also ran a public exhibition at the Social Centre of our chosen design and allowed the children to make some of the final design decisions we needed to make – that was a wonderful afternoon seeing the reactions of the children (and parents!) as they came out of school that

The contract with HAGS was signed in April and manufacture began. Installation started on 8th June and throughout was a source of great excitement for the children as they saw the progress each day, noses pressed against the wire fence,





all with a growing sense of anticipation. We also posted messages, videos and pictures regularly on Facebook to keep the community updated with progress. Like all building work it was not without challenges! The digger certainly had to work hard to break through the rock and stone that was only a few inches under the surface, and keeping the new grass alive in the dry, hot weather was a trial. Due to the train being delayed (well, we are in Britain!), there was a slight break in the installation programme and a subsequent delay to our planned opening, but once all the new equipment had been installed and safety checked we were ready!

We opened the playground at 12:30pm on Friday 1st August. Despite being a grey day, it was wonderful to see so many of you there for the opening and thanks to the HSCC for allowing us to use their facility to offer refreshments and to the school for opening the gate to the Rec to allow people to go to and fro. One wonderful memory of that day was seeing the children waiting patiently for the



ribbon to be cut, and when it was, a 'child tsunami' followed and within seconds all the equipment was in use. The opening event was cut a bit short by a downpour, but we hope everyone that attended had a great time.

We must close by expressing our thanks to our funders, the FCC Communities Foundation; The National Lottery Community Fund and the Milton Keynes Community Foundation, without whom none of this would have happened. Further thanks to Jilly and the team at HAGS for her wonderful design; Luke at HAGS for managing the installation; and the HAGS installation team for working so hard in the very hot weather to get the build completed.

We all hope that the playground will continue to be a source of joy and pleasure for many years to come!

Richard Pryor and Maria Manthorpe













HAVERSHAM SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE



Since our last update, much of our time has been spent preparing for and running the annual Village Show on 6th September. More on that below.

We continue to progress a number of behind-the-scenes activities to improve our charity's operations, management and governance, as well as maintain the hall itself, making sure it is available to book for your activities and events. We are pleased that a number of you have booked parties and other events for the coming weeks and also welcome one new regular booker.

All the details about the hire charges are elsewhere in the magazine, and we are pleased to confirm that we will not be raising our charges in 2026 and that we have also agreed that any registered charity will qualify for resident rates regardless of their location. If you want to find out more or make a booking, one-off or regular, please contact us via bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk



We would also like to express thanks for the support of Lloyd Andrews who recently repaired and serviced the curtains in the hall and to Paul Taylor who cleaned the windows, as well as provided a suitable ladder to help Lloyd do his repairs.

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In the coming months we hope to progress our 'Social Centre Improvement' project where we plan to update the hall with things such as acoustic baffling, a hearing loop, Wi-Fi and Audio-Visual Equipment. More on that as it progresses, and if you have any expertise in any of these areas and can possibly help us out then do get in touch. One of the first tasks is raising funds and getting quotes for the work we have planned.

Village Show Update

We held another very successful show this year with a total of 46 entrants and 271 entries, which was down on the spectacular numbers at last year's 25th show but still excellent, particularly given the impact the weather had on the produce classes.

We were lucky with the weather on the day and had a great turnout of residents and non-residents who came to have a look at the entries, enjoy the refreshments and for many (young and old) the easy access to the new playground!

Thanks of course to the organising team, the entrants, the stewards, the judges, the church team led by Shula Holt on the refreshments, those who donated cakes, plus those who helped clear up afterwards. And of course, congratulations to those who won!

The major category prizes were awarded as follows:

The Photography award was won by Hannah Cheetham-Joshi. Despite the challenging growing season, Gill Burgess won both the Fruit and Vegetable trophies and Graham Paley won the Floral Cup for the second year running! The Domestic Cup was won by Claire Clark, the Arts & Crafts Cup by Ian Burgess and the Wood

& Metal award went to Tim Spencer – everyone was a worthy winner and for those that did not win, commiserations, but there were some great entries on display across every category so, as always, the competition was tough.

In the Children's section the Toddler (under-three) award was won by Rowan Ridley; for the three to under-seven group the award was won by Noah Ridley; the seven to under-ten award by Zac Cheetham-Joshi and the ten to underfourteen by Darcey Watkins.

The Special awards were as follows:

The Bill Bedford Trophy for the best photograph entered by a child, as judged by Russell, our photography judge, went to Kate Nagle-Smith. The Pat Brightman award for the best exhibit by a child went to Zac Cheetham-Joshi. This award was judged by Pat Brightman's great-niece Amber, and it was lovely to see her at the show. For the first time this year we had an award for the best entry in the adult classes by someone under-18, and this went to Kate Nagle-Smith for her wonderful display of dried flowers and grasses. Kate received a medal that she is able to keep. Our judge, Irene, particularly pointed out how hard it was to get such a wonderful display of delicate dried flowers pulled together.

The Parish Council's Novice Award went to Zac Cheetham-Joshi for his imaginative 'pasta and pulse collage' and was judged by Richard Pryor, the Chair of the Parish Council. The HAGS trophy this year was for the best allotment grown entry and this was awarded to Marc Watkins for his impressive 'squash', although in the main 'heaviest marrow' class it was all slightly contentious in terms of whether it was a marrow – according to the vegetable

judge. We hope his success mitigated the disappointment of missing out in the heaviest marrow to Benny Roberts.

The Best Exhibit in the Show as judged by the HSCC Events Committee was Margaret Fanning for her beautiful knitted arrangement of a scarecrow in a vegetable patch. The family award for the most points by a family group went to the Watkins family.

The final award is given to the person with the most overall points in the Show. In 3rd place with 20 points was Darcey Watkins, in second place with 21 points was Gill Paton and finally in first place was Gill Burgess with 28 points. Congratulations to all the winners in the different classes and to those who won the major awards.

The Parish Council awarded the Rose-Stimpson Cup this year to Lucille Smith. This award is given to the person who has done most for the village during the vear and was for her work on the Forest School at the school. The award was presented by Gill Callow, Ena and Gerald Stimpson's daughter. The Parish Council also presented two awards for long service to the community and these were given to Joan and Harold Lowndes and former Chair and Trustee of the HSCC, Jackie Brown. They are all very deserving recipients for all they have done for the Parish and we were especially pleased for Jackie as she has done so much for the HSCC over the years. Organising the show was a learning experience for many of us, being the first time we had done it after Lesley Gilbert had run it for 25 years, although Jackie helped us out along the way with lots of helpful advice! It was rewarding seeing all the entries as well as the turnout on the day and we

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THE 26TH ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW

Trophy Winners 2025



Starting with children's classes:

1.Top points Toddler Age Group

2. Top points for Junior Age Group of 3-6 yrs inclusive

3. Top points for Middle Age group of 7-9 yrs inclusive

4. Top points for Intermediate Age group of 10-13 years inclusive

5. Bill Bedford trophy for best photograph by a child under 17

6. Pat Brightman trophy for best exhibit by a child

ROWAN RIDLEY

NOAH RIDLEY

ZAC CHEETHAM-JOSHI

DARCEY WATKINS

KATE NAGLE-SMITH

ZAC CHEETHAM-JOSHI

THE 26TH ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW

Trophy Winners 2025

Now the adults:

7. Top points in Photography
 8. Top points in Horticulture (Vegetables)
 9. The Jack Cox award for top points in Fruit
 GILL BURGESS
 10. Top points in Flowers
 GRAHAM PALEY
 11. Top points in Domestic
 CLAIRE CLARK
 12. Top points in Arts & Crafts
 IAN BURGESS

13. The Jack Cox award for top points in Wood & Metalwork

TIM SPENCER









14. A new award, the **Best Under-18 award** for best entry in the adult classes, judged by Jackie Brown

KATE NAGLE-SMITH

(Dried Flowers)

15. **Parish Council Award** for best Novice entry in any class in the show, in the Parish Council's judgement. ZAC CHEETHAM-JOSHI (Pasta & Pulses Collage)

16. HAGs Award for best **ALLOTMENT** Grown exhibit MARC WATKINS

17. HSCC Award for best show exhibit, in the
Trustees' judgement

MARGARET FANNING
(Scarecrow/Garden)

18. Best Family (top points for whole family in all classes WATKINS

19. Overall Show Winner (top points in all Main classes)
3rd place
2nd place
3rd place
4rd place
5rd place
6rd place

20. Rose-Stimpson Cup awarded by the PC for RESIDENT OF THE YEAR

PLUS
Parish Council Community Awards to
JOAN AND HAROLD LOWNDES
JACKIE BROWN

And for the major accolades:





LUCILLE SMITH

hope everyone who came along had a good time. We welcome your feedback and ideas for next year and thank you again to everyone who was involved.

Christmas Raffle

Some of you may have already seen that this year we have launched a Christmas Raffle which will run until 19th December, with the draw being made on 21st December. The top prize is £100 cash and there are lots of other fabulous prizes to be won worth over £500 in total. Tickets cost £1 and will be on sale at all our events. To buy tickets directly, or to become a 'seller', email us at:

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HSCC Forthcoming

Events:

Fireworks Display on

Saturday November

8th

Christmas Bingo

on Saturday 29th

November

Wreath Making

Workshop on Friday

December 5th

colleagues on a 'sale or return' basis and all we ask is you return the stubs, money and any unsold tickets by the 19th December. All the money raised will go towards the Social Centre Improvement project.

Upcoming Events

With the Village Show having taken

place, we have started one of the busier periods for our events including the annual Fireworks spectacular on the 8th November, the Christmas Bingo, now confirmed for the 29th November and the Wreath Making on 5th December. Please put the dates in your diary and there is further information about each event within the magazine and we will of course provide updates on Facebook as we approach the dates.

We are looking for extra volunteers to help take money on the gate, marshal

cars in the car park or support the refreshments team on the night, so if you are able to help out please do contact us on contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk.

Helping HSCC Out

The HSCC is a small but important asset to our Parish. Running a charity, coupled with managing premises and running events takes passion, time and effort, but is very rewarding.

We continue to look for one or two more Trustees to help with the governance and commercial aspects of the charity plus we are also keen for new people to join the events committee to help manage the overall portfolio of events and to explore new ideas or ways to enhance what we already do. Each event needs people to help plan the details as well as others who may just volunteer to help out on the day.

We still hope to be able to decorate the outside of the Social Centre shortly or in the spring, as well as do a clean and reorganisation of the storage in the three HSCC garages and sorting out the kitchen cupboards and drawers to make things a bit easier to find for hirers. Please do let us know if you have some time to help out with any of these tasks. If you are interested and can get involved with the charity, whether as a Trustee, to be part

of the Events Team, to help with some maintenance work, as a volunteer for an event or perhaps something more, then please do get in touch at *contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk*.

It just remains for us to thank you, the local community, for your ongoing support of the Charity, whether that is by booking the Social Centre or by helping or attending events. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!

Aimee, Fiona, Louise and Richard The HSCC Trustees



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- * A Luxury Facial or Manicure with Elegance by Sarah
- A Gardener's Gift Hamper donated by Margaret

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NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings usually take place at 7.30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Haversham Social and Community Centre. The meetings are open to the public.

The next meetings are: 20th October 2025 17th November 2025

Parish Council meeting agendas are published online and on the parish notice boards the week before each meeting.

Additional news and information can also be found on the Parish website at www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk





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We are always looking for help with our individual event working groups. If you have a bit of time to help out, please contact us.

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HAVERSHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

As autumn begins to unfold, it feels like the perfect time to reflect on new beginnings. The first days of term have flown by, and the school is already brimming with energy and enthusiasm. There's something very special about the way September breathes fresh life into our routines and reminds us of the many adventures ahead.

Mrs Roberts, our wonderful cleaner, has worked tirelessly over the summer holidays to make sure the school was spotless and welcoming for the children's return. From giving each classroom a thorough deep clean to polishing and refreshing shared spaces, her hard work has left the school gleaming. Thanks to her dedication, the children have been able to step back into bright, fresh learning environments, ready to start the year on the best possible note.

Many of you will already know that Mrs Smith, our fantastic Forest School lead, was honoured with the title of Resident of the Year at this year's Village Show. We are incredibly proud of her achievement, which reflects her dedication both to the school and to the wider community. Mrs Smith continues to enhance and expand our Forest School provision, and she is now working with multiple year groups. Through her guidance, the children are developing a love for outdoor learning while building a wide range of valuable, transferable skills that will serve them

well both inside and outside the classroom.

We've had an energetic start to the year.

and the staff have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back. After the calm and quiet of the summer break, it's wonderful to see the school buzzing once again with energy and excitement.

This week our class teachers have been delighted to welcome families into school for the 'New to Year Group' meetings. These sessions gave parents the chance to meet their child's teacher, see the learning spaces and gain a sense of the year ahead. They are always a wonderful opportunity to share the exciting learning journeys planned for each class.

Teachers have also outlined the trips and residential visits scheduled across the year, all carefully designed to enrich the curriculum. These experiences provide children with memorable, hands-on opportunities that bring their learning to life and help them apply knowledge and skills in meaningful ways. In the coming weeks the children will begin with visits to the Imperial War Museum and Cadbury World, two exciting opportunities that will combine learning with enjoyment.



and this term has been no exception. We have been delighted to welcome our newest Foundation children into the Haversham Village School family. The Foundation Stage team has worked tirelessly to make sure each child feels comfortable, confident, and ready to embrace the world of learning ahead. It has been wonderful to see them settle in so quickly, forming friendships, exploring their classroom, and becoming part of our school community with such ease. Their excitement and curiosity are truly inspiring and set a bright tone for the year ahead.

There are plenty of exciting plans for this academic year, and I can't wait to share them with you as they unfold.

We are delighted to welcome two new teachers to our school community this term. Mrs Williams has joined Year 3, bringing her enthusiasm and expertise to support the children's learning and

growth. In Year 2, we are pleased to have Mrs Christopher, who will be with us until Mrs Sapwell returns from her maternity leave. Both teachers have already made a wonderful impression, and we are excited to see the positive impact they will have on their classes throughout the year.

As the nights draw in and the season begins to change, we look forward to the months ahead with energy and optimism. There are many exciting plans and events in store, and we will continue to keep the community updated on all the developments at the school. Wishing everyone a

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and we'll publish the best ones in future

Obviously all our busy bees were working on their entries for the Village Show so haven't sent anything in specially for this page. However, we did manage to get photos of some of their entries - and very good they all were. Well done all of you!









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FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS

Check out the LAMP group website at http://the lampchurches.com or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stmaryhaversham where you can find lots of other details about our worship.

HAVERSHAM MORNING WORSHIP

After each 11 o'clock service, members of the congregation are invited to stay for refreshments.

LAMP GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

October			
05 October	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong	Emberton
12 October	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford*
12 October	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Emberton
40 October	9.30am	Memorial Service	
19 October	9.30am 11.00am		Tyringham Haversham
		Holy Communion	Emberton
	6.00pm	Evensong	
26 October	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford*
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	Memorial Service	Emberton
November			
02 November	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
	11.00am	Memorial Service	Haversham
	6.00pm	Something Else on Sunday	Emberton
09 November	9.30am	Said Holy Communion	Emberton
	10.50am	Remembrance Service	Haversham
	10.50am	Remembrance Service	Emberton
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	Tyringham
16 November	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Haversham
	6.00pm	Evensong	Emberton
23 November	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	Café Church	Emberton
30 November	11.00am	LAMP Service	Little Linford

^{*}Please note: Due to building work all Little Linford services are taking place in Haversham at present, but please check www.thelampchurches.com for latest information on the exact date of the church reopening.

A MESSAGE FROM ADRIAN LOW

The story was of a baby, an only child, whom poor parents were willing to go to any lengths to protect. Some vicious political heavyweight had read in the stars that a child in one particular village would, in time, depose him, maybe even assassinate him. He daren't wait. He was determined to nip it in the bud. He forced the thugs in his organisation to rid that particular village of male children. Someone, thankfully, tipped off the village, and those who were quick enough to act, managed to escape.

When I heard the story, it reminded me of Moses. He was born a slave Jew in Egypt and had it not been for his mother setting him afloat on the water in a boat, then only to be found by a princess, he would have been part of the mass extermination of male Jew children. Why? Because Pharaoh was alarmed that the number of Jewish men slaves was growing too fast and they could threaten a bloody rebellion.

But back to our family. The parents (and others with children) left quickly – not just the village but also the country, for almost certainly they were followed. They aimed to return when the despot was dead or deposed, but no one knew how long that would take.

What would you do if your child or grandchild was threatened?

So they walked, carrying the child, for nearly five hundred miles, sleeping rough, crossing waterways, frequently hiding and relying on charity. Eventually they reach a country willing to have them. Many people must have helped them. And because of that, they survived.

Eventually the despot died, only to be replaced by his marginally less unpleasant son, but in the interim the family managed to return to their home country, this time choosing to live outside of the reach of the organisation.

Thankfully the refugees were welcomed. Even though it was only the child that was under threat, all three were allowed to remain until things were safe again.

The child was Jesus, the parents, Mary and Joseph, the tyrant Herod and the country of safety was, of all places, Egypt.

Forcing desperate people back home can be forcing them to abuse or death. Each one, loved by God, has a story, and, for my money, I am very glad that Jesus survived.

Adrian

Area Dean and Priest for Haversham, Little Linford, Tyringham and Filgrave

NEWS FROM THE PEWS MEMOS FROM ST MARY'S

f we needed reminding, Meteorological Autumn is now here – there is a distinct chill in the air as we have gone from hot dry conditions to wet and cool. This change is seen very clearly in our allotments, gardens, parks and fields.

It is always a pleasure to be able to use something from my garden to include in the Church flower arrangements, and if I am struggling for flowers there is always Tesco! Flowers are a gift from nature, whether we grow them or buy them. Flowers bring God's handiwork into the worship space and acknowledge His power as the creator of all things bright and beautiful.! At St Mary's (and throughout the Lamp Group) we have a team of self-taught but dedicated flower arrangers who create fresh arrangements every week. If you feel you would like to get involved we would be happy to hear

from you.

On Saturday 6 September volunteers from St Mary's Church baked cakes and provided a team for refreshments at the Haversham & Little Linford Village Show for the 4th year running. Along with some outdoor games for all to play. the gate was open for those who wanted to play in the 'new' park It was also lovely to see Shelley and Amber - Pat Brightman's Niece and Great Niece. Amber chose the winner this year for Pat Brightman's Memorial Trophy. £152.77 was taken just in the refreshments alone - all monies going back into the running and upkeep of Haversham Social Centre. Thank you to everyone who took part.

On Saturday 13 September a team of volunteers got involved in meeting and greeting thirsty and tired participants in the Ride and Stride, being on hand to offer hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes to 'stoke up the boilers' until the next Church. Ride and Stride raises money for the Bucks Historic

Churches Trust. BHCT provides grants for the upkeep of historic religious buildings in Buckinghamshire. In 2024, St Mary's Haversham was delighted to receive a grant of £10,000 from BHCT as a contribution towards our major internal refurbishment project. So – well done to all!

Our next Open House provided by lan and Julia for any member of St Mary's and Little Linford Churches and residents of Haversham and Little Linford will be on Monday 20 October from 10.30 am. There is no charge for lunch and you will be warmly welcomed. Subsequent dates: Monday 17 November and Monday 15 December 2025.

Eco-Tip from Kimonie

During Fairtrade Fortnight (22 Sept.- 5 Oct) we are encouraged to think about the people involved in growing our food (whether here or abroad), mining our resources and creating our clothes, often in difficult circumstances and with little reward.

The volunteers at MK Storehouse thank you for your continued support. The recent free school uniform week supported 423 local students and 3,000 items of school uniform were given away. Please get involved by donating whatever you can for Autumn and Winter.

On Sunday 28 September St Mary's Harvest Service will be held at Hill Farm at 11.00 am followed by a bring and share lunch. Please join us for this significant setting, surrounded as we are with evidence of 'all being safely gathered in'.

Remembrance Sunday will be on 9th November this year. Please join us for this moving Service.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER:

on the 12th and 14th September the village said goodbye to:

Janice Lancaster who lived in Wolverton Road for many years until going into a care home about two years ago. In her younger days she was very active in everything taking place in Haversham and in the medical profession as a respected health visitor for 26 years, something which was acknowledged by her having been awarded the British Health Care Award in 1993. Janice is survived by three sons, Mark, Gavin and David, together with a sizeable extended family of daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Janice and her sons were involved with the church in her vounger years and she requested various strong Christian elements to be included in her funeral service.

Christopher James Vaughan

b 30 April 1947 died 20 August 2025. Chris was a Solicitor and Freeman of the City of London, Secretary of the Notary Society and Cricket and Rugby enthusiast. The family had lived in the village for many years, making a significant contribution to village life. He is survived by his wife Debbie of 53 years and two daughters.

Please hold both families in your prayers.

Jesus encourages us to use our gifts to serve one another, whether this is within our family or community. We need each other more and more in an everchanging world. Is there something you can do to help others? It can make the dark days lighter and brighter.

Jan Bell



NEWS FROM ST PETER'S

rom the feedback received, our Thanksgiving service went well. Each church exhibited something members of the LAMP Group had made to enhance their church. The craft table displaying members' own crafts was amazing from knitting, beadwork, woodworking, pictures, poetry to stone masonry. The LAMP Group certainly have very talented members in their midst. Adrian had us all doing kirigami which finished as a cross, or that was the idea, as the number of crosses didn't quite tally with the number in the congregation – perhaps some of us need further tuition. Joanne put them all together and laid them on the altar. Coffee followed, giving time to view the crafts and for LAMP Group members to meet and socialise.

St Peter's Memorial Service will be on the 19th October at 9.30a.m. in place of Morning Prayer. If you have lost a loved one (it doesn't have to be recently) and you would like them remembered during the service by having their name read out or by lighting a candle in their memory please let Ingrid know on 01234 711566 by the 14th October.

Our Remembrance Service on the 9th November is reverting to the original time of 9.30a.m., and we remind you that for November the service pattern changes and St Peter's have the first two Sundays in the month (2nd and 9th November).

Dates for the Diary

19th October 9.30a.m. Memorial Service

9th November 9.30a.m. Remembrance Service

From the Registers

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