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EDITORIAL

Hello again.

Having said last issue that the weather was doing its best to warm up, it obviously heard me and went into heatwave mode! Lovely to see the sunshine, but I'm not quite so keen on the humidity. As I write this though, we are now back to cooler weather and rain, which will please the gardeners and allotment holders amongst us.

The allotment holders held their first Open Day on 20th July, and it was a great success as you can see from the report on page 28 of this issue.

We have an update from Shannon Clark on running the London Marathon in April, and an article on the skateboarding community in Haversham. It does sound

fun, but I am totally accident prone and won't be trying it out! I hope some of you will, though.

An article on Milton Keynes Museum may help with ideas for entertaining the children during the rest of the school holiday, and do see Ruby Rose White's amazing painting which is being exhibited in the Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show. Well done, Ruby!

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

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Community Litter Pick

A belated thank you to all who helped out on the early May litter pick, but a special thanks to our newest and youngest member Benny who put in a great shift helping to move the ridiculous amount of rubbish down by the old St Peter's Church on Stanton Low Park. We managed to get all the rubbish up and filled somewhere in the region of 40 bags. Thanks to the Parks Trust also for allowing us access to remove the rubbish – hopefully now the gates are locked and

the bollards are in place we won't need to do this again! Could I ask you to save the date for the next pick for the morning of Saturday 6th September – starting off at 9.30am in the new village and 10.00am in the old village. If you want to try it out, we have loads of spare kit so please email me johnanthonyclifford@gmail.com or call me on 07970 482601.

John Clifford



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 August will be on Monday 16th August 2025. The date for September has been brought forward by a week and will be Monday 8th September 2025. There is no charge for Lunch and you will be warmly welcomed.

For further information please call 01908 914318.

NEXT ISSUE OF MAGAZINE

Our next issue is for October/ November 2025. Copy date will be **12th September 2025** and the magazine should be ready for distribution on or around **27th September 2025**.

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HAVERSHAM SKATE RAMP

Haversham ramp has now been in situ since winter 2018 and has seen lots of use from skateboarders, scooter riders, inline skaters, BMXers and others. The users are similarly diverse in respect of socioeconomics, age and background; there are regularly at least five different decades of life sharing their ideas, experiences and enthusiasm. Activities such as these are inherently creative and are seen by those who engage in them as more than the sum of their parts offering an outlet or buffer to some of the stresses of modern life. Users will often refer to the mental benefits as much as, or even more than the fairly obvious physical challenges. We are undoubtedly living in a detrimental period of reduced physical activity and social connection; reasons which we feel make the ramp such a valuable resource in our community. Observing participants demonstrates a resiliency of character as people are always trying new tricks and ways of doing things; if ever you see anyone making it look easy, be assured that this will be a result of many hours of practice. As a community we really



value the inclusiveness and previously mentioned physical and mental benefits of time in nature, shared activity and the encouragement of others. Here is a small contribution from one of the Parish's younger regular users: 'As soon as we moved to Haversham and I discovered the ramp I started having a go and can now skate! It's brilliant having one so close to my house and all the other skaters have been really friendly and always given tips.' I hope that anyone interested will find a group of kind, supportive and welcoming people eager to share their experiences.

Kieron Tanner

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HAVERSHAM SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (HSCC)



Useful Information

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 – All Day (Note 3)	£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.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

– the view from the Chair

The last couple of months have flown by and it has been a busy time for the Parish Council, not least due to the installation of the new Playground equipment, which comes after a lot of hard work over the last couple of years – an update is below. Alongside that there have been a number of other activities and news that I will update you on.

But first, a couple of goodbyes and a welcome. Rick Whyte has recently resigned from the Parish Council due to a change in personal circumstances that makes it hard for him to commit to the regular meetings. In addition as noted in our last update, Maria, our Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, left us at the end of July to pursue a new career opportunity. We thank them both for all they have done for the Parish Council.

I would specifically like to thank Maria for her support when I became a Parish Councillor and Chair a couple of years ago and for helping the Parish Council to drive forward a number of projects in the last few years, most notably the Playground update, which she was always very passionate about. I am glad that it is largely complete by her leaving day and am confident she will be bringing her young family to play on it, especially as they were often involved in discussions behind the scenes! She will be much missed by us all.

We have appointed a new Clerk,

Shamina Rushton-Cato, who joined us on 18 July. She attended her first meeting on 21 July and with Maria's no doubt excellent handover, is learning the ropes. We all welcome her on board and look forward to working with her. Contact details for the Clerk are unchanged.

Councillor Vacancies

Rick's departure means that we are now down to four parish councillors from our suggested complement of seven. Whilst this clearly means we have to spread the workload between a smaller group so less is getting done, it also reduces the points of view around the table when we have decisions to make. Slightly more worrying, we are increasing the risk of not being quorate and that would mean we could not make decisions on any matter including co-opting new councillors. In extremis, MKCC would appoint temporary councillors, likely from outside the Parish.

We 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@havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk. I am also happy to have an informal chat if

you want to discuss this with me before making up your mind.

Defibrillator Checks

One of our residents has been completing the monthly checks of our three defibrillators since they were installed back in 2022. However, they will shortly be moving away from the Parish so we are looking for volunteers to undertake these checks going forward. They are very simple and we have full instructions, so we are hoping some of you may want to 'adopt' the defibrillator nearest to you. If you would like to help us, please email the clerk.

Playground Latest

As I write this article, the final stage of the installation is taking place and whilst there has been a slight delay during the build, we would hope to have opened the new Playground equipment around the time that this magazine drops through your letterbox.



The exciting changes are now really taking shape and we are all very excited to see the end result. We are also pleased that we have been able to relocate some of the benches to make them more usable, as well as procure a couple of new ones. The older wooden benches and the picnic table are being refurbished to improve the overall look. We really do hope everyone enjoys the new equipment and, based on the conversations I have had with parents and children when I have been down on site, I can sense the excitement building!

The next stage is to replace the entrance path, which we are working towards doing later this year, and beyond that there are other parts where we would like to do a bit of refurbishment, mainly on the surfaces, as time and money permit.

We are also about to start work on the resurfacing of the skate ramp having identified sufficient funds – in part provided by the skateboarding community – and chosen a supplier. We would hope this will be completed during the first half of August.



Allotment Open Day

A couple of days ago I visited the 'Allotment Open Day' and was very pleased to see over 50 residents come along, take a look around, have a chat and eat some of the lovely cakes the team had prepared. The event had a real community feel to it and I think everyone enjoyed themselves despite the odd shower.

Well done to those tenants that organised such a great afternoon and I hope we do it again next year. They have shared a bit more about the event elsewhere in the magazine.

Wolverton Household Waste Recycling Centre

Little to report here but MKCC have reconfirmed their intent to set up 'Resident Liaison Groups', although no further details or timings have been shared. Those who have offered to join this group have met with our Ward Councillor to share concerns and prepare for the discussions that we hope will happen soon.

We have no indication of when MKCC will submit their formal planning application, but as things develop, we will keep residents informed of progress via the usual channels.

New Footpath and Dog Bin

After a multi-year effort and various consultations, the long established, yet informal footpath from the end of Brookfield Road heading north has finally become a legal route and been added to the definitive map. It is a well-used path and helps to join up part of the Parish to the overall Public Rights of Way network, so this is a great outcome. Thank you to former Parish Councillor Philip Turnbull for his efforts on getting the path recognised in this way.

As well as installing the finger post Footpath sign at the end of Brookfield Road, MKCC have replaced or installed a number of Rights of Way signs across the Parish to help enhance our network and make it more visible.



The Parish Council has taken the opportunity to add a new dog bin at the end of this new path as the area was often quite badly littered with dog waste bags – some of which were also thrown into the front gardens of properties along Brookfield Road. We encourage you to use this bin and avoid littering.

Unfortunately, due to a combination of flooding issues and the poor accessibility for collection, we have had to remove the dog waste bin from the riverside location at the meadows. We are currently looking for a suitable alternative location which, unlike the riverside location, will be within the Parish.

Please note that dog waste can also be put in public waste bins if a dog waste bin is not available, or taken home and dealt with as black bin waste. Leaving dog waste behind, whether in a bag or not, is an offence under the MKCC Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order and the owner can be fined £100, so please act responsibly.

Highways and Road Safety

Less to report on this time, as much has already been achieved and shared. We continue to monitor the occasional bouts

of Anti-Social Behaviour at Stanton Low and additional patrols are taking place to try and mitigate that – although we can see the situation is much improved over previous years since car and van access has been prevented.

We continue to engage with MKCC to try and improve the flooding situations at Rowan Drive and Haversham Hill, to get the final street lamp issues resolved, and complete various road safety and speed limit changes around the Parish.

We have also requested that MKCC and Lime change the boundary or 'geofence' for the eScooters and eBikes to stop them being ridden part way down the Haversham Road and when they stop working, being dumped like litter on the pavement or in the hedgerow creating an obstruction for pedestrians.

Lime, one of the operators, are keen to extend the scheme into New Haversham. Whilst no decision has been made by the operator and MKCC, we have raised some questions on feasibility and we would be interested to understand residents' views regarding the possibility – so please do let us know. If their plans develop further, we will try to seek further views on the proposal from you.

As always 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

On the New City Plan, MKCC have slightly delayed the start of the next six-week round of consultation (Regulation 19) which they intend to commence in late October. They still intend to submit the plan for examination in March 2026.

On the HcLL Neighbourhood Plan allocated development site in the old

village, the developer is also slightly behind, with the pre-application process likely to start late summer and a full planning application late 2025 / early 2026.

As you may be aware, the Government is set to announce its plan for 12 new towns across the UK shortly and the rumour is that Milton Keynes will be one of the twelve. As there are no further details, we have no idea whether or not that will impact our Parish.

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

Other News

Haversham Social and Community Centre: the trustees have provided their update elsewhere in this magazine and there is a lot of information about the Village Show as well, which is coming up on 6th September and is a great community event. The Village Show is also where the Parish Council award the Rose-Stimpson Cup for the 'Parish Resident of the Year'. I also look forward to judging the 'Best Novice Entry' on the day, and I am sure I will see many of you there.

Neighbourhood Watch: we have provided an update on the great progress we have made with refreshing Neighbourhood Watch across the new village. We encourage you to sign up via www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw and build our NHW community and hopefully we will be able to extend the reach to the rest of the Parish in the coming months.

Parish Magazine Content: we are always keen to have more content to consider so we can keep the magazine as interesting and useful as possible.

We are very interested in local interest content, charity news and of course the contributions from the younger residents who I am sure will have lots to share after the summer holidays. 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 at clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk. We do our best to respond promptly.

I hope that you have enjoyed this regular update and I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer whether you are having a 'stay-cation' or planning to travel further afield.

Cllr Richard Pryor

Chair



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PARISH CLERK

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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:
August 2025 – No meeting
15th September 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 havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Working with our local Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Association chair, we have now refreshed existing or established new schemes, so we have five active NHW schemes each with its local co-ordinator in place across all of the new village. Recently a leaflet was put through every letterbox with information on how to join your scheme. Or, if you misplaced that, use the QR code or website address above: If you join, your co-ordinator will come and say hello as well as bring round a window sticker and an introductory crime prevention leaflet.

It only takes a few minutes to sign up and

join the NHW community and help make Haversham a safer place to live. Just go to: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw>

The five schemes are:

- Brookfield Road & Beech Tree Close and nearby
- Keppel Avenue
- Rowan Drive & Chalmers Avenue
- Wolverton Road (north of Brookfield Road)
- The Crescent

By the time you read this we hope that street signs will have been installed as well and in due course we plan to also start schemes to cover the old village and Little Linford, so if you are interested in being the co-ordinator from one of those areas please do contact us and we will help you get started

Jess and Richard
HcLL Parish Council Community Safety Team

Keppel Avenue



Brookfield Road & Beech Tree Close and nearby



Wolverton Road



Rowan Drive & Chalmers Avenue



The Crescent



HAVERSHAM SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Since our last update two months ago, with our year end processes largely complete following the AGM in late April, it has been a slightly less frantic period for the Charity as our new Board of Trustees settles in to the upcoming year.

We have started a number of 'behind the scenes' activities to do things like refreshing and updating our policies (as required by the Charity Commission but, of course, it's also good practice for running a charity and a village hall) plus we are creating some guides to cover the various checks and inspections we need to do at the hall each week, month and year, as well as some helpful tips for hirers. We are very grateful for the ongoing support from Jackie Brown with creating these things, as given her many years of doing these checks or organising them with our landlord, Milton Keynes City Council, as well as supporting the hall more generally, she is the 'fount of all knowledge'!

Booking the Hall

As a key source of income, we love to see the hall being used by the community as much as possible. As previously mentioned, we want to use the income to improve the hall as well as paying the running expenses.

Our regular bookers continue with their various activities although some do stop over the summer break. The hall has availability for one-off bookings for things such as children's parties, family celebrations, indoor sports, clubs and societies etc. As we are now in the summer holidays, the entire hall is available all day, every day, so perhaps the coming weeks are the perfect time for an event or activity. If you would like to start a regular club or activity – be that weekly or monthly, we also have capacity. All the details are elsewhere in the magazine and if you want to find out more or make a booking, contact us via bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk

Events Update

We have not held any HSCC events since our last update and despite advertising heavily, both here and on a number of local Facebook pages, the Car Boot Sale we intended to hold on 29th June had to be cancelled due to us falling considerably short of the 15 car pitches we felt we needed to sell to make the event viable. Thank you to those that did make a booking and we are sorry we had to disappoint.

We did receive some feedback that suggested a table-top sale may be more successful and we are giving that some thought as something we could do later in the year, perhaps in the second half of November. It could be a great chance to take advantage of any pre-Xmas clear-outs and bag an eco-friendly pre-loved toy, book or game. Watch this space!

The events are, of course, a secondary source of income for the charity, but first and foremost we put them on for you – the community. We want events to be a success and something the community can all enjoy so we genuinely want to hear from you with your ideas and suggestions as you are our audience – so please tell us what you would like and we will try and make it happen (as long as we get the volunteers we need to do so!). Email us on contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk or chat to one of the Trustees.

Our next event is the annual Village Show on 6th September and lots of information about this wonderful and long-running event is in this magazine, including the timings for the day, the entry rules, details of the classes to

enter and how to enter them. We look forward to seeing a bumper set of entries in a few weeks' time and having many more of you coming to see what has been created, photographed or cooked!

We then get into one of the busier periods for our events including the annual Fireworks spectacular, the Christmas Bingo and the Wreath Making – put the dates in your diary and further details will be coming out nearer the time.

HSCC Forthcoming Events:

**Village Show on Saturday
September 6th**

**Fireworks Display on
Saturday November 8th**

**Christmas Bingo at the
end of November or early
December**

**Wreath Making Workshop
on Friday December 5th**



Thinking of hiring the hall?

Contact us via
bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk

We aim to respond within 48 hours, but please bear with us as we are all volunteers.

If urgent, please contact Richard Pryor on 07824 483337.

We'd love to hear from you!



Helping HSCC Out

The HSCC is a small but, we believe, 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 aspects of the charity plus the commercial aspects related to running the Social Centre. We

CHARITY CHAT

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, plus of course each event needs people to help plan the details as well as others who may just volunteer to help out on the day.

Later in the year, we hope to be able to decorate the outside of the Social Centre which is looking a bit sorry for itself, as well as do a clean and reorganisation of the storage in the three HSCC garages as well as 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 and we will let you know when the activities are planned.

If you are interested and can get involved with the charity, whether 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 at or attending events. As a group we are keen to do more but this takes time and money, so your support and help is vital to that aim.

We will be back to share your successes in the Village Show and provide a further update in a couple of months!

Aimee, Fiona, Louise and Richard
The HSCC Team

This April, I ran the London Marathon and succeeded in going from being a complete beginner to crossing the finish line after months of training. Completing those 26.2 miles, on what ended up being the fourth hottest London Marathon on record, was without a doubt one of the biggest physical and mental challenges that I've put myself through. But it is still nothing compared to what people facing cancer and their loved ones go through.

And that's why I ran the marathon for Worldwide Cancer Research, a charity funding vital early-stage cancer research around the world. That's what kept me going, and why I was determined to see it through to the end.

I'm so proud to say that, thanks to the support of many of you, I raised £2,824 in total, smashing my original target of £2,250.

That total didn't just come from donations; it came from cake stalls, handmade Christmas stocking fillers, a bingo night, a raffle, and lots more. So many people

chipped in to help, both with donating and organising the many fundraising activities, and I'm incredibly grateful for all of the support.

Crossing the finish line was definitely an emotional moment for me. I was much slower than I'd intended to be as a result of the heat, and I had an embarrassingly bad tan line on my wrist from my watch, but ultimately all that matters is that I completed it.

So I guess what I really want to say is not only thank you to everyone who supported me, but also this: I've proved to myself that I can do something I never thought possible and I think you can too. If there's something you've been thinking about signing up for, maybe take this as the motivation you need to give it a go!

Shannon Clark

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Saturday 6th September 2025

RULES & SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries Submitted	9.30am-10.45am
Judging	11.00am-1.30pm
Public Entry (£1 charge; free to exhibitors and children under 12)	2.00pm-3.30pm
Presentation of Prizes	3.30pm

Haversham & Little Linford Annual Village Show
is organised by Haversham Social & Community Centre.
Refreshments will be available during the public viewing of exhibits.
All proceeds to Haversham Social & Community Centre
(registered charity 300276).

With thanks to all of our judges and to all entrants for their contribution to the
Show's success.



LIST OF CLASSES BY CATEGORY

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Class 1 – A photo on the theme of The Sky at Night
Class 2 – A local photo on the theme of The Water's Edge
Class 3 – A photo from a different perspective
Class 4 – A photo of a cute animal
Class 5 – A photo on the theme of Travel
Class 6 – A photo representing diversity
Class 7 – A photo on the theme of Victory
Class 8 – A photo of a Celebration
Class 9 – A photo of Children at Play
Unless otherwise specified above, photographs can be any size up to A4, may be colour or black & white and may be mounted on card but not framed.

VEGETABLES

- Class 10 – 4 carrots with a minimum of 3" tops
Class 11 – A plate of 4 runner beans
Class 12 – A plate of 4 French beans
Class 13 – A mis-shaped or ugly vegetable
Class 14 – Group of 3 equal sized white potatoes
Class 15 – Group of 3 equal sized coloured potatoes
Class 16 – A plate of 4 tomatoes
Class 17 – A plate of 4 cherry tomatoes
Class 18 – 3 beetroots with tops
Class 19 – Cucumber – indoor grown
Class 20 – 4 onions (equal size and colour)
Class 21 – A plate of 6 Shallots
Class 22 – Heaviest Marrow
Class 23 – A plate of a single variety of vegetable not listed above with a minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 examples
Class 24 – A mixed basket of vegetables (1 of each of 6 varieties of Vegetables, parsley garnish allowed, maximum 24"/60cm diameter)
Class 25 – Salad Bowl (minimum of

4 varieties of salad items, maximum 18"/45cm diameter)
Where presenting items on a plate, please use a paper plate

FRUIT

- Class 26 – A plate of 4 cooking apples of equal size
Class 27 – A plate of 4 dessert apples of equal size
Class 28 – A plate of 3 pears
Class 29 – A plate of 4 plums
Class 30 – A plate of a single variety of fruit not listed above with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 examples.
Where presenting items on a plate, please use a paper plate

FLOWERS

- Class 31 – A single Rose in a vase
Class 32 – 3 Dahlias in a vase (any variety—mix and match)
Class 33 – A Pot Plant—foliage or flowering, indoor or outdoor (one pot not to exceed 8"/20cm diameter)
Class 34 – An arrangement of dried flowers and grasses
Class 35 – A Jug of garden flowers for the kitchen table.
Class 36 – A floral arrangement on a Red, White and Blue theme, not to exceed 14"/35cm in diameter. Natural plant material to predominate but a little artificial material allowed
Class 37 – An arrangement on a sensory theme, not to exceed 14"/35cm in diameter

DOMESTIC

**NB all entries may be recipes of your choosing*

- Class 38 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of any flavour of Jam
Class 39 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of Marmalade
Class 40 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of any flavour of Curd

- Class 41 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of Chutney
Class 42 – An undecorated sponge cake, filling own choice
Class 43 – A plate of 4 slices of gluten-free brownie
Class 44 – A savoury pasty, any flavour
Class 45 – A handmade bread loaf in a shape of your choosing
Class 46 – A plate of 4 savoury treats made in an air fryer
Class 47 – A round of shortbread
Class 48 – A tea loaf
Class 49 – *open only to novices in the domestic classes #* – A plate of 6 biscuits.
Class 50 – A homemade fruit-based drink e.g. cordial or liqueur
You cannot have entered any domestic class in a previous year

NOTE:

All entries in classes 42 to 49 to be presented cooled and wrapped in clingfilm.

Entries for class 50 to be supplied in a small (no more than 500ml) bottle with secure twist top or kilner-type seal.

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Class 51 – An embroidery, cross-stitch, tapestry or lace sample
Class 52 – A hand-made knitted or crocheted garment
Class 53 – A hand-made Thank You card
Class 54 – An item of Origami
Class 55 – An item of homemade jewellery in any material
Class 56 – Any other item not included in the above classes
Class 57 – A painting or drawing, any medium
Class 58 – An item in wood
Class 59 – A bug hotel made of salvaged materials
Class 60 – A decorative item for the garden

OPEN CLASS FOR ALL AGES YOUNG AND OLD

Class 61 – Make a Paper Plane – the winner will be the one whose plane flies furthest!

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Toddler – Under 3 years of age on day of show

- Class 62 – A decorated gingerbread man (does not have to be homemade)
Class 63 – A fruit or vegetable print picture

Junior – 3 or over and under 7 years of age on day of show

- Class 64 – 4 homemade biscuits, decorated
Class 65 – A sock puppet
Class 66 – A bracelet or keyring
Class 67 – A jar of common or garden flowers

Middle – 7 or over and under 10 years of age on day of show

- Class 68 – 4 homemade biscuits, decorated
Class 69 – A collage using pasta or pulses
Class 70 – An Acrostic poem on the theme of Play
Class 71 – A puppet of your own design
Class 72 – A photo on the theme of A Special Day Out

Intermediate – 10 or over and under 14 years of age on day of show

- Class 73 – 4 homemade biscuits, decorated
Class 74 – A selfie photo using a creative filter
Class 75 – Design a poster electronically on the theme of Peace
Class 76 – A puppet of your own design
Class 77 – A photo on the theme of A Special Day Out.

PRIZES:

3 points will be awarded for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd, 1 point for 3rd. Trophies are awarded to the people with the most points in Photography, Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Domestic, Arts & Crafts and each Children's age section. Certificates are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class – these will be left on the tables for collection by the winners.

The Overall Show Cup will go to the Haversham or Little Linford resident with the most points obtained in Classes 1 to 61. In the event of a tie, the entrant with the most first then second places will win.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

- The **Best Overall Family** goes to family with most points across all the classes.
- The **Pat Brightman trophy** will go to the best exhibit in the children's classes.
- The **Bill Bedford trophy** will be awarded to the best photograph entered by a child.
- The **Best Single Exhibit shield** goes to the best exhibit as judged by the Haversham Social and Community Centre Trustees.
- The **Novice's Award** goes to the person whose first-ever entry in a category is judged best by the Parish Council.
- The **Haversham Allotments & Gardens Society Award** will go to the best entry in the Vegetables, Fruit or Flowers classes that was grown on the Haversham Allotments.

Entries from children aged 14-17 years on day of show will be eligible for the new Best Entry from Under-18s Award.

The Parish Council will also be presenting the Rose Stimpson Cup at the show, to the 'Parish Resident of the Year' who has done the most for the community over the previous 12 months or so.



SHOW RULES:

1. Entry Fees: Children – 25p per Entry Adults – 50p per Entry
2. Entry forms with entry fee must be in by no later than **5pm on Thursday 4th September**. For further information on how to enter see below.
N.B. No entries will be accepted on the day.
3. All entries must be made/grown by the exhibitor, except Classes 34 to 37 and Children's Class 69.
4. This show is open to all. However, the 'Overall' trophy will only go to a Haversham or Little Linford resident.
5. All entries must be in place at the Social Centre by **10.45 am**.
6. No entries to be removed before **4.00 pm**.
7. During judging, no one other than the judges and stewards are permitted to be inside the hall.
8. Stewards may not have entries in the section of the show that they are stewarding.
9. Jams etc. must be in a 1lb/454g jar. They must **not** have metal lids and need to be labelled and dated.
10. Exhibitors may **only exhibit one entry per class**, due to limited space.
11. Previous entries are not acceptable.
12. Vases for flowers will not be supplied.
13. Exhibits are placed at the exhibitor's own risk.
14. The judge's decision is final.

HOW TO ENTER THE SHOW

We have introduced an online form for your entries this year to help streamline the show. The form can be found at <https://bit.ly/3TM0Th9> or scan this QR code.



Whilst we prefer online entries, we recognise some people may still want to enter on paper so you can download a form and print at home from www.havershamsocialcentre.org.uk. If you do not have a printer then please either email us on villageshow@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk or call/text/WhatsApp Richard on 07824 483337 (old village, Little Linford and the outlying properties) or Fiona on 07971 654241 (new village) and we will drop a form round to you.

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Payment Reference:	VS25 <your surname>

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ALL ENTRIES must be paid for by 5pm on 4th September 2025.

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE AT MILTON KEYNES MUSEUM by Sammy Jones

Spending some quality family time together on a day out need not mean a lengthy car journey before you reach your destination – Milton Keynes Museum is on our doorstep, caters for all ages and is easy on the pocket, too!

Earlier this year, the Museum celebrated a milestone in its own history when it opened its brand new, state-of-the-art gallery showing the area's rich tapestry of history.

The Ancient Gallery brings the new city's past to life like never before, using the latest technology to stir imaginations, starting with the fossilised remains of an Ichthyosaur.

Discovered during the excavations for Caldecotte Lake, the sea creature – now affectionately called Iggy – is 180 million years old.



Investigating Iggy the Ichthyosaur
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The gallery also houses remnants of much more 'recent' dwellers – including bones belonging to woolly mammoths and woolly rhinos who once walked the space that has now become the fastest growing city in the country.

Visitors can explore life in the area during the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic times, and gain a greater understanding of just what those Roman visitors did for us – and how their legacy remains today.



The Gayhurst Bones in the Ancient Gallery
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'We are absolutely delighted to be able to share so many rare and precious artefacts with our visitors,' said Museum director Bill Griffiths. 'A visit here is an opportunity to gain an understanding of The Bell Beaker People, marvel at the Bronze Age ceremonial sword pulled from the River Ouse locally, and explore the so-called Forgers Hoard on display.

'From weights, looms and flints, to toys, jewellery and an insight into the Black Death that devastated the area several hundred years ago, we have delivered an outstanding space with exhibits that have genuine appeal for all ages, and one which really brings the history to life.

'I still think we are pioneers who are making the place better for our children,' Bill added. 'To know your roots and your heritage is important.'

In time, a Modern Gallery will tell the story of the new city, but while work continues

towards that, the Museum has plenty more to take attention.

Milton Keynes Museum believes that, when possible, history shouldn't be shut away behind glass – you should be able to reach out and be hands-on with the past, and the Victorian Farmhouse has plenty on offer to that effect. Play old-fashioned games and musical instruments, make toast in front of the open fire in the kitchen, and reminisce in the Story of Childhood exhibit.

Investigate the Hall of Transport, and quite literally step back in time by strolling through the Street of Shops which boasts many original façades of stores from around the area, including Stony Stratford's old Cox & Robinson chemist, and the art deco Co-op shop front from Newport Pagnell.

There is plenty to engage with outside too, with Victorian and wartime gardens giving growing space to many fruits and vegetables, and proving a haven for butterflies and bug life.

A hidden nature trail is a lovely way to enjoy a little quiet time, and youngsters will love expending energy in the play area, or over at the crazy golf zone.

Grab a snack from the Granary Tea Room and when the sun shines, take it outside to enjoy in the ample green space. Alternatively, take your own picnic to enjoy there.

Of course, no visit could be complete without grabbing a selfie next to the original famous Concrete Cows who are now enjoying their retirement at the Stacey Hill site.



1940s Weekend

The Museum hosts events throughout the year. In September, the annual 1940s Weekend returns (Sept 6 & 7) with lots to entertain all ages. Meet re-enactors and watch displays, show off your Lindy Hop or dance the Jitterbug to live music, or simply settle back and watch others doing the work!

The Museum will also be celebrating the annual Heritage Open Days (Sept 18-21) by hosting its popular Beer Festival. An opportunity to enjoy a selection of real ales and ciders at particularly appealing prices!

- For more information and opening times visit miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk and stay up to date on FB [@mkmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/mkmuseum)
- Pay once and you can visit as often as you like, for FREE, for a whole year.

Step back in time with a stroll along the Street of Shops



HAVERSHAM ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY

Haversham Allotments hold their very first open day!

The idea came about after visiting another local allotments and subsequent talk of how it would be nice to have a community event. A few plot holders met to cobble together what would be Haversham's first allotments open day.

We decided that any monies raised on the day would be donated to Branch Out MK. Operating here in the Haversham Allotments, they are a non-profit community organisation who support adults with learning difficulties and autism, who learn to grow through gardening.

We had a great turnout of people who came out inbetween rain showers to have a look at what goes on beyond the gates. Many people were interested to hear about, and impressed by, the amazing work that Branch Out MK do, who kindly showed a number of visitors around their wonderful facilities.

When the heavens opened, we all huddled under the gazebos and enjoyed the amazing cakes that were kindly donated and made by international pastry chef Claire Clark and founder of the Claire Clark Academy.

Thank you also to a lovely plot holder that donated some amazing vegetables they

had grown, and to all those that helped in some way to either get the plots ready beforehand or helping on the day.

The biggest thanks go to all of you that came down and supported this event, I think we can say our first allotment open day was a great success as an amazing £299.45 was raised for Branch Out MK. They are looking to buy something that would be useful on the allotments. In addition, a further £87 was raised through the tombola run by the MK Ice Skating Club, funds that they are putting towards running their first open competition in Milton Keynes.

We hope to run a similar event again next

year, so if you missed out this year keep an eye out for more news next spring!

The Haversham Allotment Open Day Team



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As the school year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on a journey that has been both uplifting and transformative. This has been a year defined by perseverance, growth, and countless moments that have brought joy and inspiration to everyone in our school community. From students reaching personal milestones to staff going above and beyond, the collective effort has shaped a truly vibrant and dynamic learning environment. The energy, commitment, and unity shown throughout the year have made a lasting impact; one that will be remembered not just for the accomplishments, but for the spirit that made them possible.

As I write this, our Year 6 pupils are busy hosting their annual charity day in the school hall. Each summer, they take the lead in planning and running a series of fun games and activities, all in support of causes they care about. Children across the school take part by paying to play, with all proceeds going to the charities chosen by Year 6. These often include local organisations such as Willen Hospice, the MK Food Bank, and other community-focused charities. It is a wonderful tradition that brings the school together and offers our oldest pupils a valuable opportunity to develop enterprise skills, teamwork, and a strong sense of social responsibility, all while having a great time.

Earlier this term, our Year 6 pupils reached an important milestone as they completed their end-of-year assessments. From start to finish, they approached the task with focus, determination, and a positive attitude. I am delighted to share that their efforts have been reflected in outstanding results, with the cohort performing significantly above national expectations. Their achievements are

a testament not only to their hard work, but also to the support and guidance of our dedicated teaching staff.

The dedication of our teachers to inspiring and guiding their pupils has been truly remarkable. The progress our students have made reflects not only the quality of teaching they receive, but also the consistent support from families at home. While academic results are just one part of the story, they highlight the collective effort and determination of our pupils, parents, and staff, and remind us of what can be achieved when we work together.

This time of year brings a mix of emotions for everyone in our school community. As our Year 6 pupils complete their final days at the school, we are reminded that this marks the end of an important chapter in their lives and those of their families.

Their last two weeks have been filled with joy and celebration, highlighted by their fantastic end-of-year production, School of Pop. The show featured Barry Garlow, a former member of the now-defunct pop band Get This, who has since retrained as a primary school teacher. Some of you may notice the playful nod in his name to a famous pop group from the 1990s.

We were delighted to welcome families and friends to enjoy the lively performances, full of humour, energy, and the odd tear-filled eye. The celebrations will conclude with a leavers' party, which this year will be a BBQ. We have our fingers crossed the weather stays kind! While we will deeply miss our fantastic Year 6 pupils and the families moving on with them, we are confident they are ready to embrace new adventures and thrive in their next schools.

You may have seen the exciting progress in our Forest School area thanks to the incredible leadership of Mrs. Smith. She ran a very successful social media campaign that received amazing support from the whole community. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who took the time to vote and help make this possible. We were also delighted to welcome Dunelm Mill to our school site. They did a fantastic job clearing the area and made a generous donation of equipment to support the Forest School. Additionally, the Friends of Haversham School (FOHS) worked tirelessly to raise funds for this project. They also supported the school by covering the cost of Mrs. Smith's training and the remaining equipment needed. We are extremely grateful for their dedication and generosity in bringing this project to life! Looking back over the past year, it's clear how much progress we have made together. Our amazing staff continually

embody the spirit of 'Bringing out the best in everyone,' while our pupils shine through their kindness, compassion, and acceptance of one another. The unwavering support from our parents forms the very heart of our school community. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the important role you play. As a team, we are incredibly proud of both the children and the school as a whole. We are also very excited to welcome new families and children joining us this September and look forward to the journey ahead.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Whether you're spending time with family and friends, enjoying some downtime, or getting outside in the sunshine, I hope you have a chance to relax and make some great memories.

Best Wishes,
Mr. David Ley
and the staff of
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BUSY CORNER

YOUNG PEOPLE OF HAVERSHAM – WHAT'S BEEN KEEPING YOU BUSY?

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Have you been somewhere amazing on a school trip, day trip, or holiday...

...or achieved something incredible at school or with your sports team?

Have you learnt about a fascinating subject recently...

...or created a masterpiece you're really proud of?

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...a book you'd love to shout about...

...or an impressive idea you just have to impart?

If so, we want to hear from YOU!

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poems, paintings, photos, craft projects, recipes, reviews

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and we'll publish the best ones in future editions.

RA | Young Artists' Summer Show



The seagull and the icecream
Ruby Rose White

Our Busy Bee this issue is Ruby Rose White

Ruby is 4 years old and she has painted this picture of her mummy on the beach in Cornwall hiding an ice cream under a red bucket to stop the seagulls from eating it!

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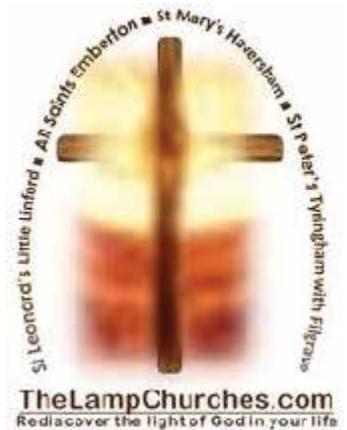
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Check out the LAMP group website at <http://the.lampchurches.com> or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stmaryhaversham where you can find lots of other details about our worship.

HAVERSHAM MORNING WORSHIP

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

LAMP GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

A MESSAGE FROM ADRIAN LOW

August

03 August	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	6.00pm	Something Else on Sunday <i>Prayers for Peace</i>	Emberton
10 August	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford*
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Emberton
17 August	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tyringham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Haversham
	6.00pm	Evensong	Emberton
24 August	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford*
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	Café Church	Emberton
31 August	11.00am	LAMP service <i>Thanksgiving and celebration of Craft within the church and wider community</i>	Tyringham

September

07 September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
		Emberton Fête - no service	
14 September	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford*
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00	Holy Communion	Emberton
21 September	11.00am	Holy Communion	Haversham
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Tyringham
	6.00pm	Evensong	Emberton
28 September	11.00am	Harvest Festival for Haversham and Little Linford	At Hill Farm
	11.00am	Café Church	Emberton

*Please note: Because of building work all Little Linford services are taking place in Haversham until further notice.

Is the church allowed to be angry, or are we a group of softies? Jesus got angry. He overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple because they were lining their own pockets with cash when the poor had to exchange their money for Temple money in order to do their sacrifices or do anything else financial in the Temple. He was clearly angry when he said that it was better for someone to have a millstone put around their neck, and drowned in the sea, than for that person to abuse one of the children. Pity that some priests in the different churches over the years did not heed that warning. And there are at least three other times Jesus was reported to be angry – I'll leave you to find them.

But I'm angry, and I think there are many angry about Hamas and the killings and hostages, but particularly angry about Israel's response in Gaza which is not just an eye for an eye and a life for a life, but hundreds of lives for a life. That appalling ratio is not part of the Old Testament, the Torah, or the Law of Moses which was there precisely to restrict retribution to a just settlement. And when Jesus says 'you have heard it said of old, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, but I say love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' then you realise how radical that was then, and how impossibly radical that is now. Is it totally impossible to try to love

our enemies? That is Christianity, and it's tough! Yes, I am really angry when I hear reports of hungry people, queuing for an inadequate supply of food, risking being murdered every day.

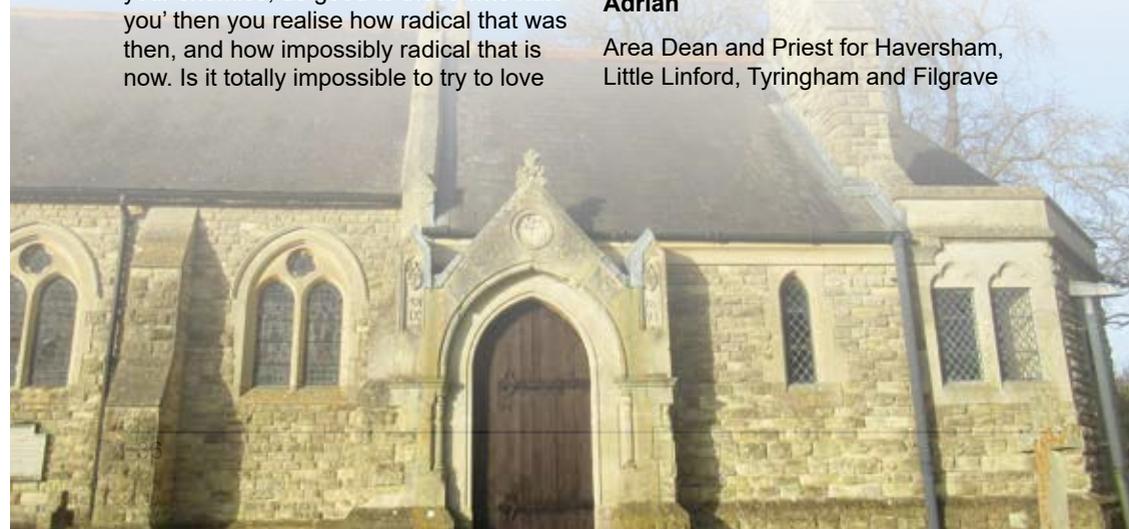
One evening last month thirty of us prayed hard and loud for an end to the war in Israel, and in Ukraine, in Iran and Sudan, and India and Pakistan, for an end to the abuse of women in Afghanistan and a host of other countries. Actually the countries in conflict seem to be growing rather than diminishing, and it makes me angry that religious people seem to use their fundamentalist beliefs as a legitimate reason to be racist and to be bigots. All the more angry when Christians tell me that I should not be political and that I must believe exactly what they believe otherwise I am going to Hell. No!

Jesus said 'Ask and you will receive'. So being quiet about it, not bothering to ask, is not an option. I want our prayers to be heard and cry for God to inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders to be peacemakers.

So be angry with me and pray with me, please, please, please, that the killing and abuse will end.

Adrian

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



NEWS FROM THE PEWS MEMOS FROM ST MARY'S

When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars and when it's hot get out your sunhat and your suncream, avoid the heat of the day if you can and make the most of it – which I think is what Oscar Wilde is encouraging us to do. This is just what our Youth Group and helpers decided to do:

Youth Group BBQ Thursday 17 July.

Between 6.30 – 8 pm at The Rectory, Rev Adrian and Joanna together with Fi, Ben, Chris and Amy hosted a bbq. 18 young people and eight adults supervised by Fi and Ben took part in games such as 'The Mummy' Wheelbarrow racing, Hop Skip and Jump, Boule and Giant Jenga. Help was given by Rev Kimonie Nicholls and Mrs Sandy Affleck.

Questions were encouraged from the young people, which Rev Adrian did his best to answer. Here is a selection of questions and answers from Adrian's 'God Slot':

Q: Did God create everything, including Haribos, feet and school?

A: God set things in motion – feet came from plans for evolution, school from the minds of humans. So where did Haribo come from? Sugar etc from the earth, which was God's design, like an architect, and Haribo from someone thinking that would be good. Lots of good inspiration comes from God.

Note: inspired means breathed.

Q: Are there different forms of prayer?

A: Yes – sometimes asking for things, sometimes thanking, or asking for forgiveness when things have been really bad. Sometimes just sitting quietly and asking God to speak in your mind.

Q: Is there anything you are not

allowed to eat in Christianity?

A: No but I personally don't like marzipan!

Watch out for the next start date in September.

Saturday 6th September – Haversham & Little Linford Village Show.

St Mary's Church will once again be 'personing' the refreshment facilities in the Social Centre to support the Village Show. Drinks and home-made cakes and biscuits will be available from 2-4 pm. If you are able to supply cakes or biscuits or give help on the day, please contact Mrs Shula Holt on: 07939 836146. She will be pleased to hear from you.

RIDE AND STRIDE 2025 on Saturday 13th of September.

St Mary's will be open for toilet facilities and to offer refreshments between 10am and 6pm. 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. We encourage you to Ride and Stride to provide funds for BHCT in support of our amazing historic religious buildings.

Sunday 28 September – the Paton family have once again extended their hospitality to St Mary's Church so we are able to hold our Harvest Service at Hill Farm. The service will begin at 11 am in one of the large barns where we are normally surrounded by mountains of grain of various descriptions. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch with refreshments provided. If you have never been to one of these farm services,

I would urge you to attend. It is fun and there is always a sense of God's great provision for us.

Eco-Tip from Kimonie: The woman at the well reminded Jesus, as he offered her living water, that the well was deep and he had brought nothing with which to draw the water. As we make the most of the long summer days, don't forget to take a reusable water bottle and shopping bag to reduce the plastic and unnecessary waste that contributes to the pollution in our waters.

As we move into our summer holidays, may we remember, whatever the weather, that 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24) so that we may enjoy what we have, share what we can and preserve what is in our Stewardship for the future. I pray we all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Jan Bell



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How can it be we are writing copy for the August/September issue of the magazine?

Perhaps in this glorious summer the days are going by in a haze of sunshine.

At the end of August it is St. Peter's turn to host the 5th Sunday service for the four churches in the Group. The type of service we have chosen is a Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service on the 31st August at 11.00 a.m. for the beautiful churches in our Group with particular emphasis on St Peter's, thinking of the people whose skills crafted it in 1871 and the many who have enhanced it over the years. Bring to church an example of some of your own skills, a painting, needlework, pottery, poetry for example and we will have a display for all to admire over a cup of coffee after the service.

21st September at 6.00p.m. We will be holding our Harvest Festival when again we will be thanking the Lord 'for all good gifts around us'. This year has been a very difficult growing season for our farming community and harvest festival is a time to give special thanks to them.

The Le Tour de Tyringham Cycle Ride had to be cancelled through lack of volunteers coming forward to help. It was the brainchild

of two keen cyclists seven years ago and has been a huge success raising thousands of pounds for the church. We thank Hannah and Lynda for all the time they have given over the years to this event.

We had an interesting service on the 10th July when the Roman Catholic funeral service for a resident Bruni Hastings took place at St Peter's. Fr James from Towcester Roman Catholic Church conducted High Mass assisted by Reverend Low. This was a first for both Adrian and St Peter's.

Dates for the Diary

- 31st August 2025 11.00 a.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service
- 21st September 2025 6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival

From the Registers

Funeral:

BRUNHILDE DORA URSULA HASTINGS

Buried on 10th July 2025
I am the resurrection and the life
says the Lord.

Marion Hansford

BRUNHILDE DORA URSULA HASTINGS

(Bruni) was born in what then was a suburb of Peterborough on a snowy day in 1956 and was brought up in an environment influenced by her Anglo/German roots. Loving nature and the great outdoors Bruni enjoyed horse riding and a wide variety of sports, going on to play hockey at County level for Cambridgeshire.

Having travelled across Europe with her family in her youth at eighteen, Bruni became a dee-jay on ferries from Harwich to Hamburg and later in London nightclubs.

She met her husband Marc, who had backpacked from his native Zimbabwe, in London in 1979. By then she had opted for a job in commerce with more regular hours. Marc introduced her to Zimbabwe and so began her love of Africa.

Wishing to leave London for the countryside, Bruni and Marc moved by the canal at Fenny Stratford along with Bruni's cats, but as Milton Keynes edged nearer to becoming a city they looked for a more rural environment and moved to Filgrave in 1999. Bruni immediately took to village life and involved herself in helping with numerous church and village events and activities.

Bruni was taken ill in April and seemed to be making progress, even to the extent that Marc was preparing for her homecoming when, very sadly, she suddenly had a major setback and passed away in hospital on the 17th June 2025.

Please remember Marc in your prayers as he grieves his sad loss.

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