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## EDITORIAL

Hello.

I can't believe how quickly the time goes and in the blink of an eye – or so it seems! – it's time to put the magazine together again. My thanks to all the regular contributors, who are all very good at submitting their copy in good time, and to the 'one-offs' who add to the interest. Any model railway enthusiasts in the Parish? – do look out for the article on the Silverfox Model Railway Club. Another one-off this month is the update on the Playground Regeneration Project – an awful lot of work has gone into getting the project this far, and the end is not too far away now.

Haversham Social and Community Centre features quite strongly due mainly

to their upcoming AGM, and I was sad to learn that Jackie Brown is retiring as Chair and Trustee. She has been involved for so long, and worked so hard for the HSCC – she will be sorely missed.

If you have something you want to share with other residents; like news of clubs or sports you participate in, then do please send your articles for the next issue to me by 16th May. Don't forget, though, you can send articles any time and we will fit them in to the next available issue.

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**The Parish Council warmly invites all residents to the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Social and Community Centre. Please join us for refreshments and hear updates on activities across the Parish in the last year. We look forward to seeing you there!**

### TVP SAYS REPORT IT!

Matthew Barber (Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley) is asking the public to report crime and anti-social behaviour so action can be taken.

In a new video, the PCC highlights his role as the voice of the people in policing to deliver an efficient and effective police service and safer communities:

Watch the video at:  
<https://youtu.be/0x1jaJBkYu8>

Matthew Barber said: 'Overall crime is falling and Thames Valley Police is doing a good job but there is more work to do. Some crimes have gone up, as reporting has increased and that is what I have been encouraging people to do: Report crime, don't assume someone else will do it. As citizens, we all have a role to play. Reporting on social media, turning a blind eye or assuming that crimes will be dismissed won't lead to action. Only

reporting crimes to the police will lead to more criminals being caught, and if cases can be prosecuted, victims getting the justice they deserve.'

He added: 'I've always said I wanted retail crime numbers to rise as these types of crimes have been historically underreported. I also want residents to report anti-social behaviour, which I know can have a devastating impact on communities and is often associated with other crimes. Not all anti-social behaviour will be categorised as a crime and may need a multi-agency response; however, it can be addressed with proper reporting.'

You can report crime and anti-social behaviour online at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). In an emergency, always call 999.



### 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 April will be on Monday 14th April 2025. (Please note this has been brought forward one week to avoid Easter Monday.) The date for May is Monday 19th May 2025. There is no charge for lunch and you will be warmly welcomed. For further information please call 01908 914318.

### CHURCHYARD

The churchyard at St Mary's Haversham has been used for burials probably since the church was built in 1180AD. It is maintained for the community, mainly by the church congregation with some other kind volunteers – BIG thankyou to all of them. The churchyard has more than 600 identifiable burial and cremation plots. Much of the ground will have been used more than once over the last 800 years. But now, with more records, we know there are fewer than five grave spaces left that, as far as we can tell, potentially may never have been used. Of course, 'never' is a long time, and basically we just don't know. Our best guess is five clear spaces.

Our records go back to well before 1900 and some back to 1700, though most of the ancient (pre 1850) burials that have no monument or gravestone, are without any records.

Many churchyards reuse ancient plots so, in order to keep the Haversham churchyard open for new burials, the March PCC has decided to make some

most ancient grave spaces that probably have had burials in the very distant past (more than 150 years ago) available for burial. They will only be those for which (a) there are no records and (b) there are no monuments or stones of any type. Please do email me if you have any questions: [rev.adrian.low@gmail.com](mailto:rev.adrian.low@gmail.com)

### LITTLE LINFORD

Church Lane in Little Linford runs from Little Linford Lane to two gates at the end of the lane, the smaller one of which gives access to Little Linford Church. The church is seeking planning permission to provide disabled access to the church via the south door, which requires a path for wheelchairs over the grass to the west of the church. The Local Authority notes that access to the path will be from Church Lane, but that part of Church Lane (the unmetalled part) may be unadopted. Consequently if you are or know of the owner of the unmetalled part of Church Lane, please let me (Email: [rev.adrian.low@gmail.com](mailto:rev.adrian.low@gmail.com)) or MK City Council know. The work on the path is likely to take place after April 2025.

## HAVERSHAM SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

This will be my last article for the Parish Magazine as I will be stepping down as a Trustee at the upcoming AGM. I have been Chair for 15 years and I have been trying to retire for the last four. Come what may, I am leaving this time and give my good wishes to my successor and the rest of the team. So here is my final update to you all...

### Events and Bookings

The annual Quiz Night was held on March 8th. This event was organised by Shula assisted by Jackie, Fiona and Louise. The questions were very varied and there was something for everyone to say "I know that" however other questions left us cudgeling our brains. Shula had designed the quiz in such a way that we did not need to print anything thus making it

very environmentally friendly. The picture rounds were projected on to a screen and the rest were spoken.

The winners with 89 points were The Quiz Ninja's; second with 88 points were Agatha Quiztie's and third were Sixes & Sevens with 83 points.

Lesley designed a bonus picture round where we had to recognize photographs/pictures of various well-known people whose names began with Harry, Hal or Harriet. Three teams shared the prize with a score of 22 out of a possible 24 points. They were Slow Horses, The Cuckoos and Agatha Quiztie's.

This year everyone was asked to bring their own refreshments and during the interval we had a chance to eat and

gossip. It was a very friendly way to spend an evening as well as raising a bit of money to help us fund the work we do.

Thank you very much to Shula and Lesley for making our brain cells work overtime and for their ingenuity.

Towards the end of this month as this magazine goes to print, we will be having our annual Easter Bingo, too late for me to put in a report but hopefully we will have a successful and enjoyable evening.

We are exploring the idea of a Car Boot sale later in the year and our next planned regular event is the Village Show in September. To ensure we can run the Show, we need new volunteers to help organise this significant event over the coming months.

We are seeing an increase in the number of parties and functions being booked at the Social Centre as well as the continued support from our regular hirers and their weekly or monthly activities. Our new booking system seems to be working very well and is helping us to be more responsive and organised. Details about hiring the Social Centre are elsewhere in this magazine.

### Annual General Meeting

April 28th will be our Annual General Meeting, where the Trustees will give their annual summary and present the financial report and accounts, which have been independently examined. Every resident over 18 is a Member of our charity and entitled to attend and vote at the AGM, as well as stand for election as one of our Trustees.

If any eligible resident of the Parish wishes to put themselves forward to become a Trustee, then please contact me for a nomination form (contact details are at the back of the magazine). Once we receive your nomination form, we will also email you an information pack about the role of Trustee. The cut-off date for nominations is Friday April 25th and the election will take place at the AGM.

My Chair's report for the AGM will appear elsewhere in the magazine but if you read it, you will see that, for the Trustees of the Social Centre, their main responsibility is with the provision and maintenance of the fabric of the building and the facilities, so that the community has a Social Centre they can use to meet and for their

activities and events. Alongside that, the Trustees need to ensure the charity is run in accordance with charity law and our constitution as well as manage the charity's finances. HSCC Events can be run by anyone who is eager to get involved and you do not need to be a Trustee to help out with our various events.

I have worked with lots of lovely people over the years, many who are no longer with us. I would like to thank the present team for their support which has worked hard to keep the Centre running. I hope we will stay in contact as I will miss you, I have enjoyed working with you.

Finally thank you to all those in the Parish who have supported the work of the Social Centre – hopefully you will continue to do so.



**Jackie Brown**  
Chair

**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**



# 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. 37m<sup>2</sup>) is available between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays during term time only. The Entire Hall (approx. 150m<sup>2</sup>) 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](mailto:bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk)

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

[www.havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](http://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](mailto:st.marys.youth@outlook.com) or 07415 982901, or just turn up!

**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>

**Revival Fellowship:**  
2nd Sunday of each month from 11a.m to 2p.m.

For current information and contact details, please visit our website at: [www.revivalfellowship.uk](http://www.revivalfellowship.uk)



## JASPERS BRUSHES

(Haversham resident)

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I have been trained by the National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS), and I am a current member of the NACS, with a Badge number of 023/17.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### – the view from the Chair

Another couple of months into 2025, and whilst spring has sprung, the weather is somewhat variable. I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the great outdoors when it has been at its best!

Before I update you on our various activities, I want to say a huge thank you to Philip Turnbull who recently stood down as a Parish Councillor after almost six years. Philip has taken on a significant new role in the voluntary sector and sadly for us, his available time is now somewhat reduced, so he has had to make this decision. We wish him well in the new role and know he will continue to help out in the community when he can.

#### **Wolverton Household Waste Recycling Centre**

We have continued to express concerns to MKCC regarding the proposed Household Waste Recycling Centre at Old Wolverton and the resultant closure of the sites in New Bradwell and Newport Pagnell.

Whilst we support the desire to improve recycling and reuse in the City, a key worry is the impact on traffic. The eastern approach is via the traffic light-controlled, single lane tunnel under the railway and the site is off the already congested Colts Holm Road – we believe the two issues will result in periodic gridlock. We also query the site location given the City is expanding eastwards; as well as the risk

of increased pollution (odour, noise and light).

The Parish Council 'called-in' the decision and asked the MKCC Scrutiny Committee to reconsider the proposals. We were joined by other call-ins from 20+ residents of Haversham, 20+ residents of Wolverton and two Ward Councillors. Two further call-ins were made by residents and Ward Councillors in Tattenhoe, where a second site at Snelshall is proposed.

The call-in parties attended an MKCC mediation session, from which no change of direction was agreed although we did receive some extra information about the proposals after that session. We then attended the four-hour MKCC scrutiny committee meeting on 5th March, at which all parties strongly expressed their views. Sadly, the committee voted by a majority of 4 to 1 to ignore our concerns, but we have to thank the one dissenting voice who supported our collective views.

The proposal will now proceed into the planning phase where more information, including detailed traffic modelling, will be provided. In time, all have the opportunity to respond to the planning application, with the Parish Council being one of the Statutory Consultees.

Driven by the call-ins, MKCC has agreed to set-up a Community Liaison Group with Haversham being represented by six residents – we hope this will allow us to have some influence. I know some of you

have already offered to join this group – thank you.

As we get further information or updates, we will share these via the usual channels.

#### **Highways and Road Safety**

Many issues previously mentioned have been progressed. Work was undertaken on Haversham Hill and in the Old Village at the end of January, but two problems remain outstanding.

Firstly, MKCC attempted to reinforce the bank on the right-hand side as you go up the hill, but a combination of rain and large vehicles/tractors, have pulled much of the new material from the bank. MKCC swept the road daily for a while to avoid that clogging the cleaned drainage system and are now considering what else could be done – budget permitting.

Secondly and perhaps more significantly, whilst all the gullies and drainage pipes on the hill were jet-washed, the drainage pipe under the right-hand bank was found to be completely blocked with tree roots and requires a return with specialist equipment. Thus, water comes out of the gully about half way up due to this blockage, and then runs down the road into the lower gully. To mitigate that clogging the system again, MKCC have committed to cleaning the gullies in this area every six months. I also want to thank the landowners who cleared their drainage ditches at the top of the hill, as this helps to take the water away from the highway.

We have no further update on the flooding situation at Rowan Drive, other than we know work is ongoing, led by the Lead Local Flood Authority within MKCC and the relevant landowners.

The two new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) on Wolverton Road have been in place for three months and we will shortly

be publishing the analysis of the SIDS data on our website in our expanded quarterly report, but they do seem to be helping to reduce the speeds.

The two 'informal crossings' planned outside the school and along Wolverton Road between the roundabouts, have been scheduled for installation between 31st March and 4th April. We hope that these will help those with prams etc., or those with mobility problems, to cross those roads more safely and easily.

The postponed repair works from February on the river bridge on Wolverton Road remain pending and we have not yet been told when they will be rescheduled. We continue to chase this and other maintenance issues, but the list is starting to get a bit shorter!

We are working with MKCC Highways to progress the various road safety items. Following a speed survey, we are hopeful that, subject to Statutory Consultation, the limit on Haversham Hill will be reduced to 30mph. A speed survey has been conducted on the Haversham Road which we hope will support a further reduction from 50mph to 40mph – I know both are things many of you wish to see happen. MKCC are working on the road safety measures in the old village such as the village gateways, better signage and lining, plus we hope that additional signage and lining will soon be added in the new village 20mph zone to reinforce the message that there is a 20mph limit on all the new village roads.

Finally, we are chasing for a number of streetlamps to be fixed. By my last count there are seven on Wolverton Road alone that are not working!

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> if you see any local maintenance issues.

## Planning Matters

Due to changes in the National Planning Policy Framework at the end of 2024, MKCC has extended the timeline for the development of the MK City Plan 2050, by six months to allow for appropriate changes to be made. Hence, the next stage of public consultation (Regulation 19) is expected to be in September 2025, with submission to the Planning Inspectorate for examination due in March 2026. We will keep you updated via [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/city-plan](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/city-plan).

We have no further updates regarding the HcLL Neighbourhood Plan allocated site. As we hear more, we will share it via [www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/npsitenews](http://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/npsitenews)

## Playground Project Update

There is a separate update on this project elsewhere, but we are now at the exciting stage as we work with our chosen supplier to finalise the design and move ever closer to implementation. By the time you read this, we will have held our public exhibition and I hope that many of you came along to see the plans. As the project progresses, we will keep you up to date with the latest at <https://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/playground-project>

## Budget and Precept 2025-2026

We recently finalised our budget and thus the precept we require for 2025-2026. This has been a challenging process this year as we have had to deal with various cost pressures that we all face.

The headline increase may seem large in percentage terms, but to bring this into context it is the equivalent of 27p per week for a Council Tax Band D property and, at a total precept of £95.61 per year for a Band D property, we are very similar to our neighbouring rural parishes and

remain below the average parish precept for all of the MK parishes.

A number of factors have meant we needed a larger increase this year than recently.

We limited increases during the cost-of-living crisis of the last few years, but that is no longer possible.

Our services are costing more and like all employers we have to absorb the employers National Insurance rise which alone puts 2.5% onto the precept.

We are now required to make our Parish website accessible (for those with visual or hearing issues) and we have budgeted to start that in the coming year – another 2.5% of precept.

As a small Parish, we suffer from the fact that some of our costs are fixed, so cost more per resident than if we were a bigger parish with more households to share the expenses.

We have a number of assets such as benches, play and rec equipment, SIDS (including 2 new ones), as well as Dog Bins and land to manage. Whilst the capital cost of many of these is supported by grants, the Parish Council needs to pay for maintenance and historically we have not been putting enough money aside to cover our maintenance contracts nor to enable us to do the necessary repair work driven by either vandalism or general wear and tear.

On the plus side we have recently run tenders for both our landscaping and our dog bin emptying services, as well as lowering the magazine printing costs – all of which have resulted in some level of savings, that all helps the bottom line. There is not much else we can cut although we have taken a difficult decision to reduce the money that we have available for Parish Council grants in the next year.

Whilst we are yet to get to the end of our financial year, it looks as though in 2024-2025 our running costs may exceed our income and we will need to use money from reserves for day-to-day expenses. Clearly this is neither sustainable nor in fact prudent, as we should be putting money aside into reserves each year to pay for unexpected expense or to support community projects.

We will provide a fuller update on the 2024-2025 accounts and the budget for 2025-2026 at the Annual Parish Meeting.

## Neighbourhood Watch

In the last issue I mentioned we are trying to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch across the parish to improve community safety and reduce crime. We now have three active schemes covering: Brookfield Road / Beech Tree Close; Keppel Avenue; and Rowan Drive / Chalmers Avenue.



We should have a scheme for Manor Drive / The Crescent soon, but are still looking for scheme co-ordinators for Wolverton Road; the Old Village; and Little Linford. If you are interested in helping to lead a scheme please sign up at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us/start-neighbourhood-watch-scheme-and-become-coordinator](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us/start-neighbourhood-watch-scheme-and-become-coordinator) or contact the Clerk should you need any help or advice.

To join one of these schemes, search using your postcode at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw) or scan this QR code

The Parish Council has agreed to help fund this by buying a number of street signs and resident window



stickers for distribution via co-ordinators. We will arrange for the faded old street signs to be removed as well – it has been shown that street signage can reduce speculative crime by around 20% to 25%.

## Other News

**Councillor Vacancies:** we now have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. With Philip's departure, for the first time in many years (definitely over twenty and probably more) we no longer have a Councillor from the Old Village. If you might consider joining the Parish Council team and are interested to find out more, please contact the Clerk.

**Allotments:** we are in the middle of renewal season and still have a few plots available. Our current plot holders report how much they enjoy the fruit and veg they grow, so if you would like to join them, please get in touch – there is an advert in the magazine with the details.

**HSCC:** The HSCC AGM is on 28th April at 7:30pm. Each resident over 18 is a member of the charity, and as one of the Trustees, I hope to see many of you there to support the charity. Please put it in your diary! Jackie's AGM report is elsewhere in this issue.

**Parish Magazine Content:** We have another packed issue. We want to keep the magazine as interesting and useful as possible, and make it your magazine, so please if you do have an article or other content to contribute, send it to our editor at [carol.langham@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:carol.langham@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk) for inclusion in the next or a future issue.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Another 'save the date' for our Annual Parish Meeting on 7th May at 7:30pm. This is your opportunity to hear updates from, and ask questions of, the Parish Council as well as other local organisations in attendance. We will post the agenda

on Facebook, our website and the noticeboards nearer the time.

### Contacting Us and Helping Out

As well as this regular article, we use our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HcLLParishCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/HcLLParishCouncil) and website [www.havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk](http://www.havershamlittleinfordpc.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@havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk). We do our best to respond promptly.

I hope that you have found this article informative and I will update you again in two months.

**Cllr Richard Pryor  
Chair**



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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:  
**Wednesday 23 April 2025**  
**19th May 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 [havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk](http://havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk)

## Haversham Social and Community Centre

### Annual General Meeting

**28th April 2025 at 7:30pm**

**at the Haversham Social and Community Centre, Manor Drive**

Every resident over the age of 18 is a Member of the HSCC Charity (Number: 300276) and is entitled to attend and vote at our AGM.

### AGENDA

1. Confirm minutes of last AGM and matters arising
2. Chair's Report for 2024
3. Treasurer's update related to 2021 to 2023
4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2024
5. Amendments to the HSCC Constitution
6. Election of Trustees for 2025
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2025 accounts
8. What is needed from the HSCC in 2025 and beyond – discussion
9. Any other business

Become a  
  
Trustee

Any Member may stand for election to the **Trustee Board**. The Board looks after Charity governance, financial management, grant applications, reporting, marketing, and hall management including bookings.

If you are interested in standing for election as a Trustee, then please talk to one of the trustees or email us at [contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](mailto:contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk) and we will send you a nomination form. Nominations must be received by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

If being a Trustee is not for you, why not help with one of our **Events**. We would love some new ideas and energy to deliver memorable occasions for the community: the village show; fireworks; film nights; wreath making; etc. What could you get involved in? Please come to the AGM or contact us by email to find out more.

Deliver our  
  
**Events**



## SILVERFOX MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



Until now, I would say that most people have not heard of the Silverfox Model Railway Club. Its friendly members come from many areas around Milton Keynes and its surrounding villages and towns, including Haversham.

Currently we have two members in Haversham who have show layouts – one being Haversham Central. This has been to many shows and will be going to the National N Gauge show at Leamington Spa; this being this layout's second invite at the show. Both layouts will be at our show on 16th August 2025. Also Lin North will be going for its first outing on June 7th 2025.

We have a dedicated clubhouse in Wolverton and meet on Tuesday evenings between 6:30pm and 9pm to run our locos on the club railway layouts, exchange ideas and learn from each other.



For those members that have more time, Wednesday and Thursday mornings see

our groups meet to improve, repair and modify our exhibition layouts.

The club has OO, N and O Gauge layouts plus a circular test track room for checking out your locos. It also has a nice selection of club locos and rolling/coaching stock for any member to use.

Our members have a wide range of abilities within railway modelling; for example, making scenery, laying tracks, painting, wiring and electronics. They also have many other interests beyond our club. This makes for a very diverse mix of characters and a great resource for new members to tap into.

As a club, we put on a large professional exhibition each year to showcase the hobby and to raise funds. This year, at Oakgrove School in Milton Keynes, we welcomed around 500 people to our exhibition which featured over 30 model railway layouts and traders. If you search YouTube with 'Silverfox Exhibition 2024' you will find a couple of videos provided by regular YouTubers. Also, our next show will be at the above location on 16th August

So, if you like the idea of railway modelling, maybe resurrecting a past hobby or looking to start a new interest, why don't you get in touch.

New members are always welcome, and we invite you to come along for a



free, no obligation visit to see how railway modelling technology has changed in recent times. You will be amazed!

In the first instance contact us here:

E-mail: [chairman@silverfoxdcc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@silverfoxdcc.co.uk) to arrange your visit.

## Happy Railway Modelling

**Martin Markham**

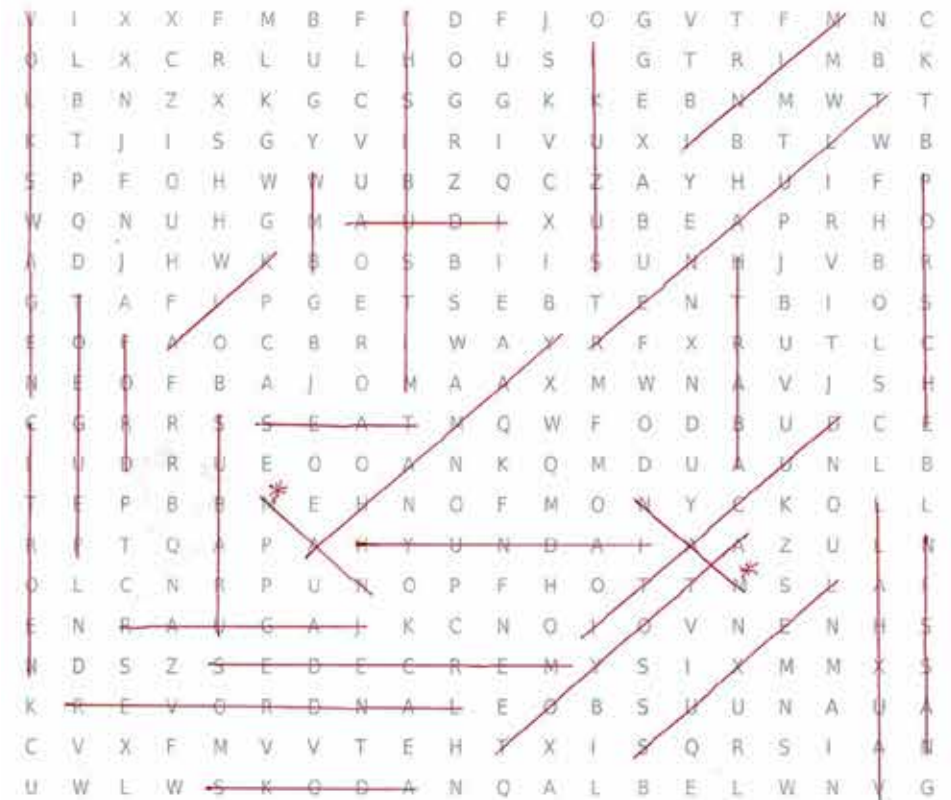
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## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Answers to the Wordsearch in last month's issue

\*The vehicle model MAN appeared twice in the Wordsearch – proof that computers make mistakes as well as humans!!



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## HAVERSHAM PLAYGROUND REGENERATION PROJECT

The Parish Council is now moving on apace with this project and I am very happy to be able to say that we have chosen the supplier for design and installation of the playground, HAGS UK. HAGS ran with the brief, adding their own flair and capturing the vision for the playground in their bid design. It absolutely has the 'wow factor' we were hoping to see! The 'Haversham galleon' and train overleaf are of a bespoke design for this project so our playground will truly be one-of-a-kind. Everything has been designed to spark imaginations, cater for a wide range of ages and abilities, provide shade and stand the test of time.

By the time this article goes to print we will have hosted an exhibition to give residents the opportunity to see the design before it is finalised and input into some design elements. You may also see the near-final design in noticeboards in the Parish so do take a look if you have missed the exhibition.

In terms of timescales we always aimed to have the new playground installed before the schools break up for the summer holidays but in reality we should like it sooner. We cannot make any promises at this stage but keep checking <https://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/playground-project> as we will confirm when the programme of works is finalised. We will also keep everyone updated on developments via Facebook.

This project was but a distant dream a couple of years ago and it is thanks to three grant-giving organisations this has been made possible. We would like to take this opportunity to recognise their respective contributions to this transformational project:

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## New path into the Recreation Ground

... this leads us onto the path into the Recreation Ground from Manor Drive which the Parish Council wishes to repair, or preferably, replace and make wider for improved accessibility. While we are seeking funding from grants, it is relatively difficult to get funding for a project of this nature. We have applied for MKCC Community Infrastructure Funding but if successful this would only fund 50% of the project and our reserves are too limited to do this on our own. We have also contacted construction companies in the hope of a donation of materials but, as yet, we have been unsuccessful.

We know from a survey the Parish Council commissioned in 2024 that the path as it stands is something a lot of residents consider needs attention, and for this reason we are hopeful some residents will have time, ideas and contacts to help with the project. To summarise residents' concerns to the survey, they told us that they experienced the uneven path to be a trip hazard and considered it should be equally accessible for all users either on foot or with buggies, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.



Therefore, we need to ask your help! If you have:

Contacts in the construction industry for materials, labour or plant;

Ideas for fundraising in the Parish;

Time to dedicate to volunteering in fundraising activities; and/or

A wish to make a personal contribution

... then we would like to hear from you. Please contact me at [clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk).

## Skate Ramp

The Parish Council knows many

residents, and parents, also wish for the skate ramp to undergo some re-surfacing work – and as do we.

We have begun discussions with suppliers to find the right solution and have set aside funds in the next financial year to re-surface the rolling surface with birch plywood. In an ideal world we would also re-surface the platforms, however, due to the paucity of funds this may require a staged approach.

The Parish Council tries to solve these problems as quickly as possible but we have to contend with both lack of funds and limited capacity with an under-complement of Councillors to try and achieve the best possible outcomes for residents. If you'd like to join as a Councillor and help progress projects such as the skate ramp please get in touch with me at [clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk).

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## HSCC CHAIR'S AGM REPORT – April 2025

### Charity Governance

We have been through quite a transition over the last 12 months, improving the administration and governance of the Charity, as well as introducing new systems and processes to put the charity on a sound and more sustainable footing. We recognised that over time we had drifted away from our core objective as a registered charity of the provision and maintenance of the Social Centre facility and had become more of a social club and mainly focused on events. In the past year the Trustees have addressed that balance whilst still maintaining our events portfolio, both to raise funds and to benefit the community.

As a part of this transition, at the AGM in 2024 we presented an updated constitution that brought us up-to-date with changes in charity law and aligned with the Charity Commission's Model Constitution. Unfortunately, the Commission did not accept the 2024 proposed change to the charity's objects, which deviated too far from the original and only legal constitution from 1964.

With the help and support of the Charity Commission, we have amended the objects in the Constitution we put before members last year, to include an objects clause which has been accepted by the Commission. I hope we will agree to adopt this during our AGM and it can then be submitted to the Charity Commission for final approval.

Our charity governance in recent years has not been as rigorous as it could have been but, with the help of the Charity Commission, we have been addressing our weaknesses. In particular our financial management has been insufficient and at the end of 2023 we were running at a loss and had been doing so for a few years. As

part of the move to an accounting system and to put ourselves on a sound footing to raise funds and obtain grants for Social Centre improvements, the published accounts for years 2021, 2022 and 2023 have been reviewed and then examined independently. A number of errors have been rectified, plus we identified that we were paying monies for maintenance and repairs on the building that we should not have been. This is in the process of being resolved and more detail will come from the Treasurer at the AGM.

Having reported these issues to the Charity Commission (as we are required to do) they have supported us as we improved the governance and put ourselves back onto a sound foundation, but we continue to work on improving our overall governance and administration. Identifying these issues coupled with a clearer understanding of the responsibilities that come with the role of Trustee, has resulted in some trustees stepping away from the Charity but we thank them for their support. Whilst we do not need a lot of Trustees (our minimum is three) we would welcome one or two additional trustees to assist with the governance of the charity.

We are now separating the charity governance and commercial aspects, in other words the Trustee role, from the work to drive the events side of what we do. This is to help us move forward more effectively as we recognise the responsibilities of a charity Trustee are not for everyone, but we hope many will wish to be involved with events. The Trustees will concentrate on running the Charity, maintenance of the fabric of the building and conforming to all the checks required plus looking forward at ways to improve the facility for the benefit of the community. More on the events below.

I am pleased to be able to say we are now on a sounder governance and financial footing but there is still work to do and we will continue to improve our systems and processes.

### Bookings

Bookings remain the life-blood of our charity and provide the income we need to maintain and improve the building.

We continue to have a number of groups who hire the Hall on a regular basis: Yoga, weekly on Tuesday evening; the Church Youth Group on Thursday evenings; Tai Chi group 2 on the first Saturday of the month; and Tai Chi group 1 on the second Saturday; the North London Revival group meet on the second Sunday in the month; and finally Sonic Meditation on the evening of the second Wednesday of the month. Jubilee Club met every second Wednesday of the month, but sadly the club disbanded in December. Bounce continued operating from 6pm to 7pm on Monday and Friday evenings until July of 2023.

The Trustees meet at the Hall on the second Monday of the month, although we are now moving to every other month as a rule, and the Parish Council hold their monthly meetings at the Hall on the third Monday.

Alongside regular users, the Hall continues to be hired for birthday parties and other private functions.

The Hall is hired out on an hourly basis, with a half hour set up and clear up time added, so our minimum booking is 90 minutes. We would welcome additional regular classes and activities and at the moment Friday is the only full evening available every week, but if you want to run a monthly or perhaps fortnightly activity then please get in touch as we have several options available and, if timing works, there is the possibility of two events on one evening.

The hall is sometimes under-used in the school holiday, when we have the entire hall available all day, so if anyone would like to run holiday events or clubs, we would love to hear from you. The small hall is also available at a very reasonable hourly rate during the daytime on school days so a good place to meet or run some small event.

As you will have seen, we put our hire charges up last year to help us reduce our financial loss. We benchmarked our charges against many local halls and we remain competitive and good value. We have also implemented a new booking system which may, in due course, allow for online bookings, but for now it is being very successfully run via our dedicated bookings email. There has been an increase in bookings since the system was set up as it allows us to be more responsive and organised.

### Events

Events held by HSCC during the year included a Quiz & Curry night, Easter and Xmas Bingo sessions, the 25th Village Show, our annual Fireworks Display, and a Wreath Making workshop. All the events made a small profit although some were more popular than others but the income is, of course, always put to good use.

Now we have changed the way we work; we envision our events being run by individuals who have specific interests they would like to promote with the help of some of the Trustees. This already happens; for example, Ben and his team lead the fireworks event and Shula does a great job with our quizzes, as does Holly with organising the Wreath Making.

The village show has been something that Lesley and I have driven for many years with the support of many others before and on the day. However, we really could do with a couple of new volunteers to ensure this wonderful event can continue. We know a large number of

you love to enter the classes or just enjoy coming along to see what others have done, but we do need help if we are to run this successfully in 2025. Please do contact us if you are willing to help out. It's a lot of fun!

We continue to explore ideas for new events but help with events is needed if these are going to happen. We welcome your ideas on what things you would like to see taking place. Thanks to all of you as Parish Residents for coming to and supporting our events over the last year – it's lovely to see so many of you at each and every one and we hope that continues.

### Looking Ahead

Our vision is to improve the Social Centre premises over the next few years. Current plans will include acoustic improvements; the provision of Wi-Fi; provision of Audio-Visual equipment for presentations, film nights etc., plus the possibility of a hearing loop.

Many of these improvements will also benefit the Village School with whom we would like to build a strong partnership for the future.

We hope to fund these improvements through a combination of our own funds plus grants. As our governance and finances are now on a firmer footing, we can now start the work of applying for grants.

For 2025 we plan to continue with the events we have done for the past few years. The Village Show will be on September 6th, Fireworks night on November 8th, plus a Wreath making workshop on December 5th and Xmas Bingo at the end of November or early December. We will advertise the events via the Parish Magazine, on our Facebook page and on the Parish Noticeboards.

Ideally, the Centre would like to have

a part-time Caretaker who would be responsible for showing round potential hirers, for providing access for the various workmen and Council representatives doing checks as required by MKCC and making sure the checks that the Centre itself must do by law are done. This will require improved revenue from additional bookings.

In the meantime, we want to complete some simple maintenance in the coming months and will be seeking volunteers to help out with items such as repainting the outside of the hall, reorganising the garage storage and other similar tasks.

### My Closing Thanks

Finally, I am retiring as both Chair and a Trustee this year at the AGM; 15 years is more than enough for anyone. I have worked with so many lovely people, too many to mention and I am grateful for all their help and support and all that I have learnt from them. I also want to thank the current Trustees for their help and support in what has been a busy year and I am confident that I am leaving the Charity on a much more sustainable base than perhaps would have been the case last year.

Holly is also standing down this year, after 15 years; for many of those years she has been my deputy and has been a huge support. I would also like to thank Fiona for her work as Secretary, which has been a great help and also to Richard who has worked tirelessly to update the Constitution and Governance approach and to reorganise our financial and booking systems.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during this period of change and I am sure the Centre will go on providing a hub for the community.

**Jackie Brown**  
**Chair**

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### NEXT ISSUE OF MAGAZINE

Our next issue is for June/July 2025. Copy date will be **16th May 2025** and the magazine should be ready for distribution on or around **30th May 2025**.

All contributions welcome. Please pass them to:

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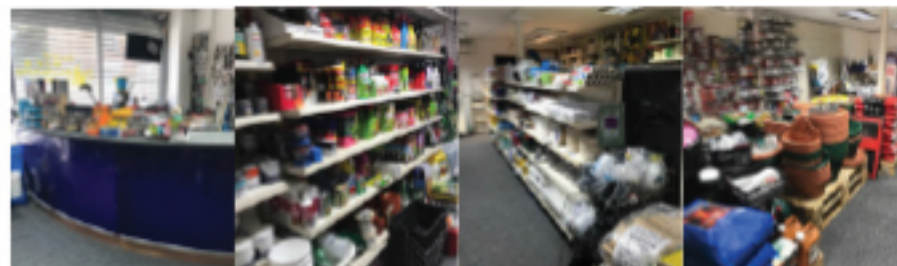
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It has been an extremely busy spring term so far and the children have had lots of fantastic learning experiences.

This half term, our Foundation Stage children stepped into a world of enchantment as they twirled and sparkled at the much-anticipated Cinderella Ball. Dressed in their most dazzling gowns and finest princely attire, our little royals stole the show with their poise, elegance, and beautifully rehearsed dances. The excitement in the air was truly magical, especially when our very special guest, Cinderella, made a grand appearance.

Laughter and joy filled the ballroom, but the real moment of mystery came when Cinderella, in her hurry, left behind her glass slipper! The children were abuzz with excitement, eager to solve the mystery of its return. With creativity and teamwork, they designed a series of wonderful 'Lost Shoe' posters, and we are delighted to report that Cinderella and her slipper have now been happily reunited. What a truly unforgettable fairytale ending!

World Book Day was a truly enchanting occasion as our school transformed into a literary wonderland, with characters from beloved stories leaping from the pages into reality. From Harry Potter to Alice in Wonderland, our students embraced the magic of storytelling, bringing their favourite characters to life through imaginative costumes and engaging storytelling sessions. The day was a wonderful celebration

of reading, creativity, and the power of imagination.

Adding to the excitement, we were delighted to announce the grand opening of our much-anticipated school library, just in time for World Book Day! This brand-new space promises to inspire a lifelong love of reading and provide endless opportunities for students to explore new worlds through books.

This incredible achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and generosity of the Friends of Haversham School (FoHS), who worked tirelessly to raise funds and support the project from start to finish. We are truly grateful for their commitment to making this dream a reality. A special thank you also goes to our dedicated staff, who worked diligently to ensure the library was ready in time for this special occasion.

During Science Week, our budding scientists delved into the realms of experimentation and discovery, with this year's theme focusing on adaptation. From exploring how animals and plants have evolved to survive in their environments to investigating real-world examples of adaptation in action, our students engaged in hands-on learning experiences that deepened their understanding of this fascinating topic.

In addition to their studies on adaptation, students also took part in explosive chemical reactions and awe-inspiring physics demonstrations, making connections between their previous knowledge and the exciting experiments conducted. It was a week filled with wonder, curiosity, and the thrill of scientific

exploration, and it was fantastic to see the children so enthusiastic about science and the world around them!

Year 3 had an exciting school trip to Sulgrave Manor, where they stepped back in time to experience life during the Tudor period. Dressed in their finest Tudor attire, the students had the opportunity to explore the manor and learn about the fascinating history of the Tudor era. They discovered what it would have been like to live during this time, from the clothes people wore to the food they ate and the daily tasks they carried out. The visit was a hands-on journey into the past, where students could immerse themselves in Tudor life and gain a deeper understanding of history in a fun and engaging way.

As always, this update provides just a glimpse into the exciting learning experiences our children are enjoying at

school. With summer approaching, both staff and students are looking forward to the upcoming term, filled with thrilling residential trips, hands-on learning opportunities, and action-packed sports days! I wish everyone a restful Easter break when it arrives.

Best wishes,

**Mr David Ley  
and all of the Staff at Haversham  
Village School**



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## BUSY CORNER

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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...

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*Our Busy Bee this issue is Toby Pickles, aged 4, who has sent in this lovely photo he took at Woburn Safari Park*

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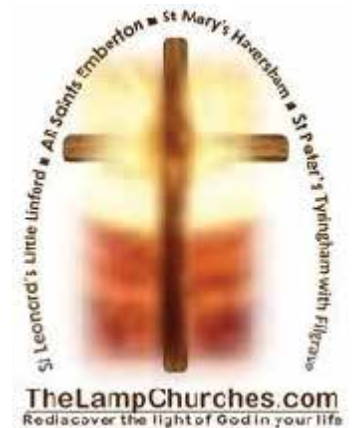
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	6.00pm	Something Else on Sunday	Emberton
13 April	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tyringham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Emberton
17 April (Maundy Thursday)	7.00pm	Footwashing and meal	Emberton
18 April (Good Friday)	11.00am	Good Friday meditation	Tyringham
20 April (Easter Sunday)	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Haversham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Emberton
27 April	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	CaféChurch	Emberton
May			
04 May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	6.00pm	Something Else on Sunday	Emberton
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	6.00pm	Evensong	Emberton
25 May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11.00am	CaféChurch	Emberton
29 May	7.00pm	Ascension	Haversham

## A MESSAGE FROM ADRIAN LOW

Dear USA,

Thank you for the conferences and holidays when I've enjoyed your hospitality; thanks for helping make the world a safer place both in WW2 and since then; thanks for your focus on justice, freedom and democracy. And it is heartening to me, as a priest, that more than half of you go to church. Alleluia!

So now I'm trying to understand one or two things:

The Old Testament prophets cried for truth and justice in their leaders. Jesus went beyond that. He told people that justice should not be 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' but that we should be merciful, love our neighbours, and even more radically, love our enemies.

I want both our nations to try to live up to those words. Sadly we can both list our sins and failures of the past centuries. Right now, though, I can't understand why you are giving up your support for Ukraine. Only recently it became democratic and free. And now it is invaded, bombed and blasted. I'm sure you want peace there, but peace at any price fails, like when Neville Chamberlain waved a pointless paper before WW2. Of course you need to speak to Russia, the aggressor in this war, but Ukraine is the nation wronged. Please support justice for Ukraine. My problem is that I thought you always would support them. And now I cannot bear my Ukrainian friends being increasingly damaged by a gleeful Putin because you have withdrawn assistance. Did you, America, mean to do that?

Please do love your neighbours – not just your next-door countries – but including them as well! Christians believe that all people should be able to aspire to an 'abundant life' – using Jesus's words – be they Mexicans, Canadians, Ukrainians, Gazans, Israeli or American. Making America great is fine but not at the expense of others. That is not a good deal. Care for neighbours who are poor or in trouble is the Christian story of the Good Samaritan. Imposing tariffs, threatening and belittling their leaders is beneath you, America – surely you are better than that.

Finally, I do love this planet – and all the credible research says that the more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the greater the greenhouse effect. I think we both want a world for our children and grandchildren that is free, safe, secure and habitable. Please don't drill, drill, drill. Some nations will always ignore the green call, but, please America, don't be one of them. God created this Garden of Eden for us to enjoy. Jesus wandered in the desert of Judea after his baptism, and we remember that wandering now, during this 40 days of Lent. Please don't turn our shared world into a desert.

I'll be praying for you, America, this Lent, and particularly Good Friday, when Jesus died for the sins of the world. Thank God there was a resurrection. There is always hope.

**Adrian**

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



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS MEMOS FROM ST MARY'S

The Church year now moves into the season of Lent which began with Ash Wednesday and will end with Holy Week. Lent is traditionally a period of austerity, reflecting the 40 days of Jesus in the wilderness, but as though to encourage us at this time, we have the lovely Lenten Lily – the symbol of rebirth – which we know as the humble daffodil blooming each year in Spring.

Our first Eco Fair took place on 1st March, the first day of the meteorological spring, and Haversham villagers made the most of the spring sunshine by supporting the Fair held in the Social Centre. This was an initiative set up and run by St. Mary's Church to show their care and concern for our planet. It was a community event for all generations – friends and neighbours chatting over tea and cake whilst young children created models from what would otherwise end up in our recycling bins – 'junk'! St. Mary's Youth Group helped with the book and jigsaw swap plus a popular clothes stall. This was the focus of the afternoon: to encourage us all to 'rethink, recycle, reuse, reduce, and repair' without exchanging a penny. Also present was a local wildlife trust and two Christian charities: A Rocha, who work to restore and protect the natural world, and Tear Fund who work to tackle poverty and injustice across the world through sustainable development. Fair Trade products could also be bought. On behalf of St. Mary's Church and the Eco-Team who organised this event, I would like to thank you all for your support. Just under £300 was raised to be shared between Willen Hospice, the local Wildlife Trust, A Rocha, and Tear Fund. Thank you!

**Rev Kimonie Nicholls**

On 8th March the Annual Social Centre

quiz took place with Mrs Shula Jackson in charge of the questions. Sixes and Sevens, the Church Team, came third with 83 points, being beaten by last year's winners Agatha Quiztie with 88 pts, but the Winners were the Quiz Ninjas with 89 pts. Well done to all – including the children's team, The Goats.

Do you want a little extra focus during Lent? Why not try our Lent Course – a video study for Lent on YouTube – The Gospel of Mark in 40 objects, presented by Revd. Adrian Low. Access at [www.thelampchurches.com/len](http://www.thelampchurches.com/len) Highly recommended and not too long!

Electoral Roll: The new electoral roll for St. Mary's Haversham and Little Linford Churches is currently being prepared. All members of the congregation wishing to have their names entered on the new electoral roll must complete an application form. These are available either from the table by the door of St. Mary's or from Julia Cheetham, Church Electoral Roll Officer, telephone 01908 914318 or email [juliacheetham56@gmail.com](mailto:juliacheetham56@gmail.com). Completed forms must be returned to Julia on or before Sunday 13th April 2025.

On 30th March we celebrate Mothering Sunday where posies are traditionally given out to our ladies. However, we need a team of men to make up the posies again this year. If you are able to do this, please give your name to Joe Geary or Rev Adrian and just turn up at 10.15 on Mothering Sunday morning to be part of the posy team. All materials will be supplied.

Easter Services are: Maundy Thursday 17 April 7.00 pm at All Saints Emberton  
Good Friday 11.00 am at St Peter's Tyringham 18 April

Easter Sunday 20 April 11.00 am at St

Mary's. Also 9.30 am Holy Communion at Haversham for St. Leonard's attenders.

Easter Flowers and Memory Book: On Easter Sunday the Memory Book will again be on display with names of loved ones. If you would like the name of a loved one included, please see Jan Bell or Fi Jones. If you would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers, please see Jan Bell or Fi Jones, or bring a bunch of spring flowers to Church on Holy Saturday, 19 April, between 9.30 and 11.30 am. If you do not wish to arrange these yourself, we can do this for you.

Bereavement Support: The Lamp Group of churches has set up a group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Would you value talking on a one-to-one basis, face to face or over the telephone; perhaps you would like to meet with others for mutual support and coffee. If so, please contact Fi Jones 07946615218 ([fipwmum@gmail.com](mailto:fipwmum@gmail.com)). Fi has over

25 year's experience in bereavement counselling. She can also offer a visit from Libby, our wonderful therapy dog, either at your home, or at another venue. You do not have to be a Church member.

As we view the hopeful Lenten Lily and eat our eggs, let's remember to thank Jesus for what he did for us on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

### Happy Easter



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The snowdrops that have been so beautiful in the churchyard have now faded and the daffodils in the Tarver burial area are beginning to come into bloom and look so welcoming in the spring sunshine.

As Easter approaches we wish to remind church members that St Peter's is hosting a Good Friday Group service at 11.00a.m. on 18th April and invite you all to join us for hot cross buns (sorry we can't provide them hot) and coffee after the service.

Please note there is a change in the venue for the Easter Day service. St Peter's will no longer be holding St Leonard's Easter Day service as reported in the last issue of the magazine. Sadly this means there will be no Easter morning service in one of the smaller churches in the Group – the first time for

over 25 years one of the smaller churches have not held a service at this very special time in the church calendar.

St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the church on the 29th April at 7.30p.m. This year the Electoral Roll has to be completely revised and anyone who is eligible and wishes to be on the Roll and has not already received a form, please contact Ingrid the Electoral Roll Officer on 01234711566. This is a priority for any St Peter's members who have not already done so. The roll must be completed by the 13th April.

**Easter Blessing to you all from  
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