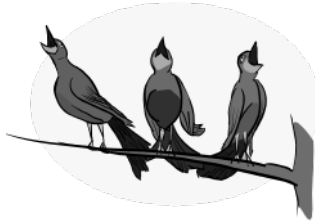


# **BIRDSONG**

**December 25 and  
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**BIRDINGBURY  
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**Seasonal Special**

# Birdingbury Parish Council Report

The Parish Council had our last meeting this year on 17 November. We will next meet on 19 January 2026 where, amongst other things, we will be discussing the level of precept needed for the future year.

There were a number of issues that had been raised with councillors, of many types, from sewage smells to slippery leaves, through smoke, stiles and dangerous junctions. Actions were agreed to be taken or followed up in respect of all those which fell within our powers or where we felt we could otherwise assist.

Discussion continues with Councillor Dale Keeling in respect of his offers to see whether there is any available funding for play equipment, or in respect of cleaning the war memorial. Many thanks were offered to a villager who has also offered to help raise funding to clean the war memorial, depending where our conversations on that come out – I am sure others would also pitch in, if it did come to that point. We have been looking into suitable contractors to carry out the work if we do succeed in getting the funding.

In respect of the long running issue of village connectivity, there are two parallel streams of possibility. One is the now completed work by CityFibre, where a number of villagers have now succeeded in contracting with the providers on CityFibre's website, or in response to direct approaches, to get fibre to the premises. CityFibre have agreed to a meeting to talk to those who have remaining questions about how this all works, and we will communicate a date once that is available – it will either be in December or January. Interestingly, some villagers have been approached by Openreach also offering fibre to the premises, following CityFibre's work.

The second stream is the approach by Atlas Towers in relation to a potential 5G mast in or near the village. Approaches have been made to their two preferred sites and, if those residents are not in favour of going ahead, further sites on their list will be contacted.

Finally, those villagers with children at school might want to be aware of the following: Warwickshire County Council has launched a public consultation on proposed changes to its Home to School Transport Policy. The consultation invites residents to share their views on a series of updates aimed at improving fairness, consistency, and compliance with home to school national guidance. To take part in the consultation, please go to the WCC website. Apparently one element of this is a consideration of extending the two mile policy to five miles, so it may be worth having a look.

Finally – to wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2026!

*Sara Kendell, Chair, Birdingbury Parish Council*

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# Birdingbury Village Club Update

The Village Club continues to provide a vibrant social scene for villagers of all ages. All are welcome, especially if you haven't tried it yet.

Our regular food nights (see What's On) are very popular and, as the winter draws on, we are aiming to provide still more comfortable space inside the Club. There are regular quiz nights and other impromptu gatherings. It's an ideal place for a private party, and we are delighted to welcome any enquiries.

In those dark days of January we plan to showcase, and promote, the ever increasing, and improving range of non- and low-alcohol drinks. Keep a look out!



The committee is developing its plans for the future. We will hold an update on 7 February, to which all are welcome. On the same night we'll be welcoming our volunteers to thank them for the enormous contribution they make.

We are always pleased to hear from anyone, so please contact any of the committee via the Club.

*John Starley, Treasurer, Birdingbury Club (07768 933095)*

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## Carol Singing

The village carol singers will be visiting particular households on Thursday December 18, between about 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If you would like us to come to your house, please contact me beforehand, on 07788842236.



Alternatively, you are very welcome to join our little group of singers. Just turn up outside the Club, with a torch, at 6.30. We will be raising money for 'Hope 4' in Rugby, a charity which supports homeless people.

*Dick Withington*

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## Remembrance in Birdingbury: Quiet Acts of Service

As Remembrance Day passed once more, the people of Birdingbury gathered at the village War Memorial: heads bowed, the air still, and for two minutes, the world seemed to pause. Surrounded by familiar faces and the sound of the wind in the trees, it felt as though time itself stood still and we were joined by all those who had once stood in that same spot, remembering those who served and sacrificed.

Birdingbury has its own deep connections to those times. The former prisoner of war camp that once stood on the edge of the village is part of that story - a reminder that even amid conflict, humanity could still be found. And many here will remember Bill Cowley, who lived quietly among us and yet carried with him an extraordinary history. Bill was awarded the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest honour, for his service in the liberation of Europe. Like so many of his generation, he never sought praise. He simply did what was right, and then came home to live a life of gentle dignity and kindness.



That same quiet spirit still runs through our remarkable, and in many ways, unique community today. It can be seen in the work of St Leonard's Church, in the cheerful bustle of the Tuesday Café, and in the quiet ways neighbours look out for one another. Much of what keeps Birdingbury such a special place is done without fanfare, without anyone watching.

That kindness also reaches beyond the boundaries of our village. Many among us give their time and energy to charitable causes further afield: supporting those in need; volunteering; or quietly offering their professional skills for the good of others. These acts, too, often go unseen, yet they reflect the same deep-rooted generosity of spirit that strengthens our community from within.

The Bible tells us, *"When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."* (Matthew 6:3). It's a beautiful reminder that the truest form of generosity comes from the heart, not from the need to be seen. There are many in this village who live by that quietly offering help, comfort, or companionship without ever drawing attention to themselves.

Public service takes many shapes. For some, it's a calling to wear a uniform: to serve in the armed forces, nursing, or policing. For others, it's found in the unseen, everyday acts of care that hold a community together, checking in on someone living alone, delivering a meal, lending a listening ear. It's rarely the easiest and certainly not the most financially rewarded path, but those who serve in this way often do so because it's simply who they are, and whilst not seeking attention, they are surely deserving of our gratitude.

As we reflect on this year's Remembrance Day, we remember not only the bravery of those who gave their lives, but also the continuing spirit of service that lives quietly among us. In a world where so much noise competes for attention, there is something deeply moving about those who choose to serve in silence. Their example reminds us that true worth is not measured by what we have, but by how we give and that, perhaps, is the most fitting way to honour the past.



It is this same spirit of kindness, humility, and quiet generosity that makes Birdingbury such a very special place to live, and reminds us how fortunate we are to call it home.

*Matt Markham*

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## **Well, it was certainly free but not always easy...**

It was a great evening of local talent playing their hearts out at the Club Free and Easy on 1 November.



There were many highlights to savour. We enjoyed the first public performance of Sharon's song to her dad 'Never Forgotten' - there was not a dry eye in the house, a wonderfully chaotic 'chain' by Fleetwood Mac, trying to keep us together, and a fabulous version of 'Folsom Prison Blues' from Andy Cash.

It was great to welcome David, Trish and Barney, our first time singers and players, plus Darren on drums and the Birdingbury Ladybirds giving great backing vocals on 'Mustang Sally'. Well done all.

We all had a lot of fun. If you fancy a sing or a play, you'd be most welcome to join us next time. Any style and no pressure.....

*Steve Edgar*



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# Birthday Girl

In 1959 Jackie left her job as a nurse and moved from Dunchurch to Birdingbury with her husband David, moving into her home Loen where she still lives. Jennie was born shortly after, followed by Andrew then Steve (born at home during ‘Watch with Mother’).

Over the last almost 70 years, Jackie has been involved in so many parts of village life including (in no particular order):

- Running the village shop and post office
- Joining Birdingbury Club Angling Section (so that her boys had a responsible adult with them – she is still a member and loves to go fishing whenever she can)
- Representing Birdingbury Club on darts and skittles teams
- Running the hot dog stall at Birdingbury Village Fete and later providing hot dogs on bonfire night
- Serving as Clerk to the Parish Council
- Helping to maintain the phone box and bus shelter
- Holding the key to the Birbury
- Working behind the scenes looking after the church hangings, making sure the correct ones were displayed at the correct times in the church where she proudly watched her grand-daughter Ruth get married in 2010



Being at the centre of any village event – Christmas, Easter, jubilees, royal weddings, coronations – you name it, she was likely to be found behind the tea pot with home baked goodies and some chat, right up to the current day with her sausage rolls at the weekly Community Café.

Jackie officially turns 90 on 3 December 2025 and I hope you will be able to join her to help celebrate 66 wonderful years in the village on Saturday 6 December at the Birbury.

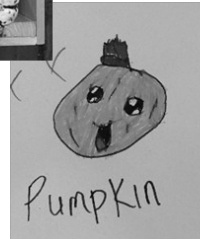
*Steve Westcott*

# Halloween Horrifics Horribly

Thank you for a lovely Halloween! We had a huge turnout, we saw lots of wonderful costumes, and many sweets were consumed!

We had so much fun making bracelets, decorating cakes and playing games.

I would like to say a huge huge thank you to the village for letting us trick or treat. We had a big crowd this year and I really appreciate everyone joining in; the children had a brilliant time, they love knocking on all of the doors and they left loaded with sweets!



Until next year - staaaaay spooooooky!

*Chloe, Olly & Isaac*

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## Tour du Mont Blanc

Three years ago, Chris and I did a couple of day walks in the Swiss Alps, and having a real yen to return, searched for three to four day treks near the Eiger. A ten day trek right round Mont Blanc caught our eyes instead. We had never done any other Alpine trekking, but each day was ‘only’ the equivalent of scaling one and a half times Scafell and down again, and we had climbed that last summer, so how hard could it be? The accommodation was in a mixture of mountain huts and small B+B's, and although Chris had sworn NEVER to sleep in a dormitory again, we persuaded ourselves that a mix would be ok. We booked in March, promising ourselves we would train and we did a number of trips to Dobbies with full rucksacks on our backs (imagining the walk up from the railway line to Long Mile had similarities to the Alps!).



Suddenly it was July. We did a couple of walks in the Lake District to see whether our ‘training’ had been effective, realised we had aged a bit and spent a frantic week debating whether to pull out. In the end, we decided it was now or never (we are never going to get any younger!), trusted to what we hoped was our natural fitness), and naively set off on the train, via Paris, to Les Houches, just short of Chamonix. Boy, did those mountains look big! But they also looked majestic, bathing in the late August sun. That was last sun we saw for a few days. The day we set off, fog settled in, and of the ten days we spent walking, all but two were cloudy and rainy for at least part, if not most of the day.

No getting away from it; the walk was tough (understatements don’t come any more obvious than this). It is a very popular route, extremely well sign posted and, although nearly at the end of the season, there were plenty of other walkers to meet and talk to. The paths were similar to the Lakes, but better maintained, it was just that the climbs were much, much longer. Steph found going up much easier and we walked at the same rate as everyone else. But she took 30% longer coming down, so the days fell in to a familiar pattern of Steph going ahead on the way up, Chris catching up at the top and then forging ahead on the way down. Chris walks with podcasts on, and was soon known amongst other walkers for producing the ‘interesting fact of the day’ (at least in his eyes), be it history, construction or folklore and quite a few looked forward to it. Even in the rain, the scenery was stupendous.

We didn’t see so much of Mont Blanc in France but the day we crossed into Italy, the sun came out and we stood on the border with the massive Dolomite-like face of Mont Blanc towering above us, glacial rivers far below us in the valleys. Mountain huts provided water and welcome cups of coffee every three to four hours, and the last of the



alpine flowers sprinkled the slopes. In Italy, we were lucky enough to stay in one of the iconic mountain huts, with communal meals, great company, and close up views of storms in the mountains, peaks shifting in and out of the rolling mists.



On the fourth day, when the climb seemed unrelenting and never ending, Chris officially declared himself old. Luckily, crossing into Switzerland, we left the high routes and wound our way through forests straight out of Grimm's fairytales. The houses looked like toy cuckoo clocks and everything was immaculate, just as if we had stepped into a book. At Champex there was a glacier lake where Steph was able to swim, Chris looking on for moral support.

Back into France, we hit our nadir. Whilst the communal meals are a real highlight of staying in hostels and huts, dorm



accommodation is not. On the penultimate day, when it was pouring with rain, we were at an 'attic style' hut. No communal room, so either sitting in a damp dorm or outside, nine beds in a room half as big and half as high as the Birbury, two toilets between sixty people and literally only two lettuce leaves for one course of the meal. By this time we were tired and disheartened and the next day we tramped through eight hours of mist to reach Chamonix.

The last day was wonderful though, high up above an immersion, with Mont Blanc towering overhead, chamois, ibex and marmots around, and for once, very few people. The last couple of hours ended in style, a huge thunderstorm, torrential rain and at last we were through the arch we started at. 120 miles, 33,000 feet of climbing, and this time a shared resolution to NEVER SLEEP IN A DORM AGAIN!

*Steph and Chris Seeley*

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Birdingbury knows

Winter lights remind us of

All our hopes and dreams

*Thin Jethro Laskey*



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## Community Café

The current season will come to an end on Tuesday 16 December, after which we will retire from our leadership of the community café and hand over to a new team. You'll find details of the new café below.

It's been a pleasure to run the café for three years now. We leave feeling a little tired, but ready to devote ourselves to other activities which we've not had time for. Through your generous donations, and the magnificent generosity of our helpers and bakers, we are so proud that we have been able to donate over £6,000 to a variety of local, national and international charities during that time. We have also contributed significantly to the Club's refurbishment fund, from which we are all benefiting. Our last donation this year will be to the charity Crisis at Christmas which works hard to provide support to those who are homeless or badly housed. Our donation will go towards providing Christmas dinners which we are delighted to do. We will pass a small balance to the new team to get them started.

You haven't seen the last of us as we look forward to attending future cafés as customers, sampling the coffee, cakes and chat that we've been too busy to be too much involved in to date! We are delighted that a team of willing volunteers are working hard to keep it running. The café is so valuable to so many people who find it hard to get too far these days, and they love to mix with villagers of all ages and our four legged friends. The best cafés have always been those with older villagers, babies, parents, walkers, prams, toddlers to teens, tradesmen....and dogs of all sizes.



Thank you to everyone for your support and our very best wishes to the new team.

Meanwhile, there will be a Church Community Café to raise funds for St Leonard's on Tuesday 23 December in the Club and Birbury from 10.30-12 noon. Please do come and join us for coffee, cake, chat and carols!

*Jean Foroughi and Karen Armbrister*

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## Mobile Library

12 December 2025   16 January 2026   13 February 2026

13.40 to 14.00

Outside the Club

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## Community Café from January

The Community Café is such a great feature of our community and Karen and Jean have done a fantastic job setting it up and running it for the last three years. People of all ages get together to chat and sample lots of delicious home-made delicacies! We are hoping to keep it going in a slightly different format in 2026.

Going forward, the Café will run on the first and third Tuesday of every month, so in January it will be on Tuesday 6 and Tuesday 20, from 10.30 to 12.00 as usual.



If anyone would be up for leading a session there is a chance we could open a third week. If you are interested in volunteering for this role, or in baking, or helping in any other way, please message one of us via the village chat WhatsApp group, or chat to us at the cafe. Many thanks to all involved so far.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

*Sharon and Maggie*

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## Swap Shop



We continue to meet weekly in the Birbury and swap produce and unwanted items, There's always a hot drink and something to nibble.

As this is a busy time of year for all of us we will not be meeting on Saturday 6 December as the Church is running a lovely Christmas event, also Saturday 27 December is rather too close to Christmas Day and villagers might be away or hosting friends and family.

At 10.30 on 3rd January we will meet for the first time in 2026. Everyone is welcome.

*Di Turner and Jenny Hawes*

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## Twitterings

Congratulations to the Foroughi family on the birth of their first grandchild, a beautiful baby girl, and congratulations to James and Chelsea on their new arrival too.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Liz and Di, who have both recently undergone surgery.

Wishing joy for all in puppy Ruby's new home (she is moving a few doors down) and welcome to Winston: the latest members of the Birdingbury pack.

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# Christmas at St Leonard's

Advent is a busy time of year for church activity as we head towards Christmas. Details of all our activities and events can be found on our Benefice website [www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com](http://www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com) - please do have a look. For example, we have an Advent course focusing on how we welcome and feel welcomed in church; plenty of both family and traditional carol services; a wreath making workshop; Christmas craft activities and much more.

In Birdingbury we are holding another fund raiser wreath making workshop in church on Saturday 6th December (see separate details).

The church will be decorated for Christmas: our lovely antique nativity will be on display (handmade by villager David Harrison with his father when he was a boy). We will be serving seasonal refreshments and selling raffle tickets for a Christmas hamper, and other prizes. We will have our memory tree in the lych gate again. Do come and hang a decoration with the name of a loved one. Other highlights include:

- \* Church Community Café in the Club on Tuesday 23 December from 10.30am to 12noon, raising funds for St Leonard's
- \* Family Carol service on Sunday 7 December 11am, suitable for all ages
- \* Community Carol singing on Saturday 20 December at 6pm outside the Club
- \* Communion for the season - a service with carols and communion on Sunday 21 December at 11am
- \* Christmas Day worship for all ages at St Leonard's at 10am.



We are always grateful for your support, and would love to welcome you to church over the Christmas season.

## Services for 2026

Our regular services continue through December and into 2026. For any information about our services, see our website, or contact the Rector, Rev Phil Price ([revphilprice@outlook.com](mailto:revphilprice@outlook.com))

We are also holding a soup and sandwich lunch to raise funds on Saturday 31 January (see separate details).

*Karen Armbrister, Acting Church Warden ([cwbirdingbury@gmail.com](mailto:cwbirdingbury@gmail.com))*

# **Christmas Wreath Making or Table Decoration Christmas Workshop**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
From 10am to 12.30pm in  
St Leonards Church, Birdingbury  
Tickets £25.00**

**Just bring along your own secateurs**

**For more information, or to book your place, please  
contact Eira at Thurlby, Main St.  
Tel 632876**

**Mince Pies, Tea, Coffee and Mulled wine  
will be served  
A raffle will also take place**

**All proceeds in aid of St Leonards Church**

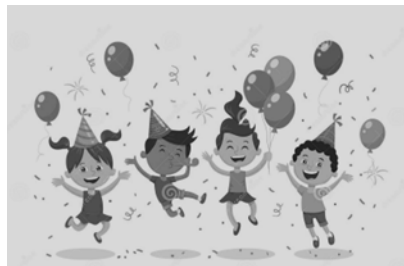
# A Cautionary Tale of Mulled Wine

**First mug: warmth. Second mug: carols.**

**Third mug: regrettable life choices.**

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a villager in possession of a chilly nose must be in want of mulled wine. The problem, however, is not in the wanting, but in the excess.

Mulled wine is the very essence of Christmas in a mug. Sweet, spiced, and warming, it has the charming ability to turn even the chilliest gathering into a merry affair. Unfortunately, it also has the more sinister ability to transform otherwise respectable villagers into red-nosed troubadours, enthusiastic dancers and, on one notorious occasion, the founding members of a short-lived 'All-Night Carol Choir'.



## The Slippery Slope

The journey begins innocently enough:

- **First mug:** Hands thawed, cheeks rosy, spirits lifted
- **Second mug:** Sudden urge to belt out Good King Wenceslas at a volume that frightens the church mice
- **Third mug:** Bold plans to redesign the entire Birdingbury Club with a top-notch restaurant, an ice rink out front and a cocktail bar in the Birbury: fully funded of course
- **Fourth mug:** The posting of a blurry selfie on the village WhatsApp group captioned 'I'm drinking with the Three Kings .... they're in the Bus shelter!!' Club

## The Darts & Skittles Debacle

Let us not forget the cautionary tale of last year's darts and skittles team Christmas social at the Club.

A single cauldron of mulled wine was meant merely to lubricate the festive spirit. By closing time, however, the skittles alley was awash with cinnamon-scented stickiness after someone insisted spiced oranges made better bowling balls.

Meanwhile, the darts board bore the scars of 'Pin the Clove on the Orange', and two players swore blind they had invented a brand-new sport called 'Mince Pie Javelin'. It took most of January to scrub the syrup from the walls, and the whereabouts of Bec's tinsel scarf remains one of the great mysteries of our age

## Other Casualties of the Season

- **The Community Café** has learned to lock away its teapots during December, after last year's attempt to serve 'mulled Earl Grey' left the place smelling like a Yankee Candle shop for weeks.
- **Book Group** has never quite recovered from the evening when discussion of 'A Christmas Carol' was derailed by a heated argument over whether Scrooge would have preferred his wine mulled with brandy or port.
- **Swap Shop**, normally a wholesome exchange of apples, chutneys, and cabbages over coffee and cake, went sideways when someone turned up with a suspiciously steaming flask labelled 'Produce, but improved'. The carrots have never quite recovered.
- And of course, the village **WhatsApp group** is still haunted by the infamous mulled wine 'Poogate' live updates from contributing villagers (CV):

**'CV1':** Honestly, who mulled the wine and forgot to scoop up the dog poo outside the Club?

**'CV2':** Is it just me (hic), or has someone decorated the dog poo with tinsel? Please tell me I imagined it...

**'CV3':** Careful walking home, there's dog poo near the book group's front gate. Nearly slipped and thought I was auditioning for Strictly!

**'CV4':** Mulled dog poo outside the Club AGAIN. Whoever it was, own up!

Names have been redacted to deflect litigation but the screenshots are now legendary and occasionally resurface at Parish Council meetings.

***Respect mulled wine as you would fireworks, open flames, and the Parish Council Chairperson!***

And yet, despite chaos, hangovers, and occasional collapses into snowdrifts, mulled wine endures. Why? Because deep down, we know life is better when accompanied by steaming mugs of spiced cheer.

So, dear villagers, as you gather for the Christingle service, wreath making, carol singing, Friday evening food trucks, swap shops, and the slightly chaotic Club quiz, remember mulled wine is to be enjoyed in moderation. Too little, and you'll feel left out in the cold. Too much, and you'll wake up as the unwitting star of the WhatsApp group's Festive Fails collection.

*Birdsong Festive Correspondent*

*Please note: Birdsong accepts no responsibility for the veracity of the content expressed in the above article.*

## The Best Birdingbury Mulled Wine

(Serves 10-12)

### Ingredients

- ❖ 2 bottles of red wine (affordable but drinkable)
- ❖ 300ml Orange Juice
- ❖ 600ml medium cider or ginger beer
- ❖ 2 cinnamon sticks
- ❖ 4 cloves
- ❖ 2 star anise
- ❖ 1 orange and one lemon, sliced into wheels then halved
- ❖ 4 tbsp demerara sugar (or honey)
- ❖ A splash of brandy, port or Cointreau (optional, but festive)



### Method

1. Pour the wine into a large saucepan.
2. Add orange slices, spices, and sugar.
3. Heat gently—never boil (unless vinegar is your thing).
4. Simmer for 20 mins, remove cloves, cinnamon sticks and star anise
5. Ladle into mugs and sip wisely.

And finally, this Christmas, may your spices be fragrant, your mugs full, and your wine gently steaming.

Cheers to a season of warmth, laughter, and just the right amount of festive tipsiness.



*Birdingbury  
Village  
Club*

*BIRDINGBURY CLUB'S FIRST EVER  
SANTA DASH!*

*SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER*

*10AM START*

*COME JOIN OUR CLUB COMMUNITY AND KICK START THE  
FESTIVITIES WITH BIRDINGBURY CLUB'S INAUGURAL SANTA DASH. ALL  
AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME; FESTIVE COSTUMES OPTIONAL!  
RUN, SHUFFLE, WALK, SKIP, SCOOT, CYCLE...USE WHATEVER MEANS YOU  
WISH TO COMPLETE THE 5 KM COURSE, USING A  
COMBINATION OF QUIET ROADS AND PATHWAYS.*

*ADULTS £5*

*CHILDREN UNDER 14 £3*

*(CHILDREN UNDER 14 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)*

*YOUR ENTRY FEE INCLUDES A BREAKFAST ROLL AND GLASS OF FIZZ,  
SOFT DRINK OR TEA/COFFEE AT THE FINISH LINE.*

*Bar will remain open for the  
day...until the  
final finisher  
crosses the  
line!*



## Lucky 19

A spring adventure for curious minds is on offer at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse, with 19 new courses starting in January 2026 in addition to its usual full-term programme.

From weekday workshops to six or nine week-long courses, there are things to inspire, tempt and attempt for adults of all ages. There's a new sewing and dressmaking course; pilates courses for beginners; for the experienced, wine appreciation savouring classics from around the world; and history focusing on the Cold War and Russia.

Anyone interested in Animation can join an introductory course or, if interests lie in character concept design for games, there's a course for you. Off to Spain in 2026? There are two beginners' courses in Spanish, or if you simply want to get each week off to a good start, try Mindful Mondays.

A full list of all courses and details of how to join can be found at <https://percival-guildhouse.co.uk/courses/> or phone 01788 542467. Booking opens on 1<sup>st</sup> December.



*Clare Turnbull*

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## Bowling Rolls Along

We continue with our indoor short mat bowls every Wednesday 2pm-4pm in the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall.



If you would like to come along and have a go you will be made very welcome. If you're not sure, you can sit and watch before joining in! You can play three times before joining us. We have a break for a cuppa (with a biscuit or two) and a chat at half time.

You don't need special equipment, just wear loose clothing and flat shoes...and the car park is free!!

*Sue Turner*

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## Progressive Supper

Plans are afoot for another of Birdingbury's legendary Progressive Suppers. There will be more details in the next edition. Meanwhile, keep an eye on the Village Chat WhatsApp or contact me on 07739 351185 to express interest.

*Bec Holmes*

# **Come and enjoy our Community Soup and a Sandwich**

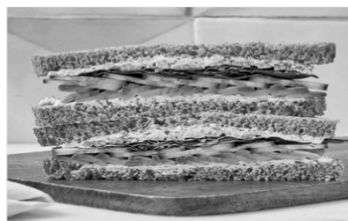
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, in the  
Birbury from 12.15pm**

The club will also be open



Gluten Free,  
Vegetarian and  
Non Vegetarian  
choices will be  
available

£7.50 per person  
Payment by cash  
or card



Come and enjoy a chat and some warming  
food with friends and neighbours

All proceeds in aid of St Leonard's Church

## Village Events

See the centre sections for information about what's on. Details can change at short notice. Check out Village Chat WhatsApp group and Birdingbury Club Facebook page.

When to eat	What to eat
Friday 5 December from 5.30pm	Bad Boy Burgers Mouth-watering burgers & fries
Thursday 18 December from 4.30pm	Chippy Van Club open from 4.30pm
Friday 9 January from 5.30pm	Village Kitchen Curry Freshly made in our Birdingbury kitchen
Friday 23 January from 5.30pm	Pizza Van Woodfired pizza made to order
Friday 30 January from 5.30pm	That's Nugs Chicken nuggets street food style

## Club Opening Hours

Monday – Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	6pm – 9pm
Friday	5pm – 11pm
Saturday	2pm – 11pm
Sunday	12noon – 7pm

See What's On for adjusted hours for Club events



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