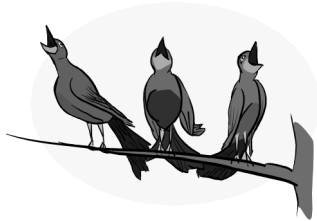


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**June
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All Aboard for Birdingbury!

Tractor Run Fun

Birdingbury Parish Council Report

Welcome to the first of the two summer Birdsongs. The last few weeks of Spring are when the parish holds some of its annual meetings. The Annual Village Meeting took place on 30 April and I'd like to thank the villagers who came along to hear about progress in the Parish Council and other village groups (the draft minutes are on the back of the bus shelter). It is always great to hear from those who give their time to the community in a variety of ways. It was particularly encouraging to hear from the Club about the success - early days, I know - of the new volunteer model. This will hopefully continue to strengthen the position of the Club in the village: run by the village, for the village.

The Parish Council has its AGM in May and, as mentioned last time, we decided to move to six meetings a year instead of ten. We'll meet every other month, so the confirmed dates are (all at 7:30pm):

15 July	16 September
18 November	20 January
17 March	19 May

We have made some progress on our planned works on the Recreation Field. We have started to gather specialist quotes for the work needed to repair or replace the skate-park surface, the log multi-play frame, and the slide. We have a few more site visits from suppliers but a couple of things are becoming clear. Firstly, we know that there is probably nothing that we can do about the skatepark surface. The surface installed 20 years ago is not now seen as a proper skating surface and can't be easily 'fixed'. We need a discussion within the village about how to use that space, but it will probably involve the full removal or replacement of the equipment eventually. Secondly, it is likely that the slide in its current form is not repairable to address the range of safety concerns – we are waiting for specific supplier proposals.

We have had a number of volunteers step forward to form the Recreation Field working group to take on a range of less specialist tasks (thank you!). We plan to use the 'Big Help Out' weekend (8-9 June) to kick off this work and the Parish Council has allocated £250 to pay for the materials we need, including some fence posts and rails.

We also discussed the state of the roads around the village. Warwickshire Highways already has a long list of issues about our parish roads, and we chase this regularly. Potholes can be registered by anyone on the Warwickshire County Council website (search *Warwickshire potholes*), and they are more likely to action those that present a risk to vehicles and road users.

Finally, I'd just like to mention the various children in the village (and their parents and teachers) who have exams currently, especially GCSEs and A Levels: they'll soon be over and then the summer holiday beckons! The best of luck to you.

Guy French, Chair, Birdingbury Parish Council

Update from the Club

The Club is now two months into its new volunteer led approach and it's already proving to be a real success. While we continue to have a few paid staff to ensure the bar is covered over the weekends, the core tasks associated with the running of this key village resource, such as bar staffing, cellar, stock, events and cleaning, are being done by a group of lead volunteers who are coordinating a wide range of villagers to make it all happen.



We'd really like to thank everyone who has helped in any way with this: it is really appreciated. Of course, we are also always ready to welcome new people and whatever you can contribute is of value. If you would like to get involved, but are just not sure in what way, then how about joining our 'Friends of Birdingbury Club' WhatsApp group? It is here where we post large and small ad hoc jobs that



we could use support with. Just drop us a message on the Village Chat WhatsApp group, or leave a message at the bar, and we'll be in touch.

You may also have noticed an increase in social media posts and 'What's On' fliers, as we try and promote our events and opening hours to the whole community. We love feedback, so do let us know what you think: what you have enjoyed and what you would like to see more of.

AGM 20th June



The club AGM is on Thursday 20 June and alongside a slight tweak of the rules and the normal reporting, the main focus will be very much on what the future is for the Club and it is your chance to say your piece and start to shape its future.

There is a small group of people who have specifically volunteered to help with that thinking and change – so again, if that's your thing then do get in touch or make yourself known at the AGM.

We'll post the agenda and get in contact with members in the next week or so. And don't forget, if you're not a member yet, you can join at the bar!

Tony Flint, President

Gary Laverick: 1938 - 2024

The village was saddened by the passing of long-standing and much-loved resident, Gary Laverick. Here we share the tributes paid to him at his funeral on 30 April by his close friends, Ian Tipton and Dick Withington.



From Ian

Lynne, our two young girls and I moved into Birdingbury in March 1986. Our new home had originally been bought brand new in 1967 by Gary and Ann, they having by then moved around the corner into Damson Cottage.

We got to know them both in the years that followed and became firm friends. For many years we, together with Clive and Wendy Bringloe and Alec and Doreen Johns, would gather in turn at each other's houses, enjoy wonderful meals, play board games and chat the night away. It was during these get togethers and over the odd pint in the club that we shared our stories and we therefore got to hear Gary's story.

Many will have heard of his exploits one Christmas Day when Gary dressed up as Father Christmas, something reprised many times at children's Christmas parties at the Club. On this occasion he was taken around the village by tractor and trailer, delivering presents on behalf of parents to children. His claim to fame was that one such recipient was a young Christian Horner, now known for his involvement in F1 racing. Something you may not have heard was that at each stop Gary received a slug of whisky from grateful parents. After the presents were delivered, Gary barely made it home and slept the rest of the day without eating any of Ann's beautifully prepared Christmas dinner.

Gary loved the countryside and was very knowledgeable about birds and wildlife in general. He enjoyed coarse and fly fishing, and at one time he owned the rights to a stretch of the Leam, which he patrolled regularly, asking to see the fishing licences and demanding bank fees. Clive reminded me of an occasion when he and Gary were fly fishing from a boat on Draycote Water when they managed to lose both oars. Stuck in the middle of the reservoir, they then spent an age paddling with their hands until they eventually retrieved them.

Gary and Ann loved their various dogs. When in Birdingbury they had two Beagles who Gary rather euphemistically called 'great characters': Bramble, a huge yellow Labrador that didn't like water; and Medlar, a rather mad chocolate Labrador. Gary would love to wander off with the dogs and forage in the fields and hedgerows, letting them follow the scents as they wished. He would often fall asleep on a sunny day lying somewhere on a grassy bank.

Gary loved Birdingbury village and, of course, Birdingbury Club. He served on both the Parish Council and the Club committee. If he noticed any new faces in the Club he would approach and ask who they were and where they were from. If they were not members, he'd suggest they join. This was not done intrusively but with genuine interest and as a result Gary got to know everyone, and if they had paid their membership.

As chairman of the allotment society, Gary became the auctioneer at the annual Produce Show. Many will remember those wonderful evenings when he auctioned the different classes of vegetables, as well as cakes, bread, flowers and more. Hundreds of pounds would be raised for various gardening charities.

Gary and I had a few things in common: I too completed an apprenticeship in engineering and we both supported our local football teams. We also shared birthdays, with Gary and Ann, and then Gary on his own, joining our celebrations, as part of our family.

Gary, Ann, Lynne and I started going on holiday together over 20 years ago and our annual trips to Northumberland each Easter became a real treat. One day, having visited Bamburgh, Gary and Ann set off in his car at his normal fast pace. We trailed behind only to find that he had been pulled in at the edge of the village by a traffic cop for speeding. Gary later explained that he had been clocked doing 48mph in a 30mph zone. The officer took pity on Gary and gave him a verbal warning since he was going too fast for him to issue a speeding ticket and, if reported for summons, he'd have to attend the Magistrates Court in Newcastle!

On another occasion, we spent a few days with them and another couple in a hotel in Sidmouth. One evening we'd had a round of drinks at a couple of different bars and were strolling along the front. It was Gary's round and he insisted that we go into a rather posh hotel, which I warned might be expensive, but he wouldn't listen. Gary stayed at the bar ordering the three pints and three G'n'Ts whilst I carried them to our table. Suddenly, I heard Gary exclaim 'How much? I'm not buying the hotel!'

Gary always gave wise council with sage advice, and he was a valued friend. He hated pretentiousness and was a true Yorkshireman through and through. If you asked him his opinion you had to accept his straight answer, whether you liked it or not. He wasn't for sugar coating things. Just think what he used to say when any rugby union was on the TV in the club!!

Gary was hugely affected when Ann became ill and eventually passed away His soul-mate had left him and in many ways much of his spark left as well. As his mobility became an issue he managed to stay in his cottage, with the help of various villagers and more lately, the significant help of Anna Marie. Gary so much appreciated the help from our wonderful village but especially the love and support of his family.

So goodbye old friend, back with Ann at last, rest in peace.

Ian Tipton

..... and from Dick

I want to start by taking you back in time more than 50 years. In 1973, Aileen and I were unloading the contents of our car outside Olcote, our first house in Birdingbury, when a couple with a labrador came past and he said, 'I'm Ann and she's Gary'. That was the start of a long friendship. The accents may have been a giveaway because Aileen said, 'I'm from Hull', and so we met the neighbours from Hull.

Let's now go back to the start. Gary was born in Beverley. It was a difficult childhood for him and his mother. His father died when he was 2 and his stepfather when he was 11. Gary was a bright lad; he passed his 11plus and went to Beverley Grammar School. He was a good footballer, playing for North Cave.

When he was a teenager, he went on a double date to Hull Fair and met a young woman called Ann, who lived in Hessle. The rest, as they say, is history.

His first job was as an apprentice engineer working in Brough. From there he followed the money and accepted a job offer, locally, at Rolls Royce. The first house they bought in Birdingbury was near the war memorial. In due course Ann and Gary moved to Damson Cottage, an old property, which I think they were very fond of.

Gary was a man of many talents. He enjoyed tinkering with motorbikes and had a passion for classic bikes, which led to many shared visits to shows and runs.

He also liked sketching. His drawings in the first Birdingbury Cookbook helped make it a bit of a collectors' item.

He was good at growing wholesome fruit and vegetables. As chair of the allotments, he used, to good effect, a no-nonsense approach in managing interesting plot holders.

He had a prodigious memory, which made him good at recitals, such as 'Albert and the Lion' and 'Three 'a' pence a Foot'.

Thankyou Gary for so many happy memories. God bless.

Dick Withington



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Railway Relics: Rugby to Leamington Spa

The 15-mile Rugby to Leamington Spa railway line was opened by the LNWR (London and North Western Railway) in 1851. There were three intermediate stations: Dunchurch (opened 1871); Birdingbury (opened 1853); and Marton (opened 1852). It was absorbed into the newly created LMS (London, Midland and Scottish) grouping in 1923 until nationalisation under British Railways in 1948.

Passenger services were withdrawn in June 1959, followed by local goods services in the early 1960s. Part of the line however remained open as far as Marton junction to service the Rugby and Southam cement works with coal supplies until its complete closure in June 1985.

Despite the passage of time, it is surprising what is still left to see along the line. Birdingbury and Dunchurch stations survive as private homes. Birdingbury and Offchurch viaducts and many bridges also survive, including the magnificent wrought iron trussed lattice girder bridge carrying Ridgeway Lane across the Marton cutting.

I have lived and worked near this railway for most of my life. From around 1960 to around 1968 I lived in Lawford Lane, Bilton and have a vivid memory of steam hauled freight trains under the Lawford Lane railway bridge where The Bear pub now stands, but back then it was open fields. We would place a penny on the line to be run over which doubled the size of the coin.

From 1970 to 1990, I worked at Macready's at the end of Paynes Lane and regularly took breaks walking on and around the railway, often having to move aside for the infrequent coal trains hauled by a diesel loco. It was here that I found and rescued my first relic lying in a stream. This is a LNWR boundary marker used to mark the boundary of land owned by the LNWR and probably dates to the opening of the line in 1851. I have repainted it a couple of times since and the stream is now under the modern warehouse of what was Macready's new warehouse, recently closed by Artee Steels. The marker weighs 70 kg and it was quite a mission to get it in the boot of a Ford Cortina mk2!



Steve Edgar

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Birdingbury Tractor and Classics Run 2024



The idea for the Birdingbury Tractor Run was formed in the aftermath of the Birdingbury Country Show which was last held in 2017 following the passing of its founder, Bob Munro. A few like-minded villagers decided over a beer that a charity tractor run might be a fitting tribute to the show. The first run was held in 2018 (called the Bob Munro Tractor Run) and was a great success raising, if I remember

correctly, £1000 for the charity Bloodwise. It has been repeated on an annual basis, apart from during the covid years, with various charities benefiting.

This year, as in the past, the day was run by a large team of volunteers helping the day go smoothly. Friday May 3 was very wet, so it was a joy to see the sun shining on Star Wars Day: may the fourth (go with you).

Many local farmers, tractor owners and visitors gave their support, both in generous donations and, of course, the use of tractors for various duties, including towing trailers on the run itself.

There are many to thank, including Wolston Car Club who gave us a treat with their classic cars and light vehicles.



Apart from the time the tractors were on the run, there was a steady stream of customers at the bar from 10.00 am till midnight. There was great entertainment from the Birdingbury Jammers in the afternoon. The day rounded off splendidly by the great Doctor Busker and the Dorset Rats in their own inimitable style.

Profits this year have been split as last year (between Sands (the stillbirth and neonatal death society) and The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, with £500 being sent to each charity.

Once again this proved to be a great village event. A big thank you goes to all who attended.

Steve Edgar

Comedy at the Club

Birdingbury Village Club would like to thank everyone who came along to support our very first Comedy Night on 27 April.

We welcomed three seasoned comedians from the London circuit into our village: MC Jason Neale with support acts Susan Murray and Danny Deegan. I think it's fair to say that it was a new experience for them as well as us!

Jay the compere remarked that he normally had to work quite hard to get the right material from his audiences but couldn't believe his luck when his first victims were the President of the Bee Keeping Association and a Peanut Seller. Apparently, it was plain sailing after that!



Special thanks need to go to Graham and Leigh Sidaway and family who took the brunt of the pain - thank you for being such good sports and allowing us all to have such a good laugh at your expense!



Jo and Carol did an amazing job volunteering behind the bar at the first major event since we introduced the volunteer model.

They adopted a great system for interval drinks which meant that everyone was kept topped up without too much queuing.

Ticket sales meant that having paid the comedians, we were still able to contribute £425 to the ringfenced fund for new outside furniture and improvements.



Roll on the summer!

Alex Rigler

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Get in Touch with Massage!

Do you think that massage is just a way to indulge or pamper yourself?

Massage can be a powerful tool to help you improve your health and wellbeing.

This article outlines the three main areas in which there is particularly good scientific evidence supporting the role of massage.



1. Stress and Relaxation

Adrenaline and cortisol are both stress hormones which are released to boost your heart rate and blood sugar level. These are prehistoric reactions that were part of human survival. While intermittent stress can make us more alert, aware and perform better, if we live in a constant state of stress it can manifest in physical symptoms like headaches, upset stomach, elevated blood pressure, chest pain, insomnia, anger, drug and alcohol abuse, and depression to name a few.

Experts estimate that 90% or more of disease may be related to stress. High levels of cortisol and adrenaline have been linked to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, dementia and cancer.

Whilst we know that eliminating stress and anxiety altogether is unrealistic, massage (alongside other lifestyle changes) can help manage stress. Two things happen during a massage: stress hormones are decreased, and several other hormones are increased. The increase in endorphins: serotonin, oxytocin and dopamine (the 'feel good' hormones), results in a feeling of calm relaxation that makes chronic, as well as acute, stress much easier to overcome. Your breathing rate responds by slowing down and becomes deeper and more regular.

Reducing stress alone can improve your vitality and state of mind. By decreasing cortisol and adrenaline levels, rest and recovery can take place, potentially improving your health profile and disease risk. A regular massage programme can help decrease blood pressure, which can contribute to reducing the risk of having a heart attack or a stroke. Recent studies have shown the benefit of massage to cancer patients in reducing pain and nausea associated with treatment, as well as improving overall wellbeing.

2.Improving Musculo-skeletal Pain

Massage therapy has always been a cornerstone of treatment for musculoskeletal and neuromuscular conditions, post-operative recovery, and sports injuries. It improves circulation to the area, promoting repair and healing. Massage therapy can help to reduce pain as well as stretch soft tissue structures to recover good flexibility.

Massage, if received regularly, can improve athletic performance and speed up recovery. No matter your level of participation (you may be a gardener or a marathon runner), if you exercise you can benefit from massage.

Studies have shown that massage can:

- reduce pain, muscle tension, and spasm,
- mobilise and breaks down scar tissue following injury,
- increase freedom of movement,
- improve soft tissue function,
- support recovery,
- decrease muscle stiffness and fatigue after exercise,
- reduce inflammation and swelling,
- enhance athletic performance,
- reduce the risk of injury.

Musculo-skeletal injuries are more common now than they were 50 years ago, not because we are exercising harder but because we are more sedentary. Sitting for long periods e.g. in front of a computer, forces some muscles to work incredibly hard while others get weaker and shorten in length. Massage (alongside exercises and awareness of posture) can relieve pain and loosen tight muscles, allowing your body to position itself in a more natural and pain-free posture.

3. Boost Immunity

When the body is constantly under stress, the excess of stress hormones suppresses the immune system, leaving the body more vulnerable to infection and slower to recover.

Clinical studies show that regular massage can increase the immune system's activity level by boosting lymphocytes (white blood cells) and T-cells (another type of white blood cell), both of which play an essential role keeping your immune system healthy.

If you wish to find out more, please contact us at jill@jilldrewphysio.com

Jill Drew (Chartered Physiotherapist) and Anelli Smith (Sports Massage Therapist)

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Adventure into History

There's something indefinable about Canons Ashby. So many of our visitors say it and can't put their fingers on it. I still feel the same every time I arrive. It has a quiet, unchanging atmosphere which has seen and played its part in so many landmark events: the dissolution of the monasteries; the civil war; the wealth and long decline of the wool industry; and, of course, all those Dryden family literary connections.

But the real joy is the people: fellow volunteers and the visitors alike. Everyone enjoys and talks about how they feel about the house and gardens. They take a real pleasure in experiencing and being part of the ever-unfolding history.

'Every day is a school day' is an oft heard phrase. It's rare that I don't pick up something new. Recently, a very serious little girl came into the kitchen and announced that it was unlikely that the servants would have been able to easily read the labels on the room bells, and because of that, they were all different sizes and therefore sounded different. Obvious: staring me in the face, but something I never knew until then.



So, all in all, volunteering here is an enjoyable, friendly and stimulating adventure. If you are ready for a new adventure, Canons Ashby is looking for volunteers in a range of roles. To find out more go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteering.

John Starley

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Club Opening Times

Mon - Closed

Tuesday - 1730 - 2100

Wednesday - 1730 until 2100

Thursday - 1730 until 2100

Friday - 1700 until 2300

Saturday - 1200 until 2300

Sunday - 1200 until 1900

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**SINGERS AND
MUSICIANS,
THE STAGE
IS YOURS!**

**BIRDINGBURY CLUB
THURSDAY 6TH JUNE
FROM 7.30PM**

Bowling Fun Ahead

Once again, Leamington Hastings Bowls Club hosted a successful Skittles Evening in February with high attendance. We all enjoyed lovely food (the homemade apple pie was a hit with everyone), exuberant bowling from some towards the skittles (that didn't always have the desired effect!), an exciting tie break to finish the game, a great money making event to raise funds for the Club, and a good natured atmosphere which filled the Parish Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

We played our Singles and Pairs Indoor Short Mat Bowls competition earlier this month. It was a very sociable afternoon with refreshments, chatting and gentle bowls coaching from the sidelines. There were some very close games, with just millimetres deciding the winners. It was great to see so many members taking part. Well done everybody, and thank you for playing.

We start our outdoor season at the end of April, with our 'opening of the green' match being the traditional Captain's team versus President's team.

On Sunday 26 May the Club is hosting an Afternoon of Free Bowling and Fun! Please come along and have a try at outdoor lawn bowls. We have coaching, games, a raffle, refreshments, free car parking and bowls you can borrow. Any age or ability - you will be made very welcome!!



Sue Turner

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Mobile Library

21 June

19 July

13.40 to 14.00 outside the Club

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Church Fete

Sunday 30 June from 2pm in and around the Club

We'd really welcome your support for our annual fundraiser in aid of our village church. As usual we will be organizing the **Grand Raffle** and tickets will be delivered to every household. We hope to have a range of great prizes as usual.

On the day we will be having:

- Roast pork, stuffing and apple sauce 'Holy Rolls'
- Bottle Tombola
- Gift Tombola
- Home-made cakes and goodies



So, we hope you'll come and join us for a nice village event. If you can help on the day or by providing donations, I'd be very pleased to hear from you!

Thank you for your support for our village church.

Karen Armbrister

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We had our annual meeting in April, alongside all the PCC's in our Benefice, at Leamington Hastings Church.

I took the opportunity to become Acting Church Warden, as a step towards stepping down over the next year or so. All the other PCC members agreed to be re-elected, so the PCC remains a committed group for another year. Rev Phil will be giving a lot of thought to structure and governance over the next year, so I expect we shall see some changes regarding PCCs and organization.

It's tough at the moment for small village churches, and we at St Leonard's face some struggles in the next twelve months. The building and churchyard need ongoing care and maintenance, and volunteers are getting harder to find. Our worshipping community remains static, and while we enjoy being together in church, there is limited growth.

We always welcome any volunteers for odd jobs at church, like arranging flowers, light cleaning, or general maintenance. If you can offer any help, then do please let me know.

Karen Armbrister

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Marton Museum of Country Bygones



We are open every Sunday 2 – 4pm

26 May – 29 September 2024

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*'lovely trip down
memory lane with
a children's
playground too'*

*'a friendly
welcome at
this local
gem'*

Be Inspired in Just One Day

Do you have a passion for history or an urge to express your creative side? If so, look no further than a Saturday day class at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse on 8 June.



From popular academic expert, Gillian White, looking at Henry VIII and the Field of the Cloth of Gold, to a relaxing and fun workshop on silk painting cushion covers, there's something to feed the interests of adults of all ages.

Other day classes on 8 June include life drawing, relief carving in wood, an impasto to floral landscape workshop and an opportunity to create attractive gifts and ornaments from air dry clay.

For anyone interested in ancient healing traditions, Sue McCrea is also running a day class on Healing Traditions from East to West.

All the 8 June day classes run from 10am-4pm. at the St Matthew's Street independent centre for adult education and arts.

There are also two summer schools starting on 2 July: one on creative writing, a summer of inspiration lasting three days: and the other on experimental watercolours being run over two days.

For full details, including information about tutors leading the courses, please visit: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or phone 01788 542467 to talk to a member of the Guildhouse team.

Clare Turnbull

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Birdingbury knows
that the blood we see is red
even if it's blue

Thin Jethro Laskey



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Community Café Update

The café remains buoyant and runs every Tuesday from 10.30 to 12 noon.

Attendance has been good since the New Year, and sometimes we have up to 25 visitors. We remain really grateful to all our lovely helpers and bakers, without whom we couldn't run the café, and to the Club Committee for their ongoing support and encouragement.



We make a weekly contribution to the Club refurbishment fund, so hope you'll see the benefit of your donations over the next few months. Additionally, we are still making donations to a range of charities chosen by our volunteers.

We have a new coffee machine, for lattes and cappuccinos, and always have an amazing selection of bakes, so do continue to support us and drop by, staying for a coffee and chat or taking some goodies home.

Jean and I will be taking a break for the Summer Holidays. If anyone feels called to take the café on over the Summer, then do contact us for a chat. The last café for this season will run on Tuesday 23 July and will recommence on Tuesday 10 September, when suggested donations will rise to £2.50 per person for a drink and a bake.

Karen Armbrister



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Christians in Sport Morning

With thanks to the Club, we are delighted to be holding our Benefice service in the Club on Sunday 28 July from 9am.

The theme is 'Christians in Sport' and we will be serving brunch and drinks around 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Karen Armbrister



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Social Media Update



New residents might like to know that we have a village Facebook page (residents only) and a Birdingbury Businesses and Services page which is open to the wider local community. There are also Facebook pages for the Club and the Church, as well as the local War on Waste page.

Frankton, Marton, Long Itchington and Southam also have active pages which Birdingbury residents can join.

Paula Taylor is the administrator for the popular 'Village Chat' WhatsApp group. Contact her on 07837 389590 if you would like to be included.



Birdsong has hitherto been published on the now closed village website. As mentioned in previous PC reports, we now have a new parish council website. You can find it here:

www.birdingbury-pc.gov.uk

Among other things, issues of Birdsong from 2023 and early 2024 are already up on this site and Birdsong will continue to be posted here in the future for those outside the parish to access. Please let Lesley know (Birdsong2@btinternet.com) if you would like any earlier editions sending to you

Jill Drew

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Special Messages

Get well soon wishes go to both Roger Hawes and Carmel de Nahlik.

Congratulations for Partick Unwin on his becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Our sympathies to Denise Hastings on the loss of her partner, Peter Bell of Back Lane .

A Little Bird

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Club Events

There's always lots more going on and details can change at short notice.
Keep your eye on Village Chat WhatsApp group and Birdingbury Club Facebook page.

Swap Shop every Saturday 10.30am – 12pm

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 6 June	Chippy Van / Early Opening	From 4.30pm
	Open Mic Night	From 7pm
Saturday 8 June	Pizza	From 5.30pm
Friday 14 June	Village Kitchen Curry	From 5.30pm
Friday 21 June	Urban Greek	From 5.30pm
Friday 28 June	Bad Boys Burgers	From 5.30pm
Thursday 4 July	Chippy Van / Early Opening	From 4.30pm
Friday 12 July	Village Kitchen Mexican	From 5.30pm
Saturday 20 July	Pizza	From 5.30pm



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