

Harvington Village

PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025



HERALD OF AN EARLY SPRING?

EDITORIAL

The Christmas lights and decorations are now all safely packed away for another year, Harvington was well lit up with many outdoor displays during the festive season which was also complemented by the Village Christmas Tree at the crossroads.

Now we move forward into a New Year with hopes and expectations, Resolutions will have been made, and possibly already broken, but at least we tried! We can still all wish for a more peaceful and less troubled world.

Finally, as you know from previous copies, the post of Editor becomes vacant at the end of March. I resurrected the Newsletter after Covid but feel the time has come for a fresh, and perhaps younger, outlook on the publication.

However, despite nearly 12 months' notice, to date no suitable candidate has come forward, or been proposed.

Obviously, time is of the essence now, so if the Village wants to keep the Newsletter going, we need someone to step up and take over the editorship. Whilst many rely on social media these days, the Newsletter does continue to provide objective and informative copy, which lands on everyone's doormat each month.

So, if Harvington wants to keep this publication going forward, please get in touch with any suggestions, or proposals, for a new candidate for the Editor's chair as soon as possible. Otherwise the final edition of the Newsletter will be published in April.

*The next Ordinary Council Meeting be held on **12/02/2025 at 7:45 p.m.** in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome, and may bring issues to the attention of the Parish Council in the allocated slot.*

DECEMBER/ JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

COUNCILLOR REPORTS - There was no report or attendance from the County Councillor once again. In January District Councillor Craig Reeves gave the following report.

- ◆ WDC are working hard on plans to re-energise Evesham town centre
- ◆ WDC have signified their full support for the Greenway Project
- ◆ The Castlethorpe Planning application for land off Sefton, Station Road is still pending a decision
- ◆ Worcestershire County Council have applied for a postponement of the County Council elections due to the proposal to establish a Unitary Authority combining all seven local Councils
- ◆ An empty property in the village has been taken over by WDC, and the Empty House Officer is in progress renovating it.

Agenda Items from the December 2024 meeting

- ◆ Three trees have been uprooted in the Orchard in recent high winds and have been removed
- ◆ The balance timbers in the Playing Field area will be removed and the area made good again
- ◆ A report was presented on how Parish Councils can be involved in Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levies to benefit their communities
- ◆ The replacement Parish notice board for Station Road will be ordered, siting arrangements from WCC Highways are awaited. Permission was later received and reported at the January meeting
- ◆ A question was asked about the installation of the third Defibrillator in the village planned for the Leys Road area. An update has now been received from WCC which will be debated at the January 2025 meeting

LATE NEWS

Castlethorpe Homes are carrying out work on the Crest Hill site from 27th January 2025 for approximately four weeks for information to supplement their application. Machines are needed for this work and will be working in the area which backs onto Crest Hill, the Village Hall and the playing field.

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Parish Council Members: Steve Salter (Chairman), Beverly Allison, John Colebrook, Richard Baugh, Gillian Smith, Christine Ball, Colin Jones, Annette Arthur.

All correspondence and enquiries to be addressed to the Clerk to the Parish Council — Nicky Holland

Call 07746 948392 or email clerk@harvington-pc.gov.uk

(Morton Wood Farmhouse, Morton Wood Lane, Abbots Morton. WR7 4LU)

For full minutes of the meetings visit: www.harvington-pc.org.uk/the-parish-council/agendas-and-minutes

Key Points from the January Parish Council Meeting

- ◆ The Defibrillator pads have been replaced on the Golden Cross unit and it is in full working order. There was no further update on the siting of the proposed Leys Road defibrillator. A further Defibrillator is sited at the Primary School entrance
- ◆ The siting of the replacement bus shelter to replace the demolished shelter opposite the Golden Cross has now been agreed with WCC Highways. It will now be sited opposite the Myatts Fields junction
- ◆ Following a recent survey of the roadside gullies throughout the village, it was noted that a significant number needed clearing. This has been reported to the WCC Highways officer who will visit and order the work to be done
- ◆ Playing Field refurbishment project— there was a very low response to the consultation process with residents. Initial work will focus on replacing the goalposts and nets and possible laying of an astro turf for a 5-a-side area. The possibility of a track around the field for bike users, disabled users, and as a running track, is also being investigated
- ◆ The 2025-26 budget was discussed and agreed which would be equivalent to a Precept increase on a Band D household of 9.6%
- ◆ Due to its current location, the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign on Evesham Road does not benefit from sufficient sunlight during the period of low winter sun, so requires either a larger solar panel or relocation.
- ◆ A grant application from the Cricket Club towards purchasing a secure storage container for equipment was discussed and a £1500 grant was agreed. -----

HARVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

The Examiner’s comments to the Plan have now been received and approved by the Parish Councillors. The Plan will now be updated accordingly, and returned to WDC for processing. The Parish has already nearly met its current quota of 51 new houses required by 2041

TWO SHIRES GREENWAY PROJECT

The application for a new Right of Way, that will enable the cycle path to proceed, is currently with Worcestershire County Council. Their reply is still awaited but currently the whole project is on hold.

This is a difficult situation, however we continue to encourage them to work with us on this exciting project.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who volunteer to help in so many ways in the running of our village. The work of the Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Deliverers of the Newsletter and Arch Messenger, Festival Committee, the Community Support Group, and many others who give of their time, is greatly appreciated. The input of volunteers contributes greatly to the community as a whole.

VILLAGE EVENTS & MEETINGS

CAMEO TEAS

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 12th

Due to the winter weather conditions, we meet at 3.00pm at “Breslau”, all are most welcome for Afternoon Tea and cakes.

Contact Sophie on 870421 or sophie.dodds@mypostoffice.co.uk

PANCAKES ARE GO!



Once again Sophie Dodds is inviting us to a pancake party at her house (Breslau, Leys Road) on Shrove Tuesday, 4th March, between 2pm and 4pm.

Sophie is fundraising for the disaster relief charity ShelterBox, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2025. ShelterBox delivers emergency shelter and other survival essentials into areas which have been devastated by climate or conflict disaster.



The Festival Committee made a full report to the December 2024 Parish Council meeting which is available in the Council meeting minutes for that month. It was reported that the Festival had sufficient funding for 2025 and would not require any grant aid. Following up the 2024 survey responses, they will work as many of the suggestions as possible into the programme to provide a Festival to meet those ideas, and for as wide an audience as possible.



HARVINGTON HANDBELLS



The Handbell Ringers had their most successful Christmas fund raising series ever with a grand total of £5100 to be donated to the two local Air Ambulance charities. Since their founding in 2010, they have raised an overall total of over £50,000 for these worthy causes—a magnificent effort !

HARVEY BEARS



The next Rags-to-Riches bag collection to raise funds for new equipment is on

Tuesday 4th February 2025,

please bring all bags to the

Village Hall by 9:00 a.m.



FILM NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE HAL

Friday 14th February 2025

“All of us Strangers” (cert 15)

One night in his near-empty tower block in contemporary London, Adam (**Andrew Scott**) has a chance encounter with a mysterious neighbour Harry (**Paul Mescal**), which punctures the rhythm of his everyday life. As a relationship develops between them, Adam is preoccupied with memories of the past and finds himself drawn back to the suburban town where he grew up, and the childhood home where his parents (**Claire Foy** and **Jamie Bell**), appear to be living, just as they were on the day they died, 30 years before.

Doors open 7:15 p.m. - screen illumination 7:45.

Buy a raffle ticket at the door for £3.00, and see the film for free! Provide your own glasses, drinks and nibbles, and please take away all rubbish.

PHOENIX LADIES

The year started with our Charity donation presentation to Shelterbox and Dementia Cafe Bidford (both groups received around £250). We will be collecting for both of these charities again this coming year.

The next meeting is **5th February** when Silvertime Legal will talk to us about

Wills and Powers of Attorney, an important subject. This is open to all villagers.

The committee have put together a very varied and interesting programme of events for the forthcoming year, including talks on Building Bridges in Rwanda, Darjeeling, 1960's Fashion and Customs and Costume of Peru, to mention a few.

Phoenix meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month and if anyone wants any further information, please contact Lesley on: 07768 130641.

HARVINGTON CRICKET CLUB WINTER NETS

Harvington Cricket Club's 1st II became champions of Worcester League Division 6 for 2024 winning 16 out of the 20 games played, and with two abandoned.

The Club's Second II achieved Div 8 status for another season.

As with all clubs, there is a lot of work to do so if anyone is interested helping the Club in any way, please contact Chairman Dave French on 07484 329998

Winter nets start on 2nd February 2025 at Prince Henry Sports Hall from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and each Sunday thereafter

HARVINGTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

The Community Support group are a small team of volunteers who are available to support residents needing a hand at any time. All our volunteers are DBS checked. So if you, or anyone you know, needs help, then we are often able to assist with

- Transport for appointments or shopping
- Small DIY jobs or gardens
- Assisting with Admin such as form filling
- A friendly visit or chat, or sit-in whilst a carer takes a short break


























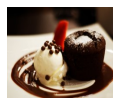
There may be bigger concerns where we may be able to give advice or point you in the right direction.

So please contact the coordinators— **Wendy & Konrad Monks** - on **07591 377367**

(leave a message if we don't answer, and we will get back to you).

HARVINGTON DIARY DATES

What's on this FEBRUARY

MON. 3rd  HARVINGTON HANDBELLS Meet at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Keith Hemming 01386 870069	TUES.11th  UKULELE GROUP Meet @7:30 p.m. Call: Andy Banks 01386 871840 andy.banks16@btinternet.com	TUES. 18th  UKULELE GROUP Meet @7:30 p.m. Call: Andy Banks 01386 871840 andy.banks16@btinternet.com
MON. 3rd  SONGBIRDS Village Hall 7:30—9:30 p.m. New members always welcome Contact: 07973 792961	WED. 12th  CAMEO TEAS- "BRESLAU" LEYS ROAD -3:00p.m. Contact Sophie on 870421 or sophie.dodds@mypostoffice.co.uk	TUES 18th – THURS. 20th 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB HARVINGTON SCHOOL HALL See advert for full details P.3
TUES. 4th  UKULELE GROUP Meet @7:30 p.m. Call: Andy Banks 01386 871840 andy.banks16@btinternet.com	WED. 12th HARVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING –VILLAGE HALL—7:45 p.m.	THURS. 20th  VILLAGE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MARCH EDITION COPY. Email to: arvnews22@gmail.com
TUES. 4th  HARVEY BEARS "RAGS TO RICHES" All donations to the Village Hall by 9:00 a.m. please	FRI. 14th  'Tots@HBC' BAPTIST CHAPEL 10:00—11:30 a.m. All welcome	MON. 24th  HARVINGTON HANDBELLS Meet at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Keith Hemming 01386 870069
WED. 5th  PHOENIX LADIES GROUP 7:45 p.m.. Village Hall Anyone interested in coming along, please contact Lesley on 07768 130641	FRI. 14th  VALENTINES DAY	MON. 24th  SONGBIRDS Village Hall 7:30—9:30 p.m. New members always welcome Contact: 07973 792961
FRI. 7th  'Tots@HBC' BAPTIST CHAPEL 10:00—11:30 a.m. All welcome	FRI. 14th  FILM NIGHT "ALL OF US STRANGERS" (Cert 15) VILLAGE HALL . 7:15 for 7:45p.m	TUES. 25th  UKULELE GROUP Meet @7:30 p.m. Call: Andy Banks 01386 871840 andy.banks16@btinternet.com
SAT. 8th  BOOK, JIGSAW & GAMES SALE. VILLAGE HALL 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m	MON. 17th  HARVINGTON HANDBELLS Meet at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Keith Hemming 01386 870069	WED. 26th  STITCH & CHAT GROUP 2:00—4:00 P.M. COACH & HORSES
MON. 10th  HARVINGTON HANDBELLS Meet at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Keith Hemming 01386 870069	MON. 17th  SONGBIRDS Village Hall 7:30—9:30 p.m. New members always welcome Contact: 07973 792961	FRI. 28th  'Tots@HBC' BAPTIST CHAPEL 10:00—11:30 a.m. All welcome
MON. 10th  SONGBIRDS Village Hall 7:30—9:30 p.m. New members always welcome Contact: 07973 792961		
		FRI. 28th  National Chocolate Souffle Day

WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES

Harvington came joint 4th overall (of 27 Parishes) in the Wychavon Parish Games in 2024, with 139.5 points, easily our best ever result. Harvington were winners of the 5-a-side football, and runners-up in both the Table Tennis and the Skittles and 3rd in the Angling. This was duly celebrated and hopefully, and with more willing volunteers to represent the village in 2025, the village can build on this success .



SKITTLES TEAM



5-A SIDE FOOTBALL

Harvington Village Hall booking enquiries.

For all bookings please contact: tel. no. **07436 118644** e-mail: harvingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Any comments, news articles or events for insertion in the next Newsletter may be emailed to arvnews22@gmail.com. Inclusion will be at the discretion of the Editor – Mike Barbour - and with the approval of the Harvington Parish Council.