

# Your Harvington Village

Parish Council *Newsletter*



## Trenches reveal Roman remains

Archaeological features ranging from Roman to Post-Medieval have been discovered in an archaeological survey to inform a planning application for a development on Crest Hill, Harvington.

The result of the evaluation, carried out by Oxford Archaeology, confirm the features represent a series of Roman enclosures, most likely part of a rural farmstead or settlement.

The archaeological report highlighted that the hillside topography would have offered a desirable location for settlement located on

the higher ground overlooking the River Avon Valley.

Roman pottery and the truncated remains of a limestone surface/wall footing were found amongst other archaeological features.

The report forms part of a planning application (W/24/00656/FUL) by Castlethorpe Homes to build up to 58 residential dwellings with associated open space, landscaping and infrastructure.

The planning decision remains 'pending' with Wychavon District Council.

**Harvington Parish Council Members:** Steve Salter (Chairman), Beverly Allison, John Colebrook, Richard Baugh, Gillian Smith, Christine Ball, Colin Jones and Dave Barker (co-opted onto the Parish Council).

All correspondence and enquiries to be address to the Clerk of the Parish Council Nicky Holland. Call 07746 948392 or email

[clerk@harvington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harvington-pc.gov.uk)

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

**For full minutes of Parish Council meetings visit:**

[www.harvington-pc.org.uk/the-parish-council/agendas-and-minutes](http://www.harvington-pc.org.uk/the-parish-council/agendas-and-minutes)



## Parish Council opposes proposed development

Harvington Parish Council (HPC) has strongly objected to a proposed development of up to nine dwellings at (W/25/00442/PIP Land at OS 0497 4920), Evesham Road, Harvington.

HPC stated it conflicts with the Harvington Neighbourhood Development Plan, it impacts a valued view, the proposed exit is onto the Evesham Road within the 50mph speed limit, and housing allocation for the village is almost fulfilled. Concerns were also raised as to whether the development would contribute to flooding of Leys Road.

## *Saying goodbye to Reverend Richard*

In July, after 21 years of faithful service, Rev. Richard and Gill Thorniley will be retiring to the south coast.

If you wish to contribute to a collection in thanks of their service:

- 1) BACS transfer to St James Harvington PCC, A/C No 65282481, sort code 08-92-99, reference RICHARD.
- 2) Cheque to St James Harvington PCC and given to John Liggitt (Parish Treasurer) Katie Horton (Church Warden) at 3 Brookedale, marked Rev Richard Retirement Gift.
- 3) Cash is discouraged but if unavoidable, pass to John or Katie as above.

A retirement book will also be in St James Church for anyone who wants to wish them well.

## Unitary Authority update

From 1st April 2028, Harvington will be governed under a Unitary Authority rather than a District Council and a County Council, as it is now. The transfer process is currently being planned and Harvington Parish Council will be involved in this process.

It has not yet been decided which Unitary Authority Harvington will be in.

Harvington Parish Councillor Gillian Smith said: *"Initially little will change for the village but, longer term, Unitary Authority councillors will also represent more people so Harvington may get less councillor time. Harvington Parish Council will ensure that the voice of Harvington residents is listened to throughout the transfer process."*

## Clerk job vacancy

Applications are invited for the position of a Harvington Parish Council Clerk working 14 hours per week, including attendance at evening meetings. Salary is based on NALC salary scales and dependent upon experience. For more information contact the Clerk on 07746948392 or [clerk@harvington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harvington-pc.gov.uk) Closing date: Wednesday 30th May

## Cycle parking scheme

Wychavon District Council (WDC) is considering setting up a 'Park that Bike' scheme, which promotes active travel by installing free bike parking at business premises. WDC is looking for views from local businesses. Email [joe.wheldon@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:joe.wheldon@wychavon.gov.uk) to give your views.

## Prostate Cancer Information Evening

The Patient Participation Group at Bidford Health Centre are holding an information evening on Wednesday 14th May, at 6.45pm. Mr Alan Doherty, Consultant Urological Surgeon, will be sharing information such as the value of a PSA test, symptoms to look for, ways of diagnosis, staying healthy and treatment options. He will also answer questions. To book a place please contact Reception after 4pm on 01789 773372.

# Something for everyone...

## Darjeeling and Bletchley Park next up for Harvington Phoenix Ladies

Harvington Phoenix Ladies Group has two fascinating events coming up.

On **Wednesday 7th May**, at 7.45pm in the village hall, Sue Ablett will be giving a talk about Darjeeling and the last Himalayan Kingdom.

On **Wednesday 4th June**, between 9am-5pm, Harvington Phoenix will be visiting Bletchley Park, home of the code breakers. A bus has been organised from the village hall to Bletchley Park and back. The cost is £38 and the visit is open to all. If you are interested in going on the visit or want further information please call Mirren on 0787 0472417.

Harvington Phoenix meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the village hall at 7.45pm and they are always delighted to have new visitors. For further information please call Lesley on 07768 130641.

## Motorcycle display at the Baptist Church

There will be a display of motorbikes at Harvington Baptist Church in Village Street on **Sunday 18th May** between 3-5pm. For more details please contact

Paul Wingert

[paul.wingert1953@gmail.com](mailto:paul.wingert1953@gmail.com)

Refreshments will be served in the chapel.

## A MUSICAL TREAT



The talented **Harvington Singers** will present an evening of 'Summer Sounds' on Friday 27th June at 7.30pm and Saturday 28th June at 7.30pm, St James's Church, Harvington.

Tickets: £9 adults; £5 juniors. Interval refreshments available. Book online at

<https://harvingtoningers.org.uk>

Email

[tickets@harvingtoningers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@harvingtoningers.org.uk)

Tel 01386 870024

*Harvington Films presents...*



Movie lovers will have a treat on **Friday 23rd May**, when "The Heist" (cert 12) is shown at the village hall.

Doors open 7.15 pm - screen illumination 7.45pm. Buy a raffle ticket at the door for £3 and see the film for free! Provide your own glasses, drinks and nibbles, and please take away all rubbish.

# What's on in Harvington?

- **Thursday 1st May** - County Council Elections
- **Monday 5th May** - May Bank Holiday
- **Wednesday 7th May** - Harvington Phoenix Ladies Group 7.45pm, Village Hall
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** - Quingo night 7.30pm St James Church
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - CAMEO Teas - Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm, Hillers Farm Shop
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Annual Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Prostate Cancer Information Evening at Bidford Health Centre
- **Sunday 18th May** - Motorbike Display - 3-5pm, Harvington Baptist Church
- **Friday 23rd May** - Harvington Films show 'The Heist'. 7.15pm, Village Hall
- **Monday 28th May** - Spring Bank Holiday
- **Saturday 7th June** - St James Church Summer Fete
- **Friday 20th June - Sunday 29th June** - Harvington Festival
- **Friday 27th and Saturday 28th June** - Harvington Singers performs Summer Sounds, 7.30pm at St James Church

## Over to you!

A vacancy remains on the Parish Council. If you are interested in helping Harvington village thrive and can spare a few hours a month, please contact the Clerk on the details on the front page of this newsletter.

## CAMEO TEAS

On Wednesday 14th May CAMEO Teas will hold its annual afternoon tea at Hillers Farm Shop.

Let Sophie know as soon as possible if you are able to come on

[Sophie.dodds@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:Sophie.dodds@mypostoffice.co.uk) or  
01386 870421.

## St James Summer Fete next month

Villagers are invited to pop along to the St James Summer Fete on Saturday 7th June between 11am to 3pm. Church Street will be closed between the Station Road junction & just past the church gates. There'll be plenty of food, drink, fun and games. For more information on the fete and the Quingo night mentioned above, follow the 'St James Events' page on Facebook.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Any news or events to:

[newsletter@harvington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:newsletter@harvington-pc.gov.uk)

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO MIKE

Thank you to Mike Barbour who edited this newsletter for the last three years.