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St Mary's Bereavement Group continues to meet on Thursday afternoons in the Rose and Crown at Newport Pagnell. If you would like to join this supportive and helpful group, please have a word with our Churchwarden Mrs Fi Jones who is the Group Leader.

As we move into Easter-time with all the excitement (especially the children) of eating our eggs, may we remember those who have also had their lives turned upside down in Ukraine, fleeing for their lives with their possessions in a suitcase. May we show our love for them by doing what we can, in any way we can – just as Jesus does for us – as he has promised to never leave us.

Happy Easter.

**Jan Bell**

## **NEWS FROM ST PETER'S, TYRINGHAM**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January St Peter's held its first Candelmas for eight years; it

was an easy date to remember as it was the time we welcomed Gita Bilton into our church family at her christening by the Reverend John Berry. John was in our congregation on the 30<sup>th</sup> and asked us to give Gita a cheer; this set the tone for another joyous Candelmas. With fifty candles alight, the church looked most welcoming. After the service, pancakes and coffee, French style, were served enabling the congregation, which included our friends from the LAMP Group, the opportunity to socialise .

We now look forward to our Easter services which are:

April 15th—Good Friday Litany at 11.00am.

April 17th—Easter Day Holy Communion at 9.30am.

With the attack on Ukraine and the terrible atrocities shown on our TV screens daily, St Peter's set up a place for worshippers to light a candle and pray as they attend our fortnightly services. As I write the

sun is shining, the golden daffodils are dancing in the breeze, the countryside is springing into life; yet across Europe dark clouds, destruction, starvation and death are near at hand.



### **Diary Date**

The very popular Le Tour de Tyringham Cycle Ride will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> September**. Cyclists are already signing up to this prestigious event, so hurry and book your place. The organisers need help on the day in a variety of ways - raffle ticket sellers, marshals and cake-makers. Do put this date in your diary. Full details will be available in the next edition of the magazine.

A Coffee Morning is being arranged for a date in May. Please watch the Information Sheet for details. Proceeds will be to the toilet fund.

**Marion Hansford**

## **Editorial**

After all the glorious sunshine of the last few days, the winds have returned to the north with signs of a few cold days ahead—time to snuggle down and read this latest issue of the magazine!

But hopefully it will not be long before the sun returns as a herald of new life to flourish in our community.

There are signs of a slow return to normal life with activities returning to the Social Centre, albeit on a reduced scale because of a shortage of willing hands to help. But the first event of the year will be the return of the popular Curry & Quiz Night on 14th May. I do hope many of you will support this.

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It is a prelude to the major Social Centre summer event for 2022 with celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. There will be an afternoon of fun family activities, including a pageant for our very own Jubilee Queen (see enclosed notice).

Much is also afoot for the Parish Council, with the Neighbourhood Plan reaching a crucial stage of consultation when YOU as residents have the chance to have your say on the proposed plan. Do not squander this opportunity.

You will also have the chance to question parish councillors directly at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th April—about the Neighbourhood Plan or any other matter which concerns you about our community. Again, this is your chance to have your say.

A very different event is taking place over six weeks in April and May, when you are invited to a series of lectures by the new priest-in-charge of the Lamp Group, Adrian

Low, to contemplate how science and faith interact.

We have endured a very difficult two years, with all our lives affected to a greater or lesser degree. Things at home are not looking great with the impact of higher prices at every turn. And now we have a war taking place on the doorstep of Europe—a challenging time for many people, not least the Ukrainians, both those remaining and those displaced by the effects of the war around them. There are some small signs today of a possible resolution to the conflict. I'm sure all will join hands in hoping for a speedy and satisfactory end to hostilities. Sadly, even if it happens, Ukraine will take many years to recover and will need our continuing support and compassion.

Let us hope for the longer and brighter days of Spring to raise our spirits!

**Lesley Gilbert**

# Dates for your Diary

## APRIL

Wednesday, 13th April—**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**, 7:00pm at Haversham Social & Community Centre.

Wednesday 27th April—a 6 week series of lectures on **SCIENCE & FAITH** starts at the Social Centre. See p.8 for more details.

## MAY

Saturday, 14th May—**CURRY & FUN QUIZ NIGHT** returns to Haversham Social & Community Centre, starting at 7:00pm. See p.19 for more information.



## JUNE

Saturday, 11th June—Keep the date free for the **BIG PLATINUM JUBILEE FAMILY PICNIC** with our very own Jubilee Queen's pageant. Watch out for more information coming through your doors soon.

*Calling all budding Jubilee Queens and attendants: don't forget to fill in the enclosed form to be included in the day's fun.*

# News from the Pews

## MEMOS FROM ST MARY'S

We are now officially into Spring, both Meteorological and Astronomical Spring and just to prove it the weather over the last few days has been more than we could have expected. Let's hope that both the plants and us are not in for a disappointment in the coming days, although I suspect that this may be the case!

The clocks have 'sprung' forward so no real 'lie ins' for Mother's Day but we can at least look forward with a bit more confidence. As Lent is coming to an end, Palm Sunday on 10 April marks the beginning of Holy Week and the final week of Lent. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem but then his life, much like some of our lives, was changed dramatically on Good Friday. However, the joy of Easter is that the sadness and confusion of Good Friday was completely turned around by God on Easter

Sunday, as he has promised.

On Maundy Thursday 14 April at 7pm there is a meal and feet washing/shoe cleaning at Emberton for the whole Lamp Group. This is an important celebration based on the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. He then showed his love by washing their feet!

On Good Friday 15 April at 11 am there will be a service for the Lamp Group at Tyringham and on Holy Saturday St Mary's Church will be decorated with Easter flowers for our Easter Sunday celebration at 11.00 am. Please come and celebrate with us.

If you didn't make it to Emberton for Adrian's talks on Science and Faith, he will be re-running these at Haversham Social Centre from 27 April at 7.30 on

come the world. That is the man I will follow.

## Adrian Low

Church of England priest for Emberton, Tyringham and Filgrave, Little Linford and Haversham

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## Contributions for Ukraine

Contributions may be made to the Ukrainian refugee support fund via the Haversham church accounts - please note in any transfer that it is for Ukraine:

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## EASTER SERVICES

**14th April, Maundy Thursday**

7:30pm - **Last Supper Meal and Feet Washing**  
All Saints, Emberton

**15th April, Good Friday**

11:00am - **Litany of the Cross**  
St Peter's, Tyringham

**17th April, Easter Day**

**Easter Family Communion**  
9:30am at St Peter's, Tyringham  
11:00am at St Mary's, Haversham and  
at All Saints, Emberton



## A Message from Adrian Low

Sitting in the Rectory in Haversham, surrounded by quiet nature is a world away from Ukraine, yet not so. The churches in the group (Haversham, Little Linford, Tyringham and Emberton) have been praying for peace and lighting candles for the people of Ukraine, as, I guess, many people have. Some members have offered accommodation and others have been putting on events to collect money for the massive refugee exodus. If you would like to contribute, there is a link below.

A year ago, I was working in the diocese in Europe and that diocese includes the Anglican (Church of England) churches in Kyiv and in Moscow. My priest colleagues there are still operating courageously whilst freedom of speech is non-existent in Moscow and congregations are fleeing Ukraine.

It is an old word, but this war is sin, on a massive scale. Flattening Mariupol, targeting civilians,

setting nation against nation are deep evils, human sin. Keeping the appalling truth about the plight of their brothers and sisters in Ukraine from the population of Russia is sin. Lying to the world – that there will be no invasion - is sin.

For me it is profoundly sad that the Orthodox Church in Russia does not condemn the invasion but tacitly supports it under the guise of uniting the Russian world. Such condemnation would require the leadership and probably tens of thousands of priests to speak courageous words to doubting congregations, courting hostility and hate. That is desperately needed for when truth, life and love are mangled, overturned and abused – as they were one Easter 2000 years ago – as they are in Ukraine today, then the followers of truth, life and love must speak out.

I am glad more than 1000 Orthodox theologians

have put their names to a declaration condemning the war. The Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury and virtually all other church leaders, including non-Russian Orthodox leaders, speak openly of the evil of this war. Alleluia.

We may vilify the one man behind all this but, like Herod slaughtering the children of Bethlehem, Pilate condemning God in Jesus to death, Nero feeding Christians to the lions, Hitler's Holocaust and Stalin's starvation of Russia, it is as if their words are spoken by a demonic power beyond themselves. They generate so much fear in their followers who abandon conscience and consequently cause anarchy on a global scale.

I want to recall again and again the words of Jesus who showed a different way to live that stands boldly for truth, peace and love in the face of violence. Fear not, he said, over and over again, fear not, for I have over-

## Local News

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



#### Dog owners reminded to keep their dogs under control during lambing season

When walking dogs in rural areas, dog owners are advised about the following:

- Always ensure your dog is under control in an area where there are livestock or wild animals.
- Be particularly vigilant during lambing season and always keep dogs

on a lead during this time.

- If your dog is not good with other animals or people, avoid letting them off their lead when others are around.
- Don't allow people who may not be confident in doing so or have full control over the animal to walk your dog.
- Remember where there may be no livestock in a field one day, the same location could be full of animals the next.

Allowing a dog to worry or attack livestock is a criminal offence under

the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.

Ultimately a landowner by law, and as a last resort for protecting their livestock, is able to shoot a dog which they believe is worrying sheep. Police must be notified within 48 hours if this course of action is taken.

Anyone who witnesses an incident of sheep worrying livestock or who has information relating to dogs being dangerously out of control is urged to contact police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 immediately.

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## The Scammers are at it again

The police have begun to hear about scams using the Ukrainian Crisis to extort or scam money. Please be mindful of this and check the origins of requests to support the crisis.

**Always remember** - To report a crime in action, call **999**. To contact the police on the non-emergency line, call **101**.

## JUBILEE CLUB

We were delighted to welcome Rev Adrian Low to our February meeting, a chance for everyone to get to know the new priest-in-charge of the LAMP Group of churches. Adrian regaled us with tales of his life before he ended up on our shores—from Essex to Staffordshire to Spain to Milton Keynes, of his academic career and his faith.

In March, Julia Upton told us about her time as High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and her new role as one of the deputy lieutenants of the county. She is also involved with many

local charitable trusts, including the local YMCA branch in Milton Keynes where is chair of the trustees and a great champion of their cause. The new YMCA facilities in MK offer a real lifeline to those whose lives are going through bad times.

### Next meetings:

**Wednesday, 13th April** - an informal lunch at the Social Centre to celebrate our 20th anniversary, starting at 1:00pm.

**Wednesday, 11th May** - Christine Duncan from Bucks Fire Services, on keeping safe in the home.

The Jubilee Club provides an afternoon meeting place for older residents where they can enjoy one another's company but where we also have presentations from a wide range of speakers, the occasional outing or lunch out and sometimes a bit of entertainment. We always welcome new members, so if you fancy coming along and giving us a go, you will be made to feel very welcome.

We usually meet on the second Wednesday of

the month in the Social Centre. Subs are £2 per person to include tea and homemade cakes, and we also have a raffle to which members contribute the prizes.

We still miss our dear friend Pat Brightman but it was a special occasion on 23rd March when we, along with her family and many other friends in the community, were able to bid her farewell at her memorial service at St Mary's. There were smiles and tears as the reminiscences echoed around the church, and afterwards at The Greyhound. We were able to look back at Pat's life through her photograph albums, many from when she was a nanny in the 60s and 70s, travelling to all those glitzy places in Europe, and even taking to skis! Thanks to Hayley and Shelley for arranging such a lovely occasion to remember 'Auntie Pat' and all she did for our community.

**Lesley Gilbert**

## Lamp Group Church Services

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<b>3rd April</b>	9:30 am Holy Communion 11:00 am Morning Worship & Baptism 6:00 pm Something Else on Sunday	Tyringham Haversham Emberton
<b>10th April Palm Sunday</b>	9:30 am Morning Prayer 11:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Holy Communion / Children's Church	Little Linford Haversham Emberton
<b>14th April Maundy Thursday</b>	7:00 pm Last Supper Meal and Feet washing	Emberton
<b>15th April Good Friday</b>	11:00 am Litany of the Cross	Tyringham
<b>17th April Easter Day</b>	9:30 am Easter Family Communion 11:00 am Easter Family Communion 11:00 am Easter Family Communion	Tyringham Haversham Emberton
<b>24th April</b>	9:30 am Holy Communion 11:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Parish Praise / Café Church	Little Linford Haversham Emberton
<b>1st May</b>	9:30 am Holy Communion 11:00 am Parish Praise 6:00 pm Something Else on Sunday	Tyringham Haversham Emberton
<b>8th May</b>	9:30 am Morning Prayer 11:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Holy Communion / Children's Church	Little Linford Haversham Emberton
<b>15th May</b>	9:30 am Morning Prayer 11:00 am Holy Communion 6:00 pm Evensong	Tyringham Haversham Emberton
<b>22nd May</b>	9:30 am Holy Communion 11:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Parish Praise / Café Church	Little Linford Haversham Emberton
<b>29th May</b>	11:00 am United LAMP Group service	

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Please contact Fi Jones, 07790 724156.



## FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS

Check out the LAMP group website at <http://thelampchurches.com> or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stmaryhaversham](http://www.facebook.com/stmaryhaversham) where you can find links to our Zoom services and lots of other details about our worship.

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**1<sup>st</sup> June:** Humanity, ethics, AI and redemption

grow longer and life begins to resemble the normal we have all been longing for, we are aware that our pupils will be



spending more time outside. Our year 4 children attended a trip to Hazzard Alley focusing on all aspects of keeping safe. The children completed sessions on road safety, railway safety, fire safety, peer pressure, bullying and online safety. The children and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable day and we are hopeful that the knowledge imparted by the wonderful instructors will help our children remain safe.

Our upper key stage 2 children have also been learning about road safety



and were able to complete their Bikeability certificates. The children were able to work with the Bikeability instructors to learn about the Highway Code, general bicycle maintenance and riding safely on public roads.

The staff of Haversham have worked their hardest to provide fantastic learning experiences and pastoral care for the local children this half term. If you would like to see more of the fantastic

things that happen within the school day, you can keep up to date through our twitter page or website.

I wish everyone a restful Easter Break and hope the weather remains pleasant.

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# Haversham Village School



I am extremely pleased to say that, since the easing of restrictions, the school has managed to operate in a far more normal way. The children have been able to mix more freely within the school and we have been able to welcome visitors into the school again.

The last two years have been very insular in schools and the children have had minimal chances to interact with their peers from other schools. This has now changed and the children have been able to compete against other local schools in sporting competitions.

It was great to see some of our year 6 children competing in the EFL Kids Cup hosted by MK Dons Set at Fairfields Sports Hub earlier this term. The competition was strong and the children worked really hard. Our team placed 15<sup>th</sup> out of 16

teams but thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was a pleasure for the staff to see our children competing against other local schools and having so much fun. It was the first time our pupils had played together as a team and also their first tournament. I have ordered a new kit for the children to compete in and we will squeeze in some training sessions before the next competition.

Four of our pupils were fortunate enough to play at a badminton festival hosted by Denbigh School. The children performed excellently and were great ambassadors for the school. They were successful in winning the majority of their games and were all awarded participation certificates.



The easing of restrictions has also meant that we are able to host events in school again. The school was able to host a book fair as part of our world book day celebrations. The children really enjoyed the fair and the school was able to raise £300 towards new library books. The children also celebrated world book day by dressing up as their favourite characters.



Friends of Haversham School had the fantastic idea of organising a book exchange day. This consisted of the pupils bringing a preloved book into school with them and then having the chance to choose a different preloved book to take home with them. The event was a huge success and we look forward to another book exchange event in the near future.

As the milder weather approaches, the days

## Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council Community Speedwatch

### Volunteers wanted

Would you like to help make our parish roads safer?

If you can spare an hour or so per month, and would like to be part of our Community Speedwatch Team please contact our Parish Clerk - e-mail: [haversham.ltlinfordclerk@gmail.com](mailto:haversham.ltlinfordclerk@gmail.com)



## Parish Council News

### The View from the Chair

#### PLEASE HELP KEEP A TREE ALIVE!!

As mentioned in a previous magazine article, the Parish Council have been supplied with 10 mature trees to plant on Parish Council owned land, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

The aim of the Queen's Green Canopy is to plant 10 million trees across the UK to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council have had six of these magnificent trees planted in the Recreation Ground, three on the Crescent Green and one in the Allotments.

Given the time of year, it is really important that each tree is regularly watered for the next year or two, especially during warm weather. Could you adopt a tree to water? Either as one household or perhaps together with two or three of your neighbours?

Each tree has been fitted with a water bag holding 70 litres of water, which slowly empties into the ground over about 10 hours. The water could be grey water, (the relatively clean waste water from baths, sinks, washing machines and other kitchen appliances, or collected from a rainwater butt, or of course fresh water.

If you are considering helping with this but worried about the cost because you have a water meter, we understand 1000 litres will cost £1.68 on Anglian Water's standard tariff. That means it would cost less than 12p to fill a 70 litre water bag ... and watering one tree every week over the summer would cost less than one posh cup of coffee.

Obviously if you do not have a water meter there would be no additional costs of water.

The Parish Council are delighted to have been

given this gift in commemoration of the Queen's long reign but are a bit worried about how we can make sure they thrive. Please email the Parish Clerk (address below) to express your interest in adopting a tree, with your contact details and an indication of whether the tree you would like to adopt would be in the Recreation Ground or on Crescent Green.

#### WELCOME MARIA

The Parish Council has been without a Parish Clerk for several months. This has meant a lot of extra work for your volunteer councillors. I am therefore absolutely delighted to let you know that Maria Manthorpe has joined our team as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Email details remain the same and are shown at the end of this article.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The next required stage of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process is un-

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derway, a public consultation with the local community and statutory consultees – a Regulation 14 Consultation. All the relevant documents, including the evidence gathered to support this Pre-Submission Plan, are on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.havershamtlinford.org/neighbourhood-planning>

We really do want to understand your views, so would urge you to study the documents and send any comments by email to the Parish Clerk (details below). If you are unable to email you can post your response to 16 Frost Cottage Haversham MK19 7DX.

#### What's in the Plan?

After collecting a lot of evidence and working with our very experienced consultants, we have developed a number of policies which we believe give us as a parish the best chance, once the plan is eventually confirmed by referendum, of protecting the rural character of

Haversham-cum-Little Linford.

In order to prevent unsolicited and unsuitable housing development in our parish we believe it is wise to put forward a small site for housing in our Neighbourhood Plan. This will give us protection under the National Planning Policy Framework against unsolicited development proposals which would almost certainly be of a much larger scale.

But the NP is not all about housing development – there are many policy proposals which are being put forward to help protect the things we love about our parish. Please remember that a Neighbourhood Plan is a PLANNING document, so issues which have no relevance to planning are not included.

Please take a look at the documents and email your responses to the Parish Clerk so we know what you think. The deadline is 22 April 2022.

All comments will be reviewed and taken into

account as our Neighbourhood Plan is finalised for submission. This will be presented to Milton Keynes Council who will undertake further consultation in line with NP regulations. Once they are happy it is valid, they will ensure it is presented to an Independent Examiner. There may be a bit of to-ing and fro-ing, suggested changes etc., but once the Examiner is happy with the validity of our Neighbourhood Plan it will be put before YOU, the residents of the Parish, for a Yes or No Referendum.

#### DOGS IN THE RECREATION GROUND

Yet again we unfortunately have to remind some dog owners that **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE RECREATION GROUND**. It is very disappointing that not only are some dog owners continuing to ignore this, and abusing people who politely ask them to take their dogs out of the rec, but at least one person is deliberately tearing down the notices reminding everyone dogs are not

allowed, which is of course criminal damage.

The Parish Council would ask yet again that dogs are NOT brought onto the Recreation Ground. We are looking into the legal actions we can take against the people who continue to ignore this fact. Obviously we would like to thank the vast majority of parish dog owners who do respect the rules.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 13 APRIL AT 7PM

Once a year the Parish Council holds a public meeting to share what we have done during the previous year and plans for the future – and most importantly to hear from residents about their concerns and aspirations. This year the meeting will be held at the Social Centre in Manor Drive on Wednesday 13 April. We do hope that you can make it.

Given that Covid infection rates are still pretty high, please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

### APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL

Due to Easter Monday falling on the date the Parish Council would normally be held (third Monday of the month), the Parish Council meeting date has been changed to Wednesday 20 April.

**Pam Williams**  
**Chair—Haversham cum Little Linford Parish Council**



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### NEXT ISSUE OF MAGAZINE

Our next issue is for **June/July.**

Copy date will be **Friday, 20th May** and the magazine should be ready for distribution on or around **28th May**

*All contributions welcome.*

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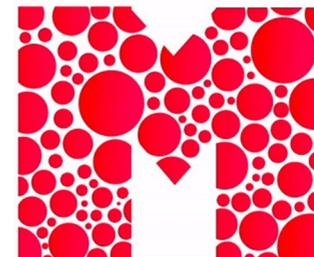
## Community Information



### FLOODPLAIN FOREST WARDENS

The Parks Trust are seeking 3-4 people to patrol our local Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve on a weekly basis on either Tuesday or Sunday afternoons. You will be paired with another volunteer as you patrol the site, engaging with the public, checking on our Konik ponies and livestock, litter picking and reporting and issues to our Ranger team. More information is given on their website at <https://www.theparkstrust.com/get-involved/volunteering>, or email [volunteering@theparkstrust.com](mailto:volunteering@theparkstrust.com).

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nance workers, gardeners and collection specialists among them. They work at all levels, including management, and from just a few hours a month, to several days a week.

The Museum is holding a Volunteer Open Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 3-5:00pm, when you can find out more about the opportunities they have available. **For more info, email [volunteer@mkmuseum.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@mkmuseum.org.uk) or call 01908 316222.**

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ly vegetable plants can now be seeded, some can even be planted out and protected with cloches. But definitely keep an eye on those night-time temperatures.

Plant new bare-rooted fruit bushes and trees to allow them to put down root growth before they come into full leaf. Keep them well watered throughout the season. Top Tip.... when planting, sink a hollow plastic tube

to the base of its roots. This will ensure you can get the water to where it will be needed most. If you're a fan of Asparagus, plant new beds now, to allow them to establish throughout the season. These will take 2-3 years, or more, to start cropping.

So, there are my top gardening jobs to work through early this season. Any work done now will only benefit our gardens

from the moment they have started to grow. As I always do, it's time to sign off with another favourite gardening quote of mine. This one from - Alfred Austin: 'The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul.'

**Jemma English**



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## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings usually take place at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month

except in August. The meetings are open to the public. The next meetings are:

**Wednesday 20th April  
Monday 16th May**

Parish Council meeting agendas are published on the parish notice boards the week before each meeting.

*Additional news & information can also be found on the Parish website at [havershamltlinford.org/](http://havershamltlinford.org/)*



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battle, possibly not quite the war. Lightly hoe your garden soil to clear any weed growth, removing all the green matter and as much root as possible. This is especially important for the blightful bindweed and painful nettles. Apply a good bark mulch on top and take advantage of its additional benefits. Less watering, less back breaking weeding and the additional bonus of adding much needed natural nutrients as it breaks down into your garden soil.

Take a walk through your gardens every few days and dead-head naturalised bulbs. By doing this regularly you will be helping your bulbs more than you realise. Once they have finished flowering, it's best to give them a good generous high potassium feed (Tomorite is ideal) every couple of weeks until the leaves start yellowing. With our bright and cheery Daffodils, to aid keeping them tidy, try tying the leaves into loose knots after flowering, then allow them to die down natural-

ly. By doing these simple tasks, you will help keep the goodness within the leaves & bulb and ultimately keep them healthy.

Crack out every gardener's essential of Growmore or Chicken Pellets and put around your trees, shrubs and hedges. Look out for any deficiencies as plants start to grow and correct them using a selective feed.

Rose buds are certainly beginning to break now, a bit of a panic gulping moment with the sporadic frosts we have recently been waking to. Keep watch for any damage done alongside the regular maintenance they need at this time of year. Prune out any dead, dy-

ing or diseased wood and prune to open out the main framework to aid with natural air movement. Give them a good feed, as they certainly are the hungry toddlers of our gardens. Toprose or manure are perfect options for this. Start a spraying routine, once buds have burst, and look to alternate the sprays you use, both fungal and pest. This will ensure that your rose plants will not become accustomed to the spray, making them become less effective.

Give those greenhouses a good spring clean. Crack out the Jeyes Fluid and wash down all areas and planting equipment. This will kill any pests or diseases that could be present from last season. Ear-



## Get gardening! Seasonal tips from Jemma

Oh, those blissful signs of spring, a sense of real joy for our gardeners within. The sun has been shining down and warming us all. The plants around us are waking from their winter slumber and are beginning to show us the wonderful spectacular shows they produce each year. The terrible storms we have suffered are passed for now, and the new season ahead awaits us with our gentle green-fingered touch.

It's time to dust off and clean our tools, get our knees muddy, hands dirty and those nails grubby. With temperatures rising, and hopefully soon becoming more stable, it really is the ideal time to get started in your gardens. Here's a few top jobs to get done now, all in the unknown path of the new season ahead.

April is nearly here and our lawns will be in need of their first trim of the year, possibly even the second or third. For us

this winter, our lawn never really stopped growing with the mild weather we saw, but now is the time to set them up for success this season. Start by giving them a treat with a nice nutritious early liquid feed. This will help them to green up and thicken. Save the slow-release feeds for later in the season, as these will have more benefit then. Good grass maintenance now will serve you well if you are also intending to take part in No Mow May. You may remember my personal dislike of Dandelions in lawns, due to the bare patches they create. Now is the time



to leave them where they are to allow the early rising bees to collect the gold dust of pollen at this time of year. But watch their flowers closely. As soon as they look like they are going to turn to seed heads, remove them to save them from running rampant in your lawns.

Lift and split any perennials that have started to become overcrowded, before the new growth is in full swing. Transplant around your garden or share them with friends, family or neighbours, who can then also appreciate the beauty of these plants.

After a mild winter, those pesky weeds are certainly trying to take hold in our garden. Starting early will ensure you can win the



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## Update on Haversham & Little Linford Defibrillator Campaign

We have now taken delivery of the three defibrillators and secure cabinets, so we're ready to go from an equipment perspective. A massive thank you again for the donations from residents right across the Parish that helped to procure this vital equipment.

And now for an update on our three proposed locations:

### Little Linford Lane

Our original proposal was to site the defibrillator close to the post box on Little Linford Lane – with power supplied via the nearby Western Power pole. This required approval from Milton Keynes Council on two points:

- the proposed structure on which the defibrillator cabinet would be mounted and
- the excavation work on the highway to install the 'structure' and connect it to the power source.

A decision was originally expected at the end of January – this was then delayed to the end of March. On 24<sup>th</sup> March we met with a Highways Officer from MK Council concerning the installation.

The Officer provided very helpful feedback on our proposal including some aspects that had not previously been considered. He also suggested some options that could potentially provide a more effective solution in the long run – and we are now exploring these in more detail before deciding which way to proceed.

### Lower Haversham

The Parish Council have now agreed to adopt the telephone kiosk on the High Street to house the defibrillator cabinet for this part of the village – and the phone should be removed in the next few weeks. From there, we will schedule the installation and rebrand the kiosk to make it clear that it is now a Defibrillator station.

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### Upper Haversham

We continue to work with the school to agree the best solution for the installation of the defibrillator at this location.

Here's hoping that by the time of our next update we're able to celebrate the successful installation of at least one of our defibrillators.

If you do have any questions or suggestions regarding the campaign, or would just like to help out, please contact Parish Councillor Ian Burgess on 01908 321537 or Jane Dawes on 07790 495296.



*This work has been supported by funding from MK Community Foundation*

As we bring our latest 'notes' to a close we feel the anticipation of the coming of spring somewhat tempered by the unimaginable desolation and despair wrought by war on the people and land of Ukraine. No Spring to look forward to; no quiet time in a garden or chance to watch Mother nature spread her cloak of new growth over the land. Nothing will remain. We are so very, very fortunate

to live our lives as we do. We might bemoan the price of fuel for our cars, the oil to heat our homes and the spiralling cost of things, but what are those things compared to the horror that we witness daily on our screens. When we potter in our gardens, walk the dog along the quiet footpaths, chat to our neighbours or do any of the small tasks that fill our daily lives, try to take a

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ilar. At first glance they are just another of those 'small brown birds' that are seen in the garden at this time of year. As a member of the finch family, they are seedeaters and have the short stout beak common to Sparrows, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches. It is the seed that falls from our feeder that attracted them. Our neighbour, John Tarbox had a low, flat seed feeding table in his garden and the Reed Buntings have loved it and at one time there were seven feeding together. The summer plumage of the male is very distinctive. It will have a black head, throat and bib with a white collar and moustache. The underparts are white but its back is brown with lovely and very distinctive chestnut stripes. The males are beginning to develop their black heads now and this is what made us realize

that this bird was something a bit different. The female lacks the black head and bib and is less well marked but she does have the noticeable chestnut stripes on her back. Typically they like the scrubby, rough vegetation of damp ground and lake margins where they build a nest of fine grasses low down to the ground but well concealed in thick vegetation. Four eggs are usually laid of a warm pinkish beige which are beautifully marked with lines and dots of purple-brown, almost as if someone has scribbled on them with a fine ink pen. Reed Buntings are most conspicuous during the breeding season when the male sings a simple but distinctive repetitive 'seeeu' song. They are quite numerous down at the lake here and also at Manor Farm Nature Reserve so perhaps you'll

be lucky enough to spot one of these very attractive 'little brown birds'.

Today, as we put together the latest 'notes' the weather is lovely. The sun is shining and it is definitely bit warmer. There are honey bees and bumble bees about and just now I rescued an odd striped bee from my greenhouse. It was very cross and entirely ungrateful at being rescued! Very amusingly we have just had a handsome cock Pheasant in our garden. I



had heard him calling down the field and then there he was, strutting about the bottom of the garden looking very grand. That was until Ted saw him.... then with a cackle and a whirring of wings he was up and off over the fence. I imagine the suave Mr Pheasant is on the lookout for a date with fine hen pheasant somewhere nearby!

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The church will be decorated on Holy Saturday and the memorial book displayed on the table by the door from Easter Day.

Any donations please to **Ann Robinson (01908 313207)** or **Jan Bell (01908 317240)**, together with the clearly written names you wish entered in the book.

## Social & Community Centre News

Our AGM was held on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>. It was an open meeting but only three people attended. The committee members have not changed and a list of the members and officers will appear at the end of this article. We are in the process of making some changes to our booking system. We are hoping to have an online system as well as the usual phone contact for those who do not use the internet. Also we are putting an extra contact for Hall bookings and she will liaise with the Bookings Secretary. The numbers for booking will be in the back of the magazine.

Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> marked two years from the original lockdown, and it was also the second anniversary of Pat Brightman's death. We were not able to say a proper farewell to Pat at that time but the Village did manage to say Goodbye

to her on this anniversary with a memorial service at the Village Church. It was a fitting farewell for someone who was so indelibly linked to Haversham and who loved it so much.

Because we are a very small committee we will not be holding as many events this year. There will be a Quiz & Curry night on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the major event for the Summer will be a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be instead of our usual May Day celebrations and Fete. We will crown a Jubilee Queen and are asking for nominations, an application form with all the details will be with this issue of the magazine. We hope residents will come along to the crowning and have a Picnic in the Park. We thought it would be more fun if the picnic was themed, for example, for Harry Potter fans it could be Hogwarts, or it could be a Teddy Bears Picnic or, following on from that thought, it could be the

Roaring Twenties, Star Wars; I am sure there are plenty of imaginative people out there. Don't worry if you don't want to dress up just come as you are and have fun but there will be prizes for the most imaginative picnic. We plan to have games/races for the children with prizes, a bouncy castle plus much more. A leaflet drop before the day will give final details & arrangements for the day. We hope you will support us on this day as you have done so many times in the past.

The year of the Golden Jubilee many residents decorated their houses and a prize was given for the best one. We would like to do the same this time. The houses will be judged on the Jubilee weekend itself. We also want to give each child in the parish a gift and to that end we have been doing a survey. At the present time we are not certain what the gift will be as we are still researching options. If you think your child has not been included in the survey, please

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be in danger of falling down! Big and seemingly lazy the Buzzard will eat almost anything it can get, from the smallest beetle to carrion. We feel sure that the Buzzards nest somewhere fairly close by as the fledged Buzzards are often on the same fields with their parents. The constant, and we mean constant, mewling call of 'feed me, feed me' by the young birds must be very wearing indeed! An even bigger bird, the Red Kite, is a regular patroller of the airspace over the village and its surrounds. Almost every day over the past few months a Kite has sailed over the garden and the fields beyond. Sometimes it has been so low as to be a bit unnerving. It too has been on the hunt for food and the Kite, just like the Buzzard, will eat almost anything. It is an oppor-

tunist and has been known to take chickens, pheasants and young ducks. The Kite, once a bit of a rarity, is now almost a pest in some areas creating havoc on free range chicken farms and taking food from people's summer picnics and barbecues in some locations. We mentioned in the last 'notes' that we had seen a Jay and a Greater Spotted Woodpecker on our peanut feeder. About a fortnight ago we had two Jays visit at the same time! Were they a pair? We weren't sure but they stayed for some time gorging themselves on the pricey peanuts. The Jay is quite a big bird, around 35cm in length



and has beautiful colouring with the main body being pinkish-buff except for white rump and under its tail. The wings are very striking with black and white patterning and a patch of chequerboard blue, black and white very visible. It really is a very attractive bird and we have been lucky to see two so near as they are usually very wary and are usually heard (they have a loud raucous call) rather than seen. Mind you, the Jays were not at all keen on the Greater Spotted Woodpecker. As soon as it arrived the Jay was off or, as we saw several times, sitting hunched but alert nearby until the woodpecker flew off, it too having had a good feed on those pricey peanuts!

Recently, we have had a number of Reed Buntings on the lawn under the bird feeder. This has been a real pleasure for us as they are not commonly seen in gardens. They could, at this time of year, be easily mistaken for a House Sparrow being the same size and in their winter plumage, very sim-

ring me or contact any committee member. My contact details are at the back of this magazine. here are just over 130 children in the Parish at the last count.

**Jackie Brown  
Chair**



## HAVERSHAM SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## Nature Notes

At long last winter seems to be loosening its chilly grip. Admittedly the last few nights have been a bit frosty and the wind has been from the east, but the days are just a bit warmer and longer. By the time the 'mag' lands on your mat it will be April, the clocks will have changed and spring will be a reality! April is a month of resurgence, of revival, of new life. All around us in the natural world life is beginning to unfold, from the tiny pearl-like buds on the Blackthorn to the cavorting lambs and calves in the fields. April can be slow to start but each passing day brings new growth which is like a cloak of the brightest, freshest green spread far and wide. Already the daffodils are dancing in the breeze, their vivid yellow glowing like the sun. Surely one of the best loved little flowers of spring has to be the primrose. Unlike the daffodils their colour is not strident but muted and demure with pale

perfectly formed flowers with a centre of egg yolk yellow. Primroses are



sociable little plants and like to be together, seeding about and spreading to create swathes of pale yellow flowers which lift their faces to the spring sunshine. Close to, they have a scent like no other and on sunny days the scent is sweet in the air. As usual the grassy banks at Slated Row near Old Wolverton are awash with primroses, they seem to like it there and have made quite a carpet. There are quite a few places around MK where the roadside banks have a profusion of primroses which is very cheering indeed. Along the edge of a much-walked footpath near here the violets have emerged. Low growing and shy, the small flowers hug the ground, sheltered and protected by the hedge. I

think they are the Common-dog Violet rather than the Sweet Violet but it matters not because the purple-bluish flowers are cheery and bright in the hedge bottom. On the same path but further along are white violets too, not many as yet but they stand out against the green of the grass and are really pretty. On a recent walk we came across a large patch of Ground-ivy. Rather unloved and no great beauty, the colour of its many flowers was uplifting. Held in whorls along soft stems, the flowers are violet-mauve and often visited by early bees. The leaves of the plant are kidney-shaped



and are commonly purple-tinged. When bruised the leaves give off a minty smell and at one time the leaves were infused in

boiling water, honey added and the ensuing tea drunk to alleviate coughs and 'winter chests'. Drier weather and the rise in temperatures have coaxed out a few bees. I have seen one or two bumblebees bumbling about, clearly dozy after a long winter sleep and bumble they do, bumping into stems and leaves on the hunt for early nectar. Crocuses are favoured and the Winter Honey-suckle which grows under our fence is much visited with the gentle rumble and drone of the bumblebees a welcome sound. Honey bees have been here too on the hunt for nectar. The sweet smell of the small flowers draws the bees in, and they bob about amongst the twiggy stems feasting on the nectar. There have been a surprising number of butterflies about too, Brimstones, two Red Admirals which would have survived hibernation, and a couple of other small brownish ones that have just flittered across the garden too quickly to be identified.



Birds are on the move now and none more so than the Grey Heron. These gangly, anglepoise birds nest very early, from February onwards, and oddly for such a big, long-legged bird, nest in trees, in colonies which can be quite large. The nest is an untidy loose affair of sticks and twigs which is often used from one year to the next. Herons will steal sticks from unguarded nests to add to their own and much squabbling goes on as territories are established in the tree. The whole business looks very precarious indeed! A local heronry can be seen in the wildlife centre from the gated road which runs past St Peters Church. You can't miss it as the noise gives it away; harsh 'kronking' and bill-rattling sounds emanate from the spindly nests. The parent birds are busy finding food for their very unattractive offspring and there are regular flight paths over the village as the birds fly out to hunting and feeding grounds. Some don't travel so far however. Five or six herons are to be seen each morning patrolling the horse paddocks at the back of the village. Rough grass with many divots and droppings provide worms and beetles galore, just the thing for hungry Heron chicks. The Herons are not put off by the ever-present Buzzards which also patrol the same fields. The Buzzards have occupied the fields for years, sitting hunched on a fence post, walking and running about in the rather comical way that Buzzards do, almost as if their legs have oversized furry trousers which could