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Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh at the service on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Our beloved Queen never seemed to have a time to die, she seemed immortal, always there, steadfast, dedicated, committed to keeping the promise made on her 21st birthday right until two days before her death. On February 2nd 1952, we looked forward with hope and anticipation to a glorious Elizabethan Age and it has indeed been such an era. May Her Majesty Rest in Peace.

We in our little corner of North Buckinghamshire opened the church for two days for private prayer and for parishioners to sign our Book of Condo-lence, and from feedback this was very much appreciated.

We had to change the date of our Harvest Festival to October 2nd. It will be an Evensong at 6:00pm with the traditional harvest hymns. We hope our friends from within the group of churches will join us. We do realise what an

inconvenience the bridge closure is for members of St Mary's but we do hope to see you. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The Tour de Tyringham Cycle Ride will have taken place by the time you receive this edition of the magazine. As I write, it promises to be another great event with eighty cyclists signed up for the various routes of 25, 50, and 65 miles. The PCC really appreciate all the work the organisers put into planning this huge event in St Peter's calendar.

Discussions continue concerning our plans for a toilet. Members of the PCC went to see a composting toilet installed beside the church in the tiny village of Owlswick and were most impressed. We will continue our fund raising events over the coming months. Watch this space.

Our Remembrance Service will be on 13th November at 3.00pm followed by refreshments.

Marion Hansford

A Sad Tail

I've looked around
I've looked all day
They've probably all gone away
I've asked the horses, the ravens too.
They said 'We're as confused as you'
But the wiley urban fox confessed
To seeing what no-one wanted him to!
I've sniffed the legs all down the Mall.
I've sniffed the lamp posts too!
But when I sniffed a guardsman's leg
I was pushed off with a 'Shoo!'
Me and Mick walked to the roadside
And sat down with a sigh;
People started crying as a car with flowers came by.
Now the days are long
The nights are cold
And things feel pretty rough.
But when I think of her lovely smile,
I know grief is the price we pay for love.

Jan Bell

Editorial

The icy northerly winds and sudden drop in temperature remind us that the season is changing from summer (so hot!) to autumn, that "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" (*John Keats—To Autumn*).

Everything changes. As we enter a new 'Carolean Era' under Charles III, I reflected on how things change when writing about Gerald Stimpson, one of the many who settled here in Haversham in the 60s when we were but a small village in North Bucks, nearest town of significance - Northampton. Who would have thought then that a large city would grow on our doorstep and how important it is to fight to retain our 'smallness' and

ruralness which is so precious to us all; to keep our community facilities going which others have fought for in the past; to retain our 'village' identity. Gerald and many others have done that over the last 60 years; I hope others will assume the mantle and fight for us in the years ahead.

Of course, things must and do change for the better but there are core things which are valued and should be preserved or, if replaced, let it be by something better.

But some things change only a little and it is wonderful, after what feels like an eternity, to see our regular activities returning again. The Annual Village Show was a wonderful success as always. We have the Annual Fireworks Display coming up,

together with a flurry of activity running up to Christmas. Do support these local events. In these difficult times, they offer great entertainment for the family at a reasonable price and help to support the Social & Community Centre too.

The past year has seen much catching up with family and friends kept apart by Covid, delayed weddings taking place, deferred holidays enjoyed. With vaccines in place, let us hope that all will be well over the coming cooler months and that sense will prevail in the wider world and bring about an end to the horrors that create new gloomy headlines every day!

Lesley Gilbert

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NEXT ISSUE OF MAGAZINE

Our next issue is for **December/January**.
Copy date will be **Friday, 25th November**, and the magazine should be ready for distribution on or around 3rd December.

All contributions welcome.

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Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

Saturday, 8th October—**LITTER PICKING** in the parish. If you'd like to volunteer to be involved, see p.6.

Saturday, 29th October—**MESSY CHURCH**, 11-12:30 at the Social Centre. See p.16.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 5th November—**ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY** at the Social Centre. Gates open at 6:15, Fireworks display at 7:00pm. See details on p.17.

Sunday 13th November—**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** at St Mary's, starting at 10:50am.

Thursday, 24th November—**FESTIVE WREATH-MAKING EVENING**, 7:30pm at the Social Centre.

See p.18 for information.

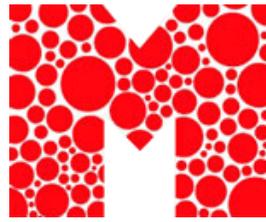
Saturday, 26th November—**MESSY CHURCH**, 11-12:30 at the Social Centre. See p.16.

DECEMBER

Saturday, 3rd December—**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**, 2-4:00pm at the Social Centre. Details on p. 18 and watch out for invitations coming through your door.

Sunday, 4th December—**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**, 3:00pm at St Mary's.

Saturday, 10th December—**FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO** at the Social Centre. More details in next issue.



MILTON KEYNES MUSEUM

At Milton Keynes Museum, there are various volunteering opportunities for people from all walks of life.

They are hosting Volunteer Open Days on Tuesday, 4 October (2-4pm) and Sunday, 9 October (4-6pm). Or take a look at their website at <https://miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/>.

Formed in 1973, the museum tells the story of Milton Keynes and the surrounding area through the 19th and 20th centuries, focusing on Victorian home life, farming, communication and transport.

Saturday 24th September at 11 am in the Social Centre saw the start of Messy Church with craft activities, story song and prayer followed by a bring and share lunch. Colin is in charge so anything can happen! Look out for this every month 11 – 12.30pm.

St Mary's Church is hoping to run their next 12 sessions long Bereavement Group starting the 2nd week in October. This group is a small, supportive and confidential group which meets in a friendly and relaxed setting. Group members can share as much or as little as they feel comfortable with and, although challenging, it is an excellent way of being helped to move forward. I am one of the first group to have been helped by it and can highly recommend it.

As well as dealing with the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, two of our own long standing Church members also died recently – Mr Gerald Stimpson and Mrs Mary Billings. They were both

members of St Mary's Church for many years and both lived in Haversham for more than fifty years. Gerald was a member of the Parish Council and together with the late Pat Brightman was instrumental in achieving the relaunch of the Haversham Village Show. On leaving the village, Gerald and Ena presented a Cup which is used by the Parish Council to honour those people who had made a significant contribution to village life. Mrs Mary Billings was also involved in both Church and Village life, giving keep fit classes in the social centre, sitting on the PCC of St Mary's Church and on the fund raising committee. We give thanks for the contribution of both of these residents to the life of the village and the Church and extend our condolences to their family and friends.

Looking ahead to Christmas (yes, already!) on 4th December we have our Christingle service at 3pm. Carols on the Green will be on 16 December

and on 24 December at 6pm we have St Mary's Carol Service. In addition this year it is planned to hold a Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's. Look out for further details for your diary coming soon.

Although this month of September has been challenging and at times upsetting with the death of our late Queen, a new King, a new Prime Minister and Government, let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up (Gal. 6 v 9). Let's try to encourage each other to move forward and look forward to better times.

Jan Bell

NEWS FROM ST PETER'S, TYRINGHAM

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

These words from Ecclesiastes were spoken at St

Wine Tasting Evening

at Haversham Social & Community Centre

A guided informative talk, with cheese and biscuits to accompany the wine.

More details will be announced soon.



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and ashes. No, no, no. That makes no sense. Jesus lived on after death and that is a key hope in the Christian faith. We are on a journey where we cannot see around the corner, but we can have a faith that the corner, the door, the river – whatever you like to call it – has a path the other side which we cannot see. For, as St. Paul said, nothing can separate us from the love of God... not even death.

So, with a 'sure and certain hope' then, we remember the living who have journeyed beyond that corner, through the door, further than we have gone, and we thank God for their time with us.

Adrian Low

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News from the Pews

MEMOS FROM ST MARY'S

On Thursday 22nd September the autumn equinox occurred. This means that just for once, everyone across the globe get a day and a night of 12 hours duration. This marks the first day of autumn astronomically speaking based on the position of the sun in relation to the earth. Of course, all you astronomers out there will not need to be told this. The leaves also begin to fall from the trees (they have

started already) and the birds, especially the geese, start to migrate and make a very mournful sound.

The season of Autumn is of course, associated with the gathering in of fruit and crops and Harvest Festivals. This year, St Mary's Church was again lucky to be invited to Hill Farm for a lovely outdoor Harvest Service and picnic afterwards. Traditional hymns were sung with accompaniment from Mrs Jean Wootton on the organ,

ably assisted by the two farm dogs Cookie and Connie! A poem by Pam Ayres entitled Hedgerows was read by Rachel Paton and it was lovely to be able to give thanks for the harvest when we were surrounded by grain.

On 21st September we had Blooming Awkward Questions – Heaven, Hell and Ikea! (and who hasn't felt like that on a wet Saturday afternoon about 3pm?) This has been an extremely challenging and thought-provoking series!

Local News

GERALD STIMPSON

It was very sad to learn, on the day of the Village Show, that Gerald Stimpson had died that morning. Although no longer living in Haversham, Gerald and his wife Ena were stalwarts of village life during the 50 or so years that they lived here in The Crescent (Ena much longer as she was born here). And it had been Gerald who worked enthusiastically with the Social Centre, and particularly Pat Brightman, to resurrect the annual Village Show in 1999 which has thrived for the past 23 years.

Although Gerald was born in New Bradwell, in 1960 he married Ena Rose, whom he had met at a dance at the then Haversham social centre at the old Italian POW camp, and became a true Haversham man, deeply involved with the community at all times. Ena and he raised their family in Haversham and daughter Gill continues the tradition.



Ena's father had always been very heavily involved in village life and Gerald quickly followed suit. He worked with others on the scheme to raise funds to add a proper community facility for the village, to be housed in the new village school which was then being built. And it is thanks to Gerald and others that we have the Social & Community Centre which opened in 1965.

He had a very successful career at Wolverton Works and at Bletchley – he even appeared on Tomorrow's World! And his work life spilled over into his leisure time when his love of railways led to him being involved with the founding the MK Model Railway Society 1969 which is still going today. Outside of work, he also loved sport of all

sorts – athletics, badminton, football – he was a great supporter of the Cobblers!

He served on the one-time Residents Association and then on the Parish Council for some years, determinedly protecting the community's interests and ensuring that our rural environment was respected. The oak tree planted on the triangle at the top of Wolverton Road was his initiative to commemorate the Millennium.

Many of us were shocked when Gerald and Ena decided to move to Shenley Wood Retirement Village – who would have thought they would leave their beloved Haversham behind. But they knew it was the right thing for them and they enjoyed a good few years being an integral part of that new community.

As Revd Low said at Gerald's funeral, 'his was a life of using his talents for the benefit of his community wherever he was'.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St Mary's Haversham are hoping to run their next Bereavement Group sessions, a series of 12 meetings in total, starting the 2nd week in October.

If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please contact Fi Jones on 07946 616218 or by email fi-jones@stmaryshaversham.org.

UPDATE ON PARISH LITTER PICKING

Some of our regular volunteers have moved away or have dropped out of the list for other good reasons. Also for any one picking event some regulars are away or booked up that Saturday.

New volunteers are therefore needed to ensure that every 2 months we can cover the entire Parish, including Little Linford. If you are able to help on a Saturday morning once every 2 months please contact me by email: pturnbullmk@gmail.com or by phone 07710 423032.

Our next dates are **Saturday 8 October** and **Saturday 10 December**. Happy to answer questions if you are unsure about volunteering.



We usually run as three teams one for New Haversham; one for Old Haversham and one for either Mill Road or Little Linford, but if we get more volunteers then the last group would be split into two.

Many thanks to Great Linford Parish Council from whom I borrow the equipment. Also thanks

to MK Council who pur-



chased the equipment, set up the Parish-based litter picking system, and who also arrange collection of all the bags of rubbish from my house during the following week.

Philip Turnbull, Parish Councillor

JUBILEE CLUB

In August, we managed to find some shade on a very hot sunny afternoon to enjoy afternoon tea out-

AT LAST.... The Burgess's wall is completed!

Gill and Ian thought you might like to see this proof as so many people have made a comment about it during its construction, and about the length of time it "stood still" !



A Message from Adrian Low

Do you forgive and forget? Do you forgive and not forget? Or do you neither forgive nor forget? Giving up on forgiveness leaves us less able to move on. Holding resentment in a heart marks the heart eventually – the result is a bitterness of the soul.

But what about forgetting. November brings a time of remembering, rather than forgetting. This Remembrance Day will be the first with a new monarch for 70 years. He will stand at the cenotaph remembering his mother. We will remember those who have died to keep our life free from the tyranny that so many people still live under in our world.

We will remember the fallen in the war in Europe, that blistering sadness of sin and lies that confronts those who only seek to live a peaceful life. As I write another 300,000 Russians are to be mobilised and put in harm's way for the pointless politics of land-grab.

Meanwhile, at the end of October, beginning of November we celebrate All Souls and All Saints. We remember our own loved ones departed. In a joint Memorial service at Emberton church we will list those in our parishes who had died and we wish to remember.

Grief is the price of love – words used by Queen Elizabeth. The grief was

seen at the outpouring of sadness of millions when the Queen died. I have been touched by the many thoughts in the four books of condolence in the churches in the Haversham/Little Linford/Tyringham/Emberton group that I serve. Tears came unexpectedly to me, and probably to you, for Her Majesty. Tears still come unexpectedly for those we have loved who have died.

But, time and time deep in the formality of a funeral we meet words that have hope in them. What is it that lives on after we die? Did God really spend billions of patient years creating the right place and time for life to exist in God's own image, just to let each life end in dust

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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/stmaryshaversham where you can find lots of other details about our worship.

HAVERSHAM MORNING WORSHIP

After each 11 o'clock service, members of the congregation are invited to stay for refreshments.

Lamp Group Church Services

2nd October	11:00 am	Parish Praise	Haversham
	6:00 pm	Something Else on Sunday	Emberton
	6:00 pm	Traditional Harvest Festival	Tyringham
9th October	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford
	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11:00 am	Holy Communion / Children's Church	Emberton
16th October	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tyringham
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Haversham
	6:00 pm	Evensong	Emberton
23rd October	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Linford
	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11:00 am	Parish Praise / Café Church	Emberton
30th October	11:00am	United LAMP Group Memorial Service	Emberton
6th November	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
	11:00 am	Parish Praise	Haversham
	6:00 pm	Something Else on Sunday	Emberton
13th November	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford
	10:50 am	Remembrance Service	Haversham
	10:50 am	Remembrance Service	Emberton
	3:00 pm	Remembrance Service	Tyringham
20th November	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Tyringham
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Haversham
	6:00 pm	Evensong	Emberton
27th November	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Linford
	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Haversham
	11:00 am	Parish Praise / Café Church	Emberton

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side for our annual outing to Woodpecker Cottage. Not much tea was drunk but plenty of refreshing cordial and there was even a little ice-cream to cool us down.

Our September meeting fell during the national mourning period following the death of Queen Elizabeth. It was also the day when the Queen's coffin was transferred to Westminster Hall so we knew that some members would be following the event on TV. So those who wanted to come along to the Social centre, simply enjoyed a cup of tea and cake, and chat amongst friends.

And we have the added sadness of learning that one-time member of the Jubilee Club, Mary Billings, has died. Mary was very much a Haversham woman and involved in many aspects of life here, not least teaching Keep Fit at the Social Centre for many years. Her health led to her moving away to residential care where she was very settled. Our thoughts are

with her family at this sad time.

Next meetings:

Wednesday, 12th October - Our delayed Chinese Auction in aid of MK Bus Shelter, and Pam Williams will be coming along to talk about the charity's valuable work with the street homeless of Milton Keynes.

Wednesday, 9th November—Joyce Conridge in conversation with Jean Wootton about her life in London before she 'escaped to the country'.

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.

Lesley Gilbert

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Thames Valley Police are aware of an increase of vehicles having items removed from them in the early hours from various areas around Milton Keynes. Please find information below on ways to prevent your car becoming a target from thieves and the impact on you as a victim.

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forward to working with her. I am sure everyone will join with me in welcoming her to the school and wishing her luck for the year ahead.



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ST MARY'S CHURCH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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We have had a wonderful start to the academic year and the staff have really enjoyed welcoming the children back into school. The teachers have been very busy over the summer ensuring that their classrooms are colourful and purposeful. They have also been working hard to ensure the curriculum remains relevant and stimulating.

It has been lovely to welcome parents into the school, over the last few weeks, to attend the new to year group meetings led by the staff in each year group. These meetings give the parents a chance to meet the class teacher, see the children's classrooms and hear about all of the fantastic learning and experiences the children will experience over the year.

We have recently welcomed our new foundation children into school

and, as always, the foundation stage team have done a fantastic job in ensuring the children are happy, safe, settled and ready to learn. It has been wonderful to see how confident and mature our new foundation pupils are and we are confident they will build upon this wonderful start and have a fantastic year.

The school is continuing to build upon its musical offering with peripatetic music lessons starting again across the school. The children are continuing to learn guitar, violin and recorder in increasing numbers and the staff are excited to see a new cohort of guitarists and violinists this year. It is always a pleasure to see and hear children learning an instrument. As the year progresses we look forward to being able to welcome parents in to see the children perform.

I am extremely pleased to announce that the school has been recognised for its increased participation in sporting events across the city. The school has been

awarded the School Games Bronze Award. Miss Kirby has worked tirelessly this year to ensure our pupils have the opportunity to compete against other schools in as many sports as possible. I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Kirby on behalf of the school and children. Miss Kirby plans to build upon this success so I am hopeful that at this stage next year I will be able to announce further sporting success.



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Brudenell to the staff team.

Miss Brudenell has joined Haversham village school as our first Deputy Headteacher, which is a huge development for the school and local community. Miss Brudenell brings a wealth of knowledge to the role and I really look

Always lock it

Get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

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Parish Council News

The View from the Chair

It has been a strange time since the announcement of the death of HM The Queen and we have all witnessed history in the making. The pageantry was awe inspiring and many people have commented that they were impacted more than they expected to be by The Queen's passing.

The Parish Council set up a Book of Condolence, which was available to sign twice a day in the Social Centre between 12th and 18th September. There were not as many residents taking the opportunity to share their thoughts as we expected, but I would like to offer my thanks to those who did and to the councillors who gave up their time to manage the sessions.

The Book of Condolence will be kept in the Parish Council archive.

SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

Due to The Queen's funeral on 19th September, the Parish Council meeting could not take place. It was decided to cancel the September meeting altogether as a suitable alternative date could not be arranged.

VILLAGE PLANTERS

Ladybird Gardening Services has been appointed to keep the Village Planters neat and tidy and replenish plants. They will tend to each planter three times per year.

DEFIBRILLATOR

I was honoured and delighted to welcome the Milton Keynes Mayor, Amanda Marlow to Haversham-cum-Little Linford on 3rd September. The Mayor officially opened our defibrillators in the traditional, ribbon-cutting way, prior to the Village Show. Raising the funds and dealing with the many challenges involved in overseeing the installation of THREE defibrillators in our Parish

was a huge effort. The Parish Council are very grateful to everyone involved, especially Jane Dawes, who worked tirelessly to get this project over the line.

ROSE-STIMPSON CUP

Later that same afternoon, I presented the Rose-Stimpson Cup to Jane Dawes for her work on the Defibrillator pro-



ject. This cup, donated by Gerald and Ena Simpson when they moved away from Haversham, is awarded by the Parish Council each year to someone we feel has made a very significant contribution to the parish.

It was very sad to learn that same day that Gerald, who had served on

Replant with cheery pot displays of winter colour using plants such as Heathers, Cyclamen, Winter Pansies/Violas and Skimmia. Store any ceramic and glazed pots that aren't frost proof away before frosts hit.

Build a log pile at the back of a border for wildlife to shelter in for the upcoming winter. Clean out and disinfect bird boxes once vacant and if you're able to do so.

Go on regular snail/slug hunts, especially on damp evenings, to reduce overwintering populations. This is one job my two girls love to be involved in.

Well, that's it, I'm signing off from my top jobs for the autumn once again, with a gardening quote which is rather poignant right now. And, certainly for me, is what tending to our gardens is all about "It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps,

that bring about the most lasting change."- QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

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Chives, Lemon Balm and Marjoram, then replant or share with others.

If you have a greenhouse, act now and protect yourself for the spring. Clean out the greenhouse as fully as you can to get rid of debris that can harbour overwintering pests and diseases. Wash with Jeyes fluid making sure not to accidentally get any solution onto any remaining cropping plants or seedlings still residing in the greenhouse. Wash any greenhouse shading paint left after the season off glazing, to let in as much of the weaker autumn daylight as possible. Line glass/polycarbonate with bubble insulation, as night-time temperatures start to fall, to prolong any fruiting of indoor grown Tomatoes, Cucumber and Peppers etc. Use their additional protection benefits and bring in potted tender plants to give additional protection for the cold winter months, but make sure that you inspect plants you bring in for any pests and diseases, as you don't want to undo any work you have

already done to protect next season from pests and diseases.

Keep watering plants as we continue to have less rain than we normally would. Make sure to do so more sparingly as conditions turn cooler and the days get shorter.

Sow Sweet Peas in deep pots for early flowers next summer. Plant prepared Narcissus bulbs and the roots of Lily-of-the-Valley for fragrant indoor blooms in about 10 weeks. Plant Amaryllis bulbs in pots on a warm windowsill for flowers by Christmas. Yes, I have mentioned the festive word. As always, plan, plan and plan ahead again.

Finally, last but not least are those general garden maintenance jobs which are a great benefit to a healthy thriving garden. Apply an autumn lawn feed to revive the grass after the rigours of summer. Make sure to do so after rain so that the soil surface is dampened, though making sure the grass itself has dried be-

fore applying. Water in within 24-48hrs if no rain has fallen after spreading. If able to, as soils are still very hard, spike compacted lawns and brush grit into the holes to improve drainage.

Rake up fallen leaves from lawns, borders, driveways and paths, and store in bin bags to rot down into leaf-mould. Clear fallen leaves from guttering to ensure water butts fill up. Add in additional water butts if space permits, to harvest the coming Autumn/Winter rains, and any rain throughout the year. We sure needed them this last summer didn't we!

Check that your shed/outdoor storage area is secure and waterproof, so you can safely store tools and patio furniture away over winter. Gather up canes, plant supports that are no longer in use and hoses/drip-feed systems, making sure to empty them, and store indoors over winter.

Empty spent summer pots and hanging baskets, compost the contents.

the Parish Council for many years, had passed away. Ena and their family are in our thoughts.

SPEEDWATCH

Councillor Langham organised the first of our Community SpeedWatch sessions. The Parish Council have purchased the necessary equipment and the first group of volunteers have been trained by Thames Valley Police. The team will undertake regular Speed Monitoring sessions and report to the police the details of cars travelling at excessive speeds at the checkpoints.

PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEDESTRIANS!

We have received a number of complaints about cars parking on pavements in the Parish. Most of our pavements are quite narrow and, in many instances, this inconsiderate parking means pedestrians are forced to walk into the busy road to pass. Those pedestrians may have young children with them, or be elderly or disabled so this is a concerning matter. **Please keep cars on the road so that**

pavements can be safely used by pedestrians.

There has been a similar problem recently on the Crescent Green, where parking is not permitted on the grass. In this case, it was building contractors parking inappropriately. The house owner and the builders themselves were informed and parking on the Green stopped straight away, which was appreciated. If you are having work carried out, please remind your contractors to park

with consideration for your neighbours.

If you have any issues you wish to raise with the Parish Council please come along to a Parish Council meeting (usually the third Monday of the month except August) or email our parish clerk, Maria Manthorpe.

Pam Williams
Chair





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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:

Monday, 17th October
Monday, 21st November

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/

Take hardwood cuttings from ornamental trees and other shrubs and plants, making sure to choose healthy growth.

Hasn't that north wind from last week, come as a little shock to the system? It certainly won't be last of the wind. Protect your shrub Roses from wind-rock over the winter by reducing the height of them, making sure to use sharp secateurs and that you cut above a dormant bud. Fork up perennial weeds, rather than hoeing, to ensure you remove every bit of root.

Autumn is the time to prepare for the next growing season in vegetable and fruit gardens. Sow Green Manure, such as Winter Rye, rather than leaving soil bare over winter. This can be dug in come spring, adding much needed nutrition to the soil. Keep sowing batches of hardy Broad Beans and Peas outdoors for early crops next year. Plant out Spring Cabbages now, but make sure to protect them from late butterfly or aphid attacks, and of course those hungry slugs

and snails too. Plant Garlic cloves in a sunny well-drained spot, making sure that the clove tips are at least 5cm below the surface. If you haven't already, order bare-root fruit trees and bushes now, for planting from late autumn to early spring.

Cover outdoor salad crops with cloches to prolong cropping as the temperatures cool. Now we have started to see a little bit of rain, make sure to raise Pumpkins and Squashes onto bricks to keep them dry. Cut away leaves around fruits, exposing them to more sun to ripen the skins. If any rotting to the fruits has started to occur, harvest them now, washing off any dirt left on the skins. Allow the fruits to lay in a frost free location in the sun to ripen skins for 7-10 days. Then wash in a vinegar solution (1 part vinegar to 3 parts water) and store in a cool, dark place allowing space between each fruit. Wrap grease bands around the trunks of Apple, Pear, Cherry

and Plum trees to trap the crawling female winter moth.

Many have found a lack of Runner Beans and French Beans after this tough growing year. If you're lucky enough to have some beans left on your plants, leave a few pods to ripen fully, so you can save the seeds for next year. When harvesting Onions and Garlic, make sure to spread them out on greenhouse staging, or the soil surface, to dry thoroughly before storing. Top tip, store strung up in an old pair of tights in a cool dark place, tying a knot between each one, this will help to keep them fresher for longer.

Clear away old crops as soon as you have finished harvesting, so they can't harbour pests and diseases through the winter. Cut fruited stems of Blackberries, Autumn Raspberries ready for next year's growth. Trim back any ferny shoots of Asparagus to soil level ready for the new spears to develop in the new growing season next year. Divide large clumps of herbs, such as

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Get gardening! Seasonal tips from Jemma

Once again, we are finding the nights drawing in fast. Cool autumnal mornings, with the beautiful early mist are beginning to welcome us. The first signs of autumn have been developing now for a while, after the long dry summer we have just come through. For some this might seem like the gardening year is over, but it's certainly far from over.

Our flower borders may be looking rather tired and dry, after developing their growth during the drought. But some plants and flowers are still battling on, showing us their autumn glory. The ground may still be cracked and rather hard to dig, but now is the time to plan ahead. To make the job of any digging a little easier on yourself, wait until after rain as this will help loosen the soil surface. Now is the time to plant spring bulbs through your borders, or informally through lawns,

ready to give you early seasonal colour, come spring. Evergreen shrubs and conifer hedges will benefit from being planted now while the soil is still warm, though certainly make sure to maintain a good watering scheme to help them set their roots well. Any deciduous shrubs that are in the wrong place, or have outgrown their current position, can be carefully lifted and transplanted now.

Early frost will soon be with us, I have noticed the first signs of the colder nights hitting us, when over on my allotment plot last weekend. My poor Squash plant's leaves were wilted, not through the dry summer, but the autumn chill in



the air. To avoid frost damage on those tender plants, start protecting them now. Lift Canna and Dalila plants, once flowering has faded, dry off the tubers and store in cool dark conditions until spring. Tender perennials, such as Chocolate Cosmos, Gazanias and Coleus should be lifted and potted up to protect inside over winter. Banana plants and Tree Ferns will benefit from being wrapped in layers of fleece, to protect from frost. Those pot saucers, which were certainly beneficial to us this past year, should be removed and replaced with pot feet or bricks to prevent water-logging to pots over winter.

Collect seeds from hardy perennials which have managed to flower well and set seed, sow straight away in a frost-free area.

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MK Mayor helps celebrate completion of Parish defibrillator project

As well as the Annual Village Show, September 3rd was also the date for a mini ribbon cutting 'ceremony' to celebrate the completion of our defibrillator project, with three units now installed and fully operational across the Parish.

If you need reminding of where the defibrillators are located, check the Parish web site at this link

<https://www.havershamlinford.org/community-defibrillators>.

With so much activity taking place at the Social Centre in preparation for the Village Show, it made sense to hold the ceremony by the defibrillator unit located on the railings next to the gates of the school car park.

There was a good turnout of folk from across the Parish, plus many individuals and organisations who had supported the project – including MK Community Foundation – who supported the project with a grant.

Once everyone was gathered, Pam Williams, Chair of the Parish Council took a minute to remind everyone of the potentially life-saving role defibrillators can play in the community – particularly a rural one such as ours. Pam then handed over to the Mayor who applauded our achievements before cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

The Mayor and other guests then joined others



way. The chill in the air, which already is so noticeable, will be commonplace. The days, even now, will be shortening with depressing speed until at the end of the month we 'change' the clocks and we face the darkening days of winter. As the daylight hours diminish, the natural world begins to close down. Leaves fall, drifting in waves of gold, scarlet and rust. Sycamore seeds whirl through the air like small helicopters. Will there be conkers? Who can resist those glossy seeds that somehow fit

comfortably in your palm and just seem to find their way into a pocket. Acorns, a favourite seasonal food for deer, are already falling, crunching underfoot as you pass by. Berries, red, scarlet and purple, show off their bright colours in any autumn sunshine. My favourite are seed pods of the Spindle. Inconspicuous for most of the year until the autumn when its leaves turn a deep red and the four-lobed seed capsules, almost shocking pink in colour, gradually open to reveal four orange seeds. Very striking

and beautiful. It really isn't difficult to find something that is lovely and pleasing to the eye. A simple vase with a few late flowers from the garden, an apple from your tree if you have one or some shapely, tasty vegetable, lovingly tended and nurtured, to be enjoyed. Enjoy what is around you; we'll need all the cheering-up we can muster this winter. The natural world in winter, though bleak at times, has much to offer if we only look.

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lard. His aggression is alarming; he powers across the water or flies low and threateningly towards any intruder. The lake is his! The flotillas of geese are a thing of the past, they used to use the lake to wash and preen after feeding out on the fields and we loved to hear them calling as they flew in. No more; they've all been pushed off to other stretches of water. The ugly and sinister looking cormorants have gone too, though this is no bad thing as the fishermen complained endlessly about the effect these efficient fishers were having on the stock of fish in the lake. It's quite sad to see the lake devoid of larger waterfowl. There used to be quite a congregation of birds, including other swans, on the water particularly in the winter months; now they all shy away from the aggressiveness of the swan. High time he sailed away to waters new!

One bird which he cannot scare off is the Kingfisher, but even so it's a long time since we saw one



around the lake, so I was delighted when, about three weeks ago, I heard the distinctive, high-pitched peeping call that I knew to be a Kingfisher. The call was followed by a fleeting view of a turquoise and orange 'bullet' flying low over the water from behind me. It was almost as if the bird was playing a game, as having landed somewhere out of view ahead, I heard and saw it twice more as I walked on. Kingfishers are well known for being elusive so I felt very lucky to have, as my last sighting that morning, a good view of it alighting on a willow branch overhanging the water. There it stayed until I got just a little bit closer and then it was off as quick as lightning. Imagine my delight when, the following morning, there was not

one, but two Kingfishers obviously chasing one another in roughly the same spot as the day before. Not only did they fly along in front of me but they turned and flew back to pass by me as I watched. I've not seen or heard them again since that day. This is often the case with nature sightings; right place, right time and there it was. Gone.

In the last nature notes we wrote about the success of rescuing a young grass snake from inevitable demise on the road. This has been offset by finding one squashed on the sailing club lane early one morning. This wasn't the one we rescued as this was much smaller, about as thick as a shoelace and about 15cm long. I am, however, much encouraged to have seen a photo taken by Maxine Booth of a lovely (well, to me anyway!) big grass snake seen basking in the sun somewhere around the perimeter of the lake.

By the time the magazine reaches you it will be October and autumn will well and truly be under-

to view the exhibits entered for the village show followed by refreshments and cake.

A big thank you to Jackie Brown for being so accommodating in enabling the ribbon cutting session to fit within the tight timings of the village show, and also to Laura White for the lovely photos taken on the day.

If you have any questions on the defibrillator project, contact Parish Councillor Ian Burgess on 01908 321537 or Jane Dawes on 07790 495296.



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some visitor. It's quite difficult to define whether the bird is male or female as they are very similar - greenish olive feathering with dull white underparts and a crown of bright red. Both sexes have black facial markings but, unless closely observed, it can be hard to distinguish between the two. Green woodpeckers have an undulating flight and a very distinctive and easily recognised 'yaffling' call.



ing a cool and damp hide-away. The toad ventures out probably more often than we know to mooch about in the hope of finding a slug, a worm or some other moist meal. We enjoy seeing the toad and feel lucky to have it living here.

We are at times surprised and amused by the appearance on our path at night by a toad. We look at him with the light from a small torch and he is unperturbed. He or she is quite large and is a warty and typically lugubrious individual of sedentary disposition. We think it lives under the paving slabs at the side of the house where it is always quite shady and therefore cool. The slabs are laid on sand and we think the toad has squeezed (the mind boggles at how a largish toad can do this!) under the slabs and burrowed into the sand mak-

Our pond has suffered in the hot weather and we've struggled to keep it topped up. We haven't seen quite as many newts this year but we know they are there and have bred as there have been quite a few efts, or newtlings, swimming about. There seem to have been fewer water beetles too. Damselflies and dragonflies have visited regularly as have numerous bees and wasps coming to drink. Many birds have visited either to bathe or to drink including the rather annoying fat wood pigeons which splash about leaving a film of waxy

dust on the surface. This is the same 'dust' that you see if a pigeon flies into a window. The powder comes from the soft feathers which have tiny barbs which break down into a dust which the pigeon preens into its outer feathers to make them waterproof. The dust on the surface of the pond from the pigeons takes some time to disperse and looks horrible, but then, even woodies need to bathe....

Of watery things, the swan saga continues. The pair of resident swans nested and hatched four cygnets, all of which survived and thrived and are now, in late September, almost the size of their parents. The cygnets, having lost that fluffy, downy appearance, are now well feathered and grey and will remain so for many months until they begin to show light brown plumage which eventually turns into the pure white of an adult. The male swan, or cob, has been his usual horribly aggressive self, repelling all water-bird life bigger than a mal-

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seeds will drop and regenerate ensuring the continuance of the common provider of flowers in the spring for many insects and the berries for the birds in the autumn. We will be interested to see if any of the 'dead' bushes revive next spring.

For now though, autumn seems to be arriving early. The harvest, usually bedevilled by rain, seemed to have been completed in the driest weather for years. Combines growled their way across the land in great clouds of dust so dry was the corn and the soil. Balers were quick to follow parcelling up the straw into sun-warmed bales to feed and bed down during the drab days of winter. All too soon the tractors and cultivators were out grubbing up the parched ground in readiness for the next crop. I thought that this year, because of the dry conditions, there would be less hedgerow fruits but the autumn hedgerows are bountiful. Sloes, rose hips and hawthorn berries and trees laden with crab apples.

And as for blackberries; there is a profusion! Spying a good spot when out for a walk I returned armed with a vessel and picked four pounds in an hour. There were so many, plenty for me and plenty for the birds and plenty for the fox who is very fond of blackberries and will eat as many as he can get at. Just examine a fox poo and you will find it full of blackberry seeds! For many creatures, fruit is a lifesaver, being full of moisture and nutrients. On a dark note, the hedge cutter man with his flail that smashes hedges to bits has already been out. All the bounty for the birds and animals to feed on before the rigors of winter will be gone. It defeats me as to why this can't be done later in the year instead of now when autumn hedgerows are so fruitful.

In our garden we have many feathered visitors and we're always pleased to see them. A handsome visitor has been calling regularly of late; the Green Woodpecker; a one bird raiding party.



And the objective? Ants! How the bird finds them is a mystery. The bird lands on the grass on its short stubby legs supported by its stiff tail, both essential for tree climbing, but not so great for land-based pursuits. It stays still for a while almost as if it's sussing out the whereabouts of the ants under the ground. Does it sniff them out or can it hear the ants? Both theories quite mad! So how do they find them? The woodpecker stays for some time using his strong beak to drill into the ground and then employs his long tongue to collect up the ants. A few times, when the bird has gone, I've been out to inspect his ant-hunting spot to find the grass riddled with holes where he's drilled. We get both red and black ants in our lawn so we're not unhappy that many are hoovered up by this hand-

Nature Notes

Dry July gave way to an arid August and now, with barely a blink, we find ourselves in September and an early autumn. Can we forget the heat of August? July was bad enough but August... Little was spared in the continuous gruelling heat; every day was hot, some days so very hot that ordinary chores became almost unbearable. We sagged and drooped in the terrible heat as did the natural world. Animals in the fields, if they were lucky enough to have some shade, were listless and unmoving, nose to tail against the misery of persistent flies. Sheep, huddled together in whatever shade they could find, panted and heaved as the heat increased. Nothing much moved; garden birds hid from the heat and were silent. Insects too seemed to lie low, with bees mostly absent during the heat. High in the sky the Buzzards took advantage of the thermals, wheeling and mewling without effort. Now

and then a Red Kite would appear, sometimes just above the rooftops, drifting out over the fields in search of food; how unlucky they must have been? We have wondered how many mammals have perished during the past few months. The seldom seen and much loved hedgehog, young foxes and badgers, this year's cubs, all will have had a very hard time. Losses will be many as easy food sources dried up. Earthworms would have gone deep under the soil as the ground dried out and beetles too would have succumbed to the arid conditions. Rabbits, a prime food source, seemed in short supply and we saw little evidence of rabbit nests having been dug out as badgers try to get to the babies. In the fields, the edges of the corn crops were pulled down as pigeons got to the ripening corn. This flattened corn, though a trial for farmers, provided a lifeline for all manner of creatures, from mice to badgers and many birds. Meanwhile,

the countryside dried. Almost every bit of soil-based plant life became biscuit coloured. Vegetation withered, flowers faded fast and the very trees, even huge old veterans, seemed to diminish in the heat. Many trees and bushes shed leaves early as a survival technique, and curiously many elderberry bushes in the hedges appeared dead when its neighbour stayed green if a bit crisp! We wondered whether the elder is shallow rooted and as the ground dried its roots dried out. Many of the scrubby elder bushes shed all their leaves but still held on to their flat clusters of berries. Usually elderberries are fat and glossy but not these as each berry had shrivelled and wrinkled to a dull purple. Not much good as food for the many birds that fatten up on them in the autumn months. Despite the somewhat desiccated berries the elder does seem to have had a trick up its sleeve, so to speak. The berries, of course, would each contain a seed and though the bush may die the

Social & Community Centre News

We were fortunate to have a sunny day for the Village Show. Although the number of entrants were down the number of entries were up and there was a good display for everyone to see in the afternoon. We had more entries in the horticultural section than I expected although entrants were down. When you consider the challenging weather conditions gardeners faced, it was surprising that we had any!

The afternoon commenced with the Mayor of Milton Keynes cutting the ribbon to celebrate the conclusion of the Village's efforts to raise money, for not just one but three defibrillators. This was thanks to the efforts of a team led by Jane Dawes. After the opening ceremony the Mayor then came into the hall with the general public to view the numerous entries. She was very complimentary about the whole event. The fine weather meant that refreshments could be served outside, courtesy of the Church who helped to organize and serve. Many thanks to

the Church and Shula Jackson who was responsible for this part of the day.

The overall winners in each section were as follows: Photography was won by Fiona Viney. Our judge for this section was Jenny Wykes and her steward was Natalie Jarman. The judge praised the standard of work and as usual there were a lot of photographs to judge.

The Horticultural section was judged by Frank Wykes (interestingly no relation to Jenny); his steward was Gaynor Bromley. We were expecting the entries in this section to be low after another difficult growing



season but there was a reasonable display. The vegetable section was won by Gill Burgess and the Fruit section by Ian Burgess.

The number of entries in the Floral section were down on previous years but there were some lovely blooms and displays on show. The judge for this section was Irene Paton and her steward was Julia Cheetham. The winner of this section was Jackie Brown.

The Domestic section is always the most popular and it did not disappoint this year. The judge was Kathleen Dodds and her stewards were Holly Sains & Fiona Viney. The judge

was very complimentary about the standard of the entries and said how much she had enjoyed the experience. The overall winner was Bernice Fagan; the judge said that Bernice's apple pie was the best she had ever tasted.

Arts & Crafts were judged by Sarah Webb and, with her steward Louise Reid, she also judged many of the entries in the children's sections. The Arts & Crafts section was won by Phoebe Justice. There were some lovely entries in this section and I am always impressed by the skills that are on display. Sarah also judged the Wood & Metal section

with Fiona Viney as her steward. There were a few more entries this year but we could still do with more people entering this section. We do try to cater for all abilities. The overall award went to Ken Brown.

The children's sections are judged by all the judges except the horticultural judge. The marks are then added up and the shields awarded. The results were as follows: Children's Toddler – Ruby White; Children's Junior - Chester Crosby ; Children's Middle – Mia Eckley and Annabelle Sains; Children's Intermediate - Tallulah Banks. There

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smoothly, from setting up the night before to organization on the day, to the judges and their stewards, to the committee who helped with the planning, stewarding, door entry and organizing refreshments.

There is a lot of planning for this event and my heartfelt thanks go to Lesley Gilbert who does all the paperwork that this involves, which is considerable; to Holly Sains & Fiona Viney who helped with suggestions within the different categories and who also undertook the difficult task of calculating the scores and the winning of the various trophies. Finally, our grateful thanks go to Laura White who photographed the whole proceedings for us. You can see these lovely photographs elsewhere in this magazine and they are a record of a happy day.

We now look forward to the future. We have our annual firework display on Saturday November the 5th. Later in November we have a Christmas

Wreath Making Workshop. The first Saturday in December the Children's Christmas Party will be held and the following Saturday it will see the return of Christmas Bingo.

We are also working on a new event—a wine tasting evening—hopefully to take place in the next couple of months. Watch out for more details as soon as they are available.

As I mentioned in the last issue, we have had to revise our hire charges for the Social Centre, with effect from 1st September, particularly to cater for increased energy bills. It is a long time since we increased our charges and we are pleased to say that we remain competitively priced locally for our community facility and do give more favourable rates to local residents. Details of the new hire charges are included with this issue of the magazine.

So the year ends and what a year, from the joy

of the Platinum Jubilee to the sadness of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. We must now look forward and make the most of each day. Thank you all for your support through the year.

**Jackie Brown
Chair**



were no entries in the Senior section.

The major awards were as follows: The Bill Bedford Trophy for the best photograph in the Children's section was – Mia Eckley. There was a new award this year, the Pat Brightman Memorial Cup. Pat was one of the people responsible for reviving the Village Show in 1999. The cup is awarded to the best entry as judged by those doing the judging. This year it was judged by Pat's niece Hayley Brightman and she spent a lot of time looking at all the entries. Finally she gave the award to Jasmine Viney for her dinosaur made out of vegetables.

The Haversham Village School Trophy went to Mia Eckley. The best novice award was judged by Pam Williams, Chair of the Parish Council, and this went to Phoebe Pym for her garden collage on a plate. Pam thought it was eye catching, colourful and neatly done. The HAGS award this year went to the best entry in the Floral section and this went to Margaret Fanning for her beautiful entry in the Platinum Jubilee section. The Social & Community Centre award for the best entry in the show is judged by committee members and it was extremely difficult this year but we all

agreed that Elizabeth Wickham was a worthy winner for her entry in class 51 in the Arts & Crafts section of the show, a beautiful embroidery. The Family award went to the Burgess/Clarke family for their combined efforts.

The Cup for the person with highest number of points in the Show went to Gill Burgess with a score of 36 points, followed by Ian Burgess with 23 points closely followed by Steven Eckley with 22 points.

Thank you to all those who entered and so made everything worthwhile and to those people who helped to make things run



2022 VILLAGE SHOW AWARD WINNERS



The Burgesses with daughter Rebecca, son-in-law Michael and granddaughter Erin



Phoebe Pym



Elizabeth Wickham



Mia Eckley



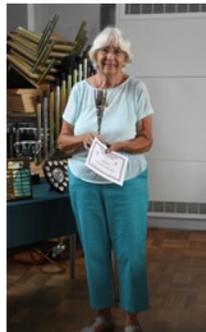
Jasmine Viney



Ian Burgess



Fiona Viney



Jackie Brown

TOP AWARDS

Overall Top Points
 Best Family
 Parish Council Award- Best Novice
 HSCC Award - Best Exhibit
 HAGS Award –Best Floral Exhibit
 Bill Bedford Award for Best Photograph by 16 or under
 Pat Brightman Award for Best Exhibit in children’s sections

Gill Burgess
 Burgess family
 Phoebe Pym
 Elizabeth Wickham
 Margaret Fanning

 Mia Eckley

 Jasmine Viney



Bernice Fagan



Phoebe Jestice



Ken Brown

MAIN CLASSES

Photography
 Horticulture
 Fruit
 Flowers
 Domestic
 Arts & Crafts
 Wood & Metalwork

Fiona Viney
 Gill Burgess
 Ian Burgess
 Jackie Brown
 Bernice Fagan
 Phoebe Jestice
 Ken Brown



Ruby White

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Toddler under 3
 Junior 3-6 yrs
 Middle 7-9 yrs

 Intermediate 10-13 yrs
 Senior 14-16 yrs
 Haversham Village School

Ruby White
 Chester Crosby
 Annabelle Sains =
 Mia Eckley =
 Tallulah Butler
No entries
 Mia Eckley



Mia Eckley



Annabelle Sains & Mia Eckley



Tallulah Butler

Many thanks to Laura White for taking all of the photographs on Village Show Day