



News from the August Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12th September at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome at Parish Council meetings and there is an allocated slot in which residents can bring any issues to the attention of the Parish Council.

Social Media and the Council

There have been suggestions on the Harvington Facebook that the Parish Council has large sums of money with no idea how to spend it. At the end of the last financial year the Parish Council had in **total** £105,397 in **two** accounts.

Councils have a legal power to hold revenue reserves for reasonable working capital needs and for specifically earmarked purposes. They also have to ensure that they have enough funds to cover any unexpected event. They are not allowed to go into a negative balance.

At the end of 2017-18 **the total funds remaining** of £105,397 are accounted for as such:

£89,348 held in reserve account allocated to two headings:

1. Earmarked reserves.

- a) Replace streetlight columns and lanterns.
- b) Replacement play equipment and assets.
- c) Neighbourhood Plan projects.
- d) Insurance claims; contested election.

2. General reserves - a sum of money that is not earmarked for specific purposes but set aside to deal with unexpected events or emergencies, and to provide a working capital cushion to deal with uneven cash flows.

£16,049 remained in the current account of which £8,825 is ring fenced from grants received to maintain the Flood Alleviation scheme, Neighbourhood Plan etc. The Council agreed that the remaining £7224 would be allocated to budget headings 2018-19.

Since April 2018 £14,704 has been spent from the earmarked reserves to pay for a new bus shelter along

the Alcester Road and to replace a number of streetlights and lanterns in the Village.

Money from General Reserves will be used to meet other commitments e.g. the annual maintenance bill 2017-18 for the streetlight maintenance costs due to Worcestershire County Council once an invoice is received.

The first six months of 2018-19 running costs of £19,208 has been spent on maintenance to the Orchard, Playing Field, mowing contract, grants to local organisations, Lengthsman work, employee salary, maintenance of the planters, loan repayments on the Village Hall and much more.

The Council are looking at improving the play facilities on the playing field. It was suggested that the Council should consider equipment similar to the new play area in Salford Priors but note that the cost of their equipment was substantial with significant contribution from developers of the newly built houses.

Members of the Parish Council read every comment made on the Community Facebook page. There are frequent references to concerns raised there by villagers in the Council meetings. The Council do not use Facebook as a means of communicating back to villagers because it is not efficient in that comments are soon buried deep within the site and are easily missed. The Council are setting up a website and this should allow easy two-way communication.

New Homes Bonus

The NHB funding currently available for this year is £14,325. This funding is for our parish to use on anything which will benefit the community.

The New Homes Bonus team at Wychavon District Council are looking for substantial uses of the funding that will leave a legacy within communities. The Parish Council are currently looking into the purchase of adult gym and children's new play equipment.

If you have any suggestions for the use of this funding, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Parish Council Members

Chairman: Chris Davies

John Colebrook, John Langley, Richard Dorrell, Beverley Allison, John Redman, Richard Baugh, Gillian Smith, Andrew Richardson.

Full copies of the minutes and agendas are available from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Nicky Holland, by calling: 07746 948392 (9am-5pm) Monday to Friday or by email: harvingtonpc@gmail.com

You can view Parish Council minutes and agendas (and the Village News) by looking at the Parish Council website at: e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/ (then click on Harvington).

Helping to make Harvington a better place to live

Councillor's Report

County Cllr. Mr. Hopkins updated the parish council on the current issues that he is dealing with, it has been agreed that £200 will be donated from the County Divisional fund for the removal of the Oak Tree on Church Street and the Laurel bush. Mr. Hopkins also confirmed that two bollards have been installed on Village Street corner to stop vehicles from cutting the corner.

District Cllr. Mr Homer commented that he is still working to getting a PACT meeting organised, he has been in touch with the Police and will sort a date out for September.

Public Questions

A resident of Harvington raised concerns regarding an article in last months edition of the village news regarding the Crest Hill land (rear of playing field).

Parish Council Chair Dr. Davies responded by saying that the report was put into the village news as a public service after receiving correspondence from representatives of the land owners who may act against anyone found trespassing.

Another topic raised was the continuous speeding along our village streets especially Crest Hill during the early mornings and thought that maybe signage similar to the one in Norton would work. The Parish council confirmed that they are looking into possible solutions for this and are seeking advice from Highways Department and the Police, but say that if it is the same individual who are continuously breaking the speed limit for residents to take their number plate details and report it to the Safer Road Partnership:

www.westmercia.police.uk/roadsafety

Grant Applications

At the August meeting the Parish Council awarded Harvington Cricket club their request of £3500 to enable them to do some much needed repairs. The closing date for receipt of the next round of applications is the 31st October 2018.

Perkins' Educational Foundation

Awards for the Academic Year 2018-2019

The Governors of this charity, founded in 1656 by William Perkins of Salford Priors and London, invite applications for awards from young people under the age of 25. Grants are available to help with expenses in courses of study in further and higher education, vocational training such as apprenticeships, and in some circumstances, structured programmes of personal development such as overseas visits.

Awards are not normally given to those under 17 years of age.

Applicants must have been resident in one of the following parishes – Salford Priors, Bidford, Kings Broom, Cleeve Prior or Harvington –for not less than two years immediately prior to their application. Application forms are available, upon written request,

from the Clerk to the Governors, email: info@williamperkinscharity.org. Alternatively, an application form can be downloaded from the website: www.williamperkinscharity.org. Forms for applicants who wish to be considered for an award for the academic year 2018-2019 will be available from 1st May 2018. Completed forms should be returned to the Clerk not later than 15th October 2018. No applications received after that date can be accepted for consideration by the Governors for the academic year 2018-2019. Applicants may be required to attend before the Governors for an interview at a time and place to be notified in due course by the Clerk. The Clerk to the Governors, Perkins' Educational Foundation, 10 Elm Court, Arden St, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.CV37 6PA

Harvington Pastoral Support Network

It's been pleasing that several Harvington residents have contacted the Pastoral Support Team recently for a variety of reasons and it seems that the service is becoming better known. Do get in touch with us if you think we can help or advise. It has been pointed out that there are a lot of "scammers" out there who try and get personal details such as bank account numbers, passwords etc, for nefarious purposes, so do be careful not to divulge this kind of sensitive information to anyone who asks by e-mail or phone. And another good tip: people selling goods at your door are sometimes fraudsters - ask to see their "Peddlers' Licence", which they will have if they are genuine. Contact the team via Wendy or Konrad Monks, 01386 870267

St James' Gardening Team

After the rain and the sunshine, the weeds are thriving, leaving still plenty to keep us busy tending the gardens. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and to encourage our children to look after our village so bring them along to the church the third Saturday morning each month.

We would love to see you for a chat and a bit of weeding.

All gardening equipment is provided. Many thanks to all who have helped this year. You can come and go at a time to suit you between the hours of 9.30 am and Noon. We take a coffee break around 11am for a chat and a biscuit. Please join us if you can spare even half an hour. New team members are always welcome.

Cameo Tea

Our **CAMEO** tea this month will be on Wednesday 12th September at 3pm in St James' Church.

For more information or to arrange a lift to the church, please get in touch with Sophie (870421, sophie.dodds@mypostoffice.co.uk).

Harvington Art Group

Annual Exhibition

Saturday 29th September 2018

10:00am to 4:00pm

In Harvington Village Hall.

There will be refreshments, including homemade cake and a raffle.



Do you enjoy singing?

Are you free on a Thursday evening?

Harvington Singers welcome new members
Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Bases.

The first night is Thursday 6th September at St James' Church, Harvington at 7:30pm.

If interested contact:

Elizabeth on 01789 400579

Harvington Phoenix Ladies' Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th September, 7.45 pm at the Village Hall.

We will be hearing from local writer Mandy Bradshaw,

'THE CHATTY GARDENER'.

All ladies welcome, and as usual a warm welcome extended to new visitors who might like to see what we get up to. Non-members £3.

Contact - Barbara: 871791, or
Wendy: 870267, with any queries.

Harvington Social Group Games Evening

Friday 21st September
7.15pm for 7.30pm start

At Harvington Village Hall

An evening of fun games – please bring your favourite games e.g. Up Word, Beetle

Entrance (£2.50) includes tea/coffee + nibbles
(bring your own wine/soft-drinks)

Harvington Film Nights

**Harvington Film Night in the
Village Hall
On Friday 7th September**

During the early days of World War II, with the fall of France imminent, Britain faces its darkest hour as the threat of invasion looms. As the seemingly unstoppable Nazi forces advance, and with the Allied army cornered on the beaches of Dunkirk, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the leadership of the newly-appointed British Prime Minister; Winston Churchill. This film (cert PG) is the dramatic and inspiring story of four weeks in 1940 during which Churchill's courage to lead changed the course of world history.

Doors open 7 p.m. - screen illumination 7:30. Buy a raffle ticket at the door for £2.50 and see the film for free! Glasses & nibbles provided but bring your own tiple.

Full details on the Village Hall notice board and "Harvington Films" via Facebook.



50p entry
Kids free!

Autumn fayre

Sunday 21st October
11am - 1pm
Harvington Village Hall,
Village Street, WR11 8NQ

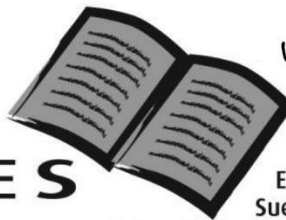
Handmade crafts, gifts and food stalls
Tea, coffee and cakes

Calling all crafters, bakers and jam makers!
Book yourself a stall - for more info contact:
events@harveybears.org.uk

A fundraising event organised by the Committee of Harvey Bears Charity no. 1030907



Harvington DIARY DATES



What's happening
in our village
during September

Email events and dates to:
Sue.Hurst@ArecaDesign.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 2018 DIARY

Mon 3rd



Harvington Handbells: meet at 7:15-9:45 at 23 Ragley Road, new members welcome. Contact: Keith Hemming. 870069.

Mon 3rd



'Song Birds': Meet in the Coach and Horses from 8:00pm till 10pm. Contact: Mike 871743 or Roland 870880.

Tue 4th



Ukulele Club: Meet in the Coach and Horses function room from 8:15pm to 10.00pm. Contact: Mike 871743.

Wed 5th



Phoenix Ladies: Meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:45pm in Harvington Village Hall. All ladies welcome.

Fri 7th



Film Night: 7-7:30pm in the Village Hall, please see notice board or check out our Facebook page, 'Harvington films'

Mon 10th



Harvington Handbells: meet at 7:15-9:45 at 23 Ragley Road, new members welcome. Contact: Keith Hemming. 870069.

Mon 10th



'Song Birds': Meet in the Coach and Horses from 8:00pm till 10pm. Contact: Mike 871743 or Roland 870880.

Tue 11th



Ukulele Club: Meet in the Coach and Horses function room from 8:15pm to 10.00pm. Contact: Mike 871743.

Wed 12th



Cameo Tea: Outing - guided tour of Morton Hall Gardens, followed by afternoon tea. Contact: Sophie 870421.

Wed 12th
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Parish Council Meeting: 7:45pm Harvington Village Hall. All parishioners welcome.

Fri 14th



Harvington Art Group: Village Hall, 2-4pm. Contact: Shona. 871193 or Christine 01789 773749.

Sat 15th



St James' Gardening Team: 9:30am to noon, with a coffee break around 11am. New team members always welcome.

Mon 17th



'Song Birds': Meet in the Coach and Horses from 8:00pm till 10pm. Contact: Mike 871743 or Roland 870880.

Mon 17th



Harvington Handbells: meet at 7:15-9:45 at 23 Ragley Road, new members welcome. Contact: Keith Hemming. 870069.

Tue 18th



Ukulele Club: Meet in the Coach and Horses function room from 8:15pm to 10.00pm. Contact: Mike 871743

Fri 21st



Harvington Social Group: Games evening. Meet in the Village Hall from 7:15pm for 7:30pm start. Contact Christine 07483 822012

Fri 21st

Village News Deadline:
sue.hurst@arecadesign.co.uk

Mon 24th



'Song Birds': Meet in the Coach and Horses from 8:00pm till 10pm. Contact: Mike 871743 or Roland 870880.

Mon 24th



Harvington Handbells: meet at 7:15-9:45 at 23 Ragley Road, new members welcome. Contact: Keith Hemming. 870069.

Tue 25th



Ukulele Club: Meet in the Coach and Horses function room from 8:15pm to 10.00pm. Contact: Mike 871743.

Fri 28th



Harvington Art Group: Village Hall, 2-4pm. Contact: Shona. 871193 or Christine 01789 773749.

Fri 28th



Mobile Library: In Harvington from 9:55am Orchard Place and 10:15 am Coach and Horses. Contact 01905 822722.

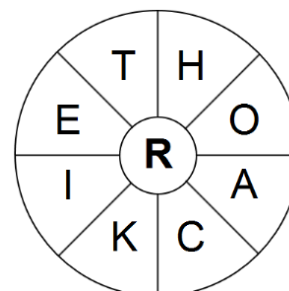
Sat 29th



Harvington Art Group: Annual Art Exhibition 10am to 4pm, Harvington Village Hall.

Puzzle Corner

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES WORD WHEEL



This Fruit and Vegetables themed word wheel is made from a 9 letter Fruit and Vegetables themed word. Try and find that word, then make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once, and each word must include the letter R.