



News from the February Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting, will be held on **Thursday 15th March 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.

New Homes Bonus

The NHB funding currently available for this year is £13,762. This funding is for our parish to use on anything which will benefit the community. The Finance and General Purposes Group is looking into the possibility of applying for adult fitness equipment. If you have any ideas for the use of this funding, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

District Councillor Report

Come and meet your local councillor

Wychavon District Council has a 'Meet Your Council' visit coming up in the Harvington Ward on Thursday 22 March, from 3.00-5.00pm outside Harvington Convenience Shop in Leys Road.

The event will give people the chance to chat face-to-face with Councillor Charlie Homer, along with officers from the Council.

The 'Meet Your Council' events get councillors and council officers out to meet people in their wards. This provides a positive way for residents and businesses to make sure that their views and suggestions are heard.

Councillor Charlie Homer, said: "This is one of the most popular ways we do one of our Meet your Council events. People can come along, without the need to make an appointment, and chat to myself and our officers, and if they raise issues with us we can often do something to help."

For more information contact Tracy Perkins, Localism and Communities Officer
(tracy.perkins@wychavon.gov.uk)

Public Notice

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Section 14(2) (as amended) Worcester County Council Notice of the Closure of U44010 Station Road, Harvington ("the highway")

It appears to Worcestershire County Council that in order to facilitate a new water connection, works are proposed to be carried out on or near the highway and there is therefore a need to close the highway in the following terms:

1. The effect of this Notice is that no vehicle shall proceed along that part of the highway from its junction with U44007 Village St. to its junction with C2011 Station Road.
2. This notice shall come into force for a maximum of 5 days commencing 12 March 2018. However, it is anticipated that it will remain in force for 3 days.
3. Alternative routes: - U44007 Village St., C2011 Station Rd. and vice versa.

Nothing in this notice shall prevent at any time access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the highway, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from and only from the highway.

Village Street Verges

The condition of the verges on Village Street have been reported to Rooftop Housing Association and the County Councillor.

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Additional work is to be carried out on the footbridge as the step up onto the deck is too great as it is at present.

School Crossing Patrol

The school crossing patrols, based at Main Road, Harvington will not be on site from 19th March 2018 for more than one day. Unfortunately, the County Council

Parish Council Members

Chairman: John Colebrook

Chris Davies, John Langley, Tim Swift, Richard Dorrell, Beverley Allison, John Redman, Richard Baugh, Gillian Smith.

Full copies of the minutes and agendas are available from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Nicky Holland, by calling: 01386 793050 (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).

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do not have relief patrols who can cover during her absence.

Street Lights

In Harvington individual street lights are the responsibility of three separate authorities – Parish Council, County Council and Rooftop Housing Association. The Parish Council are responsible for 39. Following a recent report from the contractors that carry out frequent maintenance checks on behalf of the Council the Parish Council has agreed to replace 7 concrete columns and convert 12 existing steel column lanterns to LED's using 14 W bulbs at a cost of £9,700

Bus Shelter, Alcester Road

The Council has agreed to purchase a Queensbury cantilever bus shelter with seating to be sited adjacent to the bus stop in the Evesham direction. A Traffic Management assessment will be carried out shortly by Queensbury prior to commencement of works.

Bench Village Street – to be installed shortly.

Are you interested in Education?

Can you see both sides of every argument? Do you have some time to spare?

If so, Worcestershire County Council would like to hear from you to serve on Appeals Panels which deal with school admissions and permanent exclusion from school. The Panels make decisions on pupils refused places at, or excluded from, Worcestershire schools.

Panels sit for periods ranging from a couple of hours to several days. Although appeals are heard throughout the year the peak period is April to August each year. Appeals relating to permanent exclusion are fewer in number and are arranged as needed. All appeal hearings take place during the working day. As part of a group of panel members you will be contacted in advance to confirm your availability.

These Panels are completely independent of the Admissions Authority and any decisions they make are binding. They are supported and advised by a Clerk.

Skills and experience which are necessary for the role include being able to:

- communicate effectively with a wide range of people
- assess information and identify key points of the case
- ask probing questions

- be impartial and sensitive

- respect the need for appropriate confidentiality.

The Council welcomes interest from all sections of the community; governors, parents and ex teachers as well as people with an interest in education but no direct experience in a school. Full training will be provided, and travel and subsistence expenses are reimbursed.

If you are interested in serving on these Panels, please contact the Appeals Team on 01905 846011 for further information,

e-mail AppealsTeam@worcestershire.gov.uk or

contact Legal and Democratic Services, Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NP.

Perkins Educational Foundation Trust

Following renewal of leases to properties owned by the Trust it has been decided that extra finance would be more widely available to assist young people under the age of 25 from the Villages of Salford Priors, Bidford-on-Avon, Broom, Harvington and Cleeve Prior. The Trust will invite organisations (including businesses) assisting young people i.e. Schools, Youth Clubs etc to submit applications before the **31st March** each year. Applications would be for equipment, material items etc not salaries or for other funding needs. For further information contact:

Email: info@williamperkinscharity.org

Website: www.williamperkinscharity.org

Reminder to all Current Grant Applicants

Once all formalities are completed, and you receive your grant, remember to write to the Trust, as required in the Trust's conditions.

Cameo Tea

This month we will meet on **Wednesday 14th March** at **3pm** in St James' Church. Join us for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a friendly chat.

To arrange a lift, please contact Sophie (**870421**, sophie.dodds@mypostoffice.co.uk).

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday 2nd March over 3 million women will be praying and worshipping together using an order of service prepared by the Christian women of Suriname on the theme 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. We will be joining them at Harvington Baptist Church at 6pm, with tea served from 5.30pm.

This is for all denominations and for men, women and children. So please come and join us for this global event.

Flower Arrangers required

We are holding a Flower Festival in July in our St. James' church and we need help to decorate the church. On Friday 4th May at 10am there will be a floral art instruction in order to help with the displays. You don't have to be an expert, but just wanting to enjoy working with beautiful flowers. Please come and join us for a fun-morning. Refreshments will be served. For further information please get in touch with Jean Spires 01386 304 472

Your Churchyard needs You

If you have ever walked past the church gate and glanced in to see the wonderful display of snowdrops or crocus it makes the day feel better. Ever wondered how they all got there? Well now is

your chance to meet the gardening team and become part of keeping our village special. The gardening team is a friendly group who meet every third Saturday of the month to help make the gardens such a beautiful place to visit. Everyone works within their own capabilities and interest. So, if you want to adopt a patch to look after you can ask Clive Allen the verger point you in the right direction. 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.

Caring Hands in the Vale of Evesham

Sophie told us about a meeting with coffee and cakes in Harvington Village Hall. It would be in aid of Caring Hands in the Vale of Evesham. We had already heard this name. Our church sends the vegetables after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service to Caring Hands. Many people came to the meeting – the coffee and cakes were very good – and Diane Bennett gave us a detailed insight into the work and aims of Caring Hands. Caring Hands offers charitable care through the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre and tries continually to give practical help against poverty and need. It was founded in 2003 and operates through the church and many connections with other churches in this area and various organisations in the community. Those in need are referred to Caring Hands through many sources in the Vale of Evesham – ensuring that the correct and necessary help, advice or support can be given. They have five “banks” of help to offer –

1. Food
2. Household
3. Clothes
4. For the homeless or rough sleepers
5. For babies

There is also a drop-in diner (on Mondays and Wednesdays) – there is a hot meal, free and available for all who come along (they do not have to be sent by any other organisation). Caring Hands offers this help to families or individuals, most of whom have problems with money or State benefits, homelessness, low income or debts, health problems or some other crisis situation. Caring Hands is really “a good cause” – real help for those needing help. Ann Sharpe

Harvington Pastoral Support Network

We are a small team of volunteers of the Harvington community who between us have a variety of skills and talents which people in the village may like to draw on. If you feel that this service could be useful to you, or to someone you know, do please get in touch.

We will, of course, keep any information confidential within the team. We can be contacted on 01386 870267, and we would be very happy to hear from you. Wendy and Konrad Monks (co-ordinators of the network.)

Harvington Phoenix Ladies' Group

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th March, 7.45 pm at the Village Hall.

The speaker will be Lynn Shackles telling us about "The £2 that changed my life". All ladies welcome as usual, and if you have ever wondered what we get up to, we'd love to see any new faces.

Phone Barbara, 871791, or Wendy, 870267, for information.

Harvington Churches Pilates...

Pilates Classes

Weds 7:45pm and Thurs 9:30am – Baptist Chapel
Promotes a strong core and spine, increases flexibility and mobility and develops lean toned muscle.
Classes are suitable for complete beginners - advanced.
Small friendly classes.

Trigger Point Pilates

Thurs 10:40 am – Baptist Chapel
A class created to help alleviate chronic pain and undo muscular restrictions within the body. Using myofascial release techniques this class will restore fascia health and help rid those tight muscles of restrictive trigger points. This class enables the body to move freely and cope with its functional requirement. No fitness level required. This class attracts all, from the elite fit to the post rehab.

Contact: Michele 07813 084575

Harvington Film Nights

**In the Village Hall
on Friday 16th March**

Our March Offering (cert 12) is the re-telling of a true story: Beginning on January 15, 2009, the world witnessed the “Miracle on the Hudson” when an airline captain glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard.

However, even as the pilot was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

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 tippie.

**Full details on the Village Hall notice board
and “Harvington Films” via Facebook.**

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DIARY DATES



*What's happening
in our village
during March*

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

MARCH 2018 DIARY

Fri 2nd



Harvington Art Group: Village Hall, 2-4pm.
Contact: Shona. 871193 or Ken. 871236.

Mon 5th



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

Mon 5th



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

Tue 6th



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

Wed 7th



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

Fri 9th



Neighbourhood Plan: Harvington
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Public
welcome) Harvington Village Hall, 2pm.

Mon 12th



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

Mon 12th



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

Tue 13th



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

Wed 14th



Cameo Tea: St James's Church, 3pm, Join
us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake.
Contact: Sophie 870421.

Thu 15th

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

Fri 16th



Harvington Art Group: Village Hall, 2-4pm.
Contact: Shona. 871193 or Ken. 871236.

Fri 16th



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

Sat 17th



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

Mon 19th



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

Mon 19th



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

Tue 20th



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

Thu 22nd



Harvington Social Group: Games evening.
Meet in the Village Hall from 7:15pm for
7:30pm start. Contact Christine 07483
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Fri 23rd



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

Fri 23rd

Village News Deadline:

Sue.hurst@arecadesign.co.uk

Mon 26th



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

Mon 26th



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

Tue 27th



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

Fri 30th



Harvington Art Group: Village Hall, 2-4pm.
Contact: Shona. 871193 or Ken. 871236.

Harvington Social Group

Games Evening

Thursday 22nd March

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

At Harvington Village Hall

An evening of fun games – please bring your
favourite game e.g. Snakes and Ladders

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