

Harkstead Recorder Report - January 2023

2022 and the village started coming to life again after COVID.

The Village Hall continued to have regular weekly activities on it:

Mondays - Yoga and dance lessons

Tuesdays - Japanese Fencing

Wednesdays - Mature circuits and Carpet Bowls

Thursdays - Village coffee morning, sometimes dance lessons, and Carpet Bowls matches as and when.

Fridays - the occasional dance lesson was held

Less frequent (ie not weekly!), the Monthly Market continued, Social Sew and So's and as a trial some Pie and Mash social nights and a couple of quiz nights.

Some external Theatre companies also came in to provide enjoyable evenings of entertainment too.

Sadly, the Bakers Arms pub continues to be closed (since New Years Eve 2021). It has been painted on the outside by the landlords and the village is of the understanding some repairs and decoration has also occurred inside, but the "To Let" sign remains outside.

Only one house changed hands during the year of 2022. A bungalow, up almost opposite the pub (xxxx) was sold. Vale Farm continued to be on the market, and two new properties went up for sale, Jasmine Cottage, down Walnut Tree Lane and xxxx, a bungalow on the corner of The Street and Ipswich Road. No new houses were built.

With the previous Harkstead Recorder moving out of the village, various boxes of newspaper clippings, maps, bottles and photos have started arriving to the new Recorder. The aim now being to scan and catalogue digitally what is relevant to the village and then put items in The Hold, in Ipswich.

The Queens Jubilee was celebrated in the Village Hall on Sunday 5 June, with tea/coffee and plenty of cakes. Bunting was put up in the hall to decorate, and some 'old fashioned' games were played on the Millennium Green.

Other:

An email was sent out requesting any items that individuals may want recorded for prosperity and the following were suggested:

Parish Council meeting minutes can be found here:

<https://www.harkstead.onesuffolk.net/parishcouncil/meetings/2022-meetings/>

After 10 years the Good neighbours Scheme for Harkstead and Lower Holbrook amalgamated with Holbrook Helpers. This meant that Volunteers for Harkstead could register as a volunteer with Holbrook Helpers to continue service the Harkstead and Lower Holbrook Communities.

This meant that the money transferred was restricted to supporting Harkstead and Lower Holbrook and that calls for assistance would go into the Holbrook Helpers contact telephone number 0333 335 5387 a free phone number.

The overall costs of the Harkstead and Lower Holbrook scheme were increasing with a landline with BT so this was felt by the committee a good way to make the most of the money we received.

So any members of the Harkstead and lower Holbrook Communities can still receive help from volunteers by ringing the above number.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helps people of all ages in Harkstead and Lower Holbrook over the last 10years it has been valued by all concerned.

Jacqui Martin Former Chair.





