

## Harkstead Recorder Report - January 2024

Some updates from the previous years report:

### **Village Hall**

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 a couple of quiz nights.

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

### **Bakers Arms**

Sadly, the Bakers Arms pub continues to be closed (since New Years Eve 2021). Following the redecoration, not a lot else, other than the "To let" sign has come down. The garden area has been attended to, so it is not all overgrown.

### **Houses**

A few sales occurred during 2023:

Anchorage, almost opposite the pub, on the corner of The Street and Ipswich Road changed hands.

A small bungalow next door to Aquarius on Ipswich Road changed hands.

Evie sold Jasmin Cottage, Walnut Tree Lane now that she has settled in with her daughter Penny in Sudbury.

Vale Farm continued to be on the market.

Red Brick Farm at the top of Ipswich Road went on the market (including all the farm land - as three lots).

No new houses were built.

### **Recorder (sorting of what I have inherited)**

The work to scan everything continues.

### **Celebrations**

The Coronation was celebrated in the Village Hall in over the weekend of 6 May, with tea/coffee and plenty of cakes. The bunting was still up, and some of the photos etc from the Recorders collection were put on display.

Photos at the end of this report.

### **Other/new for 2023:**

The Jackie Cartwright Trust held a lunch for those over a certain age in May. The main details/history of the Trust are:

*'Jackie' Cartwright lived with his mother in the middle of the three redbrick cottages opposite the Ipswich Road junction. In his latter years he spent a lot of time in his front garden talking to everyone who passed by on their way to the pub, the shop - which was then part of the pub building, or the post office which was in the next door cottage, then moved to the bungalow opposite and finally moved to Ipswich Road until its closure. His mother died in the early 1970's and he became owner of the cottage. On his death in May 1973, he left the proceeds of the sale of his cottage for the benefit of older residents of the village by way of a gift of £2 on the 7th December each year, which had been his mother's birthday.*

*The money was invested but with very few residents applying for the gift, the capital sum gradually accumulated to approx £36,000. In 1986, mainly due to the efforts of Vic Last, who had lived in Harkstead and still had family living there, a new Charity was set up with the aim of distributing the December gift on a wider scale. It was decided that the capital should be invested in a better, tax effective scheme and anyone over the age of 65 resident in the village on 7th December of each year should be entitled to a share of the annual income, with a preference being shown to those over the age of 75.*

*Since 1986 50 – 60 gifts have been paid every year, with those over 75 getting approx. twice as much as the younger recipients. Every November previous recipients receive an invitation to apply again and a notice goes up on the village noticeboard inviting new applications. A note also goes in the Parish Magazine in order to reach those who don't come into the middle of the village.*

*A lovely gift to the people of Harkstead*



Catkins Seel, Sally Wilden, Amanda Males and Julie



People enjoying the day



Jackie Cartwright



Harkstead Residents enjoying the Jackie Cartwright Trust lunch



Vic Last (Trustee and relative of Jackie) making a toast to Jackie.



Part of the display put up at the Jackie Cartwright Trust lunch