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Cover Photo: Easter Trail in Ladbroke taken by Jackie West



EDITORIAL

A round up of local news

Both churches in Harbury and Ladbroke will be holding services in the run up to Easter Sunday. In Ladbroke from 24th March to 1st April you can walk the Easter Trail which tells the story of Easter - see article.

The Ladbroke Matters team are planning a number of events throughout the year - do support them if you can. Look out for the 'Tours and More' day at the church on 9th March.

In Harbury, March will see the last Village Cinema run by the WI until the autumn; the films with a fish and chip supper have been very popular. It is sad that the Ballroom Dancing group has had to give up due to lack of numbers. Classes could restart again if other couples come forward. If you think that you might like to join, do get in touch with them.

With spring fast approaching, green-fingered residents are reminded that by 1st April they will need to renew their subscription to the garden waste collection service run by Stratford District Council. The annual charge for this year is £46 for each green bin.

The magazine's annual subscription is due next month. For 2024/25 the subscription charge will remain at £8. With this edition you should find an insert detailing three ways to make your payment. To pay by electronic transfer please visit our website hlnews.co.uk and click on the 'Subscriptions and BACS Payments' tab. Alternatively, you can deliver the money yourself to your distributor or wait for your distributor to call.

Our deadline day for the April edition is a day earlier this month on Sunday 17th due to the Easter holidays.

Please do remember we are still hoping to receive memories about living in the village during the 1970s for our May copy. We would love to hear from you.



HARBURY DIARY

For local events

MARCH

Sat 2 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam Guide Dogs

Sun 3 **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Said Communion, 9.00am, Church

Little Saints, 10.30am, Church

Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Litter Pick, 10.00 - 11.00am, meet Village Hall car park

Mon 4 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall

Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 5 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall

Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

Wed 6 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Combrook - Compton Verney (4 miles flat)
Mothers' Union, Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm - Lent reflection from Rev. Barry, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thur 7 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Sat 9 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Society

Sun 10 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Holy Communion with activity for children, 10.30am, Church
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Church
Zumba, 9.00 - 10.00am, Village Hall

Mon 11 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

Tue 12 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room

Wed 13 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Wellcombe Hills (3.5 miles)
Quiet Space, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thur 14 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Harbury WI, Alan Deeley - Burton Green Honey, 7.30 for 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room

Fri 15 Sheep Dip Session, 7.30pm, Village Library

Sat 16 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Leamington RNLI
Southam Indoor Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, The Grange Hall, Southam
The Village Cinema presents 'The Great Escaper' doors open 6.15, film starts 7.00pm, Village Hall
Southam Melody Makers present music for a spring evening, 7.30pm, St. James Church, Southam - for tickets contact thesouthammelodymakers@gmail.com or on the door

Sun 17 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Said Communion, 8.00am, Church
All Age Service, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury School - (Park Lane entrance)
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Mon 18 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall

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- Tue 19 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Bumps & Bundles, 10.30am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room
 The Collective - 'Life and Death - can we choose?', 7.30pm, Shakespeare Inn
 Harbury Society AGM and presentation by Bill Timson on 'Harbury Windmill - past, present and future', doors open 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 20 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall car park - Wormleighton with optional pub meal (4 miles flattish)
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Spellbound Dance Classes, 5.00 - 5.30 & 5.30 - 6.15pm, Village Hall
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thur 21 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Harbury Surgery Carers Support event, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury Surgery, Mill Street
- Fri 22 e-Wheels presents 'Travels with Tottle:- Antarctic', 7.30 for 8.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 23 Trix Twin Railway Collectors Day, 9.30am - 2.00pm, Village Hall
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Mothers Union Harbury
 Harbury Repair Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Village Library
- Sun 24 PALM SUNDAY**
 Holy Communion and distribution of palms, 10.30am, Church
 Muddy Church, 10.30am, meet in Tom Hauley Room
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 25 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Martial Arts, Juniors 5.45pm, Seniors 6.45pm, Village Hall
- Tue 26 Free Chair-based Activity Class, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury Theatre Group, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Club
- Wed 27 No Wednesday Walk - Easter week
 Knitwits and Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
 Holy Week Service, 7.00pm, Church
 Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall
- Thur 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
 Maundy Thursday Service with stripping of the Altar, 7.00pm
 Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 29 GOOD FRIDAY
 An Hour at the Cross, 2.00 - 3.00pm, Church
- Sat 30 HOLY SATURDAY
 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam United Bowling Club
 Councillors Corner, 10.00 - 11.00am, Village Hall
 Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall
 Service of Light and Shadows, 7.00pm, Church

Sun 31 EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 10.30am, Church
Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall

APRIL

Tue 2 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Harbury School (Park Lane entrance)

Wed 3 No Wednesday Walk - Easter week
Mothers' Union, Service 2.00pm, meeting starts 2.30pm, Cllr Sydney Syson talks about the 'provision for the vulnerable in Leamington', Tom Hauley Room
Hereburgh Morris Practice session, 8.00 - 10.00pm, School Hall

Thur 4 Said Holy Communion, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club

Fri 5 Meeting Point, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn

Sat 6 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of St. Giles Church, Chesterton

Sun 7 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Said Communion, 9.00am, Church

April Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

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18 Mar	F - R - G	F
25 Mar	F - W	F - R - W - G
1 Apr	F - R - G	F
8 Apr	F	F - R - G

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Wednesday Collection - Parts of Ladbroke - Thursday Collection - Harbury
Friday Collection - Deppers Bridge and Parts of Ladbroke

Currently the Church is moving through the Lent season where we are encouraged to reflect our personal spiritual journey and our relationship with God. Some will take the opportunity to give up something, whether that be chocolate, alcohol or social media, others will take on something - offering money or time to help others.

During this time we look ahead to Easter, that most significant festival in the church calendar, which has come early again this year. The events of the first Easter Day transformed history and our world, but it was so much more than just a historical event. As the first disciples soon realised, the risen Jesus is not confined by time or place. As Easter people, we can know his risen presence with us today. That realisation brings all of us assurance and hope; not least in a world where there is so much darkness.

We know that this Easter, brothers and sisters across the world, will be experiencing fear, despair, and suffering. For many, the consequences of conflict, migration, and economic turmoil are devastating. For some, there will be the individual pain of the loss of a loved one, or anxiety about illness or other personal grief. John's Gospel tells us that the light which shines in the darkness has never been extinguished and the Easter message affirms that. For the risen Jesus' first words to his friends were 'Peace be with you' and 'Do not be afraid.' Jesus has suffered the worst that violent humanity can do. He hears our cries and understands our pain. But through his resurrection, love has conquered hate, hope has prevailed over despair and life has triumphed over death.

May you all know God's love and blessing this Easter and may your lives be illuminated by the light of the first Easter morning throughout all that lies ahead.



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Liz & Andy

Christmas doesn't seem like yesterday and we are already into Lent. We have a series of Lent lunches on every Friday in Lent where soup and bread will be served and there will be opportunity for fellowship over lunch and then a short reflection. Donations are being taken for the Disasters Emergency Committee.

At the time of writing, we are still finalising plans for Easter services, but we are planning:

- A Palm Sunday service in church on 24th March with Muddy Church for children outside
- A lay led service on Wednesday of Holy Week
- A Maundy Thursday service in church with the stripping of the altar
- Good Friday - an Hour at the Cross
- Light and Shadows (Tenebrae) Easter Saturday evening followed by a vigil.
- A sunrise service on Easter Sunday
- A Communion service on Easter Sunday

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You would be more than welcome at any of these services and more detail will be on notice boards around the Village and on the Church's Facebook page closer to the time.

We are grateful for Rev Andy's operation being successful and seeing him back walking round and taking services. We're also very thankful for all those that took services in his absence.

In relation to the stone repairs to the church we still await approval of our faculty application from Coventry Diocese to get update quotes for the work, but sadly the need for works was highlighted by a recent leak in the roof.

On lighter news, spring is nearly upon us, snow drops and daffodils are blossoming simultaneously in the church yard, the heating continues to work well in church and we look forward to celebrating the risen Lord at Easter.

(If you have any questions, we can be emailed on warden@harburychurch.org or phone us - Liz McBride 01926 612421 or Andy Dean 07753 497967)



MOTHERS' UNION

Gillian Hare

Our speaker in February, Mandy Williams, updated us on her work in Azerbaijan. Like many other ex Soviet countries, there is a huge gulf between the haves and have nots. The capital, Baku, is modern and prosperous, but life in the countryside is harsh and primitive. There is a problem with alcoholism leading to a lot of violence against girls and women and no health or social services. Mandy and her husband are adapting a house to become a refuge for these victims. As she described her last visit there, we were all inspired by her demonstration of her faith. This led her to approach total strangers, in a culture where a man would not look at a woman, and pray out loud for the Lord to heal them. She talked about hugging a man with serious disabilities, and about a neglected and malnourished baby whom she wished to rescue if bureaucracy had made it possible. Her message to us is to give Jesus a free rein; we will be amazed what God can do.

On 6th March, Rev Barry will speak about his response to Lent.

On 23rd March we host the Saturday coffee morning.

On 3rd April, Councillor Sydney Syson will talk about provision for the vulnerable in Leamington.

We meet in the Tom Hauley room at 2pm, starting with a service of Holy Communion.



LADBROKE NEWS & DIARY

MARCH

Sun 3 LENT 3

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am

Tues 5 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 6 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, (location to be confirmed)

Thur 7 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 9 Tours and More - fossil tours at 10.30am, 11.30am and 2.30pm;
stained glass tours at 11.00am, 12 noon and 3.00pm, Ladbroke Church

Sun 10 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Tues 12 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 13 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 17 LENT 5

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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Sun 24 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Easter Trail all week, see article for details

Tues 26 Table Tennis, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 29 GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Service, 6.30pm

Sun 31 EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Communion, 9.00am

Easter Trail continues all week, see article for details

APRIL

Tues 2 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 3 Heritage & Friendship Group, 10.30am - noon, (location to be confirmed)

Thur 4 WI, 7.30pm Village Hall

Sun 7 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Family Communion followed by refreshments, 10.30am



LADBROKE CHURCH NEWS

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

The run up to Easter is known as Lent in the Christian Church and with Easter early this year has begun already. In Ladbroke, we have a tradition of holding Lent lunches, where we meet in people's homes for home-made soup, bread and cheese and good company! All are welcome, whether you are a regular churchgoer or not.

There will be two lunches this year, on

- Wednesday 13th March at 12 noon at Chapel Ascote Farm (Jenny Barrett)
- Friday 22nd March at 12 noon at The Old School (Carol Lane)

Please try and let the hosts know in advance if you are intending to come so that they can cater accordingly.

Mothering Sunday this year is on 10th March and Easter Sunday is 31st March. The services on both of these days will be at 9.00am. This year we shall be reinstating an Easter Trail around the village - please see the Ladbroke General section for more details.

During Holy Week (the week before Easter) the Maundy Thursday service will be held at Harbury this year; we will have a special service on Good Friday at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Future Services:

Sunday 3rd March	10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 10th March	9.00am	Holy Communion (and Mothering Sunday)
Sunday 17th March	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 24th March	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st March	9.00am	Easter Day Service including Holy Communion
Sunday 7th April	10.30am	Family Service

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LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE WI

Dianne Surgey

At the February meeting in the village hall on the 1st, Tracey Barnbrook spoke about 'Listening to your Gut'. In a well-illustrated talk, Tracey explained that the microbiome, which is a highly complex mixture of bacteria, microbes and fungi, exists in systems of the body including the gut. It changes constantly and has an influence on every aspect of our lives. We need both good and bad bacteria but the balance should be about 85% good and 15% bad to optimise health and Tracey explained some of the factors which affect the balance. Proper nutrition is a key and the more 'foods from scratch' which are consumed instead of ready meals, the healthier the microbiome.

The aim should be for variety and different fruit and seeds help to provide this. A new habit is created in 21 days and people trying to change should aim for small, manageable steps over a longer period of time. Tracey had on display samples of natural products from a company called Synergy and offered free consultations



to anyone wishing to discover more. Her interest and enthusiasm for this stemmed from her own experience when, after very many years of pain, a friend told about the benefits of keeping the microbiome in good health. Tracey can be contacted on 01926 620046 or traceybsynergy@gmail.com.

During the business meeting Dianne thanked Sue Moore, Sue Dargan and Kay Constable for organising and running the table top sale as well as those contributing and buying.

WI Subs for the next year will be £48 and are due in April.

A vote was taken on the four resolutions and the result will be given next time.

Dianne has completed the three years as president she promised when we reformed after Covid but is stepping down at the end of the year as is Maggie as Treasurer. Thus these posts need to be filled for Ladbroke WI to continue. Jobs could be shared if it was felt to be too arduous for one person.

Dianne warned the meeting of the use of asbestos - a carcinogenic substance - in some old ironing boards.

A request had been made from Galanos House for volunteers to go and chat to residents.

The meeting finished with Sue Lord reading poems by Donna Ashworth which were much enjoyed.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 7th March starting at 7.30 in Ladbroke Village Hall when Alistair Price will talk on 'What did you do in the War, Dad?' All are welcome.



LADBROKE MATTERS

David Wright

What We Do

The team looks after the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both facilities for the benefit of our community.

The Village Hall Website

Our village hall website is now up and running at www.ladbrokevillagehall.org.uk. It contains photos of the interior and exterior of the hall and general information. You can get in touch with us via the form on the contact page.

New Chairs

We have purchased 40 new fabric chairs to replace our tired old chairs. Consequently we have some of the original chairs to dispose of. Contact us through the village hall website if you can make use of any.

The Millennium Green Play Area

We apologise for the delay in repairing the wooden activity centre in the play area. We are still in the process of obtaining grants for this. We hope also to be able to overhaul, replace, or add items in the play area; and we are actively seeking funding for this purpose.

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Forthcoming Fundraising Events

At our meeting last month we decided to hold the following events this year:

- A wine tasting event in May
- A supper and film night in July
- A boules tournament in September
- A quiz night in October

There is also the possibility of a sixties music evening.

Proceeds from all these events will go towards the Millennium Green play area.

Hall Bookings

To book your special celebration in our village hall, or if you wish to hold regular classes or meetings, contact Debs through the village hall website or telephone 07779 225105. Despite rising costs we have been able to keep our hourly booking rates at £15 per hour, or £12 for Ladbroke residents. Non-residents may be asked to pay a £50 deposit on booking.

Contact Us

If you would like to join the team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact us through the village hall website.

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Draw for January 2024

£50	Trevor Jay	£25	Mike Connon
£50	Roger Plaskett	£10	A and E Dowdeswell
£25	Sylvia Palmer	£10	Derek and Collette Batty
£25	G and T Varriale	£10	Margaret Whitehouse

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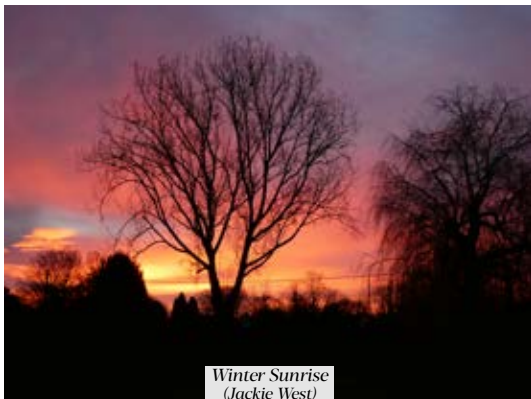


LADBROKE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kip Warr

Foul weather, illness and holidays thinned the ranks for our February meeting but we had some really good seasonal pictures to judge and enjoy. We then went on to consider activities for the coming year.

Suggestions included astro-photography, miniatures, slot cars and falling water, with visits to museums, the Batsford Arboretum at night and the re-enactment of the Battle of Cropredy Bridge.



*Winter Sunrise
(Jackie West)*



Fallow Deer buck
at Charlecote
(Steven Gale)



Broadway Tower
(Michael Jaye)

Our AGM will be on Tuesday, 5th March, to be followed by a phototopic on the theme of Smoke and Mirrors from December's meeting. Visitors, guests and new members are all welcome to our meetings which are usually in Ladbroke Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact ladbroke.photoclub@btinternet.com

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LADBROKE GENERAL NEWS



WALK THE LADBROKE EASTER TRAIL

Sue Wright & Jackie West

From Palm Sunday (24th March) until Easter Monday (1st April) there will be displays around Ladbroke telling the story of Easter and why we still celebrate it 2000 years later. If you would like to design one of these and/or host one where it can be seen by the public, please email ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com.

Trail leaflets with a map and more details will be available in the church porch from Palm Sunday or you'll be able to download it from ladbrokechurch.org.uk Don't worry if you can't do the trail those dates, the displays will relocate inside church from 2nd to 7th April.





MALCOLM WRAY

Nicky Lewis & Jackie West

Villager Malcolm Wray died earlier in the year and his funeral was last month. He was a talented artist, well respected colleague in his role as educator and Arts advisor to Warwickshire schools, and travelled all over the world, often as a travel guide. He kept a low profile, but many admired his beautiful garden and a chat as they passed by. He generously donated some of his paintings for local fund raising. The late Betty Winkfield purchased one, a wintery view of All Saints Church which Malcolm was happy for us to make into a Christmas card to raise funds. Jackie remembers bidding hard at a fete for this sunny picture which has graced her home ever since. "It captures my favourite view of Ladbroke and raises my spirits each time I look at it." Thank you Malcolm, rest in peace.



LADBROKE HERITAGE

Jackie West

Tours and More

Ladbroke Church – Saturday 9th March, 10am - 4pm

Can you tell an ammonite from a crinoid and a brachiopod from a belemnite?

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your knowledge of life here 200 million years ago is more limited, or even non-existent, there will be a local fossil display inside and a friendly guide will explain the basics. Then, once you know what to look for, you can impress your friends, your family and yourself by spotting fossils in the stonework. Fresh pairs of eyes often see fossils never noticed before by the guide and children have the best view of the ones near to ground level!

Fossil tours will be at 10.30am, 11.30am and 2.30pm

If fossils are not your thing, or you have plenty of time to do both, come and find out about the stunning stained glass windows and decode some of the symbols hidden in plain sight.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

John Holden – H&L News Correspondent

Official minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk, Tel: 01926 614646

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 25th January 2024

First item on the agenda for the first meeting for 2024, was the co-option of a new Councillor - Edward Mulley. Not surprisingly there was a unanimous vote from Councillors to co-opt him on to the Parish Council. The only item under Public Participation was members of Pat Summers' family to discuss the siting of a picnic table in her memory. As Pat had been a keen netball player, all were agreed that placing the table besides the Netball and Tennis Courts was most appropriate.

The Chairman reported that the Library had been offered a donation of £17k, subject to match funding being raised. This to go towards the new heating system. Councillor Thompson then advised the meeting that cracks had appeared in the extension to the Village Hall. A surveyor would be investigating the cause of these.

District Councillor Ostrander in her report advised that budget setting for 2024/25 was underway. She did say that SDC offers 'cost of living' support to those in financial hardship. Anyone thinking they might be eligible to contact either Cllr Ostrander direct or apply to the District Council. She then talked about dog etiquette. The meeting was amused to learn that the Council does not now have a dog warden; we have Environment Protection Technicians instead!

County Councillor Kettle in his report advised that the sails for Chesterton Windmill were now in production and should be installed in the Autumn. He was hopeful that the extension to the 40 mph speed limit along Butt Lane/Bush Heath Road should be in place by 31st March. He then urged the PC to respond to the current consultation of the re-organisation of fire service in the County. This he explained had come about due to problems with the recruitment of on-call (retained) firemen. In the south of the county most of the village fire



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stations were staffed in this way. However employers were now reluctant to release their staff to go off to attend an emergency and a fire engine cannot be dispatched unless it has a full crew. Fenny Compton station for instance had only a 4% availability to dispatch a fire engine.

The proposals were to deploy full time fire crews to a number of stations in the county, matching times when most emergencies occurred. North Warwickshire has a higher fire emergency call out rate than in the South. Southam Fire Station was proposed to be staffed during that day and into the evenings. Cllr Kettle was pressing the Fire Service to say what the response times would be for the villages in his ward. However, he thought that Harbury should not be too adversely affected. The Council agreed later on in the meeting to seek clarification of response times.

Tim Lockley then raised the issue of faulty street lights in the village with Cllr Kettle. There were a number of street lights not working and these had been reported to the County Highways on a number of occasions. Cllr Kettle agreed to follow this up.

Planning - only one application to be discussed, change of use of an agricultural building at the Spiers, Chesterton Road - no representation.

Properties - Next was consideration of funding of the Village Hall Car Park extension. Most of this work was being funded by a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. However there could be a £7k shortfall now that quotations for the work had been received. It was agreed to meet this shortfall from financial reserves, in the anticipation that when a community benefit payment was received from the Middle Road solar farm project, the reserves could be repaid back. Regarding that solar farm scheme, the Chairman noted that the project had now been sold on to Centrica.

The meeting then considered the other suggested extension to the Village Hall Car Park, which the recent consultation had been about. 153 responses had been in favour or made no adverse comment to an extension. Main concerns had been about any loss of trees, of which there would be none. However, there were at present no funds for this scheme and firstly permission would have to be gained from 'Fields in Trust' which in itself would incur a cost to make the application. Councillors agreed to wait and see what impact the forthcoming extension would have on parking before deciding on how to proceed with this second extension.

The Council was to purchase gravel to fill in the pot holes on the track leading to the Pineham Farm allotments. This would be spread out by the allotment holders. The path round the playing fields was suffering from grass encroaching onto it. The Chairman had cleared the top end of the path and it was agreed a working party should clear the rest of the path. The wall by the allotments off Hall Lane is covered by ivy and its condition underneath is not certain. So it was agreed to get the vegetation removed and see what needs to be done.

Environment - a number of stiles on village footpaths are going to be replaced with flat gates in the next few weeks. A request had been received to provide lighting on the playing fields footpath between the car park and the Ridgley Way gate. Cllrs noted there was no electrical supply along the path and agreed to review again after the car extension was complete.

Finance - GASS had made a request to fund improvements to the Scout Hut, mainly the installation of solar panels. There were no funds to meet this and Cllrs wondered how sunny the Scout Hut was, as it is surrounded by trees. An interesting discussion took place on what payment should be made when a burial plot in the Cemetery is offered back to the Council.

In some cases this could be many years after it was purchased and the family would have paid a lot less than a plot costs now. So should they get more back than they originally paid? In the end, agreed repayment would be the current new plot purchase price less an administration fee.

The Council budget for 2024/25 was agreed, the Parish precept going up 7.6%. The Council's largest single cost being electricity which was double what it was a few years ago.

Next Meeting - Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Julie Balch (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Jess Dominick, Kate Gard, Alan Knowles, Alex Potter, Keith Thompson.

Would you like to become a Parish Councillor? Call 614646 or email clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk for details.



HARBURY SOCIETY

Sue Turner

Exciting News! 😊

The Harbury Society now has a website, www.harburysociety.org

It contains extensive information about the Society, as well as forthcoming events and a membership form which can be downloaded should you wish to join the Society.

Unfortunately, the first Harbury Society talk of 2024, 'Amazing Bats', took place the day after the Harbury & Ladbroke News publication deadline but a summary of the presentation has been uploaded to the website.

Some Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th March: Coffee morning in the Tom Hauley Room, 10am-12pm. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Tuesday 19th March: Annual AGM followed by a presentation given by Bill Timson, Chair Harbury Heritage Group, entitled 'Harbury Windmill - Past, Present & Future'. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £2.

Tuesday 16th April: Presentation by Mark Newbold entitled 'An Insider's View of the NHS'. Meeting in the Tom Hauley Room. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome - free to Harbury Society members - guests £2.

May: Guided tour of part of Leamington Spa. Details to be confirmed.

Saturday 8th June: Harbury Carnival

Tuesday 16th July: Tour of Avon Dassett followed by tea (of course!).

If you would like further information about the Harbury Society or would like to become a member, please contact Sue Turner, Secretary, on 07917 055920, email sue@turners.co.uk or visit the website www.harburysociety.org

Our March meeting with Harmonique got off to a slightly surprising start when we all sang Jerusalem! After that we listened with great pleasure to a variety of songs: remembering Elvis' 'Blue Moon', a lovely version of 'The Rose' which I didn't know in spite of all the awards it won, and some lovely harmonies, as befits the name of the group. The songs were not the easiest ones to sing - Abba's songs are notoriously difficult - and their rendering of the Titanic song was very fine.

It was a very entertaining evening and we shall, we hope, see them again.



Our next meeting will be for the sweet-toothed as Alan Deeley of Burton Green Honey is going to tell us all about his bees and the honey - and other things they produce.

It was very gratifying to see the amount of pink in the audience for the Village Cinema showing of 'Barbie', but no such dress code applies to our next film, 'The Great Escaper' on 16th March in the Village Hall. We were all very pleased that the new projector has better sound and vision than the old one.

On the Thursday afternoon of 28th March, members and friends are invited to try out Kurling - yes it is spelled that way - at Southam Bowling Club in Lark Road.



HARBURY THEATRE GROUP
Celia Stockdale

Well, time is rolling by as we are already in late February.

We were hoping to be able to give you the title of our next production. However, what a task this is proving to be! We are still searching through possible scripts that would suit our lovely Harbury audience. The dates still remain the same, 16th, 17th and 18th May, so keep those in your diary and watch this space! Meanwhile, I thought it would be interesting to hear from one of our members via a Q and A session. Meet Anna:

Q. What production did you enjoy being in most?

A. Medlars Top. That was brilliant! I played the cook.

Q. Why did you want to join the group?

A. I was always interested in acting. I didn't know many people and being a disabled person can limit the amount of people I meet. Sometimes people don't see past my wheelchair and being in the theatre group has helped me to see my potential.

Q. What difficulties have you faced?

A. Learning the words can be hard and I sometimes worry that the audience won't understand me. I really enjoyed doing poetry and I had a free rein to share my own poetry. It has given me a confidence to talk with others.

Within the theatre group I can be someone else, play a part. I am very interested in how we can use the wheelchair in a creative way in the future.

I love the freedom of doing something big.

Thanks Anna. Remember if you want to contact the group for any reason, it's harburytheatregroup@gmail.com



Here is Anna playing the part of the Cook in *Medlars Top*:



FOLK CLUB

Deborah Ellis

Due to the recent documentary about the Post Office scandal I decided my theme for this month's Folk Club would be 'Justice'. In my usual style I donned the outfit of a Crown Court Usher and turned the Village Club into a Court of Law instead. We all took to our feet when 'Court Rise' began the proceedings. In Court Number 445 tonight we would go through a list of 'cases' going through the justice process. The audience became the 'Jury' and they were all sworn in in respect to the Magna Carta. And what a fantastic peer group they turned out to be. Then one by one each case was brought before the court and the following is what was recorded by the stenographer when someone implemented the *Freedom of Information Act*.

Deborah KC began with 'Miss Otis Regrets', as Counsel for the Prosecution, that opened the folk club and, with that, witnesses for the prosecution were called up. Sue and Maureen started with 'The Deserter' which was about someone who kept getting caught all the time. Even Prince Albert made a cameo appearance! Their second being 'Blow the Candles Out'. Was the character in this song innocent or proven guilty? Sue's guitar playing was fabulous evidence in this case. Then Bob Clucas played a Paul Simon song 'Against the Law' where there was some joining in of the chorus from the public gallery! Bob then played a song that he had self-penned that day. This was called 'Just Isn't Right'. The Press Bench had fun with that one. Peter Mason sang about a song from crimes committed in Northamptonshire with 'Too Close to the Wind' and 'Oakham Poachers' where three brothers were either going to be transported or hung together!

Then the court heard evidence from our own Bonnie and Clyde in Dave Carvell who played a Johnny Cash song 'Folsom Prison Blues', including the use of his weapon, the harmonica. Then Shirley joined him with 'In the Jailhouse Now'. Sue Harris sang the 'Ballad of Bethnal Green' with more joining in from the public gallery but pleaded clemency with 'The Hair of the Widow of Brid'. To finish the prosecution, Peter McDonald, a Silk through and through, sang a Jez Lowe song, 'Back in Durham Jail', about a young criminal. Then he spoke about the practice of piracy where you record music onto blank cassettes. Luckily this was for his own private use. He did admit to Jez Lowe of this practice and was told by Jez that he was too

cheap to buy his albums! Peter finished our first half with 'One Man Bound'. Peter has made reparations since.

Then it was time for the Counsel for the Defence and 'Good Evening' Des produced the Black Cap and this caused shock from the public gallery. He performed an amazing monologue about the Gun Powder Plot and the torture of Guy Fawkes. Some people have said that he was the only man ever to enter the Houses of Parliament with the most honest of intentions! His monologue was called 'The Judgement' and he finished with 'Rolling Back the Welfare State'.

Pete and Liz Bones sang a song by Graham and Eileen Pratt called 'Doll Thy Ale' all about drinking excessive quantities of ale and not a breathalyser in sight from the Traffic Police! Then a beautifully executed bit of cutthroat defence was brought before the court with Liz singing 'Lady Policeman' by herself! The Harvesters sang one of my favourites 'A Long Black Veil' where the lead character was innocent but pleaded guilty for love. Then they sang 'The Stranger' about where the pineapples grow. I hope this is all that they are growing! Pete Grassby sang 'Alice Brand' where justice is done at the end. Then with his squeezebox he sang 'The Lakes of the Pontchartrain'.

Then Deborah KC summed up the prosecution case by reciting her poem 'The Meeting' which covered most aspects of Employment Law and its breaches. It was enough to make a CEO uncomfortable with accepting bonuses and other financial remunerations! Peter McDonald summed up the defence with a John McCutcheon song, 'Red Corvette'.

Then we had the Judge summing up all the evidence of the night's performances to the Jury. It was here they were told that the raffle raised £75 for Victim Support and that next month's Folk Club will be hosted by Sue Hartland and her theme will be 'American & American't'!



HARBURY HERITAGE CENTRE

Bill Timson

In last month's article, I highlighted the Pirie family listed in the 1921 Census; perhaps unfairly criticising Doctor Pirie's handwriting on the census form. He was a highly respected figure in Harbury and practiced medicine for many years, treating villagers not only here but in other nearby villages too. I was delighted to find a photograph of him in the County Records Office recently and then had another surprise when I discovered another photograph of him actually in the Heritage Centre.

James Pirie was born in Banff Scotland in 1868. He graduated in the Arts at Aberdeen University in 1884 and by the turn of the century he had moved to Warwickshire, living in Harbury.

In the 1901 Census, Dr James Pirie, aged 35, is living at Ashton House, Station Road with his wife Helen, aged 24 from London. They have a servant Sarah Holloway aged 18 from Bishops Itchington.

On 21st October 1902, Doctor Pirie agreed the rental of a cottage in Vicarage Lane via Auctioneer Richard Ivens, for 2/- weekly rent. In February 1903, with Pirie's practice increasing, he took on a 'partner', Doctor William Dymes Stevenson and they agreed to use the cottage as a surgery, as it was more central to the village, with the intension of them both working there.

After the surgery opened, it is alleged by Stevenson, that Doctor Pirie did not go there himself but sent many patients there for treatment. These were mainly 'Club and Parish' patients, (working class or poor) and not the more affluent of the village whom James Pirie continued to treat at Ashton House. Pirie also instructed Stevenson to help at the surgery in Long Itchington despite the fact that he found it to be 'well doctored'. This was the final straw for Stevenson who considered Pirie's conduct unreasonable.

Stevenson took legal advice and looked to 'dissolve' the partnership on the grounds of 'unreasonable conduct', seeking to have his deposit of £270 repaid and also his expenses since moving to Harbury. A series of eight hand written letters between the two doctors, including the final settlement agreement, are available to view at the County Records Office in Warwick should you wish to know more.

The picture shows James Pirie, aged 44, as the Divisional Surgeon of the Harbury Division of the St John Ambulance Brigade in 1912. It's cropped from a lovely big photograph held in our collection, featuring lots more Harbury men. (Ref HM 1326).



Also, in the same year, he was appointed medical officer and public vaccinator for the Priors Marston District at a salary of £30 a year. He was one of three candidates but the only applicant who fulfilled the terms of the advertisement by offering, 'as soon as possible, to provide a properly qualified assistant to reside in the district'. Mr T Russell oversaw the appointment and when questioned he said that the appointment of Dr. Pirie would be very popular in the district as he already visited the village three days a week and had many 'club' patients there.

In 1921, James Pirie has declared his age as 53 on the census form and still living in Ashton House. On the day of the census his brother Allan, aged 38, and sister Catherine, aged 45 were also living there. James is listed as a medical practitioner and Allan as an advocate at Burnett and Reid Advocates in Aberdeen. Both men claim to be married but there are no wives indicated on the census form. Allan may well have been visiting his brother as he stated that he has a two-year-old child, probably at home with his wife in Scotland. We also know that Allan had been struggling with his health since the end of the First World War.

There is an interesting newspaper article from February 1940 when heavy snowfall caused the doctor all sorts of problems visiting his patients in rural areas, entitled 'A country doctor's difficulties in the snow'. *'I have had such a time!'* he exclaimed. This article, (HM - 1365), can be found in the Heritage Centre, hopefully you will come and visit us and then you can read it.



James Pirie died in 1947 at the age of 82 and is buried in Ufton churchyard. He left a personal estate in England and Scotland valued at £26,838 12s 2d.

Other News

A very wet evening in February saw just two visitors to the Centre. One was interested in learning more about the Harbury Home Guard in WWII. The other brought in photographs related to the Thorncroft family who lived and worked at the bakery in Chapel Street. Thank you both for turning out on such a foul night.

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HARBURY E-WHEELS

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e-Wheels Presents: Travels with Tottle: Antarctic (22nd March)

Hugh Tottle is an engaging speaker and will present his entertaining talk with slides and a video of his trip. A couple of his photos from this adventure won first and second prize in a recent competition.

The evening will take place in the Tom Hauley Room (7.30 for 8pm) on Friday 22nd March.

Tickets (proceeds to e-Wheels) include a glass of wine or a soft drink and are available (limited number) at £7.50 each, on sale in Harbury Village Library (cash or card) from Monday 26th February or via TicketSource (search for Travels with Tottle).

You don't have to wear your fur coat, but you will definitely feel the cold, as graphically described by Hugh.



HARBURY JUNIORS NETBALL CLUB

Abi Watson

It's been a great month of Netball, despite the weather not always being our friend and surprising us with downfalls of rain during training! The girls have stayed positive and continued to train, when safe, which is definitely showing in their match results this month. Our under 13s had a great match but unfortunately just missed the win, however they are still holding their own, with them being 3rd in their league table.

The under 14s have been smashing it with a great win of 32-21, their dedication to training as well as their amazing team work is really showing in the results. Well done girls! It's been a quiet month for the under 15s, with no matches, however their commitment within training and group work together is certain to be getting them good results next month. They are ONLY four points away from first position in their league table!

For both our under 16 teams its been a quiet month, with only one match for our B team. They absolutely smashed it with a great score of 26-17, with their amazing communication in their defence and fabulous attacking skill down the court. Unfortunately we have had a few injuries and illnesses this month, all recovered now, but a special shoutout to all the players who have covered from younger teams, we are all really proud and impressed with your dedication to the club.

Lastly our under 12s training has been going great, where we have been working on our throwing and passing as well as learning the positions on court. We have been really impressed with their skills as well as their constant enthusiasm. Keep up the good work girls!



HARBURY TENNIS CLUB

Colin Mercer

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC>

The winter leagues are now in the latter stages and the floodlit teams were all on the road to Oxfordshire for their most recent Banbury League fixtures. In Division 1, the "A" team travelled to Kings Sutton where Emma Brangwin, Jeunine Crabtree, Ed Lockley and Joe Robson had a tough night against a strong home team. Emma and Jeunine managed to halve their rubber to secure Harbury's point in a 1-7 defeat, but the team is still in third place.

The "B" team went to Banbury for a top of the league clash in Division 3 and Helen Cooper, Jane Minchin, James Edge, and Ian Reynolds nearly pulled off a fine win against the leaders. The mixed doubles were all very close and Helen and Ian were beaten in a second set tiebreak which denied the team a win. The "C" team went to Deddington for a Division 4 bottom of the table clash and came home with an excellent 6-2 win! The mixed doubles pairings of Claire Callaghan and Nigel Eaton, Ian Reynolds and Katharine Giblin were too good for the home team, winning all four sets to record the team's first win of the season and move within a point of Deddington.

The weekend team were at home in Division 4 and completed a double against visitors Tysoe "B" in a very long and close match for Clare Callaghan, Mickey Hurtubise, Nigel Eaton and Joe Robson. 3 of the 4 rubbers were halved but Joe and Nigel won both sets in theirs to clinch a 5-3 win. That puts Harbury in third place and only 3 points behind league leaders Hook Norton with just 1 fixture left.

For the first time we entered the Ann Morgan mixed doubles challenge knock-out tournament, a Warwickshire LTA event, with Emma Brangwin and Ben Fish representing Harbury. This event involves some of the biggest clubs in Warwickshire and the draw saw one of the biggest, Streetly, coming to Harbury. Emma and Ben put up a fantastic battle, losing the first set 4-6 winning the second 6-3 before losing out 8-10 in a long championship tiebreak.

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GUIDES AND SCOUTS SUPPORT

David Browne

New Year Update from GASS

I had intended to write an update for January or February but in amongst the festive period (and general chaos of visiting friends and relatives) it was difficult to find the time to write this article - so it is coming now rather than when it was intended. Hopefully better late than never for you the reader!

First some reflections on 2023

2023 was an excellent year for Guiding and Scouting in Harbury. A number of our sections continued to grow positively, we recruited a number of new section leaders and continued our work to develop the Scout Hut, focussing on internal works to the stores and the external lighting we installed in the Autumn.

We are thankful to Harbury WI for supporting the investment in lighting in particular which was most recently used to great effect this week by the Guiding units for their Campfire family session (even if it did rain there was plenty of great singing by the rainbows and marshmallows enjoyed by all!)

We are also thankful for all the volunteers who have supported our events throughout the year; particularly the Bonfire and Christmas post. We raised over £7000 across these two events to support GASS in continuing to maintain and develop our facilities and equipment. It is always great to include our uniformed groups in supporting events (see here a beaver delivering some Christmas post in appropriately Christmassy garb and accompanied by Charizard!) and several groups mucked in with the sorting and stamping process to ensure we are able to deliver the post you entrust us with to the right addresses!

Without the large number of volunteers for both events, and the support of other village organisations (especially the team at the Library) we wouldn't be able to run these events and the funds generated are critical to continuing to run all of our groups.

Looking ahead to 2024 (or the remaining 10 months of it)

Our aim is to continue to invest in the hut and our equipment this year so we can continue to support our unit leaders to plan and run great sessions and events for our uniformed groups. Our plan this year is to continue some of the internal hut development with work on the kitchen and toilets (it sounds mundane but hopefully will feel like a big change once delivered for those regularly using the hut).

To do this fundraising is really important. We are dependant on volunteers on our committee to organise our events. We are always keen for new people to join, especially if you feel you have great ideas for fundraising events or have a child in the uniformed groups and would like to be involved in supporting their experience with Guides or Scouts.

We generally meet every couple of months (and we have the summer off) to plan events and deal with the management of the Hut, equipment and any challenges with the groups and ourselves are a friendly and welcoming group (promise!). In particular right now we are looking for volunteers who may be willing to act as our secretary or social media manager but anyone would be welcome to join and we have a number of ordinary committee members who give time without holding a formal role.

The current core committee team is listed below and any of them would be very willing to chat through the roles and their experience with GASS

David Browne (Chair) - 07792 514647 (g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com)

Paul Quinney (Group Scout Leader) - 07970 058272 (harburygsl@hotmail.co.uk)

Naomi Moir (Treasurer) - 07803 177514 (gasstreasurer@outlook.com)

All the best from GASS (belatedly) for 2024!



HARBURY PRE-SCHOOL

Staff and Committee

Bird Watching

We were excited to be joining in with The RSPB 2024 Big School's Bird Watch. We have been looking at books about birds, watching videos about birds and singing some songs. We talked about the different birds that we know – and surprised ourselves at how many we already knew! We talked about where and when we might see birds and also talked about their colours and sizes.

We then went outside to put our knowledge into practice! Armed with clipboards and pencils, the children had sheets with bird pictures on and could look and listen to see if they could mark any off. We saw quite a few pigeons and blackbirds flying around and worked out that if we were very quiet, we could also hear the birds sing.

We also enjoyed making some bird seed containers using lard and raisins. The children chopped up the lard, added everything to a bowl, mixed the mixture and spooned it into the containers to take home. It has been lovely hearing how excited some of the children were to tell us that their bird feeders were hanging up in their gardens.

We were expecting to be looking at this topic for just a week, but the children literally ran with it, pointing out birds they could see, bringing in feathers that they had found on the way to Pre-School, telling us about the birds they knew and some began to draw a picture of some of the toy birds that we have in the setting. Definitely a topic to revisit another time!



Travelling Animals

The children this week have been introduced to our travelling animals! Max, Ellie, Stripes, Lenny and the gang were excited to be coming out of storage to meet all the children. Each key person has their own animal and their key children take it in turns to take the animals home.



Thanks to Tapestry, rather than filling in a book and printing out an array of photos to stick in with glue, the parents can now upload photos straight to the child's electronic journal. The children have loved looking at the photos the parents have taken with their key person when they next come into Pre-School.

Chinese New Year

We have started learning about Chinese New Year. This week we have introduced our handmade Pre-School Chinese Dragon and have been telling the story of the Great Race using props. We have also set up our role play area as a Chinese kitchen and when I arrived at work yesterday, I could still smell the delicious stir fry that the children had been making that morning for their snack. We will be continuing this topic after our half term break.

Speed Quiz

We will be holding a 'Speed Quiz' on Friday 15th March, 7.30pm at Harbury Primary School. Teams of up to four, tickets are £7.50 per person. This includes a chip butty courtesy of the Shakespeare Inn. There will be a licensed bar and raffle with fantastic prizes. You can purchase tickets at Harbury Library or email harburypreschool1@gmail.com

Do come along and help with raising money for Harbury Pre-School.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org You can also find us on Facebook.



HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucy Bosley - Headteacher

To love, learn and grow together.

"Let us not love with words and speech but with action and in truth" 1 John 3:18

Children's Mental Health Week



As part of our work for Children's Mental Health Week, the children have been completing journaling activities. Journaling is a popular strategy to support wellbeing, emotional regulation and self-esteem as well as complementing our work on Zones of Regulation.

Severn Trent came into school as part of year 4's topic 'Rivers'. We all learnt a song about safe items to flush down the toilet. We saw some pretty grim pictures of what happens if you don't follow these rules! We took part in an interactive assembly where we learnt about how our sewer system works and how best to



look after it. We also learnt about the 3 Ps which are the only items to flush down the toilet - can you guess what these 3 Ps could be?

Korky Paul

We are super excited that Korky Paul is visiting Harbury Primary School. He is the Illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur books. He will be signing books after school on Thursday 25th April.



A prayer of Hope from our year 6 pupils

Dear God,

Help us to lean on hope when we are feeling down and need inspiration to see us through. In times of worry, despair and concern, lead us to a solution. Surround us with people of trust and faith who can guide us to see the hope in any situation.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord

Amen



We'd like to wish all of Harbury and Ladbroke community a very happy Easter.



HARBURY LIBRARY & BIBLIO'S CAFE

Liz Ball

We are very pleased to report that work on refreshing the look of the library is going well. We now have a dedicated recycling area and proper storage for our spare books and equipment. The leaflet and information centre, plus the seed share, is in the foyer, and the takeaway shelves are being refreshed. We do now accept fiction book donations again but please, only if in excellent condition, published within the last two years and handed to a volunteer. This will save us from becoming overwhelmed again, so thank you for your understanding.

Space has been made on the library shelves to allow us to bring fresh reading to the library and we have now a children's author of the month and an adult book of the day on display. Do remember that all books can be ordered from WCC and delivered to our library. All loans are for three weeks but it is very easy to renew any WCC books on line. If you don't have a ticket do explore their website and order one. You can also read daily papers, borrow electronic books, read magazines and more.

In half term week we had two wonderful craft afternoons with a total of 25 children attending. The theme was love. Many of the children took their creations home but we were lucky enough to have some left to display in the library. Have a look at these gorgeous hearts whilst enjoying your coffee and a cake. There will be further craft sessions in the Easter Holidays.

We are so lucky with our volunteers and would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. We welcome Paul Roe who has just taken on a role involving the building. Bill Timson built the new shelving and cupboards. Daralyn and Gill helped with the crafts. Every week more than 50 people volunteer to make the library and cafe what they are. The library is available

for community activities to those in the village and surrounding area so if you can see a general or specific task or activity that inspires you please get in touch!

Find My Past

Find My Past sessions are restarting. Do you want to know more about your family tree? Have you heard about things in the past that you wish to investigate? The library has a licence for "Find my Past" and a willing volunteer who will work with you for two hour sessions. If you are interested email us at library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk Alternatively pop into the library and leave your details for Michael Luntley or Liz Ball.

Our AGM is on **25th March** at 7.30pm in the library. All are welcome.



HARBURY VILLAGE CLUB AND INSTITUTE

Club Committee

Harbury Village Club and Institute would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members who joined us in 2023 and a massive thank you for your continued support to those who have renewed their memberships for another year. The Club is thriving under the management of Mark Henshaw, ably assisted by his wife Michelle, and Malc Sheasby keeping the cellar in good order.

We have darts, pool, snooker, table tennis and crib on offer, with regular teams taking part in league games. There is also a weekly keep fit class. Contact the Club for further details. The Folk Club takes place every first Thursday of the month. Join us for a drink on a Tuesday evening and take home freshly cooked fish and chips from The Village Chippy which calls every two weeks.

Bingo takes place every two weeks on a Friday evening and, at least once a month, we have live music.

V8 playing 'live and loud' for the first time at the Club kicked off 2024 for us with a fantastic set. They are one of the UK's top hard rock cover bands and are always guaranteed to 'blow the roof off'. We will be inviting them back again as soon as we can but welcome your suggestions as to what events, activities, and bands you would like to see at the Club to ensure we can account for all our members' tastes.

Dates for your diary:

8th March - Bingo

22nd March - Bingo

23rd March - Live music Rhythm Street (pop, funk, and rock)

5th April - Bingo

19th April - Bingo

27th April - Live music with Dab 4 plus 1 (60s)

3rd May - Bingo

10th May - Live music with The SKA man (SKA, and reggae music)

Membership costs £13.50 for an adult, £22 for a joint membership (partners and spouses) with concessions for Juniors (16-18) and those aged 66 plus. Membership entitles you to 10% off all bar sales and special room hire rates for your own parties or events. We have a large function room with a stage and disco lighting which can hold up to two hundred people. There is a small kitchen for food preparation, or we can help you to source catering. We have a smaller room that can be utilised for meetings of up to 16 people and a comfy Lounge Bar.

Our Ladies' toilets have had a bit of a face lift thanks to Karen Sheasby and the very large potholes in the car park have been filled in. We hope to continue to improve the facilities at the Club and provide the community with more events and activities over the coming year. The AGM will be held in April, and we hope that as many members as possible will join us to see what has been achieved over the last twelve months and what is still to come.

Please let us have your feedback (positive or negative) by email to: harburyvillageclub23@gmail.com.

For membership enquiries or room hire please email harburyvillageclub23@gmail.com or phone (after 5pm) 01926 612498 or why not pop in and see us.

Our opening hours are: Monday to Thursday 5pm to 11pm, Friday 5pm to Midnight, Saturday and Sunday 12pm to Midnight.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



GARDEN JOTTINGS

Christine Dakin from Bridge Nursery

At last, a glorious sunny morning (12th February) suggesting that spring is not too far away, she says optimistically. The weather affects me deeply as I suspect it does for many of you. This winter has been very wet and gloomy causing me to be at home far more than I would have liked. But as soon as plants start growing there will be more incentive to get outside and do a bit of gardening in an attempt to be in control and to do it better than last year.

I bet most of you have old packets of seeds in sheds and garages; some will grow, some won't so either sow them or throw them and buy some fresh seeds. Sow hardy annuals, sweet peas, parsnips, lettuce, broad beans and spring onions.

Prune roses, dogwoods and late flowering clematis. Also cut back any willow which are grown for their coloured stems.

Keep a beady eye out for bramble seedlings which carefully conceal themselves until they are well established. I have a 'new' weed, wild carrot, which is taking over and not easy to see until it is quite big.

The garden here will be open for the NGS starting Easter weekend and then every weekend until mid September. Many thanks to those who helped raise £1800 last year.



Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton | www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



NATURE NOTES

Martin & Amanda Randall

It is late afternoon in the middle of February and we are standing in our garden looking up at a swirling mass of black birds cawing and calling raucously above us. This is a large mixed flock of members of the crow family (corvids), mostly Jackdaws and Rooks, heading for their communal roost in the trees on the far side of the railway line, towards Ufton. So far as we know, they have roosted there for many years, for their roosting sites are traditional. Some of the roosts in England are still in the same spot where they were recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086. Jackdaws and Rooks spend a large portion of the year foraging together in groups, sometimes with a few Carrion Crows and Starlings.



*Two hundred Jackdaws at Whitegates Farm
(Martin Randall)*

During the winter days, these birds leave their foraging grounds in local fields and fly to form a single flock wheeling around and calling above the roost where they will spend the night. Some of these gatherings can contain many thousands of individuals - Ecclesall Woods in Sheffield has sometimes had up to twelve thousand birds and one roost in Scotland reportedly numbered 65,000 birds. The communal roosts provide safety for the birds and the opportunity to discover who had a successful day foraging in the fields and who might be worth following in the morning to discover a good feeding spot.

Jackdaws are our smallest black crow, with a distinctive silvery-grey sheen to the back of their heads. Their familiar call - a hard 'tchack' - gives them their name. They nest in holes in trees, and on cliffs and buildings, sometimes in chimneys (where it is warm!). Pairing for life, they will often stay together - even when flying - in the large winter feeding flocks. Konrad Lorenz, the pioneering scientist who studied animal behaviour, kept several tame Jackdaws. In his book 'King



*Jackdaw
(Christiane on Pixaby)*

Solomon's Ring' he evocatively describes their flight as 'playing with the wind'. He found that they are very clever birds and can solve problems to get food.

Jackdaws are very noisy during their evening gatherings and morning departures. Researchers at roosts in southwest England found that the calls grew in intensity before take-off. They played back recordings of these intense calls and found that the gradual increase

in volume was a stimulus for the birds' departure. They suggest that the birds are 'casting their vote' to signify their readiness to leave, and that when the calls reach a certain noise threshold, it is taken as a sign for the entire group to depart.

Rooks, the other species forming the large roosts, are a bigger black crow with a distinctive dark tip to the beak contrasting with the grey base, which is skin bare of feathers. Also, the feathers around its legs look like 'baggy trousers'. In contrast to Jackdaws, Rooks are sociable away from their winter haunts. They feed in large, garrulous flocks on farmland, seeking out a variety of seeds, roots and soil invertebrates (so they are natural 'pest-controllers'). Rooks are colonial nesters often with up to 50 nests per colony. They build their nests out of twigs within a metre or two of their neighbours in the top of trees.

Once established, these rookeries can be enduring; some are known to have been in use at the same site for over 100 years. Nesting starts very early in the year, which is a welcome sign as spring approaches. Female rooks are often seen standing on their nests early in the season to defend their spot and stop 'twig-stealing' by nearby birds, when some neighbours try to lift sticks from other nests to add to their own. Consequently, early in the season it is the males who bring back nesting material. The female joins her mate in collecting new material once the pair begins to line the nest with softer material like grasses, leaves, wool and animal hair.

There are several rookeries nearby; we often drive close to one on the Fosse Way just south of the B4100 roundabout junction. In the late 1940's a survey of rookeries in South Warwickshire found that well over half the nests (3,894) were in elm trees, under a quarter in oak (1,315), and a small proportion (566) were in ash trees. More recent surveys of rookeries elsewhere in the UK have recorded an increase in the use of oak and ash for nesting, following the loss of elms due to Dutch elm disease.

It would be interesting to know what changes there were in rookery locations following the loss of Warwickshire's elm trees - and to understand the consequential threat now posed to local rookeries by the current problem with ash die-back.

Other members of the crow family are found locally - we might write about them in future editions of Nature Notes!



*Rook
(Davie Bicker on Pixaby)*



*A small rookery under construction near the Thames at Godstow, Oxfordshire
(Martin Randall)*

"When I began to find walking increasingly painful about four years ago I asked for advice and was directed to Health First at Southam. This was really good advice and after two appointments the problem had been solved and it continues to be solved." C.L.



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Please buy tickets by 13th March.

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HARBURY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Susan Ostrander (Cllr Harbury Ward)

Hooray, spring is here! Soon we will be out in our gardens and tidying up both inside and out. At about this time of year I tend to empty out my 'Green Joanna' compost bin that I've been filling for the last year and I am always amazed at the quality of the compost that comes out. Lovely, rich, friable material that soon gets added to my vegetable patch and around all my shrubs and trees. Composting is a great way to get rid of not only your soft plant waste but, with 'hot' composting using a 'Green Joanna' type bin, you may also be able to compost all your kitchen waste too including even bones. This means you wouldn't need to use the small green bins any longer and your garden gets the benefit.

With that in mind, I wanted to point out a great resource on the Warwickshire County Council Website for all things relating to composting including a hugely discounted price on the 'Green Joanna' type compost bin I mentioned above (as well as other types of compost bins). All of these are available to Warwickshire residents and will be delivered to your home - a very good service. There is also information on how to compost and the details of composting courses you can attend (just one hour). It really is a great resource that some of you may want to explore at this time of year.



www.warwickshire.gov.uk/green-waste/composting/4

Planning Questions

This may also be the time of year that we start to think about changes we want to make to our homes but then hesitate as we aren't sure about all the planning procedures and hoops we may need to jump through in order to accomplish this. As a member of the planning committee at Stratford District Council I can recommend a very useful website: The Planning Portal - home of planning and building regulations information and the national planning application service for England and Wales.

Since it was established in 2002 the Planning Portal has processed more than three million planning applications; over 90 per cent of all planning applications are submitted through their site.

The Planning Portal aims to provide answers, services and information to anyone involved in the planning process, from homeowners and businesses to planning professionals and government officials. They deliver this by working in partnership with every local authority in England and Wales and continue to pursue new opportunities to transform planning and building.

If you have been thinking about a project but weren't sure where to start, I would encourage you to have a look at their website:

www.planningportal.co.uk



Policing Matters

As the weather warms up and we spend more time outdoors we may also become more aware of the occasional instance of anti-social behaviour or even other types of criminal activity. I recently attended the quarterly meeting for councillors to hear from Southam Safer Neighbourhood Teams. They asked councillors to pass on the message to residents that it is crucial that all information gets reported in the correct manner so that the police can act on it. If it isn't reported, the police cannot act. They do not have time to look on local Facebook groups, so they do not see the posts and comments on these. They also stressed the importance of providing first-hand accounts and not just things we've heard from others.

You can report information to Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team on their email: SNTSoutham@warwickshire.police.uk. You can also ring 101 to report non-emergency situations or incidents.

Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service from Warwickshire Police that can provide regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what our local police are doing. You can sign up here: www.warwickshireconnected.com/#SignUp

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is taking a proactive approach towards crime and its effects on those living in rural communities. The aim is to increase crime prevention awareness across the district and South Warwickshire as a whole, by engaging with rural communities and providing bespoke advice and solutions to victims of crime. I am pleased to let residents know that our Rural Crime Advisors recently received a Neighbourhood Policing Award from Warwickshire Police. The Neighbourhood Policing awards recognise outstanding local work carried out by police officers and staff and partnership initiatives to make communities safer.

You can contact the Rural Crime Advisors if you are a victim of crime or are concerned you may be at risk and would benefit from crime prevention advice. www.stratford.gov.uk/community-safety/rural-crime.cfm



HARBURY PHARMACY

Suresh Patel

Dear Villagers

We wanted to let you know that we are planning a refurbishment of the high street Pharmacy shop in April. This is to improve and increase the size of the dispensing and consultation areas. The retail area will therefore be smaller but the changes have become essential.

During the refurbishment we will make arrangements with the building team to ensure pharmaceutical services will continue throughout the revamp.

However, dispensing times may take a little longer than normal during this period so please bear with us. We hope that this won't inconvenience our customers as any disruption should be short term and we look forward to continuing to serve your needs in the future

Best Wishes from Suresh and the team



THE COLLECTIVE

Rev. Andy Batchelor

Events in today's world trigger a multitude of questions on issues to which our modern society is wanting answers. All Saints Harbury engages in discussion on such issues from both a secular and Christian perspective by meeting on a regular basis in the Shakespeare pub. The next meeting of THE COLLECTIVE will take place on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.30pm. Our next subject for discussion is - **'Life and Death - can we choose?'**

Do come along, have a drink and engage in interesting debate.



CONNECTIONS DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAFÉ

Janice Montague

Do you care for or know someone who is living with dementia, or who would like some company? Can we suggest that you bring them along to our monthly meeting in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church in Harbury)? Each two hour session is designed to be a relaxed environment in which people and their carers can chat with our friendly volunteers and do puzzles or play board games together, join in with a song or two and enjoy a hot drink and some cake.

There is no charge for any of this. No need to book, just turn up at our next meeting which is **Wednesday 20th March**, or future meetings which are on the third Wednesday of every month from 2-4pm. Put the dates in your diary - we look forward to seeing you.

If you would like further details, or to ask about transport to and from, you can contact Jill Baker (01926 612483) or Janice Montague (01926 612340).



HARBURY LOCAL MARKET

Steve Ekins

This Month's Market will be on Saturday 30th, 10.00 - 12.30 in the Village Hall.

This Month's Charity supported by the Market, is Safeline who help victims of abuse.

Councillors' Corner will be there from 10.00 - 11.00am to answer any questions you may have.

Join us for a Tea or Coffee and a Bacon Roll.

If you would like to contact us, you can email us harburylocalmarket@gmail.com and also on Facebook @Harbury Local Market, please join our group for regular updates.

Thanks to our Sponsors.





WEDNESDAY WALKERS

Gillian Hare

A few adjustments this month have avoided the worst of the mud; roll on Spring! We have enjoyed lunch in Wellesbourne, snowdrops at Leamington Hastings, the first lambs and an interesting trip through Leamington, following the Leam from Newbold Common to Victoria Park. From there, we diverted to Foundry Wood, and were entertained by a drumming workshop for our coffee stop.

If you would like to try exploring a locality you may not know, and maybe making new friends, do give us a try. There is no commitment or subscription; just meet us in the village hall car park at 9.35am. The programme is in the diary page or ring Gillian on 614809.



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mike McBride

Firstly, we would like to thank Paul Winchester for organising and running a quiz night in the Village Hall in February. He has done this a number of times in recent years and we are grateful for this fund-raising opportunity. Our thanks also go to everyone who took part in the quiz. We hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you each and everyone for your support.

We also ran a Saturday coffee morning in February. Thank you for coming along and buying raffle tickets and cakes to raise funds for us.

With these two fundraising events we have increased our funds by £900 which will go towards the Christmas Party and summer outing.

We haven't yet decided on the destination for the summer outing this year, so watch this space. The trip will be on **Wednesday 12th June** so make a note in your diaries.

How do you get on to invitation lists for Harbury senior citizens? Well, you have to be a Harbury or Deppers Bridge resident and be in receipt of the state pension. You must also agree to have your details, such as name, address and contact number kept by the organisation to conform to the GDPR legislation on data privacy.

It is also important that you want to receive the invitations and just as important, that you return them or let us know with a yes or no response. The committee give a lot of time and effort in setting up events and raising funds!

Some of you on our current list may not have received invitations recently. That is because you have failed to reply to us over a number of years so we assumed you were no longer interested.

If you have any queries or require further information please call Julie Clarke on 612066 or Mike McBride on 612421.





HARBURY BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Amanda Randall

For a variety of reasons, there has been an insufficient number of couples able to commit to Ballroom Dancing classes this term for it to be viable to continue for the foreseeable future. This is very disappointing, but the group needs to generate sufficient funds to cover costs of the teaching fees and the hire of the village hall.

Thank you very much to all the people who have supported the Harbury Ballroom and Latin Dancing group over the years. Our instructor Anni has been coming to Harbury for a long time to teach us and I think I speak for everyone when I say we are so grateful for her enthusiasm, encouragement and patience; I personally will really miss my Wednesday dancing. I do hope that one day we might be able to organise classes again, if we can just have more couples join us.

Do email and let us know if you would be interested in joining us in the future.

Email: harbury.ballroom.dancing@gmail.com



HARBURY & BISHOPS ITCHINGTON PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Judy Timson

Are you a carer? Then this invite is for you!

We know that being a carer for a loved one (young or old) can be a lot of responsibility, but we also know that it is important for you to take care of yourself too.

For some carers the seeking and receiving of help and support from family, friends and others is relatively straightforward. However, for some, it is not so straightforward. We are aware that there are carers in our communities who are dealing with the daily challenges of meeting the physical and/or mental health care needs of a loved one in isolation. As such this can have a huge impact on the carer's own health and wellbeing.

If you are a carer and /or the person you care for is a patient of Harbury/Bishops surgery then we warmly invite you to an informal get together for tea/coffee and cake! to chat and meet member(s) of our group and others in the same situation.

Our aim is for you to have some time out and to have a relaxing, supportive and mutually informative couple of hours in friendly company. Of course, we understand that some of you may need to bring along your loved one, and that too is fine.

So please put a note in your diary:-

Harbury Surgery - Carers Support event

Venue: Harbury Surgery, Mill Street, Harbury

Date: Thursday 21st March 2024

Time: 2 - 4pm

We look forward to meeting you.



SOUTHAM & DISTRICT LIONS

Dave Brough

Southam and District Lions Club are here to serve the community using money from many fund-raising events. They meet at the social club on School Lane, Southam, at 8pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. A regular event is the furniture sale held on the second Saturday of each month in the Southam Co-op carpark. Donations of furniture (in good condition!) are required. - contact Ian de-Lancey on 01926 813737 or Mob: 07733 100481. Other events, which are open to residents of Southam and surrounding villages, include the annual senior citizens' party - free to all over 60s - and the biannual triathlon including a junior version. More members are very welcome.



GALANOS HOUSE – REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Shelley Fardon

For a full list of events please follow us on Facebook @RBLCommunityHub

Warm Hub - FREE

Every Monday, 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

Drop-in and have a cup of tea with us, stay as little or as long as you like. With a warm welcoming atmosphere, the community hub is a place where people feel safe and there's always someone to talk to, if you want to. Each week we will have various groups joining us. Open to everyone.

Chatty Café Table - FREE

Every Tuesday, 10.00 - 11.30am.

Our cafe is warm and welcoming every day, but we are privileged to have wonderful volunteers who will be hosting our chatty table on Tuesday mornings.

You can find our 'Chatty' table over on our comfy chairs by the window. Our Chatty Table volunteers will be wearing yellow. Why not drop-in, have a cup of tea with us, stay five minutes or an hour. We have a real community feel here and everyone is welcome.

Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club

Last Wednesday and Saturday of every month, 10.00am.

Come along, purchase your own Hub Breakfast, and join in with the banter

Musical Memories - FREE

Last Friday of every month, 2.30 -4.00pm.

A dementia friendly music café with support, music and refreshments.

Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Sporting Memories - FREE

2nd Wednesday of each month, 10.30 -12.30pm.

Reminisce about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers. Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Silver Sunday - FREE

Second Sunday of each month, 2.30pm.

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READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editors

Please may I say a very big thank you to everyone in Harbury and Bishops Itchington for the many cards, presents and good wishes I received for my "big" birthday. I was absolutely overwhelmed and surprised, but this is typical of our lovely villages.

Thank you all so much.

Love

Peggie Middleton



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MOTHERS DAY

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EASTER WEEKEND

March 28th - 31st

A weekend celebrating Easter with Good Friday Fish Specials, Easter dishes over the weekend and of course our family Easter Egg Hunt, running the whole weekend.

QUIZ & A CURRY

April 8th Bradley will be revving up the mic and ready to test your brain matter with the new Bell Inn pub quiz! Start the evening from 6.30pm with a pre-game curry! £12.50pp, book direct with the team.

COMEDY NIGHT & TAPAS

May 13th, Ryan is back with a new group of comedians to tickle your funny bone! Enjoy Tapas at 6.30pm and pre-drinks followed by a live comedy set at 8pm. £19.95pp

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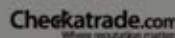
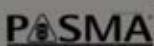
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