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Editorial

Earlier this year you will have read in this magazine about Harbury resident, Gilly Mara, rowing across the North Atlantic, west to east, as part of an all female crew. The hot news is that they have arrived in Falmouth after 49 days of difficult conditions and we send Gilly and her fellow rowers our congratulations on this achievement.

A much easier challenge for local youngsters is to read six books from the library as part of the summer reading challenge, "The Big Friendly Read". We also hope people of all ages will be preparing their entries for the Harbury Village Show on 10th September.

If you want to try something new or take up the offers of food and services, the Auction of Promises in Ladbroke on 2nd September has a wide range of opportunities.

Finally we extend our sympathies to the family of Betty Sheasby. Also to the family of Chris Oliver whose memorial service was held last month.

Harbury Diary

AUGUST


- Sat 6 Coffee morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Village Hall
- Sun 7 **TRINITY XI**
 Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
 NB – No Little Saints' Service
 Taizé Service, 6.00pm
 Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
 Tea and cake being served, 2.00 - 4.00pm at Chesterton Church, all welcome
- Tues 9 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park, Shutford (4½ miles)
- Thurs 11 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Sat 13 Coffee morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Church flowers
 Harbury Society Shipston Stroll, meet 10.00am in the Market Place
- Sun 14 **TRINITY XII**
 Holy Communion, 8.00am

- Sun 14 Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
Tea and cake being served, 2.00 - 4.00pm at Chesterton Church,
all welcome
- Tues 16 Last Pilates, 9.30am in Village Hall, restart 12th September
Tennis Club BBQ Tournament, 6.30pm
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,
Wellesbourne to Walton (4 miles) flat
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury Village
Library
Harbury W.I., Summer Garden Party, 7.30pm, at the Village Hall
- Thurs 18 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
- Sat 20 Coffee morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid
of PCC
ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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- Sun 21 TRINITY XIII**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Family Communion Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Tea and cake being served, 2.00 - 4.00pm at Chesterton Church,
all welcome
- Tues 23 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Julian Meeting, 8.00pm
- Wed 24 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park, Stockton
(3 miles) flat
- Thurs 25 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
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5.30PM
- Sat 27 Coffee morning, 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid
of Guide Dogs
- Sun 28 TRINITY XIV**
Holy Communion, 8.00am
Sung Eucharist, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am in Village Hall
Tea and cake being served, 2.00 - 4.00pm at Chesterton Church,
all welcome
- Tues 30 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 31 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park,
Aston Cantlow, (4½ miles) with optional pub meal

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 1 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Folk Club, 8.00pm in Village Club
- Fri 2 Harbury Beer Festival, 5.30 - 11.30pm at the Village Hall

- Sat 3 Coffee morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of Cemetery Clearing
Harbury Beer Festival, 11.30am - 4.00pm and 6.00 - 11.30pm, at the Village Hall
- Sun 4 **TRINITY XV**
Sung Eucharist, 9.00am
Little Saints' Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
No Zumba at Village Hall
- Tues 6 Heritage Room open 6.30 - 8.30pm at School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park, Flecknoe - Shuckburgh, (4½ miles) some hills
Mothers' Union Annual Service in Church, 2.00pm, followed by tea and cakes in the Tom Hauley Room
Entry forms and fee for Harbury Village Show due today no later than 6.00pm (see Show schedule for details)
- Thurs 8 Holy Communion, 9.45am, followed by coffee
Tunes and Tales, 10.00am, Harbury Village Library
Harbury W.I., 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - Help for Hedgehogs, Simon Thompson, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
- Sat 10 Coffee morning 10.00am - 12 noon in Tom Hauley Room, in aid of e-wheels
Harbury Village Show, 2.00 - 4.15pm, the Village Hall
- Sun 11 Tennis Club Ladies' and Men's Doubles Tournament

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
August	Wed	Fri	
	10	12	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	17	19	Grey Bin
	24	26	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	31		Grey Bin
Sept		2	Grey Bin
	7	9	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	14	16	Grey Bin



From the Churchwardens

Liz & John

"Henry is missing!" Our much loved and well used Henry the hoover has gone missing from church. Despite many phone calls and emails, the whereabouts of Henry is still a mystery. If anyone has borrowed Henry and simply forgotten to return him could you please do so or if anyone did see Henry leaving church in mysterious circumstances, please give Liz or John a call.

On a much happier note, on Wednesday 20th July the church hosted over 200 children, parents, carers, grandparents, family and friends for the Year 6 School Leavers' Service. The theme for the service was "Back to the Future" and the activities ranged from presentations, to dramatised scenes and readings, including letters the children had written to themselves when they were younger giving them advice for the years ahead. Some painted stones were placed in the centre of a labyrinth representing the children's experience of life so far and some other stones were placed representing the future. These stones were unpainted as nobody knows what the future may hold but the children did talk about their aspirations of becoming dancers, a policeman and of getting involved with many other interesting professions.

Reverend Nikki spoke about when she was young she wanted to find a cure for cancer and did go a little way in achieving this as a research scientist, but if Nikki had been told 10 years ago she would be standing in front of the school with a clerical collar, on she wouldn't have believed it! Nikki told the children that it's great to have dreams and aspirations but never close the door on anything in life.

Tributes were made by some children in the infant and junior school thanking Y6 for all the help they had given them and Headteacher Kate Guymer thanked all her staff and wished those teachers leaving the school good luck for the future.

Huge thanks to Headteacher Kate Guymer, Naomi Neale and to others (no doubt!) for master-minding this wonderful service; it was a lovely way to send Y6 on the next stage of their journey. Everyone at All Saints Church wishes the children all the best of luck for the future.

Meanwhile, back to the usual day-to-day life of the church; the memorial garden project is now at a key stage of its implementation (see separate article). Now the wild flowers and grasses have seeded, the churchyard has now been cut and strimmed and many green bins filled, just in time for Reverend Craig's return from his trip "sur le continent" at the end of July.

If you would like to find out more about the services or other activities in and around the church, please do not hesitate to contact either Liz (612421) or John (614206).

From the Registers

Baptisms

26th June Ellie Mae Lydia Margaret Bemrose

10th July Larry Jones

24th July Amelia Mae Cree

Weddings

2nd July George William Clarke to Heather Anne Burt

16th July Philip James Manktelow to Sarah Kate Barlow

Funeral

14th July Betty Sheasby (89 years)

Memorial Service

29th June Chris Oliver

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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On a warm, sunny afternoon, Wednesday 6th July, we visited St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, Leamington Spa which has approximately 9000 in the parish.

Chris Wright, the vicar, met us on arrival and warmly welcomed us to St Mary's. After a short introduction about the various alterations and how it has changed the way the local community views the church, we met Kay Bugg, a local historian, committed Christian and a long time member of St Mary's. She gave us a history of the buildings with graphics showing all the re-building since St Mary's was first built amongst the fields to the south side of Leamington. It was very informative. Kay herself was from Harbury but moved to Leamington on her marriage.

We followed Chris into the church and saw a large, open space, carpeted but still retaining many features – the pulpit, an old organ (sadly defunct), and a relief of the last supper above the altar.

There was a community café, food bank, crèche and areas where different groups meet; a really interesting, bustling place and well used. We then had afternoon tea before the dance class came to use the room we were in.

Our coffee morning on Saturday 16th July raised £120.26 – so many thanks to all of those who supported us by attending, donating cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac, as well as the volunteers whom these events cannot do without. Well done to all.

On Tuesday, 9th August 2016 – Mary Sumner Day – Whitnash Mothers' Union has invited us to celebrate with them at St Margaret's Church, Whitnash at approximately 2-4pm(ish). Please contact Chris Rutherford if you are able to go. Lifts can be arranged – 01926 613757.

7th September 2016 – this is the annual service when we hope to see Jo Spurr, Joy Lewis and Kathleen Abbott enrolled as MU members. We will celebrate with tea and cake afterwards.

Ladbroke News & Diary

<http://www.ladbroke-pc.org.uk>

AUGUST

Sat 6 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 7 Trinity 11

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Wed 10 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 14 Trinity 12

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 17 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Sat 20 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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Sun 21 Trinity 13

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Wed 24 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Thurs 25 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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Sat 27 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 28 Trinity 14

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 31 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

Fri 2 Auction of Promises, 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sat 3 Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 4 Trinity 15

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

SEPTEMBER

Mon	5	Homegroup, 8.00pm, venue TBC
Tues	6	Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed	7	Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall
Thurs	8	WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Fri	9	Heritage Open Day at Church, exhibition 2.00 - 5.00pm, guided tour, 3.00pm
Sat	10	Heritage Open Day at Church, exhibition 10.00am - 5.00pm, guided tour 11.00am, music marathon 1.00 - 5.00pm
Sun	11	Trinity 16 Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am Heritage Open Day at Church, exhibition 2.00 - 4.00pm



Ladbrooke Church News

Jackie West



The first weekend in July was a time of celebration with Rev Nikki's ordination as a priest at Coventry Cathedral, a baptism during our family service and a joint service at Harbury on the Sunday evening when Nikki presided over her first communion. After that service we shared a delicious supper afterwards and watched Nikki's delight as she opened her card (of the Harbury banners) and present (a portable communion set).

Then it was back to the more mundane matters of the roof and gutter repairs to our building. These are progressing well, are more or less on schedule and, even with the extra work needed on a couple of the trusses of the nave roof, it should finish during August. To get the second part of the grant

from the Government's Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund I had to send in short illustrated summary of what had been achieved so far, a copy of this is on the display board inside church and I'll write more on the topic next month.

The message that this work is only the start of what we need to do urgently seems to have hit home with parishioners and we have received a number of generous donations for our *All Saints for All Generations* campaign to raise funds for work on the tower, chancel, windows etc., donations for which we are most grateful. Thank you so much.

There has also been a marvellous response to the request for promises to be auctioned off on Friday 2nd September and people are already sponsoring our organist Kate for her music marathon taking place on Saturday

10th September during the church's Heritage Open Days. There is more about these events and the Harvest Party on Sunday 2nd October on pages 15 and 16.

Homegroup is taking a summer break and will resume on Monday 5th September.

From the Registers

Baptism

Lexie Bradley and Nervana Frost

Flower Rota

7th & 14th August

Sue Lord

21st & 28th August

Jenny Barrett

4th & 11th September

Kate Pickin



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

Here are the key points of the meeting on 13th July, the full minutes by the clerk will be available in due course on the village website, **ladbroke-pc.org.uk** and on the notice board by the pub.

Planning: There were no representations regarding the replacement front door and frame at Attwood Cottage, the revised extension at The Willows, nor the new dwelling, outbuilding and drive at Old Rectory House. SDC had approved the extension at 6 Hedges Close. The applications for Sarah's Cottage and new dwelling in the field "off" Windmill Lane had been withdrawn, it was assumed for changes and resubmission.

Highways & Footpaths: Various issues remain including the request for a gate on Windmill Lane, verges not being cut on Windmill Lane and the drainage on the road near the church, the clerk will contact the relevant people at SDC.

Flooding & Drainage: £50,000 was approved in September 2015, Cllr Stevens had "found" a further £15,000 to ensure progress and we were told by the flood team that modelling would be completed at the beginning of May. However their meeting to discuss it with our parish councillors on 5th July was cancelled the day before with the excuse that the information was incomplete and the individual doing this on holiday! With frustration at boiling point it was agreed to send a formal letter of complaint, copying in the Chief Executive and our MP.

Village Hall and Millennium Green: New floor tiles have been put down in the entrance hall to repair flood damage. Both the hall and the green had been venues for wedding receptions in the last couple of months.

HS2: The Southam action group is going to the House of Lords in mid July to put in their petition. The County Council need to be updated on any potential uses for the HS2 Community Fund. Some soil investigations and surveys for great crested newts have been happening locally. It is anticipated that practical work on HS2 will start in 2018.

Broadband: The Parish Council debated if it was time to start considering options for installing high speed broadband ourselves but a quick review of the possible technical options suggested there is no easy fix so the council will continue to request the planned date for BT's installation of fibre to the Ladbroke cabinet.

SDC: The Core Strategy was approved on 11th July. The Inspector supported the proposals for 15,500 new houses to be built over the next 15 years with significant settlements at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath and Long Marston. Once the document is ratified any future development within the district will only be supported by the Planning Department if it is already earmarked within the Core Strategy, this should bring an end to developers seeking large scale development in inappropriate areas.

WCC: National political events mean that few decisions are being taken. An additional £20 million needs to be saved over the next two years. Southam College has applied to become a Multi Academy Trust. Coventry Diocese doesn't want C of E schools to be part of this so they may be forming their own.

The M40 Junction 12 works should finish soon but Western Power want to run a cable along the road from Bishops towards Gaydon which may mean part of this road is single lane for 6 to 8 weeks.

Cllr. Stevens has £5k for Community Grants for the Feldon area, parish council clerks are getting the forms and applications need to be in by end September.

The next Community Forum is 21st September at Harbury Rugby Club.

Next meeting: Wednesday 14th September (provided there are enough Councillors to be quorate)



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Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane

We were very grateful to Bill Davies from Harbury who stepped in at the last minute to entertain us at our July meeting on the 7th in the Village Hall.

In 2000 Bill had cycled the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrim route which has been in use since the 12th century. Bill was neither a fitness fanatic nor a long distance cyclist but his 40 years in the Royal Navy had given him a taste for travel and, approaching his 70th birthday, he had the urge to both wonder and wander. He resisted the advice of his granddaughters who thought he was mad to consider this single handed challenge and on 8th August took an uncomfortable coach journey with his bicycle in a trailer to Bayonne in the South of France where there was still snow on the Pyrenees.

From there he began his 700 mile journey to Santiago de Compostela across Northern Spain along the old pilgrim route which encompasses churches, hostels, monasteries, crosses, bridges and other types of construction. After the initial discomfort of blisters, bad weather, aches and pains he found joy in the spartan life, experiencing much comfort in the chance meetings with others along the route. His journey culminated in the wonderful Romanesque cathedral where the remains of St James are buried.

Bill found this experience allowed him to get to know himself better and to realise that there is more good in the world than evil.

This is just a short overview of a fascinating account during which Bill counterpointed the emotions of his solitary journey with his wife's domestic problems with much humour. I can thoroughly recommend this talk and Bill can be contacted on billdavies48@gmail.com

In the business meeting Dianne gave out the diaries to those who were present who had ordered them.

She reported that Mandy Boyce has stepped down from the role of treasurer.

The five members who had attended the Warwickshire weekend at Denman had thoroughly enjoyed it as always and Dianne had also had a good walk on 4th July with 60 other WI members. I hope there weren't many stiles or that would have taken a long time for everyone to get over!

Nominations were sought for the 2017 - 2019 Board of Trustees.

Our August outing will be to the 1940s restaurant in Sheep Street in Stratford on Wednesday 3rd August in the afternoon.

The September meeting will be on 1st when Georgie Hale will be telling us about being shipwrecked in the Antarctic.



The Ladbroke Matters team is responsible for the upkeep of the Village Hall and Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both of these resources for the benefit of our community.



Our film and supper night on 8th July was once again a great success as we screened 'Dad's Army', which had us rolling in the aisles with laughter. We had a delicious array of quiches and salads for folks to tuck into before the film started, and some of us even enjoyed singing along to the wartime songs played in the background whilst we ate.

We're taking a break from events now for the Summer, and we hope that we can all enjoy some Summer sunshine.

The following events are planned for later this year....

- A quiz night for **Saturday 1st October.**
- Another film and supper night for **Friday 11th November.**
- Our Village Christmas Party for **Saturday 10th December.**



On **Friday 18th November** one of our very popular race nights will be held in Harbury Village Hall - jointly in aid of Ladbroke Matters and All Saints Ladbroke Church building repair fund.

Please put these dates in your diary – more details will be available soon.

If you would like to join the Ladbroke Matters team, have any suggestions for future events, or any other comments please contact the trustees (details on the Ladbroke website).

Ladbroke Village Hall Millennium Club

Draw for June 2016

£50	Susan Moore	£50	Linda Spence
£25	Lorna Carleton	£25	Mike and Kate Todman
£25	Graham and Pauline Long	£10	Malcolm Wray
£10	Erica and Ali Cerri	£10	Steve and Val Copley
£10	Carole and Peter Loftus	£10	Andy Crompton

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Mike Todman & Kip Warr

The club has had a good and varied summer so far: a talk from professional photographer Peter Alvey in June, a trip out to Dorsington Open Gardens, and the summer barbecue.

Peter Alvey, based in Market Harborough, is a professional photographer and film maker with over three decades of experience covering industrial, commercial, construction, transport, fashion, editorial and PR photography. A very engaging speaker, Peter showed us examples of his work and told us some of the tricks he used to get them and what he was looking for to 'tell the story' in the picture. However, he did emphasise that he very rarely used software such as Photoshop to manipulate his pictures preferring to get the shot right first time.



William Hague by Peter Alvey

His people pictures included official shots of John Bercow, Rory Bremner, Boris Johnson, Heinz Wolfe etc (but not the Queen), but his main work comes from industrial photography for PR material and he showed us what sort of things the clients looked for – including a shot of Blackfriars Bridge that was blown up to 30 metres long to form a backdrop to a new train launch! Interestingly, he said that was cropped from a single photo of about 12Mp size, which worked fine; so don't get

bogged down thinking you had to have the biggest megapixel sensors to get a good photo.

His real passion was working in hospitals to capture the activities and people in them. He said that asking permission to take a photo nearly always brought a 'yes', and some very responsive results. However, one time he asked if he could take photos in an operating theatre, which was agreed, but he found himself photographing an actual operation – not just the room!

Tips from Peter: darken corners (Vignette) to help emphasise the subject in the centre; use a soft bean bag to support a camera for longer exposures – it saves carting a tripod around a lot of the time; for people shots put their eyes at an angle, not horizontal; when taking crowd scenes use a long lens

(eg 300 mm) as it compresses the picture and produces a better result; when dark or there is a black sky, use black and white.

The Dorsington Open Gardens (near Stratford-upon-Avon) included that of the late Felix Dennis, a publisher, poet, spoken-word performer, philanthropist and founder of the National Forest. This is far more than just a garden as it features a unique collection of over fifty life-sized, bronze sculptures of heroes and villains – real and mythical, created by some of the world's finest portrait sculptors and covering several acres. A wet start was not ideal but this did produce interesting textures on the statues such as Churchill, The Beatles, the Owl and the Pussycat, Bob Dylan, Galileo and even a rhinoceros as interpreted by Albrecht Dürer and then it brightened up. Well worth a visit if you have not been before.



**Rhinoceros after Albrecht Dürer
in Dorsington Gardens**



We had some very odd photographs on display at our July meeting - the kind that make you say "Oh, I see" when they are explained. We had each contributed three pictures of household or garage items taken from unusual angles which made them look like abstract compositions. Imagine a tap from below, a pepper grinder from above or a penknife end-on; the images don't make sense until they are explained but then they are obvious. Can you identify the items shown here?*(answers on opposite page).

This quiz accompanied our annual barbecue. Simon West displayed his considerable talents at cooking meat *al fresco* and everyone contributed a dish providing a sumptuous meal, meanwhile the weather was kind enough to allow us to eat outside.

**Hungry Photographers by
Kip Warr**



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 2nd August, when we shall be taking our cameras off automatic and using the manual settings. Then, on 6th September, our subject will be sport and motion photography with a competition and phototopic discussion. Visitors and guests are always welcome to our meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Ladbroke Village Hall. For more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk

* Answers (from top left): Ring spanner, saw, pepper grinder, tin opener



Ladbroke General Section



Auction of Promises, Friday 2nd September

Come with your friends to Ladbroke Village Hall and enjoy a delicious two course meal, drinks from the cash bar and bid for some of the great promises on offer. Tickets, £10, are now available from various church members or phone 01926 814715.

The bar will open at 7pm and the first course will be served around 7.15pm. Then our auctioneers, Rev Craig and Alan Lord, will take to the stage and the auction commence. There will be an interval for the famous Ladbroke minipuds (small enough to not feel guilty if you can't decide which to have so take several), before the auction resumes.

Thanks to many generous people we already have 36 lots ranging from a personalised hand-embroidered card to tickets to a local televised rugby match plus tour of the television studios afterwards and from dog walking to a 50 mile jaunt in a 1968 Jaguar MK2 saloon, the car with grace, pace and space. With the well known culinary skills and food appreciation of local people it is no surprise that there are a range of cakes and meals on offer. You could also bid for a day out, gardening, patio cleaning, pick your own fruit, fly fishing or even a ukulele lesson. That's just a selection, the full list is on the website www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk/auction and will be updated as further promises are received. The website also explains how you can place an advance bid if you can't make it to the event itself but we hope to see you there.

All proceeds are in aid of Ladbroke Church's *All Saints for All Generations* Campaign, raising funds for building repairs.

Jackie West



Heritage Open Days 9th - 11th September

Ladbrooke church is again taking part in this **free** national event. You can find out details about all the places opening their doors at **www.heritageopendays.org.uk**

Here in Ladbrooke although you can visit the church every day of the year (workmen permitting!) during this event we put on something special. This year as well as information about some more graveyard characters there will be an exhibition on Ladbrooke's village school which taught local children from 1876-1979. Extracts from the school log book provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives of those who lived here more than a century ago and the display will include a banner, made by Year 6 pupils of St James School, Southam, which compares the Ladbrooke School in 1876 with their school 140 years later. There will also be a couple of guided tours of the church building and on the Saturday afternoon Kate Pickin, our organist, will be attempting a four hour musical marathon of religious and secular music. Alice and Rory will be playing at times and Kate hopes that there will be lots of people in church to listen or sing along too. So if you have a favourite hymn or song let her know so that she can include it and if you wish to sponsor Kate, who is raising money for the church's *All Saints for All Generations* campaign, bring your sponsor money along on the day or you can make an online donation (+/- Gift Aid) at **www.btplc.com/mydonate**, just search for Kate Pickin as the fundraiser.

Our official HOD times are:

Friday 9th Sept, 2-5pm, guided tour 3pm

Saturday 10th Sept, 10am-5pm, guided tour 11am, Music Marathon 1-5pm

Sunday 11th Sept, 2-4pm

Jackie West

Harvest Party

As a break in all the fundraising, Ladbrooke Church is organising a party in Ladbrooke Village Hall at lunchtime on Sunday 2nd October. There will be food, entertainment, games for the young and young at heart and plenty of time to chat. More details next month but put the date in your diary now and invite your friends and relatives along too, all are welcome.

Jackie West





Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley

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

June 2016

Planning still dominates these meetings. The developer of the 200+ homes at the Quarries updated the Council meeting, saying David Wilson Homes will be the builder on site, and they intend to put in a full planning application (with designs, etc) during the summer. They will talk to Harbury and Bishops PCs about changing the Parish Boundary. At present a large part of the development would fall in our parish (and residents would pay rates to Harbury).

The Parish Councillors then made "No Representation" on the application to erect a "barn for agricultural purposes" at Stapenhall Farm. They were concerned at plans to fell four trees in the rear garden of 4 Church Terrace as there was no evidence they were diseased or dangerous and they have a policy to retain mature trees in the Conservation Area, so they objected.

A group of Parish Councillors including the Chairman and Councillor Summers will have a "pre-application" meeting with those intent on developing the Wissett Lodge Paddock and orchard area that forms the hollow square surrounded by Church Street, Ivy Lane, Vicarage Lane and South Parade.

Neighbourhood Plan - The consultant wants the Parish to consult on the **draft** plan. This would entail having copies of the Plan printed and distributed to groups and interested parties including neighbouring parishes. No progress had been made on the village Welcome Pack except for a quote of £30 for 100 Harbury Directories, which had originally been produced by the Harbury & Ladbroke News magazine.

Properties

Playing Fields - The multi-play equipment repairs are completed and quotes are being obtained for repairs to the skatepark and the seniors' goalposts. A well-wisher has offered to make a donation toward the cost of the benches. The start of work on the new footpath and at the Cemetery will depend on the weather.

Allotments - BT has suggested that the Parish Council might like to use some of the Exchange land off Mill Street for extra allotments but the enthusiasm for such plots waxes and wanes. However, the Councillors liked the idea of using the land for a community orchard and will explore the possibility.

Lighting - More remedial work and replacement lanterns are needed at Bush Heath Lane, at the Church Lychgate (the Council pays for this light as it illuminates Church Street).

Highways - The footpath bollard in Binswood End is to be replaced and another two fitted. The Parish Council will complain to Western Power Distribution that their South Parade sub-station is in a very “tatty” condition.

WCC - Councillor Bob Stevens reported that the Academisation process was “moving forward” despite reluctance from the Diocese which did not want its schools included. Councillor Gibb (Harbury School Governor) explained that the Church owned some of the land involved and believed that this meant they had a say in the decision. But Councillor Stevens said it was even more complex depending on whether the schools were Voluntary Aided – in which case the Church employed the staff, or Voluntary Controlled where Local Authority was the employer.

Deppers Bridge - Councillor Ekins passed on complaints about the bollards on the chicane and the disrepair of one of the houses in the hamlet which residents feared was becoming a health risk. The grass from the verge had encroached onto the footpath from the Great Western as far as the railway bridge and needed to be cleared.

World War 1 Commemoration - Councillor Gibb has contacted residents and got consent to erect plaques in memory of residents who died fighting in WW1. Sheffield University is doing research on our project.

Harbury Parish Council Public Consultation

Harbury & Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**Neighbourhood Planning (General) Planning Regulations 2012
(as amended)**

Regulation 14 - Pre-submission consultation and publicity

Notice is hereby given that Harbury Parish Council as the Qualifying Body has prepared a neighbourhood development plan entitled the ‘Harbury & Deppers Bridge Neighbourhood Development Plan’ for their parish with the help of the local community and has formally published its Pre-submission Draft Plan for public consultation.

The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and the planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications within the neighbourhood area. In accordance with Regulation 14 of Part 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the parish council must now publicise the Pre-submission Draft Plan for a minimum 6 week period inviting feedback from organisations and residents on the Pre-submission Draft Plan.

A copy of the Pre-submission Draft Plan and supporting documentation is available on the parish council's website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk and also the neighbourhood planning group's website www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk. Alternatively, hard copies of the documents are available for inspection at the parish council office (Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 12 noon) and Harbury Village Library (Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Saturday from 10.00am to 12 noon).

The consultation starts on 1st August 2016 and runs until 5pm on 23rd September 2016. Representations on the Pre-submission Draft Plan may be made to the parish council by no later than 5pm on 23rd September 2016. You are encouraged to submit your representations electronically. This can be done by using the on-line form available on the home page of the parish council website at www.harbury-pc.gov.uk and emailing it to harburypc@btinternet.com. You may also post or hand deliver your response to Harbury Parish Council, 2 Bull Ring Business Centre, Church Terrace, Harbury, CV33 9HL.

All representations received will be collated and will inform possible future modifications to the Pre-submission Draft Plan prior to submission to the Local Planning Authority.

Alison Biddle
Clerk to Harbury Parish Council
1st August 2016



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

We are having a stroll round Shipston on Stour on Saturday 13th August starting from the "Market Square" at 10am. Shipston is an interesting town with some beautiful buildings and, largely because it does not have a big supermarket, there are still lots of independent shops selling a wide range of goods.

It is a largely unspoiled market town for the Cotswold fringe and an excellent springboard to exploring the surrounding villages.

Our village by contrast is under threat from yet more development which does not seem to provide for what residents actually need. There are few homes that young couples can afford and not enough accommodation suitable for older people who wish to downsize.

The Spinney Paddock is being developed piecemeal which means there is no requirement for the provision of the homes that we need. Pam Sperling's paddock with access off Vicarage Lane is for sale and surveyors, I am told, are working on the meadow off Butt Lane.

The community is due some money for "infrastructure" from the several hundred homes already approved, so we should see some improvements in recreational, educational and medical facilities.

I now know what the long-time residents of Harbury must have felt when the late 1950's-60's expansion took place. At least that brought gas into the village and a new school, but it filled in the Manor lands and joined up the old village with the farming hamlet of Farm Street, Temple End and Binswood End. Harbury Society was founded when the then owner of the Manor applied to pull the building down and develop the grounds – a step too far.

I wrote last month about the importance of keeping our forest trees which soften the street scene. They are a very important asset and many are protected by law. But I had intended to emphasise that this protection, which demands that permission is sought before any work is done, applies only to trees in the Conservation Areas and/or those with Tree Preservation Orders. Other trees do not have this protection.



Harbury Women's Institute

Julia Fowler

Who knew that the only house in England interior-designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh is in Northampton? Most of us didn't, so many thanks go to Committee Members Pauline and Peggie for organising an afternoon at the house, 78 Derngate. The small townhouse garden delighted, as did the café, where we enjoyed a welcome cuppa after the guided tour. But the stunning modernist design, completed in 1916 and restored in 2003, is the reason to visit. We were all inspired by the extraordinary rooms and furniture, though nobody's planning to redo their lounge in yellow, upside down triangle trees, or their bedroom in black stripes.

Two adjoining houses form the Visitor Centre, giving space for art exhibits. We were lucky enough to catch 'Have Needle Will Travel', showcasing the work of textile artist Mary Hart. She was at the gallery, working on a piece, and happy to be quizzed about her methods. We're now hoping to add a workshop or talk by Mary to our monthly programme.

Also on show were pieces by the Oxfordshire Craft Guild, including traditional crafts, and contemporary design in ceramics, glass, jewellery, paper, textiles and wood.

WI members appreciate a fabulous shoe as much as arts and crafts - so a few of us dashed up the road to the Northampton Museum to see some of the 12,000 shoes in their collection.

Coincidentally, our July meeting was also given over to art, with a lively talk and demonstration by Tysoe potter, Penny Varley. Quite a few of her stylish but practical creations went home with members. We're now planning a workshop at her studio.

Next up is our summer garden party, on 17th August, 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, when we'll be decked out in red, white and blue, enjoying a late afternoon tea and celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. Prosecco toasts, naturally. Visitors are welcome - just email or phone us by 10th August (details below).

On 8th September we'll be finding out about Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's Help the Hedgehog campaign. Bring a can of cat or dog food with you if you'd like to donate to the hedgehog food bank.

September's a busy month - we hold our Harvest Supper on the 23rd, with an after-dinner talk by the entertaining Meriel Acton, on 'Life as a Crown Court Judge'.

We're always looking for photos of past members and activities to add to our archives. Please do let us know if you have any pictures or memories that you'd like to share with us. We don't need originals, as we can copy photos without taking them away.

Meetings are usually at the Tom Hauley Room, 7.30 for 7.45pm, on the second Thursday of the month. All women are welcome, whether it's to hear a particular speaker, or to see if WI is for you. Contact us on harburywi@gmail.com, or 07834 667 523. You can also keep up to date on our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/harburywi



Harbury Theatre Group

Jo Banbury

It has been a busy old year for Harbury Theatre Group so far. Hot on the heels of our May production, Harbury was very proud to host the A.C.T. Festival (Amateur Community Theatre) over the 24th and 25th June. Six local amateur theatre companies performed in total, and I have to say the calibre of performances was very high, showing that Warwickshire has some exceptional talent when it comes to performing, directing and even play writing. It was also a real pleasure to see such high audience numbers in

attendance, on the Saturday shows particularly. Even the early afternoon show had a good house, and there was a really fun-filled, happy atmosphere. So thank you to anyone who supported us in that event, and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

We are already starting to pull together the next show for November, which will be performed on 24th, 25th and 26th November. The script we are reviewing is called "All Exclusive" by Hugh Morrison, and will give us some lovely characters that I am sure we will all be able to relate to. There will be plenty to do for this one, so if anyone out there would like to take part in any of the many roles required to stage such a show (lighting, set-building, costume, prompt, props, sound, front of house etc) then do please get in touch. The group does meet every month, usually on the last Tuesday, at The Shakespeare. As we have hit the holiday season, the next meeting will be Tuesday 27th September. All comers are very welcome.

We hope you have a fabulous summer whatever you are up to. Learning lines for this lot!!

	<h2>Folk Club</h2>	<p>Peter Bones</p>
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The theme for the Folk Club meeting on 7th July was "Singing Together".

Regular Harbury Folk Club goers enjoy something of a reputation for singing well and with enthusiasm whenever the opportunity presents itself. I therefore chose the subject to exploit this trait by encouraging plenty of songs with familiar, or easy to learn choruses or refrains.

In spite of some of the regulars being away on holiday, it was a pleasant evening during which we were treated to some very good music and associated banter, punctuated with plenty of audience participation.

Whilst I could name several items which I particularly enjoyed, the item which sticks in my mind the most was Mary singing "You're Going to Miss Me When I'm Gone". For this she provided her own accompaniment of a clever syncopated rhythm, produced by simply repeatedly upturning an empty cup on a table. The effect was quite amazing.

The evening concluded with a mass sing-song of old and familiar Beatle songs ably led by Peter McDonald on the piano with a scratch band of anyone who had a suitable instrument to hand. These were sung with great gusto, and from the looks on everyone's faces, appeared to be enjoyed by all. This fitted the theme admirably and was a fitting way to finish the evening.

For a complete list of who sang what, please visit the Folk Club Web Site, www.tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub

The raffle raised a total of £81.00, for the Leamington Night Shelter. Many thanks to those who contributed. Thanks also to the bar staff and committee of the Harbury Club who once again were very helpful and welcoming. The next meeting of the club will have been and gone by the time you read this, so the one to look forward to will be on Thursday 1st September.



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

The visit to Samois-sur-Seine

On Friday 24th of June, at 5.45am, 39 members of the Twinning Association assembled outside the Village Hall having heard the shock news that Great Britain had voted to leave the European Union, to await the coach that would take them to Samois-sur-Seine. Because the coach company were not able to make a reservation to travel through the Channel Tunnel we had to use the Dover to Calais ferry. A one hour delay at the Dover ferry terminal resulted in a longer journey, but when we eventually arrived at Samois our French friends welcomed us with open arms. The Mayor gave a short speech of welcome and told us that despite the outcome of the referendum we would always be friends and welcome in Samois.

After welcome drinks and light refreshment at the Samoisienne (village hall) we left with our host families.

Saturday morning, the sun was shining and a Petanque tournament took place. Some very close matches, with the help of the friendly locals, were played, followed by refreshments and the presentation of trophies to all who had taken part. Rosemary Harley was judged to be the highest scorer. Later she was also presented with the Robin Barnes cup for her achievement.

Then it was lunch with the host family before some went to see the school children performing songs and dances in the village square. Some chose to visit the '*Musee Jardin Bourdelle*', at Hameau du Coudray to see the wonderful display of 57 original large, bronze statues and wall plaques, retracing the work of the sculptor Antoine Bourdelle (1861- 1929). The sculptures are arranged around a very large garden, amongst flower beds, box hedges, fruit trees and conifer fences.

That evening it was back to the Samoisienne for a wine tasting, with excellent wines chosen to accompany the delightful four course meal that was provided.

The sun continued to shine on Sunday morning. The Django Reinhardt Jazz festival had been full swing all week, and in the village square there was dancing and music. The Argentine Tango demonstration was very impressive as was the swing music played by a big band. Then it was lunch with the host family before going to the *Chateau de Fontainebleau* for the highlight of the

visit, the Django Reinhardt Jazz Festival. For the first time in its history, because of the recent flooding, the festival was forced to leave the mythical island in the Seine where it was born. The performers were international musicians who are well known to jazz devotees.

It was an early start on Monday morning to say farewell to our friends before boarding the coach for the return journey home. The Mayor of Samois was once again in attendance to wish us 'bon voyage' and reiterate the pledge of the residents of Samois-sur-Seine, to continue to foster the links of friendship.

The following is a report of her experiences by one of our younger members

By Saffie Chiba (Age 12)

In June, I went to Samois-sur-Seine in France with the Harbury Twinning Association. Samois is about one hour away from Paris near the Fontainebleau forest. We left early on Friday morning and the trip, believe it or not, took 14 hours by coach and ferry with a few delays on the way. I sat next to my sister and we made origami, read books and chatted to each other to keep ourselves entertained.

My family stayed with Anne and Jean-Pierre who live in a big house near the forest with 2 cats, 2 kittens, chickens, a turtle and some fish. On the first evening, Anne showed me and my sister how to make crepes – we filled them with ham, cheese and a fried egg and they tasted fabulous!

On Saturday, we went on a walk through the Fontainebleau forest. It was beautiful with wild flowers, and lush green. It is famous for rock climbing and we had a go at climbing a few of the rocks. After the walk, we made a rhubarb tart with Jean-Pierre using rhubarb from his garden. Then on Saturday evening, we had a party in the town hall with all the English people on the trip and their French families. We ate yummy French food, talked and played cards. It was quite a late night and I was exhausted by the end of it.

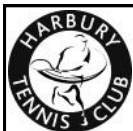
On Sunday, we had a walk around Samois which is such a pretty place with many beautiful houses. We also went to a music festival and I watched lots of different bands – some of them were completely different from anything I've heard before! The atmosphere at the festival was amazing. It was another late night but it was worth it!

On Monday, we had to go home but I wish we could have stayed longer. It was another long journey but we stopped at a huge French supermarket on the way and bought lots of yummy snacks for souvenirs.

I would recommend this trip to people of all ages – I learned some new French words and had a chance to try out my French with my family and in the bakery when I went to buy bread. I am very much looking forward to welcoming my French family into my home next year when they visit Harbury.

Bastille Day Celebration

On the 14th of July the members of the Twinning Association celebrated the event with a dinner at the French restaurant, 'Cote Brasserie', in Leamington Spa. At the time we were leaving our celebratory dinner a deadly attack was unfolding in Nice when a large truck rammed into a crowd who were leaving their Bastille Day celebrations, killing 84 and injuring 200 more. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to our friends in France especially to the families and friends of all that were killed or injured in this atrocity.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin and Sue Mercer

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

The summer league fixtures are drawing to a close and in the midweek format, three successive wins have put Harbury in with a chance of promotion from Division 4. The first was at Tysoe B, where Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Helen Cooper, Steve Stark, Nigel Eaton and Colin Mercer were in good form and secured an emphatic 7-2 win to avenge an early season defeat in the reverse fixture. Helen and Nigel had the best win when they won their mixed doubles rubber by 10-1!

Next up was Deddington C at home, with two team changes to the previous match with Sarah Bunting and Karen Bristow replacing Helen and Eira. There was an element of good fortune for Harbury as the visitors were at a great disadvantage when one of their ladies was injured and withdrew just before the match, immediately forfeiting three of the nine rubbers. The remaining six rubbers were closely contested and finished 3-3 but because of the conceded rubbers Harbury won the match 3-6.

The last fixture was at Byfield C with Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Debs Brooks, Steve Stark, Olly Wiltshire and Colin Mercer making the trip to Northamptonshire. Harbury's luck changed when Eira injured her Achilles tendon in the first mixed doubles rubber but bravely carried on and completed an 8-3 win with partner Olly. Unfortunately that was the end of Eira's tennis although the hosts helped her pain management by providing a bag of frozen peas and a glass of wine! That meant Harbury forfeited two rubbers and an uphill struggle against Byfield who occupied second place in the league behind runaway leaders Tysoe A. However, cheered on by Eira they won four of the remaining six rubbers played to win the match 5-4! Those three wins have put Harbury on level points with Byfield and both have one match left which happens to be against Tysoe A so the second promotion place won't be decided until the very last match on 1st September.

In the weekend format Harbury faced an experienced Warwick team but Caroline Morland, Joe Robson and Karen and David Bristow put up strong resistance before slipping to a 3-5 defeat. This is the third 3-5 reverse and

leaves Harbury bottom of the league but still with a chance of avoiding the wooden spoon if the luck changes in the remaining two matches!

The Junior programme has now finished for the summer but has been very successful, thanks to the great coaching provided by Lianne Candappa, Liz Holding and Rob West under the *coolsportz* banner. This has been *coolsportz*' first year with us and the numbers we have on the programme have increased and we've had great feedback from parents. Lianne is hoping to get Harbury's Juniors entering teams into Warwickshire leagues when the new programme starts in September - watch this space!!



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

All children, parents, grandparents and volunteers at Toddler Group wish everyone living in Harbury and its surrounding villages a very happy summer break whatever you happen to be doing.

We are closed for August and start again on **Monday 5th September** when we will be ready to welcome both new and familiar faces.

Elijah Turner is leaving us for 'big school' and Bella Mann will be extending her days at Banana Moon. We wish them both well; we have so enjoyed your company.



We had our usual trip to Henry's Castle to end the summer term, it was really perfect this time as the weather was kind and we almost had the soft play and outside castle area to ourselves.

We are hoping that we have a new volunteer to support us in September, Chelly, mother to Megan and Melissa has offered to help us and we are absolutely delighted.

Aimee, mother to Freddie, Bella and Jago, our 'Artistic Director' will continue to organise a monthly creative activity and there has even been talk of a musical extravaganza!



Alison Hunt continues with her **one, two three and away** stories and songs. Thank you all for your continued contribution it is really appreciated.

Lynne, Selina and Reg look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents, childminders and children under five - come on round the kettle's on.

We are based at the Wight School, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW (brown gate to the side) and meet at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am.

Thinking of coming along or need more information please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Well, what a busy time we have had at Pre-School during the last three weeks of the summer term!



Visit to Harbury Primary School:

The children who will be starting at Harbury Primary School in September were invited to visit the school and spent a little time investigating what will be their new classroom, before going out to enjoy the sunshine in the playground.

Butterfly Garden update:

The children were able to observe the five real caterpillars eat and grow. Once the caterpillars become chrysalides, they were transferred to the pop-up butterfly observation habitat, where they completed their transformation into adult Painted Lady butterflies. After enjoying the butterflies for a few days, the children watched them fly off as they were released into the Pre-School garden.



Outdoor Classroom: As always, the children spent a good deal of time outdoors during July. Among other activities, including water and sand play and, always a favourite, the climbing frame and slide, there was the potato

harvest, where the children were able to see how the potatoes had grown, harvest them and take one home.



Woodwork: After learning about the safety measures they would need to employ when working with real tools, the children carefully measured their chosen piece of wood and sanded the rough edges before attaching colourful pieces of cloth using drawing pins and hammers. Thank you to Chris, Benjamin's daddy, for providing the wood for the children to use.

Teddy Bears' Picnic: The sun shone and the annual Pre-School Teddy Bears' Picnic was held in Harbury Park. Pre-School children, their families and the staff enjoyed a lovely morning of games and a picnic with their teddy bears and, towards the end, everyone got involved in the games with the parachute.



Farewell – We have now said farewell to our twelve older children who will be starting at Harbury Primary School in September. We are sure they will enjoy their new adventure and we wish them well. It is also with great sadness that we say our fondest goodbyes to two amazing and dedicated members of staff; Gael and Bud.

And Finally ... Gael and Bud would particularly like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone who came to their farewell party and contributed to

their wonderful gifts. All the staff would also like to say "Thank You" to all the parents for their lovely words of thanks, cards and gifts.

If you would like further information, or to register a child for Harbury Pre-School, please contact Angie Clifton, Pre-School Business Manager: e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the website www.harburypre-school.org.uk. Please note that although the starting age for Pre-School is normally two years nine months, your child is never too young to be registered.



Village Hall Update

Geoff Thorpe

August, always the hall's quietest month, as the holiday season is underway, and a chance to catch up on a few jobs.

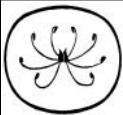
This year we have a major job! Many of you will have noticed that the main hall floor is looking a bit shabby. Maintenance of the floor is a problem - too much polish and the dance classes and badminton players are at risk, too little and you can see the result. This month the floor will be sanded down and sealed to provide a non slip and easily maintained surface. Just a mop and brush should keep the floor looking smart for several years. At the moment far too much time is spent polishing away and in a few days we are back at square one. Badminton players do not worry, the court markings will be replaced.

Fundraising for further development of the hall is low key at the moment but the next plan will be to replace the inefficient and dated night storage heaters and insulate the main hall. The intention is to install infra red heating panels and upgrade the lighting to energy efficient standards.

The Beer Festival resumes this year with its **Silver Anniversary**. Yes, twenty five celebrations of the brewer's craft have passed. As usual the Village Hall and GASS are joining forces to provide the food and, as always, we need your help. If you are able to spend two or three hours supporting us in the kitchen we will be pleased to see you - Friday evening 2nd September and Saturday 3rd. Hot dog cookers, soft drink servers and kitchen skivvies all welcome. It is a lot of fun and if you can help please contact either Corinna Butler, GASS, corinnabutler65@gmail.com or phone 612852 or myself, Geoff Thorpe geoffthorpe49@hotmail.co.uk or 613801.

One final note, as usual we have a collection of lost property including a pair of prescription glasses.





Our second and last day trip of this year was on 7th July and we spent the day at Sherborne Castle in Dorset. The weather was just right - warm, pleasant and not too hot. After a brief introduction to the castle and gardens, most of us enjoyed a very welcome cuppa. My friend and I decided to explore the gardens first. They were designed by Lancelot Capability Brown and were just amazing. A long walk around the lake with cascade was enchanting with families of ducks enjoying the sunshine. The ruins of the old castle made a fantastic backdrop too. Before you reach the castle yard you pass a huge wildflower meadow replete with seasonal flowers and a mass of wild pink orchids; the bees certainly loved it. There is also a boathouse and pier. The planting in the wide borders was so colourful, too many plants to mention individually but very cleverly combined with varying heights and even the hostas had not been attacked by slugs. In the middle of a lawn in front of the orangery is a very old ginkgo tree from the time of Brown. It has suffered from storm damage but is still very commanding as are the other trees throughout the estate. Something to please everyone.

After a very tasty lunch outside on the edge of the lawn we ventured into the castle. The old part was built by Sir Walter Raleigh no less, but after he was executed in 1618, it came into the hands of the Digby family and still is. We spent three hours exploring all of the rooms in the house. Fantastic paintings, porcelain and art plus superb furniture. As both of us are volunteers at Upton House it was very pleasing to be able to recognise artists and dates of furniture and porcelain. The guides in the rooms were so knowledgeable and friendly. In one of the rooms with the 17th Century despatch box in burr walnut said to have been used by Sir John Digby when he became Ambassador in Spain to James first, the room guide tested us on our knowledge of porcelain. He showed us two decorated plates quite modern looking and asked could we date them etc. Well, me being a show off said Chelsea 1533 which was spot on, give that lady a gold star! Each of the rooms we went into was full of history but with such splendid views and did not seem to be at all dull or dark. A great Capability Brown exhibition was in the basement and cellars with finds excavated from the old castle.

So much to appreciate and enjoy, a splendid castle and grounds. There was a helicopter on the lawn and one of the guides said it was a Sir and his entourage come for a private wine tasting in the orangery. The estate has its own vineyard. The guide added that he may have wealth but not a good taste in clothes as he was wearing pink trousers!!! We could not manage much tea but did our best, then a visit to the shop and it was sadly time to leave. We had our usual driver, Dave from Cheney coaches, and he is such a brilliant driver and found the best route home in order to avoid a very long tail back on

the A34 near Oxford. We arrived back in Harbury about 7.45pm and unlike our first day trip it didn't pelt down with rain and we walked or drove home on a lovely summer's evening. Thank you to the 35 of you who supported this trip. If you are anywhere near Sherborne do visit the castle. You will not be disappointed.

There are still a few garden openings in August and here are some you may like to visit. On Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th there is a splendid Mill, called Worralls Mill, Netherton near Abberley Worcestershire, post code DY13 0UL open from 11.00am to 5.00pm cost £5. It has as well as the Mill, a brook, bridge, trees, hot borders with jungle planting. It really is quite an amazing two acre garden.

One of our lovely speakers, Adrian James, who gave us a talk about moving to his present house and creating the garden, has his garden open along with another two in the Worcestershire village of Offenham, near Evesham, Main Street post code WR11 8QD on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th from 11.00am to 5.00pm at a cost of £4. It would be good to see it as the pictures he showed us gave just a hint of all the hard work by mostly his wife in transforming a field into a super garden. Adrian became quite adept at building circular walls!

Avondale Nursery within Russells Nursery in Bagington, Coventry, post code CV6 3AG, is open on Saturday 21st from 11.00am to 4.00pm, cost £3. It is a plantsman's delight with plants by the score. Then on Sunday 28th August visit Aston Pottery at Aston, Bampton, Oxfordshire, post code OX18 2BT, open from 12.00 to 5.00pm, admission is by donation. Here are stunning borders set around the pottery with a gift shop and café. I have explored this pottery and gardens and can recommend it highly. All of the gardens are open under the NGS so you are guaranteed a tasty tea and the money raised supports such good causes.

Of course keep visiting local National Trust properties, Charlecote, Baddesley Clinton, Coughton Court. A plug for Upton House and Gardens for the weekend of 6th and 7th when there will be a 1940's wedding complete with bride, groom and attendants in authentic costumes. Our Glee Club of which Wendy from our village and I are members will be singing in the Long Gallery on the Sunday at 2.30pm and 3.30pm and there is much more to enjoy, plus of course the stunning gardens. Hope to see you there.

Whatever you do in August, enjoy our wonderful countryside which has the most abundant flora and fauna for us all to appreciate, especially in Warwickshire.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

There are rather a lot of unsold plants at the nursery due to the poor weather we've all had during June and half of July. I really don't expect people to feel like gardening in the rain and wind and low temperatures. I have a theory that it's only when you can sit out in the garden in the evenings and maybe have a barbecue, that you might feel inclined to make the garden look good. I suspect that there have been only a handful of times in the past six weeks when that has happened, it's just been too cold.

However, everything has grown at a rapid rate this year and I was beginning to think that I couldn't keep up with all the weeding but luckily I have a new helper. So far she has helped for just ten hours and it's made a considerable difference and, between us, we have removed barrow load after barrow load of weeds. Also the hedges have had a trim and we have had some help removing a vigorous bullrush from the pond. A big thank you to all our helpers.

There have been very few butterflies this year because of the weather but to encourage them I suggest the following plants: Hebe Purple Queen, Hebe, Great Orme, Verbena bonariensis, Asters.

Happy holidays!

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton

www.bridge-nursery.co.uk



Nature Notes

John Hancock

Now, Middle Road has a late summer look with tall seeding grasses, Rose Bay Willow Herb providing splashes of pink and frothy cream coloured Meadowsweet in damper areas. This last flower may have been named initially because it was used to flavour the drink mead. (Information gained from Flora Britannica, the encyclopaedic work by Richard Mabey). It is a member of the Rose family which includes a broad range of species including Wild Strawberry, Shrubby Cinquefoil (an Ice Age relic), Cherry, Bramble, and various types of Wild Rose. Agrimony (Agrimonia eupatoria) is also a member of the 'tribe' and its spikes of yellow flowers adorn roadsides and waste ground where the soil is thin. In herbal medicine, it was recommended for snake bite.

Pat Smith gave me a newspaper article devoted to the Purple Emperor butterfly (*Apatura iris*). Locally, the best place to see this, our largest butterfly,

is Ryton Wood. The problem is that the insects tend to dwell on the crown of large oak trees where they feed on aphid honeydew which coats leaves high in the canopy. As a result, they rarely come down to ground level though they will descend, usually in the morning, to feed on salts, a dead rabbit being a suitable lure. Their eggs are laid singly on the upper surface of a sawfly leaf. After about ten days, the caterpillar hatches. With its green colour, a position on the leaf is camouflage enough. A colour change to brown occurs as winter approaches and hibernation takes place. In Spring, the caterpillar reverts to green, mimicking a sawfly leaf as does the distinctive chrysalis. Leaf damage is relatively easy to spot. Many potential Purple Emperor sites have been lost as sawflies are grubbed up to 'tidy' forest margins. If you slip over the county boundary to Salcey Forest in Northamptonshire you can see this majestic insect through most of August. Please report back if you are successful.

On a U3A Natural History Group visit to Ryton Wood with Steve Cheshire of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, we saw many butterflies including Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Large Skipper, Silver Washed Fritillary and White Admiral. The piece de resistance was a Purple Hairstreak spotted by Alison Hodge just as we were preparing to leave. It was a female hanging from a grass stem to dry out having just emerged. It then needed to use the sun's rays to energise itself in preparation for flight. In this semi-dormant state, we got an exceptional view. This butterfly is another frequenting the canopy of oak trees so Alison's acute vision provided us with a rare opportunity. Its Latin name, *Quercusia quercus*, refers to its host tree.

On 7th July, Stan Finch showed me a small bird he had found near his greenhouse. It was beautifully marked with soft green and yellow plumage and had a narrow, insect feeder's beak. We were both at a loss as to what it was but Alan Barr came to the rescue. It was a Wood Warbler (*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*). Living in the leaf canopy, it is elusive, blending so well with its surroundings. Its old name was wood wren and it is unique for having two songs, one with a repeated whistle like a bugle note and one with phrases of poetic intensity.

Last month I mentioned a cycle ride to Newbold Pacey church. I also took a short walk down the hedge line towards Ashorne. David Brown (author of the definitive work on Warwickshire moths) had told me he had found a colony of Scarlet Tiger Moths breeding on the Comfrey alongside the footpath. On that day I failed to find any but returning a week later I found one rather sleepy moth and was transfixed by its cream and orange patterned forewings. When these open, the red hind wings flash and this is often sufficient to scare a predator. David will have to correct the next edition of his book as it says 'It is unlikely that such a large and colourful day-flying moth could be overlooked if it was breeding in Warwickshire as the county has only a limited number of suitable locations for colonisation'.

Quite a number of readers including Geoff Thorpe, Tony Brunton and Gillian Hare have reported sighting Red Kites flying over Harbury. This unmistakeable hawk, with a forked tail, is gradually spreading into Warwickshire from its bastion in the Chilterns.

Now, I have a cautionary tale about a moth which can cause a lot of damage in your home. I have had a report from a reader who found what appeared to be grains of rice against a skirting board. On close inspection these proved to be pupae of the Case Making Carpet Moth, the larvae of which can damage natural fibres and be costly to eradicate. Thankfully, a 'phone call to the pest control officer got results.

I had a special moment while we were cycling through the Forest of Fontainebleau on our recent visit to Harbury's twin village of Samois-sur Seine. I noticed two Lizard Orchids (*Himantoglossum hircinum*) growing in tall grass at the edge of a copse. The flowers are a greenish yellow and blend in with the surrounding vegetation. The very long lip of the flower is distinctive. It can be found in Southern England - one definite place to see it is Sandwich in Kent where it adorns the golf course.



General Section

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Parish Council has now formally published the Pre-Submission Draft Plan for public consultation. The formal notice about the consultation, with full details about how to take part, is published separately in this edition of Harbury & Ladbroke News.

The draft plan is available to read on the Parish Council's website www.harbury-pc.gov.uk and also the neighbourhood planning group's website - www.harburyneighbourhoodplan.co.uk. In addition, a summary of the 19 policies and proposals contained in the draft plan has been produced as a four page leaflet and is available from Harbury Parish Council, Harbury Village Library and Councillor Pat Summers (Tel: 612059 or email patsummers1@yahoo.co.uk).

Councillor Summers, along with all members of the Parish Council, would like to thank residents for their continued support as we reach the latter stages of this undertaking. Your help is much appreciated.

Harbury Parish Council

0715hrs Friday 1st July 2016 War Memorial ...The Somme Remembered Centenary

At this time 100 years ago, 120,000 officers, NCOs and men, were sitting quietly immersed in their own thoughts, or finding time for a quick note home. They were awaiting the signal to attack the German front line. All were nervous, those who weren't were said to be lying. The Big Push was upon them.

This was the summer of 1916 and the height of WW1. The main battle ground, the Western Front stretched across Northern France. There, the British, Commonwealth and French faced their German foes. Each side were dug into trenches, with a desolate No Man's Land lying between. Desperate to end the war and overrun the Germans, the French and British planned a massive attack along both sides of the River Somme.

The British led the Northern Somme attack and by means of a strategy to wipe out defences with an initial massive artillery-bombardment that would destroy the German front-line, they would cross no man's land to defeat an enemy that was considered to have been 'devastated by our guns'. It began on the morning of June 24th with seven days of artillery bombardment followed by a further bombardment of special intensity. 1,700,000 shells had been fired. Unfortunately, many of the shells failed to explode, leaving many of the defences intact. The vicious barbed wire was not cut as planned and the enemy were largely left unscathed, being protected in their deep underground bunkers.

But soon this lush-green landscape was to be turned into a muddy moonscape by the horrific conflict that was to follow as the relentless trench warfare moved inevitably towards the winter of 1916. "Don't worry mom, we will be back for Christmas"That was two Christmases ago. After this battle, there would still be two more Christmases before it all ended in November 1918, when those who were able went home.

Now on this day 100 years ago 120,000 of the British 3rd and 4th Army were spread along 18 miles of the Western Front. This was the beginning of the Somme Offensive. 18 miles is from Harbury north to Bedworth, south reaching past Banbury, west to Solihull and east, almost as far as Northampton.

The Western Front ran from Ransart (near Arras), south to Curlu, on the Somme River. There were enough British soldiers to put one every 4" along the 18 miles of trench. At 0730hrs on 1st July the British began their advance across No Man's Land, confident their barrage had been successful; they marched out in broad daylight, and in the mistaken belief of the German trenches having been destroyed.

Confidently, they marched forward without thought of any need of concealment. Of those who attacked that morning, 19,470 would be killed

and 38,230 injured. Many casualties were in the first hour; they were precious and irreplaceable as husbands, fathers, sons, friends or family. They were heroes as they walked towards murderous machine gun and rifle fire.

They had been promised an easy advance; who wouldn't believe it given the previous seven days of artillery fire. They weren't to know the bombardment, which had been expected to reduce the German trenches, defences and cut barbed wire entanglements had completely failed. As the artillery barrage halted, the defending Germans simply climbed out of their deep bunkers, and manned their positions. Armed only with rifles and bayonets our forefathers were no match for machine guns. This, what was meant to be a great victory, ended in great defeat.

None of our Harbury men died this day. However, sadly, Harbury men did fall during the continuation of the 'Somme Offensive'. This first day of battle was to be the worst in British military history and as the battle raged for a further 141 days, it was to be the bloodiest and most gruesome; only being halted by the worsening weather, rain and mud and the approaching winter of 1916.

100 years later, 60 people gathered at the War Memorial, along with many others across our country, to remember that event, the people, their bravery and their sacrifice. Today, we all, in some way, have been touched by those involved, by those who were there, of our memories of them and of those lives cut short. The Battle of the Somme resulted in more than one million casualties on all sides.

Those who did so much for us are now all gone; we can't shake them by the hand, we can't look them in the eye and say 'thank you' but we can remember them.

0727hrs: Standards lowered. The call to 'make ready' was made and at 0728hrs "Two Minutes to go"... The words of command: "Stand to, fix bayonets, step-up" was called and signalled a two minute silence. After which, the Standards were raised to the sound of trench whistles up and down Crown Street signalling the beginning of the attack.

Father Craig reflected on the battle and offered prayers to the memory of those who died. Bob Stevens recited Binyons' poem to 'The Fallen' "They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old..." and laid the Royal British Legion wreath to their memory.

"When you go Home, tell them of us and say,
For your Tomorrow, we gave our today".
John Maxwell Edmunds 1916.

Thanks to all who took part in this commemoration in whatever way.

Ken Stephenson





From Left: Lt Cdr (Rtd) Cllr Bob Stevens, President Royal British Legion -
Warwickshire, Rev Capt Craig Grocock, Ken Stephenson



Harbury War Memorial



Laying the Royal British Legion Wreath

Alan Barr - Union Flag, John Milliken,
Ted Barrett RBL Standard,
Capt Alex Potter

Opposite page: Harbury War Memorial -
"We Remembered"



Cemetery News

Due to adverse weather conditions the removal of spoil from Harbury Cemetery was delayed as dry conditions were needed by the contractor. It will be done when the weather is more settled; maybe by the time you read this.

The gardening at the Cemetery continues to be done on the first Thursday of each month – so the next one is on 4th August, 9 - 11am. This is in preparation for a variety of bulbs to be planted in the Autumn. The Headteacher at Harbury School has agreed that the children enrolled for enrichment will be able to help with the planting under the guidance and supervision of Mrs Kitchener and Mr Chapman.

Many residents are commenting on how nice the Cemetery looks now and say they have been unable to contribute due to work or other commitments. So we have the solution!

It would help us if you could provide contributions of cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac for a **Coffee Morning** at the **Tom Hauley room on Saturday 3rd September 10-12 noon**. This is to raise funds for the work in progress because we need to pay someone to rotavate as the ivy roots are proving hard to remove. There are also seeds, plants and bulbs to be paid for. Also saplings to buy because some of the older trees will need to be replaced within the next 5 – 10 years.

Please help us if you can.

Pat Summers - Tel: 612059

Memorial Garden Update

We are pleased to say that the levelling of the area for the new Memorial Garden by the Murphy's team has helped progress the Garden enormously. It has however unearthed another challenge in that we have discovered that a great deal of waste building material from when the Tom Hauley Room was constructed was not removed. There are also residual roots from the spruce tree that was taken down earlier this year. These will need to be cleared before the area can be planted and seeded and we are currently seeking quotes for this work to commence. In the meantime we are putting in a temporary pathway and fencing off the worst of the rubble and tree roots. This will allow access to the existing memorials but we would ask those visiting the interments to take extra care please.

This project is a huge undertaking for the entire community of Harbury and will take some time to complete – so we thank you for your patience. As you can also imagine, the cost of the work is not unsubstantial and over the period of time it will take to complete the Memorial Garden, we will need to raise upward of £20,000. We will be organising a series of fundraising events over the coming months to raise funds for this but in the meantime would like

to invite anyone who would like to make a much appreciated donation to the Memorial Garden Fund to do so by one of the following methods:

- Cash in an envelope marked Memorial Garden Fund
- Cheques to be made payable to “Harbury Church” – please make it clear on the envelope it’s for the Memorial Garden
- Bank transfer to the following: Harbury Church, S/C 40-42-15, Account No. 90414298 (please state Memorial Garden)

Cash and cheques can be dropped into the Rectory, Vicarage Lane or given to one of the Churchwardens, whose contact details are as follows: Liz McBride (612421) or John Guilford (614206) or wardens@allsaintsharbury.org

If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid increases the value of your donations to us by 25% because the church is a charity. We can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift at no extra cost to you and this money will also go towards the Memorial Garden. Blue Gift Aid envelopes are available in church, or again, please contact one of the Churchwardens and we will send you a Gift Aid form by post or email.

We would like to thank you in advance for your generosity for what will be a beautiful and peaceful setting for a lasting memorial to our loved ones.

John and Liz, Churchwardens



Harbury Village Library and Biblio's Café

There is still plenty of time to join in the Summer Reading Challenge in the Library. Anyone between the age of 4 and 12 who signs up and reads six books over the course of the summer holidays will receive a collection of cards and other goodies, including a medal and certificate. Children will also find out more about the author Roald Dahl and his amazing characters, from the BFG to Matilda, Willy Wonka and the Twits. There is a themed treasure hunt and other activities to take part in and you can see the amazing bottles in the Dream Cave on display! It's free and all you need is a library ticket.

Tunes and Tales, the singing and story group for pre-schoolers, is having a break



over the summer but will be back on Thursday 8th September at 10am in the Library.

Volunteers are needed in both the Library and Café, especially at the moment to cover holiday absences. If you would like to help in the library, please contact us at the addresses below. Volunteers are needed to work in Biblio's Café based in the Library on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. If you are interested or would like to have a chat about the roles please contact Jill on 01926 612483 or email jillbaker2015@outlook.com or pop into the cafe between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on any of the above days.

Please note that over the summer holidays Biblio's Café is open from 10am-12 noon Wednesday – Saturday. The library is open as usual all through the holidays from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 10am-12 noon on Saturday.

library@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk
01926 258776

www.harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk

Janice Montague



Harbury Village Show

10th September is getting nearer. We hope your flowers, fruit and vegetables are squaring up to the challenge and surviving the more unsettled weather, not to mention the snails; at least the cakes should be safe.

Schedules are in the Library and will soon be in Muggleston's shop – as ever, thanks to them.

We are delighted that this year's recipient of the Spirit of Harbury, Paul Winchester, has agreed to present the awards.

There are some interesting raffle prizes to be won – more details next month.

And finally, a plea for offers of cakes for the refreshments – back in the Hall this year.

Village Show Steering Group

Harbury NSPCC Committee

We are holding a Ladies' Lunch on Thursday, 6th October in the Tom Hauley Room starting at 12.30pm. Tickets are £15 for a two course meal plus wine or £12.50 for food only. Our speaker is Dr Gill White who is going to talk about "Robert Dudley, Queen Elizabeth and the Kenilworth Entertainment of 1575". If you are interested in booking a ticket please contact Elaine Bruce on 614664.

Elaine Bruce



Harbury Heritage Room

Our next open evening is Tuesday 6th September from 6.30 to 8.30pm. We are always open on the first Tuesday of each month, though local organisations are welcome to book other times at their convenience.

The Heritage Room is at Harbury Primary School, and contains hundreds of photos and documents relating to the village and its inhabitants. You might even be featured if you have been around here for some time!

Entry is free, though we appreciate donations, as the Heritage Room is entirely self-funding.

On the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book the children carried out a survey of all sorts of aspects of village life. One of them was about mobile shops.



Domesday Survey 1986 - Mobile shops

In our survey we found six vans that call regularly in Harbury. They are the Milk van, Corona Drinks van, Coal van, Chip van, Fish van, and Ice-cream van. The Milk van calls every day. The Corona van calls every Wednesday, as does the Coal van. The Chip van calls every Tuesday. The Fish van comes every Friday and the Ice-cream van every weekend.

The names of the businesses are:- J.A. Bloxham (Milk), Bob Garret (Corona), Coal Merchant (Coal), Clavert's Fish and Chips (Fish and Chips), Overland Fisheries (Fish) and Stratford Ice-cream Co. (Ice-cream). All the vans have regular customers in Harbury. The people who own the vans come from Leamington Spa, Grimsby, Woodford Halse, Bishops Itchington, Coventry and Harbury.

Nigel Chapman

Summer Ball 2016 supporting Andy Latham

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making the night on Saturday a huge success; we cannot name everyone, too many to mention individually.

The whole evening was great; the food, entertainment and of course the amount of money raised to help Andy was awesome. When all monies have been received we will have raised almost £10,500.

Again, many, many thanks to you all.

**Paul Winchester and Paul Gladden
(Winchy & Scouse)**

Bumps and Bundles

Hello, we haven't reported on Bumps in a while, but it is still going strong with lots of mums, grandparents, babies and tots attending weekly. We have even had a couple of treats over the last months with Sarah Terry pampering the mums with massages, and Vicky with the "Forever Living" samples. We are trying to keep Bumps going over the holidays as usual and we have three normal sessions and three sessions meeting in the park - check the Facebook page for updates. Bumps is an informal drop in session for mums, grandparents and carers with babies and tots up to the age of three. We offer a hot drink, biscuits, toys and somewhere to meet people. It runs every Tuesday morning from 10.30am until 12.00 noon in the Tom Hauley Room (behind the church).



Kelly and Gill



Harbury Energy Initiative

The fun in fundraising

Some of you may be familiar with finding the fun in fundraising; it can equally be more like fun draining. Just as much effort goes into a failed bid as a successful one - and, for those who haven't done it before, you fail more often than you succeed. I am happy to relate that we have been successful, after several failures, in a bid to keep e-Wheels rolling. Coventry Diocese has agreed to a grant of £2,000 from the Together for the Community fund to allow us to set up a donor programme that will allow us to serve local communities well into the future.

On the other hand, the bid to the M&S Energy Fund for the Library has not been fun. This is a competitive bid to win £12,500 of funding to enable the installation of solar panels on the library roof. So far the organisation which is managing the processing of applications (which is not M&S), has lost our bid, found it, failed to notify us of the next stage, ignored our efforts at contact and

generally frustrated our entry into the competition. It can feel lonely out in the cold sometimes. Voting starts next month, so I still have time. I don't know how much unbroken furniture I will have left by then. Frustration can damage your house.

LED - a light in the distance

Ted, meanwhile, has stubbornly persisted in his pursuit of our goal to get LED lighting into the school. There is some better progress to report. A new quote looks to be much more affordable and it also seems that Warwickshire County Council will honour their commitment to commission some of the work out of their budget. The ultimate benefit to the school will be cheaper electricity bills but it also allows an educational message for the children (and parents) on climate change and care of the environment. Investment in LED lighting has quite a quick payback time.

Charging down the motorway

Rich and Julia Fowler recently took one of the electric cars off to Bedford (they like a challenge). They discovered a piece of news that has received practically no publicity. I only discovered on one of my infrequent forays amongst the pigeons on Twitter (I know that tells me that I ought to visit the Twitter bird cage more often but I don't find it very interesting or even at times intelligible). The news is that Ecotricity will by 8th August have introduced usage charges across the Electric Highway (the network of charging points up and down the motorways and at IKEA stores). This was inevitable but not expected quite so soon - not by me anyway. Charging is done via a smartphone app and costs £6 for 30 minutes charge. There is no fee for recharging at our own home hub behind the Library and very few of the booked journeys on our e-cars require a recharge en route.

Electric car club tip of the month

When you return a car and are reconnecting the cable, wait till the display says 'Connect Plug A (or B)' before pushing the plug into the socket. If the other car is also out, it may say 'Choose your plug' instead. Make sure that the plug is pushed fully home and wait for the blue light to show. You should also be able to see the battery recharging animation on the car dashboard. You can then lock the car with your membership card.

Talking of turning blue...

Don't miss the chance to meet polar explorer Mark Wood at his talk on 7th October, 'My Life in a Freezer'. See the article on the next page for more details. Tickets are now on sale.

Bob Sherman
info@harburyenergy.co.uk

My Life in a Freezer

It is rare to have an opportunity to hear first hand experiences of polar exploration. You will have a special chance at 'My Life in a Freezer' on 7th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when Mark Wood, explorer, speaker and educator, speaks and shows images of his recent complex and cutting edge expedition to the North Pole.



With over 28 major expeditions to date, Mark has reached the Magnetic North pole/Geomagnetic North Pole twice, has completed solo expeditions to both the Geographic North and South Poles. He has been a part of major BBC and Channel 5 documentaries and over the years has trained and led people in the extremes of the planet.

There will be a bar and refreshments. All proceeds will go to Harbury e-Wheels (see www.harburyenergy.co.uk) and Hire a Hero UK (www.hireaherouk.org).

Tickets £10 and £5 for under 16s available from Mugleston's Country Fayre, Harbury Pharmacy, Bob Sherman (612277), Chris Finch (612305) and Liz McBride (612421).

Bob Sherman



Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning which raised £140 towards transport for shoeboxes. Please could you start to collect medium sized shoeboxes and ideally cover them with wrapping paper. Holiday shopping might spot fun gifts to include.

Nearer the time, there will be leaflets with suggestions in church. We have arranged to have a packing morning on Friday 4th November.

Mike Jones & Gillian Hare



Southam College Community Education

Southam College Community Education Centre offers a varied programme of courses, both daytime and evening, in Southam and surrounding villages.

Autumn term classes commence week starting 12th September, 2016. Leaflets will be available from local libraries, shops and leisure centre or visit our page on the Southam College website <http://www.southamcollege.com/CommEd1> . For further information, please contact us on 01926 810942 or email commmed.s@welearn365.com

Like Southam College on Facebook for updates and links to our programme.

Sue Hawthorn
Southam College Community Education Centre
Tel: (01926) 810942

New Appointment to Private Client Team of Local Law Firm, Alsters Kelley



Coventry and Warwickshire law firm, Alsters Kelley LLP are pleased to announce the appointment of solicitor, John Padget, to the Private Client Department following the retirement of Tim Fillmore.

John previously had a successful career in marketing and event management before retraining and qualifying as a Solicitor specialising in Wills and Probate in May 2014. John has worked exclusively in the Private Client field since that time and has experience in dealing with a wide variety of clients including those who want straightforward Wills to helping bereaved families with complex probate matters. John is also a member of the West Midlands branch of the Solicitors for the Elderly.

John says, "I am very proud to be joining Alsters Kelley LLP, one of the largest firms in Coventry and Warwickshire, which prides itself on being customer focussed and providing a high quality service. I am looking forward to assisting local clients with all their estate planning matters."

Neil Raiseborough, Head of Private Client Department, says, "John brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Alsters Kelley LLP and will be a real asset to the team. As well as undertaking all estate planning matters he will also specialise in supporting elderly clients with their long term care planning."

John will be based primarily at the Leamington office but will also see clients at the firm's new office in Southam.

Alsters Kelley are currently advertising in the magazine, please see our advert at the rear of the magazine.

Julie Richardson

Chesterton Church

Chesterton Church will be holding teas on Sundays throughout August. Come along between 2-4pm, for a cup of tea and cake. Have a walk around the beautiful countryside or simply enjoy the peace and history of the church.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Elizabeth Holding



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Wellies for Helis

A big thank you to all who donated money, cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac and those who attended the tea in the Tom Hauley Room. After paying for the THR, we've sent a cheque to the Children's Air Ambulance for £290. Congratulations to Rosie Rainbow and Lin Hayes for being joint winners of the best wellies competition!

Rosemary, Rosie and Sheila

Dear Editors

Whilst visiting my Mum this week it was lovely to read through the Harbury & Ladbroke News and hear of all that happens in the villages. I especially enjoyed reading the item about Frances Leonard becoming Mayor of St Albans with its potted biography of Fran's connection with Harbury. Mention was made of her mother, Ethel and sister Leone who both served the village as post-women. I was sad to note, though, that so little was said of her brother, Geoffrey, a dear school friend who died young and is buried in Harbury's cemetery.

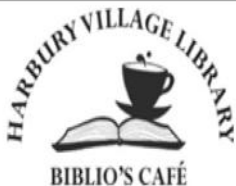
With all good wishes

Susan Brice (nee Hutchins)

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Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to
articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 26th
August 2016





All Saints' Church Harbury Sunday Services

1 st Sunday in the month:	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
	10.30am	Little Saints
	6.00pm	Various/Ad hoc (see pew sheet)
2 nd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Saints Alive! Informal Communion Service
	6.00pm	Evensong
4 th Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	12.30pm	Baptisms
5 th Sunday in the month:	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
Every Thursday:	9.45am	Weekday Said Communion followed by coffee

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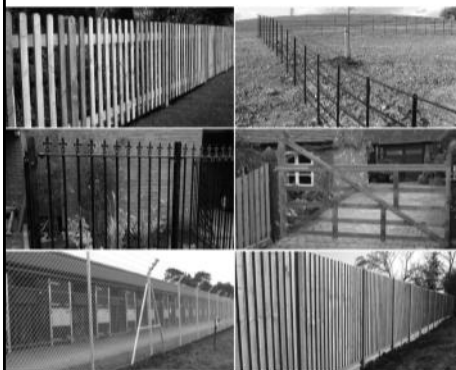
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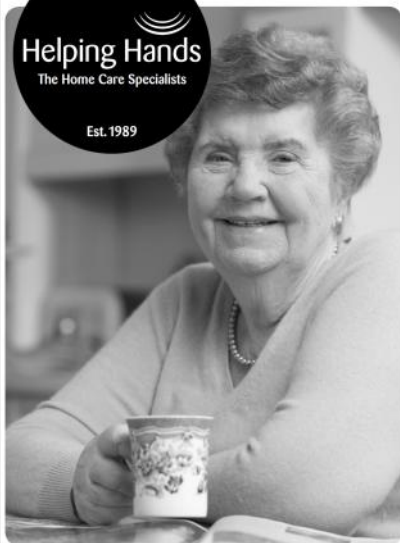
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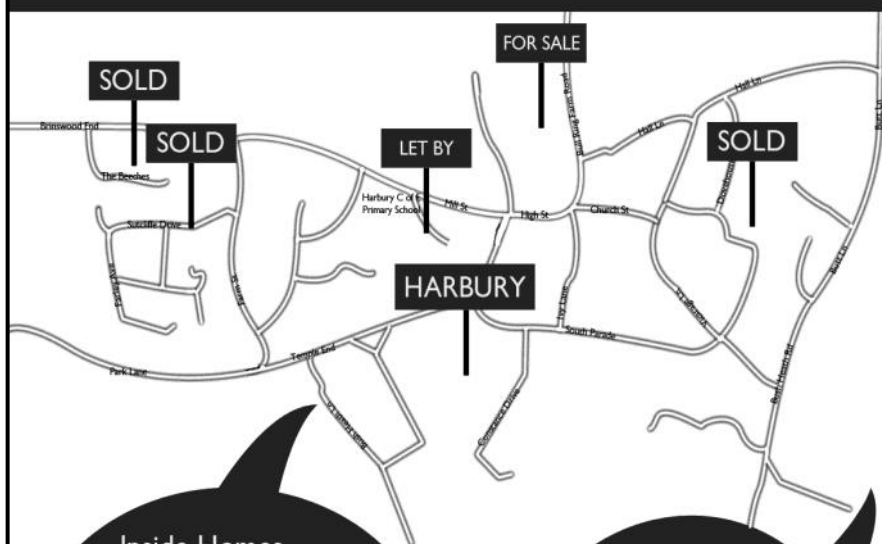
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