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Editorial



We hope you enjoy the Christmas events this month in the villages. The little ones should look out for Santa visiting Harbury on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December, with the assistance of Southam Lions.

There are many different services at both churches and Beer and Carols in Ladbroke on Thursday 12th December.

The GASS Christmas post is well underway; remember to address your envelopes and give a donation for using the service. You will find the post box in the Library and the last day for posting is Tuesday 17th December.

Thinking of those who are not so fortunate, the local Foodbank is asking for donations to make up Christmas hampers. Any suitable items can be left at the Harbury collection point (the Church, left hand side as you enter, by the red curtain in the plastic box by Sunday 15th December). Please see the article on page 45.

Enclosed with this month's magazine is a copy of the 2020 Harbury Directory which provides a range of information about local services, groups and organisations. We hope you find this useful and you will keep for future reference.

Refuse Rota - please note there are changes to the recycling week collection immediately after Christmas and also after New Year for Deppers Bridge, details follow the diary pages.

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, the articles deadline for the January 2020 edition of the magazine will be a little later on Tuesday 31st December. This means that copies will not be available from the printers until Friday 10th January and these will be distributed as soon as possible after this date.

Finally, we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Harbury Diary

DECEMBER

Sun 1 ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Communion with Advent Carols, 9.00am

Little Saints Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room

Celtic Advent Service, 6.00pm

Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room

Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

Christmas Quiz in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support Service, doors open 7.00pm, quiz starts 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club

- Mon 2 Karate, 5.30pm Village Hall
Southam & District Lions Father Christmas float visit, from 5.30pm onwards
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 3 MeetingPoint Christmas Lunch, 12.30pm, The Crown Inn - booking required
Southam & District Lions Father Christmas float visit, from 5.30pm onwards
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 4 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Castle Farm - Kenilworth Common (4 miles flat)
Mothers Union Communion Service and Tea, 2.00pm, Church/Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Multiple Sclerosis
Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm, Village Hall
Festive Family Bingo, doors open 7.00, eyes down 7.30pm, Village Club
- Sun 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 9 Karate, 5.30pm Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 10 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Stratford Greenway (4 miles flat)
Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 12 General Election, voting hours - 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall
Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Tom Hauley Room - making and decorating biscuits - Anne Marie Lambert
- Fri 13 Twinning Association Christmas Party, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Children of Chernobyl
Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner Party, 5.00 for 5.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 8.00am

- Sun 15 Holy Communion, 10.30am
Christingle Service, 4.00pm
Carol Service at Ladbroke, 6.30pm
Youth Group, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
Christmas Hamper donations for Foodbank to be put in Church by today
- Mon 16 Karate, 5.30pm Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 17 Holy Communion, 7.30pm
Last Posting Day for GASS Christmas Post
- Wed 18 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
Frankton - Marton with meal, pre-booking required (4 miles)
School Service in church, 10.00am
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Sat 21 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of All Saints Harbury PCC – free event
- Sun 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
Jazz Night, doors and bar open 7.30pm, music starts 8.00pm,
Village Hall, for info/tickets - Tel: 07515 275655 or
e-mail: steppelli@yahoo.co.uk
- Mon 23 Karate, 5.30pm Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Dressing of the Crib Service, 1.30pm
Village Carol Service, 5.00pm
Midnight Mass, 11.15pm
- Wed 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Family Communion with carols, 10.30am
- Thurs 26 **NO** Holy Communion service this morning
- Sat 28 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Brathay Challenges
NO Councillors' Corner
- Sun 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
NO Holy Communion at 8.00am
Holy Communion and Children's Church, 10.30am
- Tue 31 **NO** Holy Communion service this evening
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JANUARY 2020

- Wed 1 Mothers' Union Party, 2.30pm (no service), Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 2 **NO** Holy Communion service this morning
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Harbury Church flowers
Centenary Celebration for children with old fashioned games, 2.00pm, Harbury Village Club
- Sun 5 EPIPHANY**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 9.00am
Little Saints Service, 10.30am, followed by breakfast in the Tom Hauley Room
Laying on Hands for Healing service, 6.00pm
Tennis Muffler Tournament 10.00am
- Tue 7 MeetingPoint, 2.00pm, The Crown Inn for tea, coffee and biscuits
Heritage Room open, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harbury School
Holy Communion, 7.30pm
- Wed 8 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Ilmington (3½ miles hilly)
Away Day, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Thurs 9 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
- Sat 11 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Church work with children
Harbury Village Cinema presents, 'Late Night' doors open 6.15pm, film starts 7.00pm

| Refuse Collection Rota | | | |
|--|---|--|-----------------------|
|  | Deppers Bridge | Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties | Collection Week |
| December | Wed | Fri | |
| | 4 | 6 | Grey Bin |
| | 11 | 13 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 18 | 20 | Grey Bin |
| | Blue Bin Fri 27 Dec Green Bin Sat 28 Dec | Blue Bin Fri 27 Dec Green Bin Sat 28 Dec | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| January | Thurs 2 Jan | 3 | Grey Bin |
| | 8 | 10 | Green & Blue Lid Bins |
| | 15 | 17 | Grey Bin |





From the Rector

Rev Ann Mulley

I shall be in Prague this Christmas for the first time but the Rev Bob Clucas, our readers Gemma and Peter Took and Alison Abbot and our hardworking churchwardens and vergers will take care of all the Christmas Services.

“Are you looking forward to Christmas?” That was a question I kept being asked as a child in December. So I wonder “Are you looking forward to Christmas?” Is it with pleasure at the thought of the community celebrations and parties, the happiness of family getting together and the joy of giving – and getting? Is it with stress - the pressure of all you have to do and get piled on you? Or is it with sadness at the thought of Christmas without someone you love, the empty seat at the table? Or is it with the half-felt longing to capture something of the mystery, open-eyed wonder and heart lifting hope that you half sense is at the heart of it all? Or a mixture of all of those? But perhaps really looking forward also involves looking in, looking up, looking back and looking for.

Look in - look into our own hearts - deep down what does matter to us? What are our secret longings, what do we really want this Christmas.

Look up - look up at the stars on a clear night and think of the universe stretching out and out into empty space over unimaginable distances and think God made all that, God is bigger than all that and just be still and hold onto that thought.

Look back - look back to a cattle shed in Bethlehem 2000 years ago and a baby born to a young unmarried mother and then think that somehow in a way we can't really understand, God was in that baby. God who made the universe and everything in it that is, or ever has been, chose to come, not in overwhelming power and crushing dominance or with ostentation and wealth, but in love as a vulnerable baby.

Look for - the true wonder of Christmas is here if we look for it or rather for him. If we keep our hearts and minds open to the real possibility that God actually came down in love as Jesus that first Christmas to be with each of us, if we keep asking him to come into our lives, we will find he is beside us, opening the door to new beginnings, bringing peace in stress, comfort in loneliness and sadness, heart-warming affirmation and love - and the light that shines on in our lives long after the Christmas glitter is taken down. That's something really worth celebrating.

May the time of waiting and looking forward in the run up to Christmas be also a journey of discovery and new meaning and may the light, peace and love of Christ shine in your life this Christmas.





From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

Remembrance Sunday - We would like to start this article by thanking all those who made the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November so special this year, starting with the circa 100 children from all the uniformed groups, their parents and their lead organiser, Paul Quinney, and all 240 adults who came to the service. The service was extra special as it was led by the Bishop of Warwick and special mention and thanks must also be made to the teenager Daniel Dimmock who played the trumpet so superbly for Last Post and Reveille at the War Memorial at 11.00am.

Special Services during December Christmas Festival - There will be a wide range of different special services, as well as the usual ones, during the Christmas season to celebrate the coming and birth of Jesus Christ, and a warm welcome is extended to everyone in the village to please come to whatever appeals to you. The services with something extra seasonal are:

Sunday 1st December

9.00am - Holy Communion with Advent hymns

10.30am - Little Saints for children and families, followed by breakfast

6.00pm - Celtic Advent Service

Sunday 8th December

10.30am - Holy Communion, led by Archdeacon Sue

3.00pm - Messy Church, messy fun and worship for children and families

Sunday 15th December

4.00pm - Christingle, for children and families

Christmas Eve

1.30pm - Dressing of the Crib, for children and families

5.00pm - Village Carol Service

11.15pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.30am - Family Communion with carols

We look forward to greeting you at some of these services. Please do contact either of us should you have any questions relating to church life.

With very warm wishes to you all for a happy and peaceful Christmas season.

Liz McBride (tel: 612421) and Michael Vincent (tel: 614806)



From the Registers:

Baptism

26th October Ellie Louise, Demi Alexandra and Scarlett Ruby Northover



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our November meeting started with a timely meditation about 'Remembrance' led by Trisha. This was followed by our AGM when Chris reminded us of our activities during the last happy year. To our delight she is willing to lead us into the next year, and the existing committee have also agreed to carry on.

Chris then challenged our memories with a nostalgia quiz – not as mortifying as we feared.

If you are reading this before our meeting on 4th December, do come. There will be an Advent theme and another – not serious – quiz. And maybe some mince pies!

Don't forget to find toiletries for our stall at the Fayre on 7th December.

Our next meeting kicks off the New Year being on 1st January. This will be party time, with an afternoon tea and a chance to share memories of happy Christmases. Start time is 2.30pm – bring a friend and a bran tub gift.

Chris and the committee wish all our members a blessed and peaceful Christmas.



Church Flowers

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 21st December from 9.00am. If anyone has any berries or bright foliage we would be most grateful. And if anyone would like to come and help and see what we are like they would be most welcome.

Gillian Hare



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate any non perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the area around when need arises, including Harbury. Please put your contributions into the large plastic box located inside our Parish Church open 8.30am to 5pm. Enter the main door and you will find it on your left, just in front of the red curtain. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 10TH NOVEMBER 2019

PHOTOS BY KEN STEPHENSON & BILL TIMSON



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

DECEMBER

Sun 1 ADVENT 1

Christingle Service with Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

Mon 2 Pause and Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Church

Tue 3 Photography Club, 7.30pm Village Hall

Wed 4 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 6 Film Night Christmas Special, doors open 7.00pm, Village Hall

Sun 8 ADVENT 2

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Wed 11 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Thurs 12 General Election Voting, 7.00am - 10.00pm, Village Hall
Beer and Carols, 7.00pm, The Bell Inn

Sun 15 ADVENT 3

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm

Wed 18 Table Tennis, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall

Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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Sun 22 ADVENT 4

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tue 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service for children and families 3.00pm

Wed 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Family Communion, 9.00am

Sun 29 CHRISTMAS 1

Holy Communion (said)

Tue 31 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM

JANUARY

Tue 2 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 5 EPIPHANY

Family Communion 10.30am followed by refreshments

Wed 8 Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 12 EPIPHANY 2

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am, followed by update on the
All Saints for All Generations project

Wed 15 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 18 Fund Raising Coffee Morning for Agnes Court
(Leonard Cheshire Home), 10.00 - 11.30am,
Tom Hauley Room, Harbury





Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

First, an update on our "All Saints for All Generations Project". Following an awful lot of work by Jackie (hundreds of hours) our application for a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £339,000 has been submitted. The grant, if successful, will fund both the building works and the comprehensive activity programme for our whole community and beyond that has been put together. A number of villagers have been supporting Jackie with this and with the proof reading of the documents in the application; our thanks to all who are supporting us in this way. Things will now go quiet for a few months; it is likely to be March next year before we hear the outcome of our application.



Fund raising towards repairs continues. This month you can:

- go green and add a message to the giant Christmas card in church
- buy a signed copy of Richard Jenkins autobiography "Shadows of Flight", or an e-code for an electronic copy of it
- buy a copy of the late Henson Bamford's pen and ink drawing of the church suitable for framing, there are postcards and a few notecards of the picture available too

The books, prints and cards will be available, while stocks last, at Sunday services until Christmas; alternatively contact Jackie on 01926 810331.

The Village Remembrance Day Service was well attended with over 50 villagers present. Rev Ann, who herself is ex-military, led the service for us.

This December edition means that Christmas is fast approaching! A card with all our services will be distributed to all homes soon, but please note the following dates:

Sun 1st December at 10.30am

Family Christingle Service

Thurs 12th December from 7.00pm

Beer and Carols at The Bell

Sun 15th December at 6.30pm

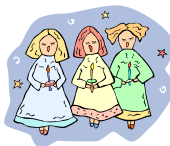
Village Carol Service

Tue 24th December at 3.00pm

Crib Service

Wed 25th December at 9.00am

Christmas Day Family Service



And on behalf of Ladbroke Church, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

Official minutes can be viewed on the noticeboard by The Bell Inn or on the parish council page of the website. <https://sites.google.com/site/ladbrokevillage/parish-council/pc-meetings>

WCC - Our county councillor, Bob Stevens, came and reported that there was little to report. Due to Brexit and now purdah leading up to the general election, the council are not doing anything that could be seen as potentially biasing the result. However, Cllr Stevens expected a new planning policy after the election as both major parties want more homes to be built. Other potential changes involving social services, unitary authorities and education would depend on the election outcome.

SDC - Nigel Rock said that as reported in the local news in October, two councillors had been found guilty of breaching the code of conduct, two exonerated and the "jury out" on a fifth but it was concluded that there was no culture of sexist behaviour. SDC had been asked if it would stop opposing HS2 so that other councils in West Midlands could say to the Oakervee review that councils in the region supported HS2; SDC were not able pass a vote to change its position. The working group has made its interim climate change recommendations to the council. Of more immediate concern to us was the consultation on the proposal to replace the free green bin service with a £40/year charge. Cllr Rock aware of some of the arguments on both sides was keen to know the opinion of the people he represents - feedback from the parish councillors at the meeting was that SDC should be honest about rate increases, rather than hide them by additional charges.

Planning - there were a number of applications relating to trees. The council had no comments on those at Ladbroke Hall, supported by a detailed arboricultural report, however the proposal to fell 26 trees behind The Bell was of concern. Apparently the SDC tree officer had asked for the proposals to be changed - the application relating to trees with a TPO should be reduced to felling one ash, which the parish council would not oppose. The second application for the trees without TPOs would have to be made to the Forestry Commission, who usually insist on replanting. There had been some planning decisions: the new development for hundreds of homes near the polo grounds had been refused, closer to home, approval was given for the felling of an ash in Bridge Lane and the changes at Tollgate Cottage.

Highways & Footpaths - at least one villager and one councillor had notified Highways of the flooding in School Lane/Church Road which started on 26th October, before the really heavy rain. However with only two jetters for the whole county it seems unlikely that there will be adequate maintenance of the gullies and drains to keep them working. Problems from parking on School Lane/Church Road had been raised. Except for parking for church services, it wasn't a regular problem and it is hard to give enough space for tractors and other large vehicles to pass without using some of the pavement (note it is illegal to park on pavements).

Flooding - finally the letter from WCC about measures taken is available for homeowners to pass on to their insurers.

Village Hall - work is progressing well on the new entry and accessible toilet, financed by the HS2 Community Fund.

HS2 - the meeting in Ladbroke on 6th November is reported below. There are other HS2 meetings attended by our SDC/parish councillors. One at Southam for parish councils in the area heard about plans for various works compounds, the replacement section of the A425 and plans relating to the boring of the tunnel under Long Itchington Wood. The contractors involved change just north of Ladbroke and our councillors thought we were fortunate in being in the Eiffage Keir section for civil engineering works as the manager who is our contact is experienced, thorough and tries to understand things from our point of view. Although, of course, he has to tell us bad news and things we don't want to hear too.

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th January, 7.45pm.

HS2 Meeting

Ladbroke Parish Council asked HS2 and their main civil engineering contractor for our area to come here for a specific meeting to discuss the outcome of our petition at the Hybrid Bill stage. They wanted to check that all the agreements made really are going to happen. So, unlike other HS2 public meetings, there were no plans on show but a presentation followed by detailed questioning. HS2 was represented by Nisha Mejer and Eiffage-Keir by Chris James.

To bring those present up to speed with the various contractors involved, we were reminded that the Phase 1 route is divided into sections with a changeover in our vicinity. Heading north of Southam, enabling works are by **LM** and the main civil engineering work (including the tunnel under Long Itchington Wood and the A425 diversion near the polo grounds) are by **Balfour Beatty Vinci**.

Ladbroke is in the section which runs 50 miles from Southam to Great Missenden, which has:

- **Fusion** for early works, including habitat creation and archeology.

- **Eiffage Kier (EK)** for the main civil engineering construction work, ie earthworks and structures including 75 bridges over the line (among these are the bridges for the A423, B4451 and one on Windmill Hill), 17 viaducts carrying the line (including one over the River Itchen) and 5km of green tunnels. Their work finishes when the rail slab is laid. Other companies then take over laying the rails and superstructure for HS2.

There is no date set for the findings of the Oakervee review and HS2 has been told by the Department for Transport to carry on as normal (except where ancient woodlands are involved) so archeology and trials continue eg ground investigations near to the foundations of structures and boreholes to understand the material that will be extracted and therefore to what uses it can be put. The Windmill Hill cutting will be 30m deep and extract a million cubic metres of "soil", most of this is expected to go south to form false cuttings. The Boddington (ie Wormleighton) heave trial is studying how the ground reacts when large amounts of "soil" are removed.

EK are working on the very detailed planning needed to do what was agreed in the Hybrid Bill Act in the most effective way. Along the HS2 line there will be both a site access road for cars and a haulage route for materials and equipment, to keep these off our roads as much as possible. As detailed plans develop, aspects have changed from what was proposed before eg there will be less small compounds - the one at Wills Pasture has gone. However the large compound at Greenleaf nursery will be for 100 staff plus 250 others. It will have offices and be a major access point to the line for people but there will be no overnight accommodation. This location was chosen as a major compound for workers because (a) it is in the Act and (b) it is directly off the A423, a heavy goods vehicle route. Logistics and traffic managers at EK/HS2 are designing junctions for the compounds, plans must be within the constraints of the Act and approved by WCC highways. Inevitably, a central reservation or something to assist entry and exit on the A423 for the Greenleaf compound will mean roadworks to install it; news which did not go down well at the meeting.

The overall timetable for civil engineering works is to set up compounds and access roads in 2020, do drainage, earthworks and structures 2021-2022, finishing in 2023.

HS2 goods vehicles will be labelled and tracked so should not come through Ladbroke (take the registration and complain if they do). There will be recommended routes but it is hard to control how workers arrive.

Working times are weekdays 8am - 6pm and Saturdays 8am - 1pm, with an hour either side to set up and shut down. The 24/7 grading machine at Greenleaf was not obvious in the current plans, Chris James will check if it is still intended.

EK are doing new noise modelling, including road traffic noise; results will be available in the new year.

Prior to the meeting Chris James had done his homework - he'd looked into the information sent by our parish council, walked the footpaths, studied the stream etc. He asked that if there was anything we petitioned on that did not appear to have been addressed that we raise it. Some agreements had gone into the construction code of practice, and EK had been given a list of specific undertakings (things they must do, eg build the cycle path) and assurances (things they must not do eg HS2 heavy goods vehicles coming through Ladbroke), but things that were not officially documented risked falling through the gaps.

The point about the height of bunds (to reduce noise) was not on the list but likely to be designed in as they want to use up extracted material as much as possible, nor were there any specifics on the list about reducing the risk of flooding in Ladbroke. However, Chris James understood the risks to the village and had asked the designers for an update. Once there were more detailed plans regarding roadworks on the A423, the positioning of traffic lights could be discussed. In our petition, Ladbroke Action group had proposed traffic lights be located to prevent Ladbroke becoming a rat run but as one villager pointed out that would mean we would be stuck in a queue on the A423 until we got past the lights.

All in all, Nisha and Chris handled the questions and concerns well and given the topic it was surprisingly good humoured. They offered to come back to Ladbroke, to run a mini event with local plans on display and/or with specific updates on the points raised.

Jackie West

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|  | Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute | Carol Lane |
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The topic for the November meeting of the WI on Thursday, 7th was how to wrap a bottle and I have to admit that I wondered how that was going to fill the evening.

However we learned so much about the art of wrapping from Alan Keech from The Thoughtfully Wrapped Studio in Stratford.

Firstly he showed us a small oblong parcel which had been adequately wrapped which I thought was OK but when he demonstrated the same parcel wrapped in the style of an evening bag the effect was vastly improved. He explained that, after many years in insurance he took a position requiring items to be wrapped and was sent on a course to refine the skill.

In the 1900s the only option for wrapping was to use brown paper with string or tissue paper. In 1917, two brothers used printed paper from envelopes when they ran out of brown paper and this caught on so rapidly that the Hallmark Company was formed.

Alan then demonstrated different sticky tapes including glue dots and showed how it was more aesthetically pleasing to use shiny sellotape on shiny papers and matt for matt papers.

Members had been asked to bring a bottle and Alan went through the stages of wrapping, giving the opportunity for each stage to be mastered before going to the next bit. The result was a room full of attractively wrapped bottles, each one subtly different from the next.

Training courses or demonstrations can be arranged through Alan on 07891 002493.

In the business meeting which followed, Hazel spoke of the need for one of the members to volunteer to be the treasurer, so if anyone feels they can take on this role, please contact one of the committee members.

An evening had been much enjoyed by the ladies who went to see 'Sex and the Tudors'. Some of the items in the talk came as a surprise to them but on the whole they thought they would not put it into practise!



The coach for the Christmas lunch at Denman will collect from the Bowling Green in Southam at **10.15am** and from Ladbroke Village Hall at **10.30am**.

The WI Kitchen Wisdom Cooker Book is now reduced to £5.

It has been decided that there will be a meeting on 5th December where a couple of rounds of bingo will be played before we enjoy cheese nibbles, wine and mince pies.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright

The Ladbroke Matters team looks after the Village Hall and the Millennium Green. To help with this we organise regular fundraising events so that we can continue to offer both facilities for the benefit of our community. We hope to see you at some or all of these.



We all enjoyed the recent Rugby World Cup breakfasts in the Village Hall - even if England didn't quite do it this time. Special thanks go to the cooks and the technical team. We are planning to screen more

sporting events in the future, possibly starting with the 2020 Olympics – so watch this space!



Ladbroke Film Night is back with our Christmas Special on **Friday 6th December**. This time we will be screening Frank Capra's classic **'It's a Wonderful Life'** on **Friday 6th December**. Originally released in December 1946, it's based on a short story written in 1943 by Philip van Doren Stern called 'The Greatest Gift'. Come and join us for an evening of delicious food, good company, and a great film. Tickets are £15 each and available from Nicky Lewis on 815196 or nicolalewis1958@gmail.com.

Doors open 7pm, film screening 8pm. Bring your own drinks.



Thanks to all who helped with and supported our events this year. None of them would have happened without you! We hope you all have a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

We have a packed programme waiting in the wings for 2020. These include a two-act comedy planned for 8th and 9th February; a 1960's musical soiree in May; a dog show in July; and of course there will be more film nights!

**SEE YOU
NEXT YEAR!**



Don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall for your party or celebration at a very reasonable rate (£15 per hour with a 20% discount for Ladbroke residents). We have a kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Nicky (tel 815196 or email nicolalewis1958@gmail.com).

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 Draw for October 2019

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| £50 | Kip and Mif Warr | £50 | Pat Kennedy |
| £25 | Linda Spence | £25 | Sarah Taylor |
| £25 | Laura Taylor | £10 | Steve Copley |
| £10 | Joley Malby | £10 | Angela Coleman |
| £10 | Helen Morton | £10 | Donna Griffith |

Margaret Bosworth





Ladbroke Photography Club

Jackie West

On Saturday 3rd November our annual club exhibition occupied a corner of the John Turner Festival in Southam. The festival and therefore audience for the exhibition had a slow start due to it coinciding with a certain Rugby final featuring England, but once the match was over there was a steady stream of visitors. As usual every member who wanted to, had one or two pictures on show; there was a wide spectrum of subject matter and thanks to Tom Burnell we were very topical with a couple of rugby shots, though they featured local players rather than international stars.



A few days later the subject of our regular meeting was animals. Always a popular choice, we were treated to some smashing shots of creatures great and small. Some photographers showed pictures from exotic locations but many others were from Warwickshire, with the deer at Charlecote featuring a number of times.



One photographer (don't try this at home!) risked their camera not to mention their hands through the bars at a zoo for that perfect shot of a cheetah. Luckily the big cat was bored with the paparazzi and just looked on from the comfort of his branch. This picture of a feline Ladbroke resident, was taken by Mike Todman.

We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month, visitors are welcome. Our next meeting on 3rd December is on the subject "Vintage" and we'll also be comparing our "now" photos of Southam with historic photos of the same locations. Our following meeting in early January will be our New Year's meal. For more information about the club see our website tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto or email jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk

Ladbroke General Section

Lorna Carleton



Lorna was the first baby to be born in the new town of Welwyn Garden City on 4th January 1923 although there was not a registry office to record this fact.

Following on from grammar school Lorna's further education and hopes of becoming a journalist were curtailed by the war.

After some years in South Africa, she returned to the UK, married Gerry in 1955 and moved to her present home in Ladbroke in 1964 with daughter Sue.

Lorna's interest in genealogy led her to research into Gerry's family and as the surname was unusual and as many of his forebears were military men she managed to

trace the line back to 1147. Ten years of research led to the 'The Carleton Collection', a document of nearly 200 pages which Lorna has summarised as 'The story of the Carletons of Carleton, Penrith - from Cumberland and Westmorland to Ireland and Canada and of their 'cousins' in Surrey and Oxfordshire and many other parts of England. Barons and blacksmiths, bishops and Borderers - in 800 years we find them all.' In amazing detail, the histories are explained as Lorna traces the ancestors through time. In the 14th century there were Carletons in Royal service, William was chief Baron to the exchequer; John, a King's Counsellor and John, esquire to the Black Prince.

Lorna's literary interests then led her to take up creative writing and she had one of her mini-sagas published in the Daily Telegraph. She also wrote a book of poems which was printed, one of which is added to this article.

With help, Lorna still remains in her home and sits with her bright lipstick on and her iPad in her lap!

This poem was inspired when she used to go fishing with Gerry at a local reservoir.

Lakeside Leisure Centre

*Yesterday I could see moorhen,
Gentle waves, swaying reeds, ripples.
I could hear quiet sounds, nature
Murmuring, beautiful birdsong.
I could smell ripening grasses,
Wild flowers, fishing nets, water.*

*Today I am upset, mystified,
Shouts and cries fill the air, lorries
Carry men, lifting gear, sacks:
Scaffolding rises up so fast
I cannot even see the trees.
We are to have a Leisure Centre.
Are they mad?*

Carol Lane



From Ladbroke Bell Tower

*'And all the bells on earth shall ring, on earth shall ring;
And all the bells on earth shall ring On Christmas Day in the morning.'*

From 'I saw three ships' English Traditional Carol

Over the next few weeks, the church choir will be working hard rehearsing for the village carol service, as do choirs up and down the country. But also doing their bit will be the bell-ringers – the campanologists. Bells, in times gone by, were used as a means of mass communication. They sounded curfews, announced markets and raised alarms, and on occasions of public rejoicing they rang out in celebration as they still do today. Bells at Christmas have a particular significance and place in the seasonal celebrations.

Over the next few weeks the bells in our village church will be ringing for advent services, carol services and on Christmas morning. So, this Christmastide, when you hear the bells ringing out in the cold winter air, stop for a moment, listen to their merry music and reflect on the fact that for more than four centuries, they have called people to church.

In England and in some other parts of the English-speaking world the unique sound of English-style ringing, especially change ringing is embedded in the public consciousness. This traditional art is under threat from a lack of novices keen to learn this ancient and absorbing activity, and it would be sad to think that this essential part of Britain's soundtrack may fall silent. No wedding bells, no Christmas bells, no Christening bells. So, if you fancy having a go yourself (suitable for all ages, no musical knowledge required) or just finding out about what is involved then our jolly team of bell ringers would be delighted to welcome you.

In the words of Alan Titchmarsh, a bell ringer since childhood, 'If everyone needs an 'ology', then campanology is a good one to boast about'.

Merry Christmas to all and may our bells continue to 'ding dong merrily on high'.

Ladbroke Practice night is Tuesday 7.30 - 9pm.

Contact: Keith Archer phone/text or WhatsApp: 07484 212863

Laura Taylor

Our AGM started with a special occasion. Members had decided that some of the profit that we make from the rural cinema should go to village organisations. Earlier this year, we invited applications and on 14th November cheques totalling £2,949.95 were presented to six local organisations. E-Wheels will use the money to fund one month's travel; Junior Football will purchase new goal posts; GASS will purchase new tents; Harbury Pre-School an electronic learning pad and Harbury Toddler Group tables and finally Harbury School PTA a scooter pod. We shall continue to run the cinema in the spring and hope to donate more funds to local organisations - more details in the new year.



After our guests had departed, Hilary Scott presented her annual report reviewing speakers, socials and outings plus our contribution to the local community. President Ann Mayer gave her report thanking the committee and members for their support; she remarked that the cinema had become a very popular village attraction and she also praised many of the WI husbands who give us so much practical support. Treasurer Gill Thorpe reported on a successful financial year.

Our officers remain the same for the next year. President Ann Mayer, Secretary Hilary Scott and Treasurer Gill Thorpe. The committee were re-elected *en bloc* - Sue Coupe, Maureen Handle, Lin Hayes, Chris Rutherford and Mary Thompson. We are pleased to welcome Pam Furnivall as a new member of the committee.

Our next meeting on 12th December will be our Christmas meeting when we shall welcome Anne Marie Lambert who will be demonstrating making and decorating biscuits. There will be some festive food and drink plus members will be exchanging presents via their bran tub (value £5).



Harbury Theatre Group

Geoff Allen

The Harbury Theatre Group does not yet possess a working time machine although our technical team led by Bob Hodges is working on the design and build of one for.... the future?? If we did have a time machine this edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News would have a complete and straight-forward critique of this year's Harbury village pantomime which features/featured some 30 cast members and a host of supporters. However, as we lack such a machine, you will have to take my word for just how good this year's show is or was. It has/had all the usual ingredients for a panto with a lovely heroine, a hero prince, evil queen, talking mirror, dame and jolly sidekick not to mention the dwarfs and a supporting cast of townsfolk, animals and courtiers. The show also has/had some great songs and a load of jokes which were well up to the usual panto standard of awfulness.

In short if you did not see it you missed a treat.



Folk Club

Peter Bones

The theme for the November's Folk Club was "History and Historic Events" which I chose with a certain trepidation as we only tend to remember bad news stories. I therefore thought there would be a possibility that the evening could be dominated by sad and mournful dirges. Fortunately, it turned out that this was not the case.

Being near to Remembrance Day, there were several references to World War One. Indeed, the very first item was the Folk Club Orchestra giving a rendition of "Old Grenadier" and "Battle of the Somme". This was followed by two further tunes of particular historic interest, namely "La Fete de Village" which dates back to 1799, and "Shove the Pig's Foot".

There then followed items from 14 different acts, all of whom performed a variety of appropriate songs, tunes and spoken items and included no fewer than four self-penned items. I felt the choice of material and the standard to which they were performed was, in general, very good. From the comments I heard afterwards, it seemed that most of those present shared my opinion.

Although I enjoyed most items, I think my favourites were Sue Harris delivering the hilarious Bernard Miles monologue "Over the Gate", and the Harvesters singing "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down" - a song about

the acts of retribution taken against the Confederates immediately after the end of the American Civil War.

It was good to welcome Dina Whitacre from Reading who, although having visited us on a previous occasion, made her debut as a singer, and beautifully sang "Home Lads Home". This is not a particularly well known song but it happens to be one which is in the repertoire of the Folk Club Choir. It must have come as something of a surprise to Diane when the choruses were heartily joined in with in four part harmony.

For a list of who sang what please visit the Folk Club's website at tinyurl.com/harburyfolkclub

Many thanks to those who performed and also those who supported the raffle. It raised £94.00 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. And thanks again to the bar staff and committee of the Village Club for doing so much to make us welcome.

The next meeting of the club will be on 5th December and will be hosted by Ian Hartland. The theme is to be "Geography".



Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

On Friday 15th November the Association held their Annual General Meeting followed by a Cheese and Wine Supper in the Tom Hauley Rooms.

The minutes of last year's meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

Richard Marshall-Hardy accepted the office of Chairman for a third year and informed us that, in accordance with the rules of the Association, he will stand down next year. Once again, he agreed to take on the additional office of Treasurer.

Ron Temple was welcomed to the committee and immediately appointed to the office of Vice Chairman.

Sally and John Stringer were again appointed French and Minute Secretaries respectively, Sharon Hancock, Accommodation Secretary and John Freeman, Auditor.

Last year's committee, with the addition of Moira Rollason and Ron Temple, were re-elected *en bloc*.

Travel arrangements and *en route* accommodation arrangements for the trip to Samois-sur-Seine, 21st - 25th May 2020, were discussed and approved.

Our next social event will be the Christmas Party, in the Tom Hauley Rooms, on Friday 13th December. The theme for this year's alternative party will be Italian.





THEN & NOW

This month's article 'Then and Now' is a scene from Chapel Street. In Harbury, for many years a familiar sight in December were the wreaths and Christmas trees for sale outside Mugleston's Country Fayre. The shop, originally part of Chapel Street Bakery, is a listed building. In the nineteenth century the bakery was run by Mr W Paine. In 1868 the 'Thornicroft' family took over and the family continued to run it until the 1960's. Cecil Bloxham took over the shop and ran it as a greengrocers; part of the upstairs was actually a betting office - older residents may remember this. In 1980 Paul and Mary Mugleston bought the shop and continued the greengrocery business. They retired in 2017. The picture below is actually a painting of the shop.



The shop has remained empty since Paul and Mary retired. The building adjoining it to the left is now a private house called 'The Old Bakery'.

'Country Fayre' has since been bought and there is a planning application, pending consideration, for two dwellings, the outcome of which should have been decided by the time you read this article.



At our recent AGM the following were elected, Bill Timson (Chair), David Turner (Vice Chair), Mary Thompson (Treasurer), Linda Ridgley agreed to take minutes. Other committee members included Nigel Chapman, Alan and Betty Barr, Janet Thornley, Wendy Butler and Clive Taylor.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact me, Bill Timson 07813 739972 or email harburyheritage@gmail.com I would be delighted to hear from you!

You can of course visit our website, 'harburyheritage.org.uk' to view the catalogue and then come to the Heritage Room based in the Primary School. We are open on the first Tuesday in the month from 6.30pm. We have a Facebook page too: 'Harbury Heritage Room', if you want to join please apply.

Look out for details of our Spring Quiz to be held in March. Details to follow.

The Heritage Group would like to wish all the people connected with the village of Harbury a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.



Kids' Corner

This month, December, we celebrate Christmas! Did you know that Christmas trees were first brought into our homes in the 16th century? Germany is thought to be the first country to start this tradition.

Get your colouring pencils out and colour in this tree on the next page.



Post your entries through the letterbox of Manor Stable, Park Lane by the 24th December. There will be a prize for the most colourful tree. Don't forget to include your name, age and a contact email or phone number. Age limit is 11 years old and under.

Good luck!

Hope you have a Wonderful Christmas, **Chippy**.





Harbury Energy Initiative

Bob Sherman

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I never quite know who I am addressing as, probably like most contributors, I only occasionally receive feedback or responses. Are you a loyal reader of the entire magazine regardless of content, a parochial news junkie, a page skimmer who has alighted accidentally on my column? I would be interested to know what you think, whether it's a comment, a query or even a criticism of what I write (but you will look in vain for any misplaced apostrophes....or should that be apostrophe's?). As we are now nationally and locally in a climate emergency, we need, increasingly, to think about the future choices we make, both in our purchases and the way we live our lives.

This month's object of focus is the Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). So popular has this type of car become that the SUV was, between 2010 and 2018, second only to the aeroplane in its carbon emissions and pollution, emitting collectively more than 700 megatonnes of CO₂, more than the annual total of the UK and the Netherlands together. Will we therefore see a sudden drop in popularity as we did with diesel-fuelled vehicles? If you have bought an SUV you are unlikely to welcome these words but I suspect that you will have been totally unaware of the impact of this choice and it won't have been part of the sales pitch.

There are no cars that are truly zero carbon; even 100% electric cars draw their energy, unless they are powered by renewables and off-grid, from a mix of fuels. There are increasingly, however, better choices available.

Getting wind of something new

Last month I gave you a Harbury and Ladbroke News scoop on the RCEF funded Harbury Future Energy project. You read it here first...unless you saw it on Facebook. Although this is strictly speaking a Harbury e-Wheels project not an HEI one, I am going to talk about it here, as it seems better placed. Harbury e-Wheels is a registered charity and was therefore eligible to apply; HEI isn't. Essentially it is all about providing renewable energy to power our e-Wheels cars and, we intend, future electric vehicles owned by Harbury residents. It would use a state-of-the-art alternative design of wind turbine - without blades!

We have now started the process of contracting a consultancy to carry out the feasibility study. There won't be much more to tell you until after the deadline for tendering at the end of January.

Getting it together

The sharing of knowledge and ideas among a network of local low carbon and environmental community groups, initiated by HEI, is growing. A recent Henley-in-Arden event was excellent, marred only by the fact that we became trapped in the venue's car park by a faulty barrier! Up to that point everything was a great success. We are now able to bring together a group of eight or

nine people from across Warwickshire to support this burgeoning network. The next event will be in Kenilworth in the spring, with two others to follow as the year passes at Church Lawford and Snitterfield. It is now planned to form a local low carbon group in Henley-in-Arden, while Napton are now a step ahead having created Napton Environment Action Team (very NEAT).

Getting on with it

HEI is not an exclusive club. We would love to welcome new people, new ideas, new enthusiasm. We don't have that many meetings, as we prefer to do things rather than talk.

I will put notifications of our meetings, which are usually in our village club, on Facebook. Just turn up. You don't need qualifications or expert knowledge and there are no fees.

We, and I, look forward to hearing from you.

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|  | <h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2> | Bob Sherman |
| ✉harburyewheels@gmail.com  www.harburyenergy.co.uk | | |

We have more than a few people to thank this month. First of all, we are really grateful for three recent sources of local funding. Thanks to the generosity of Harbury Parish Council, Bishop's Itchington Parish Council and Harbury WI, we have a wonderful and very welcome contribution to our funds. This will make a significant difference to our fundraising efforts.

Next we would like to thank all those 90 or so people who bought tickets and came to the two sessions in the library of 'Tottering Towers'. Not only was this a wholly Harbury event but also a largely Harbury e-Wheels delivered event, with the evening organised by our Trustee Peter Walshe and a story and concept devised by one of our volunteer drivers, John Stringer (and son).



Please can you do us a small favour

Now I have a favour to ask of any reader with internet access. I have nominated us for a competitive grant award from Ecclesiastical Movement for Good. Over the 12 days of Christmas they will award £1000 to 120 charities. We would like us to be one of those. The more nominations we get the better chance we have. We have already gathered support from quite a few Harbury folk through my Facebook post. If you haven't done it already could you nominate us and get your family and friends to join in. Nomination is a quick process. This is what you need to know:

Website: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/12-days/>

Our charity no: 1182910

Charity type: Other

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|  | <h2>Guides and Scouts Support</h2> | <p>Laura Harris G.A.S.S. Committee</p> |
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Bonfire & Fireworks

The bonfire and fireworks event was another great success this year, despite the rain. We had a record number of wood donations, over 500 advance ticket sales (60% up on last year) and our total profit came to a fantastic £3500! Many thanks for all the generous donations from our sponsors and your support at this local Harbury event.

With over 70 people involved in organising an occasion like this, there are too many names to mention but we'd like to say a special thanks to:

- Mike McBride and his team of volunteers for a wonderful display of fireworks and for braving the weather.
- Paul Quinney who managed the bonfire build in very wet conditions and his team of fire marshals and overnight fire watchers.
- The 42 children, parents and other volunteers who turned out in their 4x4s and trailers and worked tirelessly on Saturday daytime to collect material for the bonfire.
- Special thanks to Michael Mann, the Parish Council contractor on his tractor who worked non-stop from 11am-4pm to ferry trailer loads across the field and to the digger drivers, Richard and Geoff. After 30 years of doing the job, Richard is retiring, thank you for your contribution to GASS.
- Everyone on kitchen duty who shopped, chopped and served up the refreshments.
- Our stewards, particularly the Explorers who manned the gates and kept everyone safe.

- Everyone who gave up their Sunday to litter pick, rake ashes and remove bonfire debris from the field.
- Harbury chemist and the library staff who sold tickets and kept records of food orders.
- The Parish Council for allowing us to use the playing field.
- Our local sponsors; Tesco and Asda and particularly the Harbury Co-op who donated 300 bread rolls.
- Our food stall holders James and Pete for their generous donation of a percentage of their profits.
- Tracey Pettipher and John Moore for the hay.

Remembrance



We had a fantastic number of children and leaders for the remembrance parade this year with over 100 members representing all of our Guiding and Scouting sections. It was especially nice to see an appearance of the Rainbows in their first parade. The Bishop made a special mention of the good attendance in church and how well the children carried out their flag bearing and wreath laying. Many people have since commented on

how lovely it was to see so many children modelling respectful behaviour and well turned out for the occasion. We are very pleased that the young people of Harbury are keeping up this important tradition.

Hut Improvements

We are very happy to be able to start putting all this fundraising to good use by updating our premises. Our vandalised windows have been replaced with new, energy efficient units. We have two new gas hobs in our kitchen and thanks to a generous grant from HEI, LED lighting has been installed across the whole hut. We hope that all of these improvements help us to run more efficiently and keep all hut users more comfortable.

Call for Leaders

We are very proud of the fact that our dedicated team of fundraisers at GASS takes care of the day to day running of the hut and keeps the finances in order. We have no shortage of young people wanting to join our fantastic units in Harbury but none of the sessions can run, no matter how well funded,

without the voluntary work from our leaders and helpers. Many of these people are parents, who work full time in the week and give up valuable time to support our young people. We are always open to hear from anyone who could offer time and expertise in any of the groups but we are particularly interested in anyone who can work with Beavers (6-8yrs) and Cubs (8-10yrs) from next year. If you're reading this and fancy a new challenge and a rewarding role here's your opportunity! Contact us now g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com and we will answer your questions.

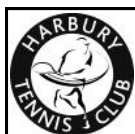


G.A.S.S. Christmas Post

Don't forget our Christmas postal service! Beginning on Monday **25th November** and running until Tuesday **17th December**. You will find our special post box in Harbury Library. Please remember to put the **house name/number and the road name** on your envelopes as we cannot deliver your cards without this information. We are able to deliver anywhere in Harbury

village but unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to deliver any further afield.

That just leaves to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year from everyone at GASS.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

The torrential rain almost caused the Men's 2019 doubles championship to be postponed as the courts were still partially flooded on the day before the event was scheduled. However, with some final brushing, tournament organiser Peter Walshe declared the courts fit for play and reported as follows:

"November Doubles Day dawned misty but the contenders peered through the rolling banks of fog and started play. The innovation for this tournament was that the beginning Round Robin ensured that everyone got through to the semi-finals (there being eight enthusiastic contenders). However, this did not mean that the competitive spirit was in any way diminished as the many deuces and tie breaks illustrated.

Harbury Tennis Club report continues on page 34

*Sending all our friends and neighbours in Harbury best wishes
for a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. We are
making a donation to Embrace the Middle East this year
instead of sending cards.
Ann and Michael Vincent*

*We wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke
a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year.
Alan and Sue Lord*

*Izzy Grimes would like to wish everyone in
Harbury a very Happy Christmas and wonderful
New Year 2020. I shall be putting a donation
instead into the Scouts Box!*

*Jenny and Andrew Patrick want to wish all their
Harbury friends a very happy Christmas and
peaceful New Year.*

*This year we shall donate to a local
homelessness charity.*

*Michael and Gillian Hare send Christmas
greetings to all their friends in Harbury.*

*Christmas Greetings to our neighbours and
friends. May Christmas be full of wonder and
2020 wonderful for us all.
Jackie & Simon West*

*We would like to wish all Clients & Friends a
happy and very merry Christmas as well as a
healthy New Year.
Karena@ Green Chameleon: Survey & Mediation*



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Joan and John*



Dear Friends,

We have decided not to send Christmas cards within the village this year. Instead we have made a donation to Carriers of Hope, a Coventry based charity for refugees. May we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Blessings, Peter and Gemma Took

We would like to send our greetings to all of our many friends in Harbury for all the love, support and care you have shown us over the past year. Raise a glass with us to 'New Beginnings' in 2020.

Much love,

Moira Rollason & Family

Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year and a big thank you to all the volunteers who help me by making things easier.

Love,

Brenda Thomas

Alan and Pauline Hayes would like to wish friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We have made a donation to Myton Hospice instead of cards.

I am not sending many cards this year so I am wishing all my friends in Harbury a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your help and kindness over the past two years. I am happily settled in my new flat in The Lodge, Southam.

Best wishes from Nora

Nicky and Gray Lewis would like to wish all our friends in Harbury and Ladbroke a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2020. We will donate to charity in lieu of cards.

If you did not have a Marshall in your pair you did not make the final as Robert Stockdale and Steve Fitzgerald and Keith Thompson and Chris Cousins found out. Both eliminations were extremely close. Marshall senior with Alan Guy played Marshall junior with Paul Crowton. If you don't want to know whether father or son triumphed stop reading now! The younger legs had it (said Paul Crowton paying tribute to his partner) and they gratefully showed off the Shield as 2019 winners".



The Banbury Winter Leagues are in full swing and in the Floodlit Division 3 our two teams are having contrasting fortunes. The "A" team has won all three matches with very convincing wins against Byfield "C" and Hook Norton "C", both by 8-0 margins, to top the league table. Caroline Morland, Eira Owen, Steve Stark and Ben Fish played in both matches.

In contrast the "B" team suffered three defeats "on the road" and currently occupy 7th position. Sue Panton, Emma Brangwin, Nigel Eaton, and Olly Wiltshire travelled to Hook Norton "C" and suffered a 2-7 loss. Harbury's two points were won by Sue and Emma, who halved the Ladies' rubber, and Sue and Nigel who halved their mixed. The next fixture was against Brackley "B" and for this one Nigel was joined by Josh Marshall, Clare Callaghan and Jane Minchin. The home team won 7-1 with Claire and Josh securing the 1 point. Another trip to Northamptonshire ended in the same 1-7 score line, this time against Towcestrians "A". Clare and Jane were joined by Olly Wiltshire and Neil Browne with Jane and Neil halving their mixed rubber to get a point.

In the Weekend format Clare, Steve and Ben were joined by Louise Roberts for the match at Middleton Cheney. They were in excellent form and got the first win of the season with a 6-2 win that puts us in third place in the league.

Our Autumn 2019 Junior coaching programme which is delivered by *coolsportz* coaches is going really well with 31 Juniors taking part. It caters for ages 4 to 16 years and the Thursday Mini Red sessions (4-8 yrs) have been moved into the Village Hall for this term. Rob West runs sessions on Thursdays and Elizabeth Holding on Mondays. There are sessions for adults on Monday and Thursday evenings and a Ladies' group on Friday mornings. All sessions are open to members and non-members (small surcharge applies) and *coolsportz* offer a free introductory session. For more details please contact Lianne Candappa, lianne@coolsportz.co.uk or phone/text her on 07919 104093.



Harbury Toddler Group

Lynne Barton

Hello Harbury - happy news from Toddlers

Thank you so much to Harbury Women's Institute for empowering and inspiring women. We were delighted to receive our cheque donation on 14th November together with other super village organisations. Our nursery-sized tables are already well used.

Christmas Greetings

We take this opportunity to wish all our parents, carers, grandparents and children a very Happy Christmas 2019.

We hope that it will be a joyful time for everyone.

We thank you for your continued support for the Group and celebrate the fact that Toddlers has been in the village for some forty years - just imagine how many children!!!!



You may have already heard us but if not please do look out for a group of Toddler parents and children as they sing carols and Christmas songs around the village.

Welcome to the land of Fairy Tales

We always try to make coming to Toddlers an exciting and happy experience. We are unable to store everything in our much treasured shed so to keep things lively and different we invite visitors to share their skills with us. Lydia and Ruth from SpOt drama were amazing and took us all to the land of Fairy Tales. Who is that in the forest? A real sleeping princess.



Wolf Run

We love our Toddler parents and how they embrace diversity and make everyone feel welcome whatever their level of ability. Amber, one of our parents, went one step further to support children with additional needs and disabilities and successfully completed four Wolf Runs, a gruelling muddy experience. She raised a staggering £624.15 to be spent directly on providing services for families, so on their behalf, thank you so much Amber, you are a real star. Here she is before and after !!!



Monday 11th November at 11am

We may only be very young but are proud to say that we made poppies at Toddlers and then all paid our respects with a moment of silence in remembrance. Well done everyone and thank you.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party is on Monday 16th December from 9.30am to 11.15am, in the Tom Hauley Room, we will have a very special visitor coming to see us.

Reena from Soft Play Take Away will be providing a small bouncy castle, ball pool and soft play, courtesy of Entrust Care Partnership, as a donation to us.

We are all looking forward to it, but booking is essential!! So please do have a word with Lynne or Selina when you next visit.

2020

We look forward to planning another exciting, packed programme for 2020, with familiar faces and perhaps some new ones. We are aware that it is a Teacher Training day the first Monday, 6th January and we know from



experience that most families plan something else so we look forward to welcoming you all when we start back on **Monday 13th January at 9.30am**. The calendar is already underway and hopefully will be all ready for distribution!

But, before we leave 2019 behind us, please can I say a huge thank you to everybody associated with Toddlers, it is a great team effort with so many people contributing to make it a success - so thank you to our team of volunteers and of course to the families and toddlers whose playfulness delights us every week!!

Come and join us

If you want to join us at the Toddler Group then Lynne, Selina, Suzi, Judi and Reg look forward to welcoming you - come on round, the kettle's on.

We are based at the Scout Hut, High Street, Harbury, CV33 9HW and meet every Monday during term time at 9.30am and saying bye bye at 11.15am. Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnbarton@btinternet.com



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Autumn Walk: We were accompanied by the beautiful colours of autumn on our walk to the Spinney and the Pound. Buckets in hand, the children thoroughly enjoyed collecting natural objects related to autumn. Their buckets were soon filled with all the colours of autumn, including leaves of different shades, shapes and sizes; conkers; twigs, seeds and feathers.

Once in the woods, the children created some bark rubbings using crayons and



used 'listening spheres' to concentrate on the many different sounds around us. We heard birds singing, leaves rustling, wind blowing and a train!



Back in the warmth of Pre-School, we examined our finds and the children have been using them to create some fantastic autumn collages.



Diwali: The children have been learning all about Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light. We have been making and decorating our very own diva lamps out of clay and creating some beautiful Rangoli patterns using powder paint with water and pastels.

Our role play area was transformed into an Indian home area, complete with Indian

clothes and jewellery for the children to try on. We have also had lots of exercise, dancing with scarves to Indian music!

Snack was also a big hit; the poppadums, naan bread and chutney certainly didn't last long after being served to the children!



Pumpkins: Thanks to the generosity of our parents, the Pre-School received a few donated pumpkins. The children have been producing some fantastic observational paintings; observing the colour, shape and size.

During circle time, we decided to cut one of our large pumpkins open and explore what was inside.



We talked about the smell and the texture. Such was the curiosity of the children that we left the open pumpkin in a tray so that the children could use spoons or their hands to scoop out the flesh and the seeds, providing them with plenty of opportunity for exploratory play.

Looking forward: Autumn is drawing to a close and Christmas is fast approaching. This means we will shortly be busy trying on our costumes and learning some songs in preparation for our traditional Pre-School Christmas Nativity.

The term will culminate with our Christmas Party to which all children and their parents/carers are invited. We will be wearing our handmade Christmas crowns, singing Christmas songs and welcoming a very special visitor with a bag full of presents!

Sessions/Open Morning: It was truly fantastic to see so many families at our open morning earlier this month. If you came along, we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did!

If you were unable to attend but are considering Harbury Pre-School for your child, please do get in touch with us for further information or to arrange a visit. Sessions from January 2020 are filling fast and some sessions have limited availability.

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



Harbury School PTA

PTA Committee

The school term is nearly over, and the PTA has been excitedly planning for the rest of the school year. Watch this space for dates to put in your diary for upcoming events.

Fundraising has continued in earnest this term.

Georgie Edwards collected our grant from Harbury WI on 18th November, and this, together with the very kind contribution from Harbury Carnival, will allow us to buy scooter-pods for the school, which are now on order. This is a really valuable resource that allows our pupils to continue to be able to travel to school sustainably. We are very grateful to both the WI and Harbury Carnival Committee for their contributions.

Shakestock raised a fantastic £455 – which had a lot to do with the ‘bucket of booze’ we raffled off! Massive thanks to Helen and Mark at the Shakespeare who allowed us to piggyback their event and to all those who turned up and donated.

The clothing drive on 13th November collected a whopping 422kg of clothes, raising £211. Once again, thanks to all who contributed throughout the village. Keep saving up your clothes as we plan on doing collections about every six months. It is a great way to ensure things are re-used and to raise money for the school. The funds raised from both Shakestock and the clothing drive will allow us to purchase two further iPads.

The outdoor classroom/stage under the stars has now entered its planning stages, with quotes being gathered and plans being drafted. We will keep you updated on the progress of this valuable community resource as things move along.

We are always on the lookout for local businesses to sponsor events or parts of events. If anyone would like to be part of this, or indeed, any other fundraising, please do get in touch on harburypta@gmail.com

We are also always happy to take your unwanted gifts/bottles of wine/chocolates for raffle prizes. If you do not have a child at school, give us a shout on harburypta@gmail.com and we can arrange collection!

We would like to extend huge thanks to Sue and Rob, who have stepped down as chair and secretary, and hope to continue the success of the PTA in the future.



Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

Another busy month in the Village Hall, with the new Wednesday Pilates session really starting to take off, and a new "Pound" session on Thursdays now in the planning. A "Pound Session" is physical exercise to music involving drumsticks. Wow!

We will shortly be starting to advertise the January Burns Night celebration, run by Southam Rotary Club with the Village Hall. It is recommended as a great night out, and of course includes an educational whisky-tasting. Proceeds go to charities.

The Hall is still looking for a new Booking Secretary to take over from Celia Neill. The mechanics of the booking process is currently being loaded onto a new software package so much of the task will involve direct contact with people booking the hall, answering enquiries, showing people around, etc. Celia is happy to talk to people about the task.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

We have hosted a number of very successful events in November, including two very enjoyable performances of John Stringer's latest Murder Mystery on behalf of E-Wheels, and a well attended antiques valuation session with Hansons. We have some exciting plans for other activities in the New Year, so look out for further details shortly.

Now looking forward to the festive season, we are again happy to be accommodating the GASS Post Box (details elsewhere in this magazine), and this year we are selling a number of Christmas cards by local artists, so do come in and see what is available. We also have a number of art works for sale, which could make excellent presents. In addition, the building will be decorated for the season and hot drinks and cakes will be available during

Biblio's opening hours (Wednesday - Friday 9.15 - 12 and Saturday 10 - 12), so do come in and enjoy the atmosphere and make use of all our facilities.

Remember to stock up on reading material for the Christmas season - we have lots of Christmas themed books for children and adults, plus spooky ghost stories, thrillers or mysteries for those long nights in front of the fire. We can also lend you a fine selection of audio books and free board games, such as *Scrabble*, *Monopoly* and *Cranium*, to keep the family amused over the holiday period - all you need to borrow them is your WCC library card.

Both the Library and Biblio's café will remain open until 12 noon on Saturday 21st December, and the Library will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020 for its normal weekday hours of 9 - 5, with Biblio's opening as usual that week on Wednesday morning, 8th January.

We wish all our volunteers, borrowers and café customers a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morral

Where did the last four weeks go; only seems a few days ago I was writing my last article. I do not like these darker days but it hasn't deterred our members and visitors from using our facilities. You are all amazing for turning out these past few weeks in the dark and usually rain.

I have managed to replace the plants in the four pots along the wall and have tried out some new plants and some old favourites. I did these on 8th November as a day without rain. Do go and have a look and let me know what you think. Three of the four hanging baskets are still looking good as at today's date (19th November) so these will stay up for a bit longer. I also plan to replace some of the plants along the drive sometime this week. There will be more Heuchera plants as these are such good value and provide colour all year round. I bought some very unusual varieties back from Anglesey in October and these are now in my own garden and at the last count I now have over 50 of these special plants. I can highly recommend the plants from Greenleaf Nursery in Southam, all home grown and very reasonably priced. We are lucky that we have such a gem on our doorstep.

Another children's party was booked for Saturday 23rd. We are proving to be a very popular venue for these events. It is so encouraging to see the next generation enjoying themselves without any mobile phones or tablets and enjoying good old fashioned games. This leads me nicely to Saturday 4th January which will be the first of our two centenary celebration days and the afternoon will be for children. If you have access to Ludo or Snakes and Ladders or Tiddlywinks we would love to borrow these as we are anticipating a good attendance. Just contact me. I have been successful in getting some

games from charity shops (amazing places for all sorts of things you don't really want but end up buying!) Thank you.

I mentioned last month about games for adults and we can play these at our second centenary day as well. Toad in the Hole is apparently a game where you dig a small hole and attempt to toss a coin or similar object in, I can see why it didn't really catch on. More about this special day next month. As mentioned before, it is not just for club members, we look forward to seeing non members too.

It is so nice to receive a thank you letter which we did recently from the Tennis Club who really enjoyed their recent quiz evening. Special thanks to the WI ladies who use the club on Wednesdays for darts for their donation in September of £110. Such a generous gesture. I have recently been successful in my application for funding from the Parish Council for our new signage. Our thanks to them. DPI signs will soon be coming to replace the tatty signs - can't wait.

At our last committee meeting we approved four more new members and one new booking. Sorry but the saga of the card machine is ongoing; we could make a soap opera about all the intricate details required by the provider. Latest is that it is just a couple of weeks away but don't hold your breath. We had a fantastic month in October; our bar takings should go down in the Guinness Book of Records! Someone has bought the juke box and has collected it. The purchase of a tablet will take place on Black Friday as it will be so much cheaper. Crikey, talk about being in the 21st century! We plan to trim back the clematis, old man's beard, which is overhanging the street in Crown Street as it impedes the pavement area. Various other matters were discussed including opening times over the festive season and a possible disco for children and families on Boxing day afternoon - sounds like an excellent idea so an update on all these things will be on our Facebook page once all agreed.

Our festive family bingo will be on Saturday 7th December. Doors open at 7.00pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone again as the Summer event was such a success. We will have a bumper raffle and the bingo costs just £1 for a book. I shall be a very busy bee that day as I will be at Upton for most of day and as well as being house volunteer I am also doing an hours stint as an elf for Father Christmas. Don't laugh - I do not dress up, maybe a festive jumper and hat.

I am still giving recipes to a fellow allotmenteer, this time for pumpkins. There is so much that can be done with this underused vegetable. Apart for the usual pumpkin soup, try sweet pumpkin flan, savoury pumpkin pie, even pumpkin fritters. All these recipes take very little time and are very tasty. Watch out Jamie!

Thank you for taking the trouble to read this and again for your really lovely comments. Such a pleasure to stop and talk to everyone.





Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

The garden is now seriously wet, which is worrying so early in the winter. It's causing me much frustration because this is normally the best time of year for me to get major alterations done which includes removing plants that I don't like any more and those which are not performing well, and then getting new plants into the gaps. It's also when I often move plants to different places. It's all on hold right now but I'm using my power of positive thinking to arrange for the rain to cease for a while!

In order to avoid having your garden looking too bare and drab at this time of year you could try any of these evergreen or winter interest shrubs.

- Holly, there are some non prickly ones.
- Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn', pink scented flowers through the winter.
- Sarcococca (Christmas Box) small evergreen white fragrant flowers.
- Cornus (dogwoods) for their brightly coloured stems.
- Mahonia, yellow scented flowers in November / December.
- Eleagnus x ebbingii, tiny white scented flowers Nov / Dec.
- Euonymus, easy small shrub with variegated leaves.
- Lonicera fragrantissima, a shrubby honeysuckle with white scented flowers for most of the winter.

Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton
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Nature Notes

John Hancock

I apologise for an error in my last article. I should have said oak wood is stained green not blue by a particular fungus. I am keeping my eyes open, when wandering through second-hand shops, to find an example of Tunbridge Ware which utilises the hard green wood in question.

After the deluge, when we had interminable bands of low pressure systems sweeping in from the west, we now (19th November) have a high pressure system building and clear starry nights with frost at dawn. It's better for walking and I have been doing quite a bit of that lately. Combrook lies on a small stream, a tributary of the River Dene, about a kilometre south of Compton Verney and its Capability Brown designed park. Nearby the

National Nature Reserve at Oxhouse Farm is bounded on one side by the river and on the other by the disused railway line from Kineton to Stratford (Grid Reference SP 300509). Hay meadows are managed traditionally and yield a bounty of wild flowers including Common Restharrow, a member of the pea family. It gets its name because its rhizomes (underground stems) were tough enough to stop a horse-drawn harrow in its tracks. Spiny Restharrow is also found here. Take care as its thorns belie the innocent looking flower. The delight of Oxhouse Farm is the plethora of butterflies and day-flying moths. Visit in July to see the spectacular Dark Green Fritillary and many other species such as Marbled White and Common Blue. The female Fritillary lays its eggs on the leaves of violets. Hatching occurs within three weeks and the caterpillars hibernate through the winter in the leaf litter. Come the spring they feed on young violet leaves before pupation.

Another site I want to visit next spring is the Heart of England Forest around Dorsington. This is an area of 30,000 acres which includes a patchwork of woodland, hedges and fields of ridge and furrow. The young Shakespeare will have walked this way gleaning inspiration for his writing. Felix Dennis planned and started to plant the new, broadleaved forest. To date that's 1.3 million native trees; quite an achievement. I was there with the U3A Natural History Group on a fine autumn day at the end of October. We parked just east of the small village of Barton on the south bank of the River Avon close to Pilgrim Lock. Spindle trees were much in evidence with their pink four lobed berries bursting open to reveal orange seeds. The tough wood was used for making spindles on the continent but here mainly for skewers, toothpicks and pegs.

On 11th November Deborah Wright, who is Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's chief hedgehog officer, gave 40 U3A members and visitors an excellent talk in the Tom Hauley Room about these engaging mammals. Worryingly, numbers have dropped from approximately 30 million in the 1950s to less than a million today. We were shown short films of the tiny hoglets and the routes adults took on foraging expeditions. To get this film miniature radio transmitters were placed on hedgehog spines in order to track them. Usually there were five per animal to allow for wastage as the gadgets get snared in vegetation.

Hibernating hedgehogs survive by building up a layer of fat during the summer. They feed on a variety of insects and large numbers of earthworms. They need to be at least 450gms to get through the winter. Their heart rate falls from 280/min to 14/min and breathing from 50/min to 13/min. For gardens to be hedgehog friendly they need to be interconnected rather than being walled or fenced off from one another. Mind you, hedgehogs can squeeze through a very small gap. A hole 13cms x 13cms will suffice.

Enjoy winter with all it has to offer. Autumn foliage like an artist's palette and then perhaps the black and white world of falling snow. Whatever is coming, I wish you a happy Christmas.





General Section



Royal British Legion Poppy Collection 2019

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection in Harbury, Ufton and Chesterton this year. The following businesses and organisations were kind enough to allow us to use their premises as collection points:

The Crown Inn, The Gamecock, The Shakespeare, The Salon, Harbury Primary School, the Co-op, Harbury Supermarket, the Fosse Garage, the Bull Ring Garage, Harbury Village Library, Harbury Village Club and Banana Moon.

We would also like to thank the street collectors in Ufton, Thwaites Estate and Chesterton.

I have only been able to oversee the organisation of the collection this year and have relied on Gill Holden and Nicola Thompson to do all the hard work.

Finally, thanks also to Roanne Finch for her additional support and to John Holden and Don and Denise Vincent for their help with setting up the boxes and counting the collection monies.

The total collected within Harbury District this year currently stands at **£2358.33** and this amount has been forwarded to the RBL. Many thanks to all who contributed to such a marvellous effort.

Chris Finch



Christmas at the Foodbank

I suspect many people are starting to store occasional bits of special food in preparation for Christmas. Unfortunately, there are some people who just aren't able to do that. The pleasurable time of planning, buying and storing isn't possible, because money is just too tight and food poverty sadly is a real problem for many. It would be lovely if this year Harbury could continue the generous giving it has done in the past. I was personally involved in taking food to a mother and her small daughter one Christmas Eve a few years ago. They had been in a desperate situation and were referred to the Foodbank as an emergency by the Citizens Advice Bureau. (All people who receive help have to be referred by a recognised agency.) I was so moved by their relief and gratitude as we unloaded food including Christmas fayre. The little girl's excitement was so infectious and lovely to see. Without the Foodbank they would have had a miserable Christmas. With Foodbank help they were able to celebrate. This year, just like them, there will be couples, families and single people in need of help. Many are in work, many are having problems with the benefit system

and others have had a life trauma or some other event which has changed their situation completely. Christmas food eg puddings, cakes, chocolate, sweets, tins of biscuits, children's selection packs, fruit juices, mince pies, tinned salmon and ham and other non-perishable or long date Christmas items would be so much appreciated. These can be left at the Harbury Collection point (the Church, left hand side as you enter, by the red curtain in the plastic box). For food to be packed into the Christmas hampers in time for Christmas, it needs to be put into the box at Harbury collection point in time for e-Wheels to take it to the Foodbank warehouse, in Kineton Church, on Monday 16th December. Please start collecting as there isn't long. Food left later than this will still be delivered, but not until after Christmas. Please let's do all we can to bring Christmas cheer to some who, in their present circumstances, have little to look forward to.

Jill Winter (612585)



Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

Our next event will be upon us in no time at all and that is the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 5.00 for a 5.30pm start in Harbury Village Hall. Invitations were delivered and returned at the end of November so we can confirm that everyone who requested places can come along to the party.

The committee members, helpers and entertainers look forward to seeing you at the party and we hope that you will enjoy yourselves.

Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Bumps and Bundles

Bumps and Bundles has been going well, still lots of parents and carers coming along each week.

We have had a lovely sing and sign session with Julie who comes one or two times a term to teach sign language and songs to the babies, it's very enjoyable.

On 17th December we will have our normal, very popular, Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas, food and music.

We are looking for a couple or more people to join our coffee rota, a lovely team of people who make drinks and set the room for the parents, if you are free on a Tuesday morning once or twice a month then contact me to join us - 611914 Kelly Jones.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year from the Bumps and Bundles team.

Kelly Jones



Southam & District Lions Christmas Float 2019

Ho, ho, ho.....early warning!

Southam and District Lions will once again be taking Father Christmas around Southam and our surrounding villages, starting on Saturday 30th November. However, Santa's elves can no longer visit every road and street because Southam and all the villages are getting bigger, so we have had to make changes to stops that the Christmas Float will make. This year Santa will only be stopping at five or six places each evening. The schedule below shows which roads he will be stopping in in Harbury. For details of the time he plans to be there look out for notices placed at each stop. You can follow our progress on Facebook each evening, with up to the minute details of where we are.



Monday 2nd December - Vicarage Lane, South Parade, Manor Road, Hereburgh Way, Rainbow Crescent. Starting from 5.30pm.

Tuesday 3rd December - Heber Drive, Manor Orchard, Dickens Road, Hillside, starting 5.30pm.

Southam & District Lions



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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I wish to thank everyone for their kindness on the death of my mother Mrs Jean Herbert, for their cards, messages and presents at Oakley wood crematorium.

I was greatly comforted listening to you talk of happier times and memories of my mother.

Thank you.

Betty Airola

Dear Editors

I'm sure all those kind and generous people who donated money to the British Heart Foundation at Doug's funeral will be pleased to know that £491.46 was raised.

Thank you and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Anne Megeney

Dear Editors

E-Wheels would like to thank the Library and Biblio's volunteers for their support in selling tickets and promoting the very successful Murder Mystery. The evenings had a great atmosphere in no small part due to the ambience of our lovely Village Library. And you have enabled the e-Wheels charity to provide support for those in need for some more weeks.

Thanks also to all who attended the two sell-out nights.

Peter Walshe



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| 2 nd Sunday in the month: | 8.00am | Said Communion |
| | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist |
| | 12.30pm | Baptisms |
| | 3.00 - 5.00pm | Messy Church |
| 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 |
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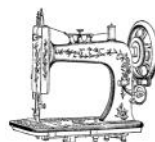
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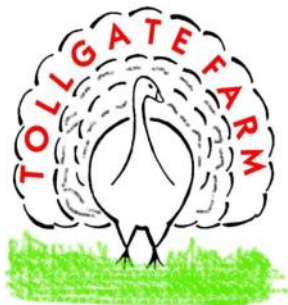


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