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Editorial

The magazine subscriptions are due next month and your distributor will be calling to collect the £6 due for the year. We have been able to hold the subscription rate at this level for the last seven years, despite rises in printing charges, although next year we anticipate that a small increase in subscription and advertising rates will be required to meet rising costs. For those who paid their subscription by electronic transfer in 2019 you will be able to do this again and you will receive an email reminding you that it is due at the beginning of April.

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The Harbury Heritage Group is currently refurbishing a hut in the school grounds as their new centre and home to the Heritage archive which preserves historical documents relating to the village. They have already received a number of generous donations to help with this. If you would like to get involved or make a donation please see their article on page 24.

Finally, we extend our condolences to the family of David Winter.

Harbury Diary

MARCH

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|------------|----------|--|
| Sun | 1 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Holy Communion (Said) Service, 9.00am
Little Saints Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Taize Service, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall |
| Mon | 2 | Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00pm, Village Hall
Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café AGM, 7.30pm,
Harbury Library |
| Tue | 3 | MeetingPoint at The Crown Inn for tea, coffee & biscuits,
2.00 – 4.00pm
Heritage Room open 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Harbury Primary School |
| Wed | 4 | Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park - Combrook
– Compton Verney (4 miles)
Mothers' Union Service & meeting 2.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall |


- Wed 4 Ballroom & Latin American Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
'An Evening with Mary Rhodes', 7.30pm, Harbury Library
- Thurs 5 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
'Pound' Fitness Class, 11.15am, Village Hall
Mini Reds Tennis, 4.45 - 5.45pm, Village Hall
Yoga Classes/Gratitude Workshop, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Village Hall
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 7 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of GASS (Guides & Scouts Support)
- Sun 8 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
Holy Communion, (Said Service), 8.00am
Holy Communion & Children's Church 10.30am
Messy Church, 3.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Youth Group, 7.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 9 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Wed 11 Pilates, 9.30am Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Shuckburgh (3½ miles, hilly)
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom & Latin American Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
Lent Course, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am,
'Pound' Fitness Class, 11.15am, Village Hall
Mini Reds Tennis, 4.45 - 5.45pm, Village Hall
Jazz Club, doors & bar open 7.30pm, music from 8.00pm, Village Hall
Harbury WI, 7.45pm, Henley Chocolates – Sally Daniel, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 14 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Southam United Bowling Club
Coffee with the Lib Dems, 10.30am – 12 noon, Harbury Village Library
- Sun 15 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 8.00am
"Saints Alive" Informal All Age Service, 10.30am
Evensong, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 16 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 17 Harbury Society Talk: Gordon Robbins – 'The Honey Bee & Beekeeping – What's the Buzz?', 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Wed 18 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am Village Hall Car Park, Temple Grafton (4 miles)

- Wed 18 Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom & Latin American Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
Lent Course, 7.30pm, Harbury Village Club,
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
'Pound' Fitness Class, 11.15am, Village Hall
Mini Reds Tennis, 4.45 - 5.45pm, Village Hall
- Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
Play – Teatro Theatre School, 6.00pm, Village Hall
- Sat 21 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of Toddler Group
Hereburgh Morris – Morris Dancing Workshop, 10.00am - 4.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 22 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT / MOTHERING SUNDAY**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 8.00am
Family Communion, 10.30am
Informal Service, 6.00pm
Youth Group, 7.00pm, Tom Hauley Room
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 23 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Wed 25 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Leek Wootton with optional pub meal (4 miles)
Inspire Dance, 4.30pm, Village Hall
Ballroom & Latin American Dancing, beginners 7.30pm, improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
'Pound' Fitness Class, 11.15am, Village Hall
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Mini Reds Tennis, 4.45 - 5.45pm, Village Hall
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 28 Councillors' Corner Session, 10.00 - 11.00am, Harbury Village Library
Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid of RNLI – Leamington & Southam
Local Produce Market: 10.30am – 1.00pm, Harbury Primary School
Harbury Village Cinema presents 'Judy', (tickets in advance from Harbury Pharmacy), doors open 6.15pm, film begins 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 29 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
Holy Communion (Said Service), 8.00am
Holy Communion & Children's Church, 10.30am
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

- Mon 30 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall
Yoga, 8.00pm, Village Hall
PCC Meeting, 7.30pm, Tom Hauley Room
- Tue 31 Soutam Rotary Whist Drive, 1.30pm - 4.30pm, Village Hall

APRIL

- Wed 1 Pilates, 9.30am, Village Hall
Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park,
Grandborough (3½m flat)
Ballroom & Latin American Dancing, beginners 7.30pm,
improvers 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 2 Holy Communion followed by coffee, 9.45am
'Pound' Fitness Class, 11.15am, Village Hall
Mini Reds Tennis, 4.45 - 5.45pm, Village Hall
Yoga Classes/Gratitude Workshop, 6.00pm-8.00pm, Village Hall
Folk Club, 8.00pm, Village Club
- Sat 4 Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon, Tom Hauley Room in aid
of Harbury Guides
Easter Family Bingo, doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm,
Village Club
- Sun 5 **PALM SUNDAY**
Holy Communion with distribution of palms, 9.00am
Little Saints Service, 10.30am, Tom Hauley Room
Celtic Service, 6.00pm
Zumba, 9.00am, Village Hall

Refuse Collection Rota			
	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
March	Wed	Fri	
	4	6	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	11	13	Grey Bin
	18	20	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	25	27	Grey Bin
April	1	3	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	8	10	Grey Bin
	15	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins

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From the Rector

Rev Bob Clucas

From the Rector

A man came home from work, tired and irritated, to find his nine year old son waiting for him at the door.

“Daddy, how much money do you earn an hour?”

“What makes you ask such a thing?” the man said. “If you must know, I earn £40 an hour.”

The boy’s head dropped. Then, looking up, he said,

“Daddy, may I borrow £10 please?”

The father became angry. “If the only reason you wanted to know how much I earn is just so you can borrow some money, then you march yourself straight to your room and think about why you’re being so selfish.

The boy went quietly to his room and shut the door. The man’s annoyance continued for some time, but eventually he calmed down, and started to think he may have been a little hard on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that £10 - and he didn’t ask for money very often.

The man went to his son’s room and said:

“I’ve been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It’s been a long day and I took my aggravation out on you. Here’s that £10 you asked for.”

The boy sat straight up, beaming. “Oh, thank you daddy!” he said. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out a box and added the £10 to some money that was already there. Slowly, he counted the total.

Seeing this, the man started to get angry again.

“Why did you want more money if you already had some?” he grumbled.

“Because I didn’t have enough”, the little boy replied, “but now I do”.

“Daddy, I have £40 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?”

Share some time with those who need you.

They need your time more than you realise.

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Adverts to: 36 Manor Orchard, Harbury or e-mail to
advertising@hlnews.co.uk by 20th March

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





From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

All services in March will continue to be held in our adjoining church hall, the Tom Hauley Room (THR). This includes Mothering Sunday on 22nd March at 10.30am as well as Palm Sunday on 5th April at 9.00am.

All Holy Week services will also be held in the THR but please look out for fuller details on our Easter Card which will be delivered to all houses in Harbury, Deppers Bridge and Ladbroke. Thank you, in anticipation, to all our street reps who deliver the cards to the houses and have done so for many years.

We will be in church for Easter Sunday on 12th April at 8.00am and 10.30am trusting that the weather will be brighter and warmer but, if in doubt, wear layers and warm Easter bonnets. We will, of course, be raising the roof with song, but not sufficiently to cause damage. The organ is working, the lights are on but more to the point the Lord is with us wherever we are.

Thank you to all those leading our services, providing music and helping with the logistics as we manage both without a vicar and a warm church. We may have more news on both those fronts in the coming month.

Please do contact either of us should you have any queries relating to church life.

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

From the Registers:

Funeral

20th February

David Winter (81 years)



Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our February meeting started on a sad note, as we expressed our sympathy for Marion on the loss of her husband, and for the family of long time member Mary Cambray. We also learned that Joan Rollason has now moved to a nursing home and we wish her well.

We heard that the Christmas cards we sent were well received at Ryehill and Onley prisons – in some cases the only cards they received. Also we sent toiletries to the Blue Sky Centre in Coventry for the victims of sexual assault.

We made plans for our coffee morning and for Mothering Sunday on 22nd March, when we give bookmarks and daffodils. We also help members

abroad to mark Mothering Sunday by gifting money for various life enhancing projects.

We then had a pleasant time, initiated by Chris on the theme of "Love" and its various forms. As we discussed it, we acknowledged that the Valentine form was quite short lived, and the love of friends is greatly to be valued.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March at 2pm. Our own lay reader, Peter Took will tell us about the joys and pitfalls of a Christian speaking in public. Visitors are always welcome.

The April meeting on the 1st will start with communion at 2pm followed by a talk by Rev Bob Clucas about his Christian youth work.



Mothering Sunday Services – 22nd March

Harbury 10.30am, Ladbroke 10.30am

Every year people say "Oh Mothering Sunday isn't for me – it's just for families" but actually it's for everyone because we all have or had a mother whether birth mother, adopted mother, foster mother step-mother. It's a time to thank God for loving mothers and for those who mother others with love. It's a time to ask God for help in being a good mother and grandmother – and father and grandfather as Dads do so much parenting. But not all mothers are good and many people carry hurt from their childhood. God said he loved us more than the most loving mother so Mothering Sunday is a time to really take that in and know we are truly loved - and ask God for his healing for pain from the past. So do come on Mothering Sunday and receive your bunch of flowers that come to you with God's love!

Ann Mulley

Ladbroke News & Diary

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

MARCH

Sun 1 LENT I

Family Communion, 10.30am followed by refreshments

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

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

Thurs 5 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sun 8 LENT II

Holy Communion (sung), 9.00am

Tue 10 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Wed 11 Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Village Hall

Sun 15 LENT III

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

Mon 16 Homegroup, 2 Hedges Close, 8.00pm

Wed 18 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall

- Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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Film Night, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 8.00pm, Village Hall
- Sun 22 MOTHERING SUNDAY**
Family Communion, 10.30am
- Wed 25 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 26 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY,
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5.30PM
- Sun 29 LENT V**
Holy Communion (said service) 9.00am
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 10.15am

APRIL

- Wed 1 Table Tennis, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 2 WI, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 5 PALM SUNDAY**
Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments
- Mon 6 Pause & Pray, 7.00 - 8.00pm
- Tue 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

Assessors from the Heritage Lottery Fund, who are considering our grant application, came to visit us at the end of January to see our "All Saints for All Generations Project" first hand. They were given a tour of the church and saw examples of the crumbling stonework before walking through the village to the Village Hall where they were able to see the wide range of community activities that form part of the application. At one time there were about 30 villagers in the Hall, demonstrating that this really is a community project, so thank you to all those who supported us on the day, in all sorts of ways. We were told very clearly that the application process is competitive, as there are more worthy projects than there are funds to go around, but we felt we have made a strong case. By next month we hope to know whether our application has been successful.

In the meantime, our Church building has not remained unscathed following Storms Ciara and Dennis, with about a dozen tiles ripped from the chancel roof. Repairs have now been authorised by our insurers and we hope that these will have been completed by the time this edition of Harbury & Ladbroke news is published.

We are grateful for our team of bell ringers who maintain a great church tradition, ringing at our family services, weddings and other special occasions. However, they would like reinforcements! If you are interested in joining the team, or would just like to go along to a practice to find out more, please contact Keith Archer or Laura Taylor.

Mothering Sunday this year is on 22nd March, and we shall have a special Family Service to mark the day at 10.30am. Please note the change of time.

The following Sunday (29th March) we shall be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (equivalent of an AGM) at 10.15am, following our normal 9am service. All are welcome to attend, but if you want to be able to nominate PCC members and to vote, you need to make sure you are on the Electoral Roll. Forms will be available in church throughout March if you want to sign up.

Full details of all our Easter services will be in next month's Harbury & Ladbroke news, but a reminder that Good Friday will be on 10th April and Easter Day follows on Sunday 12th April.

	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Carol Lane</p>
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The February WI meeting was held on Thursday, 6th.

John Butterworth gave us a whistle stop tour of his life as a newspaper editor.

At the age of 17 John was selected from over 600 applicants to be one of eight journalist trainees affiliated to the Daily Mirror. Thus from 1973, after a period of classroom learning, he gained experience on the job and defined the art as 'the ability to get a story from the Bishop to the tramp'. In this guise, he interviewed people like Sharon Davies, Sue Barker and Dana before they became household names. He cited Cliff Richard as his most important interviewee and had nothing but praise for him.

He and his pharmacist wife took the opportunity to join doctor friends taking a charity funded Land Rover overland to Nepal for use by a leprosy hospital. The journey took two months and they spent two months helping the project. His wife, using her limited Nepalese, told one patient to 'take 1 tablet 3 times a day in water' then was amazed to see the same patient taking his tablet standing in the shallow river!

In 1983 he became the editor of the Leek Post but three years later he saw an advert in the Press Gazette for four regional editors to take part in an exchange with China, a country he had always wanted to visit, and took the opportunity.

As editor at the Shrewsbury Chronicle, which had been in circulation since 1772 and reported on Nelson's death and the American War of Independence, he took the paper to its highest circulation figures of 19,000 in 1998 and was awarded the MBE.

In semi-retirement he was offered a trip to Albania which had been under a communist dictator from 1944 – 1985 and used his time to meet many influential people.

John has written three books which were bought by many of us. He finished with his favourite story of when, as a young reporter, he was sent to cover a dahlia show during a long shift. As he had nowhere else to hurry off to, he stood around and was there when it was discovered that the prize winning dahlias had all been wired! The £75 he was paid for this story enabled him to buy an engagement ring for his future wife.

This was just one of John's many talks which we can recommend to you. He can be contacted on Tel. 07955 262633 or John@jbutterworth.plus.com

In the following business meeting, which was ably taken by Heather Brooks, we were saddened to learn that our president, Hazel, had undergone a small operation to deal with a brain aneurysm and she is not expected to be back with us for some weeks.

Sally presented the finance report but she still wishes to step down from this post and it is imperative that someone else takes this position or our WI cannot remain viable. New committee members would also be welcomed

This year's programme was available and Jenny was thanked for putting together what promises to be an interesting year.

Our WI coffee morning will be held in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury on Saturday 9th May.

A Strawberry Tea will be held on 20th June.

Don't forget to look out any unwanted pairs of spectacles to be taken to the Federation meeting in March.

This year's resolutions were put to the meeting and the majority voted for 'Protect our Precious Helium' which will be taken to the Annual meeting in June.

Dianne had just returned from New Zealand and brought greetings from our twinned WI there.



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 those who came to see our stage drama *Anything You Ask* enjoyed the performance last month. Having worked very hard, our actors and theatre volunteers are taking a well-earned rest now - but who knows? Perhaps there will be another production in the future.....

Yes! Back by popular demand! On Friday 20th March we will be having another of our famous supper and film nights



in the Village Hall. We will be screening **Green Book** - the story of an unlikely friendship between an Italian American driver and an African American pianist on a concert tour from New York through the Deep South in 1962.

Do come and join us for an evening of good food, good company and a good film.

Tickets are £13 available from Nicky Lewis nicolalewis1958@gmail.com

Doors open and food served at 7pm. Film starts 8pm. No bar but please bring your own drinks. Ice creams available.



Looking further ahead, we have a **Sixties Musical Soiree** planned for **Friday 8th May** (which is the first May bank holiday this year). The 1960's were exciting times, and we will whisk you back with music and memories from that era plus a few surprises! More details soon!



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 Debs (tel 07779 225105 or email debs.dptv@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 Jan 2020

£50	Susan Moore	£50	Kip and Mif Warr
£25	Martin and Debra Neal	£25	Scott and Siobhan Roberson
£25	Avril a Court	£10	Keith Tancock
£10	Graham Lewis	£10	Mary Coley
£10	Chris and Caryl	£10	Andy Hay

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke Photography Club

Kip Warr

Our February meeting was great - up to a point. We discussed the programme for the coming year, with suggestions for outings to photograph trains (rained off last year) plus castles, abbeys, trees, heroes and villains. For our competitions we shall photograph bubbles, balloons, ghosts - anything, it seems, that can go bump in the night.



Venus Flytraps by Andy Hay

Our competition was on the topic of 'plants'. Amid the beautiful, the striking and the colourful we had the macabre - a collection of murderous, insect-devouring plants, amazingly adapted to trap their prey, all photographed in loving detail. And this is the point at which the show stopped. The computer staggered to a halt in the middle of the display.

So, our meeting on Tuesday, 10th March (a week later than usual) will include the remainder of the images

of plants. The main topic will be 'water' but the meeting will start with the AGM and the coveted award of Photographer of the Year. Visitors and guests are welcome at our meetings which are usually at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month in Ladbroke Village hall; for more information see our website (tinyurl.com/ladbrokephoto) or contact: jackieszone-photogclub@yahoo.co.uk



Waiting for the Wind by Mike Todman



Ladbroke General Section

From Your District Councillor for Napton, Fenny Compton and Ladbroke

HS2

The announcement that HS2 is to go ahead will be a disappointment to many here. The effects immediately noticeable and for many years, will be disruption during the construction. This will be mainly around the polo ground and Bascote on the A425 and Welsh Road, on the Banbury Road south of Southam and at the junction between Wormleighton and Priors Hardwick.

I have asked the Council and the government - through our MP - to work with other councils to improve the system where HS2 check up on themselves. The Act of Parliament gave planning permission for HS2, but there is no adequate system for investigating problems and enforcement as there would

be for all other planning permissions. At the moment all residents can do is to complain to the central HS2 help line (08081 434 434).

Climate Emergency

The working party at the District Council has produced a rather interesting report, setting out the local situation for our District and the possibilities for improvements, within the context of the global situation. It is quite a long report but I have picked out some information.

There has been a background of scientific consensus for more than a quarter of a century agreeing that global warming is real and that the burning of fossil fuels is a significant contributory factor. Political action has somewhat lagged the science but, over the last 18 months public opinion has shifted, with a rise in concern about climate change, particularly amongst 18-24-year olds.

This trend is supported by research from Ipsos Mori (August 2019) showing that 85% of Britons were now concerned about climate change (a new record), with the majority (52%) very concerned.

For Stratford District, the Council's own operations are responsible for 3545 tonnes annually of CO₂ emissions. This includes everything from staff mileage to building energy, but the figures are dominated by the leisure centres (40%) and the waste collection service (43%).

Across the District, research shows that CO₂ emissions are just over a million tonnes. Industrial and commercial activity account for 23%, domestic emissions 20%, and transport 53%. (The breakdown of transport is: 17% for A roads, 25% motorways, and 11% other roads.)

On a per head of population basis, Stratford District emits 8.3 tonnes per head per year. This is higher than the UK average of on 5.59 tonnes. (It is also higher the Warwickshire average and the transport component is higher.)

The report concludes that local authorities can influence the issue of climate change in a number of different areas. For district councils, the Local Government Association recommends the focus of action be:

- Energy efficient buildings and assets;
- Changes to vehicle fleet and travel arrangements;
- Changes to procurement and contract management;
- Working practices i.e. home-working; embracing reduce/reuse/recycling;
- Improved flood protection;
- Planning and Regeneration;
- Community development;
- Educating/enabling communities to be more greenhouse gas emissions aware.

The recommendations separated work into four headings:

- 1 - What can the Council do about its own behaviour
- 2 - What can the Council do as a partner and community leader?
- 3 - What should Council be saying to Central Government?
- 4 – What can Council do on adaptation (eg more flooding and heatwaves)?

At the time of writing the Council Cabinet are considering the document. We will see what they decide to do. One thing that is in hand is a supplementary planning document with the intent to add more weight to environmental measures in planning decisions.

You can read the full report on the web at:

<https://tinyurl.com/nigelrockclimate>

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Lorna Carleton

Following the piece on Lorna a few months ago, Lorna had been fading over the last few weeks and died on 20th February. I thought it fitting to include one of her poems – Carol Lane.

Scatter Me

I shall not have a headstone in the churchyard
 I don't believe in *consecrated* ground
 The arrogance of man to claim the power
 To sanctify one special piece of land,
 To me denies the preconceived opinion
 That all the world was truly made by God

If this is so then every place is holy
 The dunghill and the snowy mountain peak
 I'll take my chance with good men blown to pieces
 Who lie with 'slaughtered saints' of days gone by -
 So scatter me whichever way the wind blows
 It will not matter where *my* ashes lie.

Lorna Carleton



Anything you Ask

There was not a spare seat to be had in Ladbroke Village Hall on Saturday 8th February for the second performance of 'Anything you Ask' presented by the Ladbroke Players. Nick Planas, who had written the play specifically for Ladbroke was in the audience for both nights. Simon West had created the background

to the living room of the Marjoribanks household. The stage was therefore set for misunderstandings, power battles and innuendoes when Jeremy and Susannah decided, on the advice of their sales manager daughter, Alison, to employ an attractive robot maid, Monica, to assist their long-standing but elderly housekeeper. While Jeanette tries to teach Monica the basics of housekeeping, cooking and serving food, Keith, the gardener, - in wellies and a beanie - has other ideas about Monica's abilities! The robotics sales and production team go into action to reprogramme Monica to withstand Keith's amorous advances and Jeremy's declaration of love. Monica joins in the activities at the village fête with



WI Stall (Sue Lord & Sue Moore) with Jeanette



Jack (Felix Brown)

devastating effect; Susannah and a very reluctant Jeremy decide Monica is too much trouble and try a male house robot instead, until Jeremy receives word of huge stock market gains after he showed Monica how to trade. The play sped along at a good pace with imaginative lighting by Antony Watts and I would think that Nick was well pleased that he had entrusted the premiere of his play to the Ladbroke Players. Huge thanks go to the excellent director, Kate Pickin, and the team for all their hard work, resulting in two enjoyable evenings of entertainment.

Carol Lane





Jeremy (Trevor Jay), Susannah (Debs Brown, in grey curly wig), Sales executive (Bev Bradley) and gardener Keith (Kip Warr)



Loveable housekeeper Jeanette (Margie Bosworth)



Clever and literal Robot, Monica (Sophie Broome)

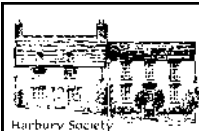


MMI Robot suppliers (Rory Pickin, Bill Bosworth and Kate Pickin)



Frustrated gardener, Keith (Kip Warr) with painting by Peter Baker

Photos - Jackie West



Harbury Society

Sue Turner

A society for the villagers of Harbury which celebrates the heritage of the area by way of lively talks and outings.

Please find below details of our Spring programme of talks.

Tuesday 17th March: A talk by Gordon Robbins 'The Honey Bee and Beekeeping – What's the Buzz?'. Gordon's aim is to raise people's awareness of honey bees. 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Tuesday 28th April: A talk by Linda Doyle 'Medieval Deserted Villages Around Ladbroke'. Linda will be giving an insight into the four deserted medieval village sites of Radbourne, Hodnell with Wills Pastures, Ascote and Watergall. 7.30pm for 8pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

You don't have to be a member to attend, so please come along as a visitor.

We won't press visitors to join the Society, but hope that you might consider it having seen what we do.



Harbury Women's Institute

Gillian Hare

Our meeting in February was a members' night so instead of a listed speaker we had plenty of time to socialise whilst scratching our heads to identify the subjects of the picture quiz devised by Chris Rutherford. They were of women in the public eye over the last century; in fact, the rather grand Victorian lady was revealed as Adelaide Hoodless, who founded the first WI in Stoney Creek, Canada in 1897. There was much muttering of "I know I've seen her somewhere", until the answers were given out and the winner, Julia Fowler, was rewarded with a bar of chocolate!

On a less cheery note, members recorded their condolences for Marion Dickerson at the loss of her husband John.

Our treasurer, Gill Thorpe, announced that we have 45 paid up members, and we were pleased to welcome two visitors to the meeting.

We have been asked to contribute to the refurbishment of the new Heritage Room, and agreed to cover the cost of blinds from our community fund – the proceeds of our running of the Village Cinema.

We entered a team in the first round of the Federation Quiz at Naption, which was won by the team from Long Itchington.

When you read this, we shall have completed our jigsaws and had another successful cinema showing.

Other dates to Note:

30th March: Annual General Meeting. We are asked to give unwanted spectacles, sunglasses, stamps, jewellery and mobile phones to raise funds for our international link – Associated Countrywomen of the World.

14th May: Our resolution meeting will have a lighter side as member Kath Ching will show how she crafts her beautiful painted eggs.

18th June: Group meeting in the Grange Hall, Southam, cost £5.

29th June: Treasure Hunt in Southam at 6pm, cost £5.50.

27th July: Grand Day Out. Johnsons Coaches are repeating this event with a trip to Windsor, cost £20.

Lin Hayes is planning our own summer outing; details to be announced soon.

6th August: Garden Party at the Village Hall.

September: Federation are asking any knitters who have produced items for the homeless (scarves, hats, gloves, socks) to deliver them to Federation House before the winter.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th March, 7.45pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Visitors will be welcome to hear a talk about Henley Chocolates. Sounds yummy!



Harbury Theatre Group

Geoff Allen

Following on from a very successful Pantomime in November last year, the Harbury Theatre Group is now well into the May production. On 14th, 15th and 16th May we will present "The Affairs at Meddler's Top" written by Richard Coleman.

It is a hilarious comic spoof of a murder mystery, set in the 1920s. A country house weekend is organised with a view to trapping a thief. Various tangled affairs are revealed, leading up to a murder. Can you help Inspector Topiary solve the crime? Is the murderer washed-up tennis star Peregrine Barrington-Smythe? Not-so legendary West End producer Bouffant Éclair, or perhaps the suspiciously pale Explorer, Twitter Fortesque?

Full of wordplay, breaking the fourth wall and extremely terrible puns, it promises to be a highly enjoyable show. Our own Becci Denny is directing and she intends to drag every one of the funny lines into the limelight for your entertainment.

Richard Coleman, the author, has been writing for the stage for over twenty years. He is co-founder of the amateur theatre group, 'The Really Useless Theatre Company' based in Lymm. Richard, a teacher for thirty five years before taking early retirement, has directed many original pantomimes, and is known for his quirky sense of humour. For his comedy/mystery scripts, Richard has created a new English county, and has gradually been filling in

its history and geography, via scripts such as 'The Ghosts of Marvin Grange', 'The Affairs at Meddler's Top', 'The Fumblings at Friar's Bottom', 'The Riddles at Ramshackles Rest', 'The Clamourings at Giggly Halt', and 'The Perils at Peddler's Cove'.

It's all very well casting the production but we need a lot of front of house and backstage support to get "the show on the road". If you are interested in helping please contact;

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Folk Club

Ted Crum

I recall back in the sixties being asked to run Stratford Folk Club because the resident group had a booking elsewhere that night. We turned up expecting the usual crop of floor singers to come and fill the evening. Imagine the panic when not one turned up. My singing partner and I had to do the whole evening unassisted, and a wearing task it was too. I was reminded of this as Sue and I struggled with the job of trying to fit NINETEEN acts into the evening at February's club. It turned out to be a fabulous display of talent throughout.

Sue and I started proceedings with "Dance with a Dragon" from our friend Anne Lister, followed by "January brings the Snow" from Flanders and Swann. Janny and Maureen gave us "Horncastle Fair" and were joined by Ian and Sue for "Roseville Fair". Bob Clucas introduced his partner as the Floosie, which probably earned him a thick ear later on since the floosie in question was his wife Anne! They gave us "Winter Light" and "1976", the second being a self-penned number from Bob. Anne played synth on both songs, and very effective it was too. Laura followed with R Herrick's song "Candlemas Eve" to a tune by Kate Rusby, and "Brandling Ball", describing how a new seam at Gosforth colliery opened up into a cave big enough to hold a dance in. Which they promptly did! Peter Scott gave us "Green grow the Rushes O", followed by the Watersons' version of "Byker Hill", which prompted an outbreak of harmony from the audience. Pete Grassby sang "Daisy Lady" from the much-missed Dave Bennett, followed by "The Star of the County Down", a song normally thrashed out by Irish ceilidh bands, but here sung beautifully by Pete as the gentle love song it is. Rik was asked by persons unknown to sing one of his keynote numbers, "I Love You with the Simple Understanding that you're Mine", followed by the Bernard Cribbins hit, "Right said Fred". Peter McDonald sang the Leon Rosselson song "That's the Way the Wheels Turn", followed by Sid Kipper's maritime epic "Combing the Mane". Rumble-o brought the first half to a fitting conclusion with the Fisherman's Friends song "Keep Hauling" and their own excellent version of "The Fox". As a band, they just get better and better.

Following the break (during which Sue and her band of trained extortionists relieved the audience of £120 in raffle money), Dave Fry got the second half off to a rollicking start with “It doesn’t Matter Any More” from Buddy Holly, and “Daydream Believer” from the Monkees. Don took the stage and gave us the traditional song “Martin Said to his Man” to a brilliantly conceived guitar accompaniment, and followed with an instrumental called “Mixed Bag Rag” which caused all the other guitarists in the room to melt in admiration. Pete and Liz had the unenviable task of following Don, but did so with aplomb, singing “Valentine’s Song” and Pete’s own reworking of a Seekers’ song, “The Carnivore is Over”. Pete Mason sang Maggie Holland’s powerful ballad “A Place Called England”, and “Slow Down”, a song from the singing of Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman promoting the wisdom of standing still occasionally. Keith sang a short and highly amusing song about a romance between a kangaroo and a crab, and then led what appeared to be a senior’s exercise session with our audience swaying to his sung instructions. Sue Harris recalled the wit and humour of Joyce Grenfell in her recitation of “The Raffle Ticket”, and was joined on stage by Robin who sang “Jambalaya” and Neil Diamond’s version of “I’m a Believer”. Ian and Sue took us over the pond with “Make me a pallet on your floor” and “I’ll Fly Away”, both featuring Sue on banjo. Martin turned to Les Barker and gave us “The Great Folk Club Disaster” and “The Ballad of Cosmo McGrew”. Your scribe then returned to the stage in company with his fellow Somerville Gentlemen to finish the evening with the Louvin Brothers’ “Are you wasting my time” and John Doyle’s powerful ballad “Liberty’s Sweet Shore”.

This month’s raffle money has gone to Cancer Relief. Next month’s theme will be ‘Harmony’. See you there!

Wild and Wonderful Concert

The Village Hall was filled to capacity on Saturday 1st February for the Harbury Folk Club “Wild and Wonderful” concert. This, our 9th annual concert, was again a sell-out.



Well, what a night! The performers, support team, and the audience were all wonderful and occasionally wild. The evening featured 24 local performers and an energetic support crew of six. Debbie Ellis, our MC, introduced the splendid variety of acts: Folk Club Orchestra, Janny Freeman and Maureen Darby, Pete and Liz Bones, Ted and Sue Crum, The Harvesters, Daft Dames, Rumble-o, Peter McDonald, and the Folk Club Choir. The concert finished with a wonderful finale by all the performers with the audience joining in singing Rod Stewart's Sailing.

I would like to thank the many people who so freely gave their time to make the evening such a success. The performers would like to say a big thank you to our very appreciative audience. We made a profit of £1,006 which has been donated to Harbury Village Hall. The nine concerts have raised a total of £7,265 for the Village Hall. A slideshow of pictures and music from the concert can be found on YouTube: search for "Harbury Village Hall Concert 2020" or go directly to <https://youtu.be/PBLKX2-8vGs> .

We have already started planning for our 10th annual concert which will be on Saturday 30th January 2021, and the tickets will go on sale on Saturday 3rd October 2020. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, to receive details when the tickets go on sale, please contact me (01926 612002 or douglasfreeman@gmail.com).

Doug Freeman

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Harbury Heritage Room</h2> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">Bill Timson</p>
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Memories of Growing Up and Living in Harbury

I had the pleasure of walking around the village on a hot morning last Summer with Tony Ceney. Whilst he talked about his memories of growing up and living in Harbury I made eleven A4 pages of notes! Even then I didn't manage to write everything down! The following article is the first part with others to follow.

Tony's story takes a different form to the last two articles in this series; it is a transcript and is not in chronological order. Nevertheless it is full of facts and amusing anecdotes as well as large chunks of Tony's life. We start our 'journey' outside 'Chain Cottage' (pictured) in Temple End. Tony was born here in 1940 the cottage was named 'Templecott' at that time.



Also living in Temple End at 'Cranford' was Mr Kitchener: who was the church warden. Tony was in the church choir as a boy for about 15 years, 'There was nothing else to do!'

Councillor Neale, (Neale's Close), lived at Denny's Close which was originally three cottages. David Kitchener had it converted into one property.

Our very own Councillor Janet Thornley has also lived at Chain Cottage. It was originally part of a factory complex making chains. Tony remembers digging up lengths of chain in his garden. Local builders Joe Bamford and Mr Court converted the factory into the cottages as they appear today.

In the vicinity of 'Templecott' were Temple House, Temple House Cottage and Temple Cottage. Mrs Walton lived in Temple Cottage; she gave Tony a red velvet ring box containing four silver three penny coins; he thinks it was a Christmas tip for delivering her newspapers. He still has the ring box but alas, not the coins! Mr Graham later lived there and more recently Doctor and Mrs Wilne.

Major Fell lived at 'Temple House': Tony's mother worked there for him; later Miss Drummond an official of the 'Bank of Scotland' and more recently Angela Huth, the author of 'Land Girls', lived there.

There was a small black and white cottage to the right of 'The New Stone House', Stan and Chris Finch's home. Mrs Beaney lived in the cottage before it was demolished; she had a lodger, a dwarf called Peter Gardiner. 'He used snuff and it dribbled down his nose!'

New Stone House was built on the site of some derelict cottages, 'close to where the bomb went off'. It was built by Thwaites and Doctor Rayson lived there. Ruth, Tony's cousin was the doctor's nanny. She eventually went to work for the Guinness family in Northampton.

The Old New Inn was extended by John and Mary McLaughlin. Later Neil Jilks became the landlord. John Thorne, jockey of 'Spartan Missile' second in the Grand National in 1981, lived at Sheen Farmhouse for a while. He had long legs which contributed to his unusual riding style. John was tragically killed the following year riding in a point to point at Bicester. Tony remembers making



Tony with his wife Hazel

cow cake sandwiches sweetened with molasses and eaten with a freshly picked mangel from the land behind Treen's Farmhouse. Tony's friend Harry Hitchman lived at the 'long thatch' opposite Farm Street with his family; his son Sam has recently posted some photos on the Heritage Room Facebook Page.

Manor Cottage was home to Mr Savage who was the aide / chauffeur to the Farley Family. They lived at Manor Farm, now 'The Manor House'. Manor Stable was a hayloft converted into a house for Mrs Farley who was known for her paintings of cockerels, 'they were quite vicious!'. She always wanted to paint Tony's sister Barbara but Barbara refused to pose for her. We are not quite sure of the relationship but Mrs Walters married Captain Farley and they lived at 'Church House', it was when the Captain died that she moved to Manor Stable as Mrs Farley.

We will leave it there for now, thank you Tony, we are onto page four of my notes.

Update on the New Heritage Centre



First of all, thank you to all those people who responded to our appeal for donations to help with the refurbishment of the hut in the school grounds which will be the new home of the Harbury Heritage Collection. You can still make a donation at the Library, by posting to 4, Manor Orchard or by contacting us at www.harburyheritage.org to arrange a BACS payment. **No donation is too small.**

The Heritage Group was set up to look after the hundreds of documents, photographs, maps and artefacts about Harbury. It is self-funded and relies upon your donations and our own fund-raising efforts. Whilst the committee members have been busy decorating inside, funding has been secured for new roller blinds thanks to a very generous donation from the Harbury Women's Institute.

Construction company Murphy's, currently working on behalf of Network Rail, to strengthen the embankment by the Three Arch Bridge, have promised to landscape the front of the building and to provide a

Right: Removing the old carpet tiles



disabled access as part of their commitment to helping the community. Thank you so much.

We are applying to Severn Trent through their Community Fund to help us buy other essentials to make the room an attractive Centre for the local community and visitors. Fingers crossed!

We will be moving into the new Centre at the end of March. We will not be open in April but hopefully by 5th May we should be ready to welcome visitors at the usual time, 6-30pm onwards.



Future fund raising events include:

Saturday 18th April – Spring Quiz at the Village Club

Sunday 17th May - Visit for a village tour from Stretton History Society

Weekend of 4th and 5th July - providing refreshments during the Garden Open Days.

Thank you for keeping Harbury's Heritage alive.

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p>Bob Sherman</p>
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Slow motion

Sometimes things move painfully slowly. Patience is supposed to be a virtue. I can't think why. Waiting for answers sometimes feels like hopping from one leg to the other as you wait for the current occupant to exit. I do have some stories but at the moment we are on hold waiting for relief and developments relating to the church refit, the wind turbine project and we are in between events for the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network. Our perfect bid to the National Lottery Climate Action Fund for this network was not deemed perfect enough, so we have to have a little rethink on that. As a result of considerable publicity and encouragement for applications over 630 groups applied to the fund. They accepted only 15 to go to the next stage. I find that discouraging at a time of such major need for positive action.

Less slow motion

But there is some action. Facebook aficionados will have seen that Rich Fowler is moving ahead with plans to launch a Repair Cafe in the Scout Hut. By the time you read this you will either have attended or missed the

inaugural set up meeting at the library on 24th February. It's a great idea and I hope it succeeds. You could help with that.

For more information e-mail Rich Fowler at ebvrac@gmail.com or phone 07703 384898.

The next step will be a Library of Things. Three of us went to Oxford where such a project already runs. Everything from jigsaw puzzles to jigsaws, ladders, paper shredders, spanners and a kayak were available. There was order to it but we couldn't easily discern it until it was explained. It was surprising how much they had stored in a relatively small space. Such a project needs considerable thought and planning, which is why Rich has decided to work on the Repair Cafe first.

Web motion

We have solved our website problem. Thanks to a generous donation from Graeme McKenzie's company, Let's Talk Ageing, we have the funds to pay for an upgrade to the website for Harbury Energy Initiative and Harbury e-Wheels. This may take a while to complete but I will let you know when there is something bright and shiny and new to see.

That's all there is to tell you this month. I could have more exciting things to tell you next time. Be patient.

	<h2>Harbury e-Wheels</h2>	<p>Bob Sherman</p>
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We extend a big thank you to all those who supported Harbury e-Wheels at the coffee morning on 15th February. With your help we raised £242.92, a fine sum for a wet, windy, dark day.

Another big thank you goes to Let's Talk Ageing. The company has donated £500 towards the cost of upgrading and updating the website which e-Wheels shares with HEI. This is an enormous help as we did not have funds set aside for this important resource.

We have more fundraising events to come. We are deeply grateful to Pat Whorton, one of the volunteer coordinators for putting us forward to the **Kenilworth Bridge Club** as their local charity in March. We are delighted to announce that the Club has chosen e-Wheels as the charity to benefit from its annual **Charity Week from 23rd to 27th March**. During that week table money received will be donated to e-Wheels – so the more players the better it will be for e-Wheels. Could you be one of them?

Kenilworth Bridge Club is one of the biggest clubs in the UK and runs sessions for all abilities. And if you don't know how to play, there are lessons! So all you bridge players, why not give KBC a try and support e-Wheels at the same time? For more information visit <https://www.bridgewebs.com/kenilworth/>

In May Hugh Tottle will take us on a photo journey, exhibiting his fine wildlife and landscape pictures taken all over the world. **'Travels with Tottle' will be in the library on May 20th.** More details to follow.

I have no wish to diminish the value of those by saying that our major event this year will be **Harbury Open Gardens during the weekend of 4th and 5th July.** The new Heritage Room will be opening at the same time, so don't go away that weekend. Instead invite your friends to show them just what a great village this is.

Finally, in the autumn Peter Walshe and John Stringer bring us another murky murder mystery to titillate the brain cells.

To summarise that's Cards, Camera, Carrots and Crime.



Harbury Scouting & Guiding

Rosanna Hunt

With most of our energy concentrated around our autumn and winter fundraising events, the springtime provides the GASS committee with a bit of time for housekeeping, hut maintenance and streamlining our systems.

We have therefore been focusing on applying for grants, upgrading to a more transparent treasury system, updating our lease, improving the huts energy efficiency, along with continuing support for all the Harbury leaders and sections.

Making our hut greener

Having recently managed to secure £500 from Stratford council for scout hut improvements we have now applied for some matched funding to boost the resources needed to make the building more suitable for all our users. We shall be consulting the local community on ideas for future hut improvements, so look out for our questionnaire on Facebook soon.

Thanks to the HEI grant, brighter but more energy efficient lighting has been installed. New double-glazed PVC-u windows have replaced the vandalised one and other older timber windows to keep our heat in. We are now also improving the heating system with a 'Nest' which can be controlled remotely and prevent wasting energy on heating the hut when it's not being used. We are also changing to a green energy provider to help save us money and do our bit for the planet.

Beavers

The Beaver section is currently taking a break from sessions and with the help of our GSL and district leaders they are looking to support additional leaders and helpers including training and session planning. They hope to invite the children back to the colony soon with a fresh approach and lots of energy for all the wonderful activities available in scouting for 6 - 8year olds.



Next community event – Coffee Morning, Saturday 7th March, 10am – 12pm

We won't be waiting until autumn without a bit of fundraising and hope that you'll all be able to join us for our coffee morning on Saturday 7th March. Along with the usual high standard of home baked cakes, there will be raffle prizes and toys for sale. Join us from 10am in the Tom Hauley room.



Hope to see you then and please do get in touch if you would like to help in our organisation. We can always use new ideas, expertise and time from anyone in the village who is passionate about the Harbury Guides and Scout groups. Just email g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook @gassHarbury.

SCOUTS

John Rea

Typical. You spend weeks planning and booking your weekend away, arranging who's coming and where to go, and then at the last minute you learn of an unwelcome attendee that threatens the harmony. That was the case for Harbury Scouts when we discovered that Storm Dennis had decided to come along on our youth hostel weekend at Edale in the Peak District. Should we brave it, or should we cancel?

Well, I'm pleased to say that following some frantic last-minute rearranging (ie cancel the planned all day hike and replace it with a caving activity), then reassure ourselves and parents that going down an old lead mine on the UK's wettest and windiest days on record was a sensible option (we used a professional activity provider, who assured us it was), we went for the former and agreed to go ahead. One of our oldest Scouts Ben W tells the story from his point of view

"Day 1 - On Saturday the 15th of March, at 8:00am, 16 sleep deprived Scouts set off on a long journey in a small minibus to venture on yet another exciting Peak District action setting. Over the next two days, us Scouts would find ourselves reaching the summit of towering hills (ok, we did drive most of the way up) and exploring deep mines. From waterslides to minibus rides the Scout group covered as much variety as possible. Our first destination was a service station (I know, how exciting!) where we found ourselves buying well- overpriced snacks from WH Smiths. I knew there weren't many bargains on. offer when I noticed a small pack of Maltesers cost £3. I got ripped off when I bought 500ml of cola for £2.10 and my friend bought a whole litre of it for £1.50.

Scouts Weekend in the Peak District



Anyway, moving on from my unpleasant experience at the services, we ventured through the treacherous land of the M1 to our next destination near Matlock for caving. Well nearly, we arrived 1 hour early so we went on a small hike. But I had decided not to wear walking boots as we were told that we wouldn't be doing a hike because of storm Dennis (don't remember that! - JR). Soon this small hike was enough for my trainers to slip many a time and in the end I looked more like a troll that had just emerged from a bog than an experienced Scout ready for any form of weather (The Scout motto 'Be Prepared' was proving more difficult than its simplicity seemed). But it was now time for caving and as soon as we entered the cave it gave an eerie atmosphere (probably because the instructor had told us to turn our lights off and walk through the unknown pitch darkness). The tour itself consisted of abseiling, navigation, ghost stories and crawling through small puddles. However, I remained relatively dry and we went back talking about the exciting adventures. When we arrived at Edale Youth Hostel we unpacked (threw everything on the dormitory floor) and arrived for dinner. After dinner we went and had a movie-themed tune quiz, a problem solving test and a map reading skill test then after this we played charades and finished the night watching a film. We then went to bed and got to sleep at about two In the morning (tell me about it! - JR).

Day 2 - After having a cooked English breakfast and ~~gramming every single item of clothing into our bags~~ neatly packing our bags, we headed off for another adventure, this time in The Roaches. I had the job of hiding sweets in rocks before everyone went to find them. Then we shared the sweets that had survived the few people having already eaten them! After this short activity we played 'capture the flag' of which the second round we only lost because a certain member of our team was bribed with sweets and then told the opposition where the flag was (really appreciated). We then set off for our new destination, Water World in Stoke, which consists of slides, rapids and pools. In the wave pool I nearly drowned after trying to race someone whilst swallowing a large chunk of water but I heroically battled through and won a dramatic swimming contest. After this we went on all the cool slides and challenges. We then got out, back into our normal clothes, placed an order in a broken vending machine and stepped into the minibus for one final time.

Thank you very much to all the Scout leaders (John, Paul and Katharine) for another great Scouting weekend adventure."



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.



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

In the Banbury Winter leagues we're now down to the last few matches. In the floodlit format the A team (Steve, Ben, Adam, Caroline and Eira) continued their unbeaten run of matches, with wins away to Hook Norton C (7 -1) and home to Brackley B (7 -1); Floodlit B (Nigel, Josh, Helen and Jane) were narrowly defeated away at Byfield C (3 - 5) Everything I heard about this match included how good the soup was!). So, to the highly anticipated return match of Harbury A vs. Harbury B (this time represented by Colin, Neil, Jane and Emma). The ladies' doubles - Emma and Jane (playing together for the first time in Floodlit B) vs. Eira and Caroline (who have played together for many years) – started with a very long game (long rallies and lots of deuces). Games 2-4 followed a similar pattern. Meanwhile, on the other court, the men's doubles was nearing the end of the first set. As the men completed their match, the ladies were still playing the first set – which Jane and Emma finally won 6-4. The long hard-fought games continued in the second set of the ladies (the men meanwhile played an extra set of tennis to keep warm and still had time for a cup of tea!), but in the end Eira and Caroline took the second set 6-3.

Some people would have been quite happy to stop at that point, but the mixed doubles still had to be played. The B team came out fighting, and the first sets were finished within a point or two of each other, with the A team taking each 6-3. The final result was a 7-1 win to the A team (but it was a lot closer than that in places), the 10th consecutive win to strengthen their position at the top of Division 3. Continuing the hot food trend



started by the B team for the first of these head to head matches, Floodlit A had laid on curry and beer for the post-match refreshments. Although, as it was 9:30pm by the time we sat down to eat, appetites were not what they had been earlier in the evening. In the summer, the players from both floodlit teams will join together to form a single six player team in the Banbury midweek leagues; the team will be playing in division 2 for the first time.

In the weekend format Harbury completed the season's home fixtures with matches against Middleton Cheney and Priors Marston. In the first, Caroline, Clare, Nigel and Colin completed a solid 6-2 win, with a couple of very close tiebreaks in the mixed doubles. Eira and Emma joined Colin and Nigel for the

second match on a very windy afternoon and went down to a 2-6 defeat. The team is currently in third place in Division 2, with three away matches to play.

Our Winter 2019/20 coaching programme, delivered by **coolsportz** coaches Rob West and Elizabeth Holding, caters for Juniors aged 4 to 16 years with Rob running sessions on Thursdays and Elizabeth on Mondays. The Thursday Mini Reds session is in the Village Hall this term. There are also 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.

For more information about the club go to clubspark.lta.org.uk/HarburyTC or contact Colin at sucolmercer@btinternet.com

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p>Lynne Barton</p>
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By the time you read this we will have completed our first ever Local Market on **Saturday 29th February**. We hope to be serving lots of coffee, tea and biscuits and selling loads of raffle tickets. It will be a fund raiser for us, providing much needed toys, equipment and art materials so thank you for supporting us.

Cooking, Painting and Dancing



An eclectic mix which sums up lots of our Toddler experiences. We like to try different things particularly those activities that it is more difficult for the team to provide because of storage. The Cookery Kitchen is wonderful and the



children made squashed tomato pasta which then provided a nutritious, delicious lunch which was hassle free for families.

We enjoyed a 'random' game of Pass the Parcel, left over from our Christmas Party with many requests for an action replay from the children.

AGM

We try our best to host our AGM during one of our usual sessions, chaotic but fun, and everyone gets to comment on the service, make suggestions for the future and indicate with a show of hands to accept and approve the financial report.

For your interest, last year in 2019, we delivered 38 Toddler sessions. The highest number of children attending in any one week was 34 with an average weekly attendance of 22 children. We spent almost £2,000 running the service with significant amounts being spent on paying our rent, buying day to day resources and providing for special guest visitors who add great value to the programme that we are able to offer.

Entrust Care Partnership, a not for profit organisation working with disabled children, young people and families sponsored the Toddler Group via a financial contribution of £760 which has helped us fund, for example, our Summer trip for which we are grateful. We also take the opportunity to thank Harbury Women's Institute and Harbury Carnival for their donations and All Saints Church for allowing us to host one of the coffee mornings.

Toddlers is run and supported by a team of great volunteers: Selina, Lynne, Reg, Judi and Suzi all of whom make a valuable and individual contribution to the Group every week, whether it be celebrating Chinese New Year, entertaining babies, cutting and preparing art activities for 30 plus toddlers or making refreshments.

See you soon

Look out for our new and exciting Calendar for 2020 and make sure you get yours - we wouldn't want you to miss a thing.

If you want to join in the fun then we all 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 at 9.30am saying bye bye at 11.15am. Sessions are just £1.50 and an additional 50p for a second child in your family. Thinking of coming along or need more information? Please do ring Lynne on 01926 612748 or email lynnebarton@btinternet.com



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee

Chinese New Year: At the time of writing last month, the children had been introduced to Chinese New Year.

This continued into February and the children thoroughly enjoyed re-enacting a 'dragon dance'. We took it in turns to move around the room under our homemade Chinese Dragon or bang drums to a beat.



Because we had more children than drums, some of the children asked to make their own. This led to a lovely impromptu drum-making activity!

The children searched the junk modelling materials and chose boxes or tins of different shapes and sizes. They then painted them and after they had dried, we played them proudly using beaters to the tune of some nursery rhymes later on in the day.



Stir Fry!: Thanks to a few of our parents kindly giving up their time to provide support during the sessions, the children were given the opportunity to make a delicious Chinese stir fry for their snack this week. They carefully chopped up a variety of different vegetables using a knife and ate them with their noodles and prawn crackers. We were very impressed that many of them opted to try to use the chopsticks and were very adept at using them!

Recycling: We have been reading a story called 'Harry Saves the Ocean' which is all about a little mouse who saves a whale and his friends by tidying up all the rubbish on the beach so that it no longer contaminates the sea.

We have been thinking about why we need to pick up our rubbish and looking at what and why we recycle. We sorted some rubbish into different bins – paper and cardboard, plastic and metal and general rubbish. The children independently extended the activity outside by filling the trailers with the rubbish and using the tractors to transport it to the different bins.



Team work: It is always a pleasure to see the children work together in their play.

One child decided to try to build a tower bigger than they were. They soon realised they couldn't easily add bricks whilst keeping their tower steady. Without any prompting from staff, four other children joined in and helped support the child in building this awesome tower. They were all very rightly proud of themselves!

Looking forward: When we return after half term, we are looking forward to Pancake Day and eating some tasty pancakes for snack-time.

We will also be joining in with World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. During that week, children will be invited to dress up as their favourite story book characters

and bring in their favourite book to share with their friends at Pre-School.

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



Harbury Primary School

Chris Gibb
Chair of Governors

Dear Harbury community,

During discussions last summer regarding the school's financial situation, parents asked us to explore creating a mechanism whereby donations could be made to the school, to supplement the funds already raised each year by the PTA. We have now fulfilled this request and this letter sets out further details. We know that this will not appeal to everybody and that, for some, it is not possible due to their own circumstances. We never want anyone to feel obliged or that it is expected. We are already extremely grateful for the many other ways that our parents show their support. We were also asked that we tell the wider Harbury community of the initiative, as most people in our village have had, or will have, some connection with the school which is at the heart of our community.

Recently, at our school governors' meetings, we have expressed a growing concern for the financial situation our school faces. Our situation is not unique, as most state-funded primary schools in the country are facing similar challenges. This has led to many schools having to look for other ways to finance key learning experiences or resources in school. As you may know, we have already taken in-house our before and after school provision - 'The Pod' - with the key ambition to provide an expanded and enhanced facility for our children and their working parents. We have been fortunate enough to be able to plan to utilise some income from this for the benefit of all the children in the school.

We would like to assure you that we will do all that we can to assist the school in finding ways to work within whatever budgets we have, to ensure that Harbury Primary School is able to continue to offer an excellent primary school education to all Harbury children. We already look for grants that we might be eligible for (such as Section 106 housing developer funding) as do our extremely proactive and effective PTA of course. The PTA make an invaluable contribution to our school by helping us to be able to kick start learning with things like WOW days and visitors, subsidising trips and of course massive projects such as the 32 new computers the children now benefit from every day. Further information about the current work of the PTA can be found on the school website. Funds raised by new donations will enable the PTA and Governing Body to add to this work and enhance the school experience for all children.

Any amount - however small or large - is much appreciated. Any donations can be completely anonymous if that is your wish, and the donation is made through Virgin Money Giving as described below. Nobody within the school team, the Governing Body or the PTA will have **any** access to anonymous donor details. Acknowledgement and receipt will be provided by Virgin Money Giving.

Payments can be made easily via Virgin Money Giving at www.harburyschool.com/?page_id=16880

If you are a UK taxpayer, your donation will be more valuable to the school if you agree to gift aid. This adds an extra 25% to your donation at no additional cost to you.

Legacies of all sizes are also always appreciated and should be recorded in a Will as to the benefit of Harbury Primary School PTA, Registered Charity number 1040927.

If you are not eligible to give with Gift Aid, or if you represent a business, you may wish to donate directly to the school's bank account, either as a "one off donation" or a "regular donation" by standing order. The school bank details are account number 02676258, sort code 30-98-26. Please let the school know if you make a donation in this way, so we can identify the payments and send you a receipt and letter of thanks, by emailing the following address: Jennings.j1@welearn365.com, or by writing to the Headteacher.

Our Donations Policy is at www.harburyschool.com/wpcontent/uploads/2019/12/Donations-policy-Oct-2019.pdf : please read this for further details before making a donation.

As the school's Governing Body, we have been impressed by what Harbury School has achieved. We are convinced that the school will continue to offer a fantastic education to the children of Harbury. We hope that you agree, and that you will help us support the school in whatever way you can through the challenges ahead. As with many new initiatives, we will conduct a thorough review of its effectiveness and impact after six months.

Thank you for the time you have taken to read this letter, and for any donations you decide to make now or in the future.

Chris Gibb, Chair of Governors

Kate Guymer, Headteacher



Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

I'm happy to say that the hall continues to be very well used, and most of this update is again about our plans to renovate different areas of the building.

The new doors at the back of the Farley room are being installed today. As "fire exits" they are safer, stronger and warmer than the old ones. We are getting quotations to replace the doors between the Farley Room and the main hall, before reflooring and redecorating.

The project to build a new foyer and disabled access has been delayed, but we hope this will be achieved later in this financial year.

Many thanks to the Harbury Folk Club, who recently held their annual concert in the Hall, raising funds for the Hall. They were excellent as usual, but requests for a revolving stage left me a little worried. Maybe an orchestra pit instead??



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Janice Montague

By the time you read this, we may already have held our AGM on Monday 2nd March, but if not, do come along to the Library at 7.30pm to hear about our activities over the last year. The talk by BBC broadcaster Mary Rhodes is certain to be a sell-out success on the 4th, but if you have missed out on tickets keep your eyes open for details of our forthcoming events, including a talk on George Orwell, author of *1984* (featuring the original Big Brother) and *Animal Farm*, at the end of next month.

Many of you will know that we have our own collection of books, the Blue Label Collection (BLC), which has been built up from donations and purchases over the last eight years and which are available to borrow alongside the stock supplied by Warwickshire County Council. We have passed some impressive milestones recently, signing up over 1300 members and having made over 20,000 loans of these books in total. If you would like to have access to them, you need to be a member of Warwickshire Libraries (you can join online if you don't already have a library card) and fill in a form at the issue desk to borrow BLC books. While there, you can also avail yourself of other services, including free access to the **Ancestry family history software, online newspaper archives and information about accessing Warwickshire's collection of e-books, e-magazines and audio books.** We also have a **permanent display of art by local artists, and original greeting cards for sale.** There is the added attraction of **freshly brewed coffee, tea and home baked cakes in Biblio's Café** on Wednesday to Saturday mornings.

Both the Library and the Café are run by volunteers. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with either, or both – no experience is necessary as training will be given – please contact us through one of the methods below, or just come in during our opening hours: 9am-5pm every weekday, 10am – 12 noon Saturdays.

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Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall

We have had a very busy January and February promises to be the same. Sadly, the balloons we put up for our centenary have now been taken down and the display boards too. We have our memories of the celebrations and another positive outcome is that after the event four new applications for membership are now waiting to be approved. We will do so at our next

committee meeting which will be on 9th March but please use the club until I send you a letter of confirmation.

As at today's date, 18th February, there are still 26 members who have not paid their annual subscriptions and by the time you read this article the deadline for doing so, 25th February, will have gone. I have phoned to remind and tried to send emails but some of the addresses have failed. If you have changed email address recently can you let us know via our gmail address - thank you. There is a box full of paid membership cards behind the bar so please pop in to collect and enjoy a drink whilst doing so.

As a result of being much busier with the team games and bookings for the concert room mounting up we have taken the decision to advertise for extra help behind the bar. If you would like to join our happy team in a really good working environment please contact myself on 613103. Why not call into the club and have a chat with bar staff on duty who will be pleased to see you and explain what we do. Have a look to at our Facebook page where Lisa is doing an amazing job and attracting many visitors to the site, to see what events etc are taking place. This seems to be the way that people are communicating these days so we will be constantly updating it. I do not have a Facebook page as I much prefer to speak to people on the phone. I know I am old fashioned but accept that this is a sign of the times. I despair though that the art of good conversation and letter writing is becoming a thing of the past. Rant over!!!!

The Easter family bingo will be held at the Club on Saturday 4th April. Doors open at 7.00pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Cost is just £1 for a book of 8 tickets. Plus a bumper raffle, tickets cost £1 for a strip of 5. The Christmas one was a huge success and we look forward to welcoming everyone again. Non-members are very welcome too. As you know we do not play for money prizes but there will be some fantastic Easter themed prizes to win.

As we have not had any periods of sharp frosts (hope I am not tempting fate !) the plants along either side of the drive are flourishing as are the ones in the four pots. Just a bit of occasional dead heading but a bonus - no watering. As I was tidying up the pots one afternoon recently, several people who take a short cut from Crown Street stopped to say how much they admired the flowers. I gave myself a pat on the back! They do cheer up the entrance. Also a lot of our members have commented on our new signage and said that it makes such a difference to the entry on the drive. Hopefully we will get professional help to cut back the conifers along Crown Street as they are much too tall and the telephone wires are becoming entangled. Steve will shortly be trimming the hedge to half its present height along Hall Lane. This will be beneficial as it will hopefully stop passers by dropping cans and litter underneath and let in more light. It is all systems go as you can see.

At our last committee meeting before the AGM we approved another five new members and three new bookings for the function room, which is fantastic for this early in the year. We focused on the annual accounts. Another donation of £120 has been received from the WI ladies and a letter of thanks has been passed to them. We are so lucky to have such loyal and generous members.

We discussed grant applications as we do need to brighten up the TV room and so much more. We are determined to make even more of an impression on our visitors. We posed for photos taken by Peter who suggested that these be put on our notice board in the foyer alongside our names. How embarrassing that was! But another really good suggestion.

The AGM was held on 17th February and not too many attended but we did a comprehensive advertising campaign via social media, posters throughout the village and in the club. It was so good to announce a profit, the first for three years. Andy went through the accounts and explained various sections to our members. He has reduced a number of our expenses throughout last year which has impacted on the overall finances. He has not taken any wages or honoraria. He urged us to be more proactive in promoting our asset, the club, and all that we can offer. He produced a list of all the various users of the club amounting to almost 30. We will put this on our notice board, please read it. The accounts were accepted. Both myself and Pam gave our annual reports. This time we all used the microphone - weird experience that was. My final remark was to say that who would have thought three years ago when we were in danger of closing that a) we would still be here and b) with increased membership and team games, so here's to a fantastic future.

Under AOB a member proposed that a one off ex gratia payment be made to Andy in recognition of all his hard work. He declined this but was flattered. Before we concluded the meeting Pam asked for more committee members. She then announced that Andy had resigned as treasurer. Andy said that he had not realised that there was so much work involved and since retiring three years ago and with the imminent arrival of another grandchild and a trip to New Zealand it was the right time to leave. He received a huge ovation from all present. Pam and I were then each given a bouquet from him. As I did not get a bouquet for Valentine's day this more than made up for it! We will miss Andy but wish him a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing him on his return. Lisa proposed Sarah as our new treasurer and Peter seconded it. She will not take over until after Andy has returned from his holiday. The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Sorry this has been another long article. Thank you as always for reading this and for your support and lovely compliments, which are very much appreciated.



Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Christine Dakin

In the past we have had polytunnel covers ripped by strong winds so when I saw the forecast for storm Ciara my anxiety levels were high. There is little we can do to prevent damage and although I know worrying is futile it's not easy to feel relaxed at such a time. When the wind was at its worst on the Sunday I tried to keep busy at home with loud music on but kept imagining the clear up which would need doing if the tunnels were wrecked. We were

lucky this time with no tears or rips but I dreaded storm Dennis which was forecast for the following weekend.

We had been drying out but once again it's too wet to go in the garden. If it gets better there will be quite a lot of catching up to do with the jobs.....

- Cut back any perennials which you haven't already done.
- Prune dogwoods, a third of the old stems down to the ground.
- Prune roses
- Sow hardy annuals (bought from Higgledy Garden online)
- If your sweet peas are growing well then pinch out the tips to encourage stronger plants.
- Sow parsnips, broad beans, peas and spring onions.
- Plant onions and shallots.
- Divide large clumps of snowdrops into smaller clumps and spread around the garden.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

There have been two storms in as many weeks. Yesterday I got caught in the hail whilst cycling through Thwaites Estate and sheltered behind a tree near Five Ways. It made me appreciate home, a cup of tea and a hot bath. Earlier that day, Sharon and I had driven up the Fosse from Bath after visiting our family. The Romans chose an excellent line two thousand years ago largely keeping to the well drained high ground of the Cotswolds. South-west of Cirencester is Thames Head where, in better weather, it is a pleasant stroll through the fields to the source of the Thames. In fact, there are many sources of the river with springs bubbling up in a wide arc of countryside. Going south, the Roman line diverts from the modern A423 where the Cotswold Airport is sited. The ancient route becomes a bridleway and provides the county boundary between Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

There were plenty of flooded fields especially in the low-lying land around aptly named Bourton-on-the Water. The water in question is the River Windrush. Streams appear in the limestone areas when the water table rises and are known as winterbournes.

The small cemetery in the wood at Bascote Heath is a favourite stopping point when out on a ride. It is secluded, sheltered and peaceful with a display of snowdrops at this time of the year. Some gravestones are large and

elaborate while others are mere wooden crosses. A new memorial at the far end has the names of six men from Bascote Heath and Stoneythorpe killed during the First World War. It includes Thomas Markham of Ufton who is buried here at his family's request as, before going off to battle, he was the woodman.

We were welcomed back to Warwickshire with a rainbow. Any clear skies were short-lived as my opening paragraph relates. Today, walking up Mill Street to collect the paper I was cheered by the chattering of house sparrows darting in and out of the ivy outside Bird's Cottage. This is a roost for these birds which no doubt shelter together for protection and warmth.

After heavy overnight rain it is common to see a multiplicity of earthworms above ground. Generally, they haven't been drowned as they can tolerate submersion for several days. It is likely that they use the wet conditions to migrate to 'pastures new'. They are hermaphroditic so should not really require a mate. However, cross fertilisation is a way to improve the gene pool. Charles Darwin carried out lots of studies involving earthworms. There is a stone, standing in the grounds of Down House, his home in Kent, that he used in his research. Initially, the stone stood several feet proud of the ground surface. Darwin measured this distance annually as the stone was gradually buried by the action of the worms in turning the soil. They increase fertility, aerating it via their burrows and pulling down vegetable matter into the ground. The higher the worm population the better.

Warm, moist conditions are most suitable for woodlice which are crustaceans, related to crabs and lobsters. They have fourteen legs and an exoskeleton, growing by means of moulting like a caterpillar. Feeding on damp wood, they have a lifespan of about two years. There are some fascinating creatures out there and no doubt young Darwins to study them. Spring is just around the corner. Enjoy it as it unfurls.



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General Section



Harbury Carnival 2020

Only three months to Carnival!

Saturday 13th June sees the return of the fabulous Harbury Carnival.

Put it in your diary and start thinking about your costumes, floats and stalls.

Next month we will have details of who to contact to book your stall etc.

The Carnival Parade will be led by the famous Shirley Pipe Band and, of course, there will be the return of the Dog Show plus many other attractions and on-field events and entertainment.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions please contact Haidee Powell on harburycarnival@gmail.com

Peter Walshe for the Carnival Committee



Harbury Village Show

I know we gardeners talk a lot about the weather but it really feels that it has been raining for a very long time this autumn and winter. Obviously, we are much better off than many people around the country but I'm sure lots of us are itching to get out onto the garden or allotment. Seeds can be started off indoors now – tomatoes, cucumber and chillies can be started off on a window sill and early potatoes can be chitted indoors. Beetroot, broad beans and chard will have to wait for drier conditions.

We award 22 cups and prizes in total at the village show and hope to offer something for everyone. We update the schedule annually hoping to keep it up to date and relevant to people's interests and hobbies. We are also reviewing our prize money for each class as it has fallen somewhat behind inflation!

So perhaps this is the year for you to enter!

Look out next month for more information on this year's schedule.

Village Show Committee

Stratford-on-Avon District Green Party Harbury Meetings

At a recent meeting the Stratford-on-Avon District Green Party agreed to set up a group for Stratford Party members living in the Kenilworth & Southam constituency (Harbury, Ladbroke, Chesterton, Southam, Napton, Stockton, etc). Known as the Southam sub-hub, the group will meet monthly in Harbury.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March at 7.15pm in Harbury Village Club. People who are interested in the Green Party, but not currently members, are welcome to join the meeting from 8.30pm onwards.

Rich Fowler

County Councillor Elections - Harbury Lib Dems

Have you ever thought you could make a difference and if so have you considered being a County Councillor? The Liberal Democrats are actively seeking local candidates for the forthcoming Council elections in 2021. They are holding an open meeting in The Shakespeare, Mill Street, Harbury on Saturday 7th March 10.30am - 12 midday and would love to meet anyone who is interested or wants more information.

Harbury Liberal Democrats

SOUTHAM**FIRST** **Southam's French Street Market – Sunday 5th April**

Southam will once again be hosting the ever-popular French Street Market on Sunday April 5th between 10am and 4pm.

The traders who visit us annually are mostly based in Normandy and travel across the Channel to bring us a fantastic range of tempting French food and produce to try. 'France At Home' have been organising these events for more than 25 years, and together with volunteers from Southam First, they will transform Southam's High Street into a French-style market.



Freshly baked bread, croissants, cakes, biscuits and crêpes are things that the French do really well, and there will be a wonderful variety and style of baking to tempt you. Savoury street food, tartiflette, delicious cheeses, olives from Provence, cooked meats, paté and saucisson, will all be there to persuade you to try something a little different from your traditional Sunday lunch. Beautiful French patisserie, tarts, cakes and pastries will make your teatime special too! There will be hand-made crafts, toys, games, baskets, leather bags and purses, fashions and accessories, vintage music and many more French-themed products that are not normally available on the High Street.

Southam's main High Street will be closed to all vehicles, so everyone can enjoy the market in a safe, traffic-free environment. With plenty of free

parking, this is a family-friendly event and the organisers are hoping to attract both residents and visitors from around the district to enjoy a very special market day in Southam.

Pam McConnell
Southam First



Napton Art Group Easter Exhibition 2020

Napton Art Group are holding their ever-popular Easter Exhibition on Saturday 11th April and Sunday 12th April at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) from 10am until 5pm. On display and for sale will be over 150 paintings and also cards, and craft exhibits. There will also be our usual range of delicious refreshments, a raffle and tombola. The entry charge is £1 for adults and there is no charge for children.

Howard Collerson

Better Broadband

37 Ways to Improve Your Internet Speeds

For some residents, even achieving a fairly modest broadband speed can be quite a challenge, particularly if they are living in areas that haven't yet been upgraded or where they can achieve faster but not yet superfast broadband speeds.

If you are fed up of YouTube or Netflix buffering all the time then Broadband Savvy's 'How To Improve Internet Speed' guide might be able to help. This useful resource contains 37 different methods that you can try to improve your internet speed – all of which have been tried, tested and proven to work by the authors.

The guide provides valuable information on how to test your internet speed, how to access your router settings, how to improve your WiFi speed and top tips and helpful hints on how you can make general improvements to the speeds you are currently able to achieve.

Each of the methods you can try are broken down into an easy to follow step-by-step actions and any technical jargon is explained so that it is easy to understand. So, if you are fed up with slow broadband speeds, some of these methods might be worth a try.

Useful Advice if You Are Thinking of Changing your ISP in 2020

Consumers in the UK face a bewildering choice of providers and networks when trying to find a new home broadband ISP and this is only likely to get worse as a growing number of new ISPs enter this highly competitive market.

If you are looking for a new ISP but find the myriad of options available to you a little bit confusing, the ISPReview's, The UK Best Home Broadband ISP Options for 2020 may be able to help. In the article, their editor's annual pick aims to highlight some of the top ISP options in terms of quality and affordability that are available to you.

Consumer champions 'Which?' have also recently published their report into the best and worst UK broadband providers for 2020. They note that while the best broadband companies offer a great service at a great price, provide a fast connection that you can rely on, and are on hand to help in the rare instance that something goes wrong, many broadband providers still don't deliver on those fronts.

While you have to pay to download the whole report, it is worth noting that this survey is based on the real-life experiences of thousands of customers across the UK and may prove to be money well spent if you are thinking of changing broadband provider and would like further information on choosing your next ISP.

For more information on this, visit: <https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/broadband-deals/article/best-broadband-providers>

CSW Broadband News



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

We would like to thank the many people who have given us so much love, help and support throughout David's illness and after his death. With the help of the doctors at Harbury Surgery, McMillan nurses and Community nurses he was able to die at home which was his wish. We are so grateful to all who cared for him so well, especially in his final weeks. Our thanks especially to the Rev Craig Grocock and Rev Ann Mulley who have been so constant in their care and love for us all. It is hugely appreciated.

Thank you.

Jill Winter and Family

Dear Editors

I wish to thank Gill and John Guilford, Chris, Clare and Benjamin, Dave and Margaret and Bill Timpson for all their kindness on the death of my wife Pearl Sheasby; the support has been most appreciated.

Thanks also to those who generously gave to the collection at the funeral. A total of £315.64 was raised for the Alzheimers Society.

Thank you.

Peter Sheasby & Family

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Harbury Heritage Group, I am writing to thank you for the generous response we have had to our appeal to help refurbish the new Heritage Centre in the grounds of Harbury School. As of 19th February we have received donations of £915.

If you haven't yet donated you can still do so at Harbury Library or via my house at 4, Manor Orchard.

Thank you

Mary Thompson (Treasurer, Harbury Heritage Group)

Dear Editors

Can any of your readers help please?

Last year, a small brewery operated at Harbury and bottled beer was sold at the market. It was called Bumbles Brewhouse, but it is no longer brewing.

Did anyone buy the bottled beer and if so, have any of the empty bottles been kept, with labels? The reason I ask is because for over 50 years I've written books and articles about breweries and also collected bottle labels.

The owner of the former brewery tells me he has no bottles or labels left and I am therefore making this appeal - though I am not optimistic!

Thank you.

Keith Osborne

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2 nd Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm 3.00 - 5.00pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms Messy Church
3 rd Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Said Communion 'Saints Alive' Informal Communion Service Evensong
4 th Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am 12.30pm	Said Communion Sung Eucharist Baptisms
5 th Sunday in the month:	8.00am 10.30am	Said Communion Sung Eucharist
Every Tuesday:	7.30pm	Weekday Said Communion
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2nd and 4th Tuesday of month, 10.30am - 12 noon, Mary Catt, Tel: 612864

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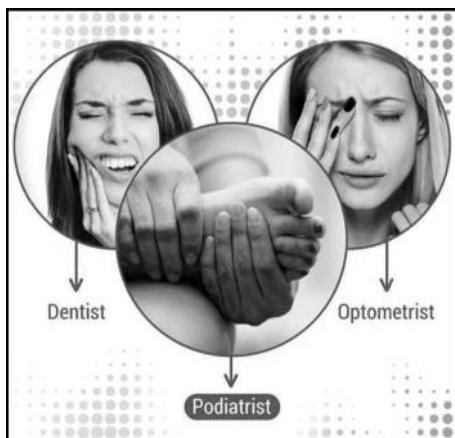


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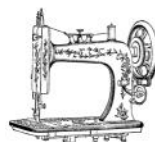
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