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Editorial

It is pleasing that we are getting a few more entries for the Harbury Diary which means that some groups are trying to get back to some normality. However, with winter looming and a number of local lockdowns coming into force around the country, we need to stay on our guard. Remember the 'Hands. Face. Space' campaign to help protect us all and control the spread of the virus in our villages, Warwickshire and further afield.



It is a shame that one of the biggest annual events in Harbury, the Bonfire and Fireworks, will not be going ahead but quite understandable and expected. This event is usually organised by the Guide and Scouts Support Group. The uniformed groups are doing their best to keep sessions going during this difficult time, however they are in need of some support themselves. If you fancy helping out with Cubs or Rainbows, please get in touch with them. They are also looking for a Treasurer, so if finance and account keeping is more your interest, again get in touch. Harbury Juniors Football Club is also seeking an individual with funding application experience.

The Parish Council are extending and improving the seasonal lights this winter. They are also looking to keep the village alight until March, adopting a tradition from the Scandinavian countries. This is known to boost morale and lift spirits - see article.

In Ladbroke you are invited to pack your own Christmas shoe boxes (for boys and girls and families who otherwise would not receive a gift) and deliver to Sue Wright between the 4th and 8th November, see the Ladbroke general section.



Next month the Harbury & Ladbroke News will be publishing Christmas greetings from those villagers who prefer to give donations to charity rather than send individual greetings cards. Please submit these to the magazine in good time and no later than Thursday 26th November.

It is good news that the GASS Christmas Post, delivering all your local cards, will still take place this year, one tradition carrying on during the pandemic.



Harbury Diary

NOVEMBER

Sun 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy Communion, 10.30am

Church is open for private prayers, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Mon 2 Martial Arts, 5.45 - 7.30pm, Village Hall

Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

Wed 4 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
walk in groups of six

Church is open for private prayers, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Slimming World - new members 4.00pm, existing members

5.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall, Tel: Jodie 07771 930568 for details

Sun 8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Short Remembrance Service, 10.30am, call Liz McBride, 612421
to pre-book

Church is open for private prayers, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Mon 9 Martial Arts, 5.45 - 7.30pm, Village Hall

Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

Tue 10 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 6.00 - 8.00pm, places must be
booked in advance and are limited to 4 people

Wed 11 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
walk in groups of six

Church is open for private prayers, 1.00 - 4.00pm

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5.00 - 8.00pm, Village Hall, Tel: Jodie 07771 930568 for details

Sat 14 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 2.00 - 4.00pm, places must be
booked in advance which are limited to 4 people

Sun 15 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Church Service by Zoom, 10.30am

Church is open for private prayers, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Ben Holder's Sunday Afternoon Jazz Special, 3.00pm,

Village Hall, Advance Tickets only - 07515 275655

Mon 16 Martial Arts, 5.45 - 7.30pm, Village Hall

Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

Wed 18 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park -
walk in groups of six

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Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD,
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Sun 22 CHRIST THE KING


Holy Communion, 10.30am, Village Hall

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- Thurs 26 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO:
ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK OR DELIVER TO
HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH STREET BY 5.30PM
Harbury Parish Council, 7.30pm, by Zoom
- Sat 28 Harbury Local Produce Market: 10.00am - 1.00pm, Harbury School
field and playground (entrance in Park Lane)
- Sun 29 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Holy Communion, 10.30am, Village Hall
Church is open for private prayers, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
November	Wed	Fri	
	4	6	Grey Bin
	11	13	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	18	20	Grey Bin
	25	27	Green & Blue Lid Bins
Dec	2	4	Grey Bin
	9	11	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	16	18	Grey Bin



**All Saints
HARBURY**

From the Rector

Rev Andy Batchelor
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I wonder if you have ever been asked what your favourite season is? I would always say summer, because I love the sun and those balmy summer evenings. However, there is always something special too about the change to autumn with the changing colours of the trees, the crisp evenings, and those particular aromas of bonfires, coal fires, and piles of leaves gently decomposing.

But it's also a time for remembering. At this time of year we look back at the past in both sorrow and celebration. This year because of the restrictions, Halloween probably won't include that American import of 'trick or treat' (for which some may be grateful), although I know in Harbury the PTA have organised a 'ghost hunt' for the children to participate in. The annual festival of Halloween has ancient roots, but for Christians became known as All Hallows Eve - a time when we prepare to celebrate All Saints Day on 1st November. Many churches will hold a special service on this Sunday where people will remember loved ones lost and light a candle in their memory. It's a time when we affirm the love that binds us together in life, but also recognise the pain of loss and come together to offer support and care for one another. And that is perhaps particularly poignant in this year of the pandemic.

Then there is bonfire night when we look back to that failed attempt to overthrow the political establishment, something that perhaps has particular resonance in these days of Brexit and the turmoil of the election in the USA. And, of course, on Remembrance Sunday we will once again commemorate those who gave their lives on behalf of others in conflicts since the First World War. In all of this we recognise the fragility of life, and for all of us, the inevitability of death. At this time, we are reminded once again of that ongoing struggle between light and dark, good and evil.

So, as we remember the past, and the people we have loved and lost, we are reminded of all that has brought us to where we are today, and sadly, for all too many of us, that place is not a good place to be. Too many suffer because of human ignorance, greed, selfishness, and the cruelty of a system that simply doesn't care.

But the Christian faith has at its heart the hope of a world transformed. A future where all that has corrupted and contaminated this world will be taken away, where life has overcome death, a world of equality, peace, and justice. So, as we recognise all that the past has brought, we can look forward to God's promise of a better future, along with his challenge to us to help make that vision a reality today.



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

The big event in October in the life of the Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton churches was the start of the ministry of our new parish priest, Rev Andy Batchelor. The Bishop of Warwick led Andy's licensing service on Wednesday 21st October, which was held remotely via Zoom, due to coronavirus restrictions. However, this format enabled many more people from all three parishes to witness the formal but joyous service than would be possible in one socially distanced church service. Please join us in welcoming Andy and his family to Harbury.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Harbury Remembrance Service

A short Remembrance Service will be held at Harbury Church at 10.30am on Sunday 8th November.

There will be no procession to the war memorial. The two minute silence will be kept in church and the names of the fallen will be read out in church as part of the service.

As numbers are very limited due to social distancing rules anyone who wishes to attend must pre-book a seat with Liz McBride on 01926 612421 as soon as possible.

(Please wrap up warmly as the church has no heating).

As an alternative maybe people would like to hold the two minute silence outside their houses at 11.00am and lay their poppies at the war memorial anytime over the period from 8th November to 11th November.

As the winter daylight hours shorten, the church will continue to be open from 1.00-4.00pm on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons for private prayer or if you just want a quiet visit, in a cool but very peaceful building.



Lastly, we are again asking those of you who have not yet contributed to the Church Heating appeal to please consider doing so at this time, if you are able. Donations can be made by cash or cheque payable to Harbury Church and given to Liz McBride (our Treasurer as well as Churchwarden) at 1 Park Lane, CV33 9HX, or by BACS transfer to:

Bank Account name: Harbury Church

Sort Code: 40-42-15

Account Number: 90414298

Reference: HLS

All Saints Church Harbury is a registered charity number 1150990

If you can Gift Aid your donation so that we can reclaim the tax, please add your name, home address and postcode. That increases every £100 given by £25. Or you can collect another donation form to complete from 1 Park Lane.

Thankyou.

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

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





Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

I hope most of us were able to Zoom in to Rev Andy's licencing. Although very different from the usual, and no opportunity for "a bit of a do" afterwards, we were enabled to feel part of this most important event for our Church life. Plus, it made it possible for many of his flock in Cumbria to be there too. The wording brings out the role of a priest to the "cure" (care) of his people, under God's help and with the support of all of us.

Andy's chosen reading, about the lilies of the field, reminded us to trust God instead of worrying about so many day to day things, very relevant to us all at the moment. In the words of his chosen hymn "Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim you are amazing God".

Other notices:

For those who can, the Advent service on 30th November will be streamed on Youtube.

The MU prayer diary together with a new publication in place of Families First, will be sent directly to all members in the new year.

Meanwhile your committee are planning a way of meeting together before too long. And I'm sure we are looking forward to an opportunity to meet and welcome Rev Andy and his family soon.

Till then, keep safe and do contact any of us if you are feeling low or need help.



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the local area, including Harbury. Please bring donations to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm. One of the e-Wheels drivers will be there to receive your donations. Items can also be donated at Harbury Library.

Please observe all the usual safety advice and distancing. Thank you.

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

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

Ladbroke News & Diary

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

Due to Covid restrictions, most events, except those linked with church, are on hold. For up to date details of church services and opening for private prayer, please refer to ladbrokechurch.org.uk



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk



Although a little different from previous years, we were still able to hold a Harvest Thanksgiving service on 11th October. The Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion - many thanks to all those who supplied produce and flowers and to those who made the Church ready. We were able to pass on harvest gifts to Galanos House and the food bank. Rev Ann had prepared a special order of service which enabled a number of the congregation to participate from their pews and we were able to listen to some recorded harvest hymns.

Our new Priest in Charge, Rev Andy Batchelor, has now been licensed. It was good to be able to welcome over 70 computers/devices - so probably well over 100 people - to witness this event on Zoom. By the time this edition is published, Andy will have taken his first services in all his parishes and we look forward to him leading us forward in our worship and ministry.

Our services for the next month will be as follows:

1 st November	10.30am	Family Communion
8 th November	9.00am	Remembrance Day Service
15 th November	10.30am	Zoom Service (no service in Church)
22 nd November	9.00am	Holy Communion
29 th November	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
6 th December	10.30am	Family Communion

Please note that on Remembrance Sunday (8th November) we shall not be able to have our normal village Remembrance Service, both because of the current Covid restrictions and also because the memorial in the Chancel cannot be accessed because of the building works. We shall instead include a short Act of Remembrance within our normal 9.00am service. If you would like to attend this service but are not a regular worshipper, it would be helpful if you could let us know in advance by emailing ladbrokechurch@gmail.com, so that we have some idea of numbers to expect and plan for.

The Church continues to be open for private prayer on Sundays from the morning service until 4.00pm and from 2.00pm - 4.00pm on those Sundays when the service is online.

	Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute	Carol Lane
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The main thing this month is to express our thanks: to the Federation; to the Warwickshire branch and particularly to Joan!

The Federation and Warwickshire branch have been working so hard in organising on-line events and it would take the rest of this magazine to list them all. They have continued to provide the National WI Life magazine and the local Corunna News showing us how other WIs have been managing during this difficult time of not being able to meet.

However, special thanks must go to our secretary Joan. She has kept in touch with the committee and been able to give us information as we will not be holding an AGM at the moment. Not only has she forwarded all the lists of courses but it is always accompanied but a cheery message and an offer for anyone to contact her for a 'natter'. She – and Fifi – have delivered all the Ladbroke Corunna magazines which is much appreciated.

Thanks also to Dianne for her interesting articles for the last few months.



Ladbroke Matters

David Wright



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

Work on renovating the kitchen in the Village Hall is now almost complete. We just need to add a few finishing touches. We hope to be able to use it for the benefit of our community as soon as we can.



Now that the major part of the work on the kitchen is done, we will be renovating parts of the hall roof and we have painted the external cladding. We are also looking into ways of improving the stage area and renovating the hall floor.



We are pleased to announce that the children's play area on the Millennium Green has now re-opened.

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 General Section

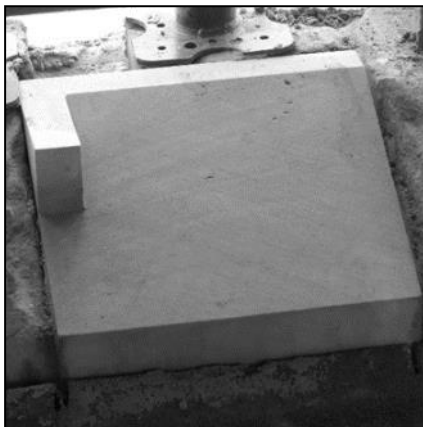
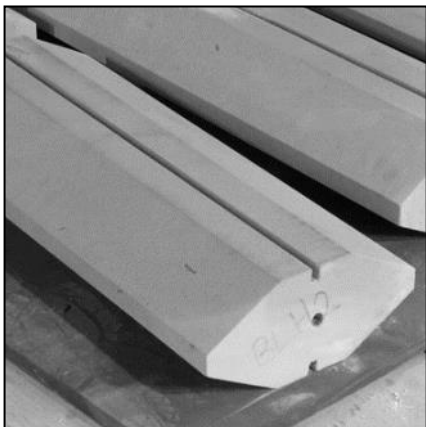


Ladbroke Heritage Project

Out with the old, in with the new

Ladbroke Church's stained glass windows have featured in previous editions of the magazine. This month we take a look at the stone that surrounds the glazing as our contractors have been replacing the mullions and cills (yes that is the correct spelling!) of the high level chancel windows.

A few small sections of this stonework had been replaced before but most was in very poor condition, mind you it had been there for over 500 years! We had an inkling of how bad the mullions were a few years ago and this was confirmed when the stonemasons started removing them. Just take a look at the video on Ladbroke Heritage Facebook page to see pieces so fragile they were easily snapped in two using bare hands!



The new stone for these windows is Darney, a type of sandstone quarried near Hexham, in Northumberland. Blocks were supplied to our stonemasons who then cut these to the right dimensions at their workshop near Flore.

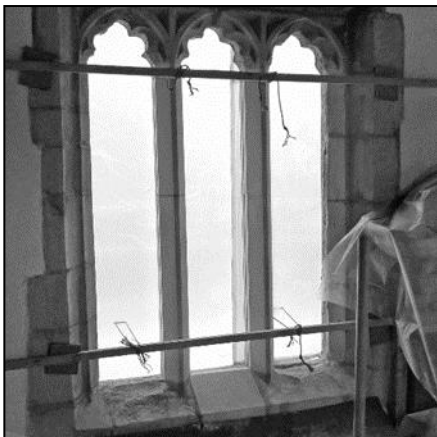
When building with stone it is best to lay it in the same orientation as it originally formed, termed “bed-laid”. It is quarried in huge chunks but they are usually only a metre or so high. Two or more pieces are joined together if vertical stones need to be taller than this, as for our mullions. It is important that the pieces have a good colour match so they look like a single stone ... and there our contractors noticed a problem. Stone being a natural material can vary through the quarry bed. As it is cut wet (because of the dust) the final shade is not seen until it dries out. Some of the pieces supplied were the expected cream colour but others had a gingery hue. They were no good for our church; alternative blocks had to be sent.



Up on the chancel scaffold, the masons removed the failing stonework, carefully propping up the stone above the window. Then, they installed each

new section of cill that was needed. Some of these had a raised part to give a horizontal surface for the mullion to sit on.

Just like the coping stones described in last month's article, when the mullions are fixed in position, it's important to give extra strength against sideways forces such as the wind. Centuries ago, when the windows were originally built, there was probably a pebble inserted into depressions in the two contact surfaces. Nowadays masons use stainless steel rods, called pins. You may, like me, wonder how they could put a pin down into the cill and up into the lintel above when sliding a stone in sideways. I'm told the hole in the upper stone was drilled deeper than the final position and the pin pushed right in, then, when the stones were lined up, the pin partially fell into the hole in the stone below. Clever stuff.



Once the mortar is set the excess raised stone on the cill was chiselled off to give a flush finish with the mullion. The horizontal batons in this picture are just temporary, to hold the plastic covers until the glass returns.

When all the new window stonework is finished the specialist glaziers will come to make templates and can then start leading up the individual pieces of glass. More on how that is done another time.

HOT NEWS (as I write 22nd October)

The clock face came back yesterday and once again we can hear the clock chiming every quarter of an hour. It was not very photogenic from ground level but the expert from Smiths of Derby who fitted it provided this great photo of the face being raised up the scaffold.



Jackie West



From Your District Councillor for Ladbroke, Napton and Fenny Compton

The national news is dominated by the increasing number of Covid-19 cases, with data changing from day to day. Over recent weeks that increasing trend is reflected in Stratford district, although by the time you read this no doubt the total numbers will have changed. I thought it was useful to have some indication of local patterns.

Although the most serious problems are in the north of England and the West Midlands conurbation we must not be complacent here. Earlier in October the number of new positive cases had risen by 3.7 times in a single week (but some of this is because of the Government's under-reporting errors then). The figure for Stratford district on 10th October was 71 per 100,000 population which is equivalent to about five cases for each electoral division, on average. The number of new cases fluctuates though, by time and area. By 20th October Stratford district was at 101 per 100,000. Numbers here, and nearby were:

10 Oct 20 Oct

11	3	Southam, Stockton, Napton
6	5	Feldon (Ladbroke, Harbury, Long & Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton, Priors)
5	10	Kineton, Tysoe
11	7	Dunchurch
5	7	Daventry (average)
4	6	Byfield, Staverton
3	3	Braunston

There is an interactive map on this web site: <https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/>

Whilst not too much should be read into the precision of the numbers, about 1 in 1,000 people are newly infected around Southam. (The nearest major hotspot is Warwick University which has risen from 117 to 196 - or 1 in 33.)

Many say the government messaging is confusing. Covid is transmitted person to person, so keeping your distance from anyone and everyone, regardless of whether or not they are in a group of six, is essential. Wearing masks when you can't keep a long way apart and washing hands frequently, especially when anything outside the home has been touched, are the other requirements. Please keep us all safe.

HS2

In May, I reported HS2 work has been proceeding to divert the A425 through the polo ground - you may have seen the fencing delineating the diverted

route. This temporary realignment would keep the A425 open while a tunnel portal is constructed beneath the line of the existing Leamington to Southam road. This sequence of construction was in the approved and published plan which has been in place since before 2013. Last month, at three week's notice, HS2 decided they would close the A425 for nine months without the 1000m long temporary diversion of the road. This has taken everyone by surprise and to say that all the local councillors in the area are upset would be an understatement. As well as a substantial inconvenience for car and goods vehicle users, there is a big risk of 'rat running' through villages. School and scheduled buses will be disrupted. Because of my personal health and bereavement situation I have not been able to attend the meetings, but I have written to our MP to seek government intervention. Local councillors are unified in this opposition to this action and continue to fight the decision by HS2.

Nigel Rock - 07971 343065

Councillor for Ladbroke, Napton and Fenny Compton Ward
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Love in a Box Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Following on from my previous notice I can now confirm that I will be happy to receive completed shoeboxes any time between Wednesday 4th November and Sunday 8th November inclusive.



The drop-off point is:

Cherry Trees, School Lane, Ladbroke CV47 2BU.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or suggestions on **07768 333675**.

Each one will be greatly appreciated by the children and families.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Sue Wright



Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

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

October 2020 Meeting Report

Public Participation - These Parish Council Meetings continue to attract more and more residents who use Zoom, which allows them, not only to listen in, but to air their concerns about village matters. Several people were concerned about current and proposed road closures.

Tina Gilbert reported that although the road through Deppers Bridge was closed (because of the water leaks) cars and lorries were still forcing their way through. Photos and registration numbers had been sent to both Police and County but no action had been taken as yet. Pam Sholtz supported her comments saying there were “streams of traffic” going through.

Another resident endorsed their complaints and was worried that “heavy traffic” was going over the weak bridge, including huge wagons which then found they could go no further and were having to try to turn round. The imminent closure of the Southam - Leamington Road could cause more HGV's to try to use this route. The water leak had not deterred this traffic.

Chairman Tim Lockley was deeply concerned that the A425 closure would encourage more heavy traffic to use Deppers and Bascote as short cuts whilst these roadworks were still ongoing. There was no enforcement and he too was concerned that HGV's would not use the official route (of 14 extra miles).

PC Matt Simms took these concerns on-board. He acknowledged the warning signs were being moved and explained that only if the weight of heavy lorries was known (they should display their weight limit) could the police take action. The Police could host an “Educational Event” and pull the HGV's over to determine their weight. Tim Lockley and residents of Deppers Bridge suggested early morning or mid-afternoon this coming Monday and Tuesday when the main road is first closed, would be the best times to try this.

Reports - Leaks to the Pre-School roof at the Wight School were to be repaired over half-term.

The Library and Café had new extended opening hours. Only a few pupils at Southam School were “off-sick”. Bookings for the Village Hall had increased but many groups had still not been able to use it. The Energy Initiative had used the Saturday Market to explain its latest projects.

SDC Cllr Jackie Harris's report on planning matters was that changes to the “Site Allocation Plan” for more houses had been voted down as Stratford Cllrs agreed that the eastern side of the District had already taken far too much development. She also reported that in our area there had not been many Covid admissions to hospital.

Southam, Stratford & County Councillor Andy Crump said that Stratford's recent high Covid count was largely due to the number of university students using their home address when actually away at university. There had been only three cases in our area. We have always had enough PPE and limited access to care homes was allowed on a “careful basis”. He would talk to Network Rail about the Deppers Bridge, rail bridge. He had sent videos to the Chief Constable about the problems, and there would be speed surveys there after half-term.

He raised the concerns about signage to HS2, whose attitude “had not been great” and asked them to postpone the A425 work until after Christmas but they would not budge. There was local concern about Covid Security in their compounds with workers using local shops. HS2 had promised that there

would be emergency access for emergency vehicles. He was aware of Deppers' fear that Severn Trent might not have finished repairs to their water pipes (there were two separate leaks) before the main road to Southam was due to be closed.

He had been able to fund projects for the Club's roof, landscaping at the Heritage Centre, the Junior Football Club's goal posts and storage and Pre-School climbing frame.

Planning - No representation on plans at: Yew Trees, Bull Ring Lane which is in the Conservation Area. The materials were "sympathetic" and "in keeping" with the property; No reps on vehicle charging points at Phoenix House. There had been little need for homes uncovered by the Housing Needs Survey so far.

Cllrs were concerned that various recent developments had not yet complied with key planning conditions. The Chairman pointed out for instance, that "Henry's" was supposed to provide a footpath to Bird Walk but this had not been done, and Stratford were not "proactive", relying on the Parish Council to monitor and highlight these instances. He cited the Dovehouse Autos development as a case in point.

Cllr Allen reported the extension to TyNi had been approved by SDC, complaining their Panel listen only to their officers' report. Tim Lockley warned the PC must carefully monitor the project and Cllr Allen insisted that there should be scrutiny of any anti-social working hours and potential subsidence.

Environment - Cllr Gibb had put the latest bus timetables in the bus shelter. Harbury to Leamington Routes, despite HS2, were unchanged and the School ones mainly the same. However, Harbury to Southam services were to go to Bishops Itchington, Ufton and then via Welsh Road to Southam.

Playing Fields - Murphy's had yet to deal with the drainage there and as the area was likely to be flooded by November the Council might have to wait until Spring for any improvements. The quotes for zip wire work and new surfacing for the table tennis area was discussed. Cllrs agreed to engage Nova Sports (who had done other work for the Council) at a cost of £7,012 +VAT.

Other Facilities - The Council had yet to find a company to re-line the car park. They discussed whether to deal with the Cemetery roof first or to have the stone pointed up. They appeared to agree to take the tiles off and replace the laths first, leaving the stonework until later.

There was long discussion about the project to install a defibrillator in the old telephone box at Deppers Bridge. It would need to be properly maintained. Cllrs agreed to canvas the opinions of residents and hoped they would help to check the facility if it were set up.

Cllrs agreed a memorial bench could be placed by the tennis courts in memory of Bill Middleton.

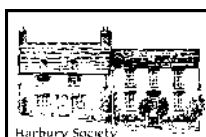
Cllr Lockley announced his project for new Christmas and Winter lights to cheer up the village during the long nights of Winter. The Council wanted to buy new lights to put up in more of the village to help improve resident's mood in the dark days. Lights would include glow spheres, wreaths, stars and festoons, at a cost of about £4,500. They would be put up by the end of November and stay up until the start of March. Cllr Rutherford suggested the Village Hall would be a good spot for a tree with such lights.

Other Matters - Cllr Julie Balch reminded her fellow Councillors there had been complaints about mud on the roads when the farm brought in the maize, but the farm had made great efforts to remove it. She suggested that the PC should write to Trice's showing their appreciation for their new (fresh milk) venture and their efforts to clean up the road.

Next Meeting: 26th November, 7.30pm via Zoom

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

Tim Lockley (Chairman), Keith Thompson (Vice-Chair), Samantha Allen, Julie Balch, Steve Ekins, Chris Gibb, Alan Knowles, Tony Mancell, Andrew Rutherford, Janet Thornley



Harbury Society

Linda Ridgley

I unearthed this article which was originally published in the Warwickshire Journal in 1939.

The South Warwickshire Dialect

Long ago Mary Dormer Harris described our area as "Unknown Warwickshire" saying it had a "strong brogue of its own". I am not sure that "brogue" is quite the right word to describe the speech of the area at that time, but let us continue:

"It is so deep, it is ingrained that many people never lose it, even though they leave Warwickshire for years and travel far."

She goes on:- "It is noticeable more its peculiar intonation and pronunciation than for actual dialect words. It has a pleasant, homely, soothing sound, not as irritating as a cockney twang, less humorous than that of Lancashire, more intelligible than the dialect of Cumberland or Somerset, and less lazy or slurred than that from Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire or Gloucestershire.

A South Warwickshire man speaks s l o w l y and deliberately in a quiet voice with a deep Saxon growl in it. He rarely makes sounds of one syllable, e.g. "there" becomes thee-ur, "floor" becomes floo-ur; "toad" becomes too-ad; "don't" becomes doo-unt.

His usual greeting is "How be ya?" and go is always pronounced "goo". He never wastes words, and often makes a grunt do duty for an answer. Below are two actual roadside conversations.

First man: Hey Ha'ya sold yer 'ay?" Second Man "Ah"

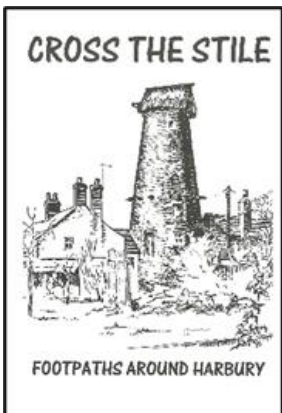
First Man: "So the Lord's took yer old "ooman?" Second Man "Ah an' he's welcome to her. Her were a quarrelsome old too-ad".

A few really old Warwickshire words still used are the following:

"mommered"	(flustered, upset) as in "I were proper mommered, I were."
"swaming"	(dawdling.)
"middling"	(poorly, unwell)
"saded"	(tired, jaded) "I kep'at it, till I were downright saded"
"unked"	(awful) "This weather makes yer feel summat unked"
"dowky"	(bent down, overhanging) "Her always wears dowky hats", "Lift that up it dowks too much"
"yet-a-while"	(for a time) "He b'aint a-coming yet-a while".

Warwickshire farm words of interest are:-

"daglocks"	(dirty, dried locks on a sheep's fleece)
"hassocks"	(rough clumps of grass).
"lytchooks"	(lumps of wet, matted hay.)
"hunts"	(moles)
"slans"	(sloes) (wild damsons)
"clats"	(clots of earth)
"a tup"	(a ram)
"a dilling"	(a small weak one in a farrow or litter)
"besatings" or "cherry-curds"	(the first rick milk from a calving cow)
"keck"	(wild cow-parsley)



This last wildflower with its tall stems and creamy blossoms is a feature of every Warwickshire hedgerow, and was mentioned several times in Shakespeare's plays where it was called "kecksies" so whoever wrote the plays (Shakespeare or Bacon) knew rural Warwickshire well!

Cross the Stile

More contemporarily, our popular publication on local footpath walks Cross the Stile is nearing the end of its current print run - although we do still have quite a few copies left. The Society is looking to publish the Cross the Stile walks on a website where the route descriptions can be downloaded and printed out.

Also, the routes will be able to be downloaded in GPX format to mobile devices that have mapping software loaded. More details in the new year.

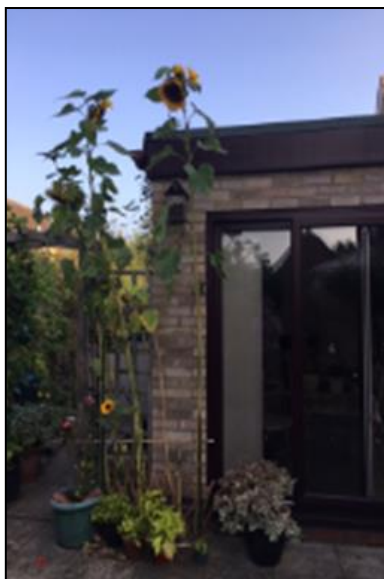
In the meantime, Cross the Stile and our other publication Hungry Harbury - a guide covering the history of the village - are available to purchase at the Library.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

Congratulations to three members - Gillian Hare, Maureen Handle and Jo Spurr who won awards in the Horticultural Show in September. Heather Rogers, Jen Edwards and Gillian Hare are featured in the recently published book "Community Spirit Harbury Lockdown".



**Heather Rogers' tallest
sunflower at over 10 feet - a
giant**



**Peggie Middleton's 10 headed
sunflower**

Our members were challenged to grow sunflowers during the summer - there were 13 entries. Heather Rogers won the prize for the tallest plant - 10ft. Pat Mott won the prize for the largest flower.

Although Denman College has closed, they are providing online courses for payment of £5. Lin Hayes and Janet Mayo have completed a course on Indigo Block Printing and Lin a Hanson's lecture on antiques. There are lots more courses for November advertised on the Warwickshire WI website.

Sadly, we have had to cancel our AGM meeting on 12th November. Members will receive reports online - those who aren't online will receive hard copies. Members will be invited to the meeting on Zoom so they can discuss the reports and vote for the president and committee. Members who can't attend via Zoom are invited to give nominations for president and committee to Anne Mayer or Hilary Scott by 12th November.



Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson



Did you know that Warwickshire has a High Sheriff?

The post is currently held by Joe Greenwell who is a well known figure around Harbury, having lived here with his family since 1981. This is a most prestigious honour and a well deserved one. Joe is a well respected and popular resident of our village; but how did the post of High Sheriff originate?

There have been High Sheriff's for at least 1,000 years. The original "Shire Reeves" were Royal officials appointed to enforce the King's interests in a County, in particular the collection of revenues and the enforcement of law and order.



**Bill Timson, Harbury Heritage Chairman
and Joe Greenwell, High Sheriff of
Warwickshire.**

High Sheriff's had extensive powers. They could act as judges in courts and oversee law and order including the hunting down of criminals by a posse. Sheriffs are mentioned throughout Magna Carta and were clearly fundamental to the running of the Shires. By 1254 the High Sheriff supervised the election to Parliament of two Knights of the Shire.

In the 14th century the High Sheriff's powers became less important but they still played a key role in administration of the courts including looking after the

safety and comfort of the judges. This is the origin of the High Sheriff's modern day duty of care for the well-being of High Court Judges. Further changes came with the creation of Coroners and Justices of the Peace and the establishment of Lord-Lieutenants as the personal representatives of the Sovereign.

Tradition says that Queen Elizabeth I originated the practice of appointing High Sheriff's by pricking their names when the Roll was brought to her while she was engaged in embroidery. Sadly, this is a myth since there is a Sheriff's Roll from the reign of her grandfather where the names are pricked

through vellum. This is in fact an early form of document security. Sheriffs had to collect unpopular taxes, and could be personally liable for any shortfall. There was therefore an incentive to try to **avoid** appointment! No matter how high the bribe, however, no official could disguise a hole pierced through the vellum against the appointee's name. The practice of the Monarch pricking the names of High Sheriffs survives to this day.

In the 19th century, the Sheriff's responsibilities for police, prisons and Crown property were transferred to statutory bodies. Their surviving powers were codified in The Sheriff's Act of 1887. This Act, with subsequent amendments, remains in force to this day. Among other things it confirms the historic process of nomination by the Sovereign.

Today, as well as their involvement with the judiciary and the offices of law and order, the responsibilities conferred upon High Sheriffs by the Crown through warrant from the Privy Council can be summarised as follows:

- Attending Royal visits to the county.
- Attending to High Court Judges on circuit and ensuring their well-being.
- Acting as Returning Officer for parliamentary elections.
- Proclaiming the accession of a new Sovereign and maintaining the loyalty of subjects to the Crown.
- Appointing an Under Sheriff and carrying out various ceremonial functions and nominating a future High Sheriff.

There is more information on the website www.thehighsheriffofwarwickshire.co.uk from where most of this information has been taken.

We were able to open the Heritage Centre in October and Joe paid us an unofficial visit. He was delighted to see the new facility and like our other visitors was impressed by what had been achieved in terms of refurbishment during the pandemic.

We also had a formal visit from Sue Heyes, the Severn Trent Community Fund Officer who came to see how we had spent the money from the grant we were awarded in June.

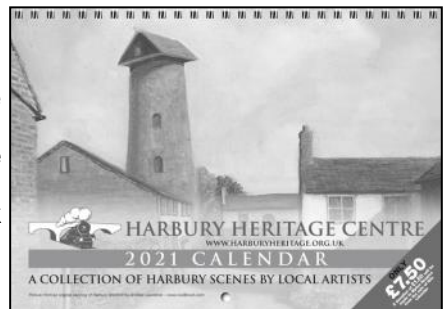
Sue Heyes, Severn Trent Community Fund Officer, presents the grant cheque to Mary Thompson, Heritage Treasurer.





Above: visitors using the Centre

DON'T FORGET to buy your 2021 calendar - see the posters around the village or pick up a flyer from various village outlets. It's also on sale at the library. £1.50 of every calendar sold will be donated to Myton Hospice. Thank you for your support.



Harbury Energy Initiative

Bob Sherman

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The bids are in. The tension mounts (not for you, maybe, but for us it does).

Electrifying

By the time you read this we should know if we have been successful with our bid to the Rural Community Energy Fund for a Stage 2 grant to develop our plan for an electric car charging station behind the village hall. This will take us a big step nearer to our plans being realised, if we are successful. But there will still be the matter of raising the funds to pay for the installation. We are not daunted but we do realise that this is going to be quite a major challenge. It gives us something exciting to do whilst our lives are fenced around with restrictions.

In the meantime we have had quite a lot of interest in what we are doing. Other rural communities have realised that villages are not going to be high on the priorities of schemes to develop the infra-structure needed for the rapidly approaching switch to electric power for cars and vans. We have to do it for ourselves. I have had enquiries from Kent, Lancashire, Wales...and Bishop's Tachbrook. Not quite international in our reach yet.

Although I have written at times about developing a business plan for our project, this does not mean that we are creating a commercial profit-making concern. The idea is for it to be a community business with Harbury e-Wheels and Harbury residents as the main beneficiaries. There will be a price for charging your vehicle but our ambition and intention is that residents of Harbury will pay a lower tariff.

Empowering

This is not the only bid I have been working on with others, as you will have seen in last month's edition. Very recently I submitted a bid to the MCS Charitable Foundation for our Low Carbon Warwickshire Network. By the time I write next month's copy I may know the outcome but I anticipate having to wait a little longer. Most of us gave up trying to predict when we would be able to restore group activities. The importance of this for any network is obvious. You can only achieve so much by remote contact and that doesn't help our plans to connect up rural communities across the county working on carbon reduction, energy efficiency and environmental measures to improve natural diversity. It does not, however, make progress impossible. We can still connect with schools and communities, meet remotely, make plans, share ideas and support real practical action. If you know of other rural communities who might be interested in joining the Network do point them in our direction. They can contact us via lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com or via the Harbury Energy Initiative website www.harburyenergy.co.uk

Neatly fitting into our plans comes a funding scheme from Warwickshire County Council, currently called the Climate Change - Community Investment Fund, due to launch in November sometime. This excellent idea should support quite a lot of local community projects and we will signpost groups to this fund. We are in touch with the county and are now quite well known to them. We have had some reassurance from them in the possibility that the new fund might invest in the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network if our MCS fund bid fails.



Harbury e-Wheels

Bob Sherman

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Harbury e-Wheels has now been back in operation for a few months. Enquiries have been increasing and we are taking more passengers now. We do have plenty of spare capacity still, so if you know people who might need help reaching appointments, with collection of medicines or for any other transport need, do direct them to us via our dedicated inbox

harburyewheels@gmail.com and we will get them registered and set up. We aren't a taxi service but we do try to respond to need.

We also continue to deliver your donated groceries to the food bank in Kinton, from where it is distributed to the increasing number of people locally who need temporary relief from their difficulties. Any surplus goes to Coventry. From my last visit there I understand that they particularly need sugar (of any sort) at the moment. Please do keep the donations coming. We are in the car park every Monday from 11.30am to 12.30pm to receive your donations. This neatly coincides with the library being open, so you can combine the two and feel stimulated and fulfilled twice over.

Thanks to the loyal bunch who supported e-Wheels by joining in the monthly quizzes. These have drawn to a close for now but we will need to find new ways to support the charity financially during a time when our popular fundraising events can't be run. We still hope to have a Harbury Open Gardens weekend next year but with no sign of Covid-19 backing off we can't be sure of anything. Our costs remain much the same regardless of circumstances. We still have to pay for the cars, for insurance, for sanitiser and masks and for electricity use - reduced for now but still a cost. **If you feel that you can support us by raising funds for us in some way, do get in touch...or just do it!**



Guides and Scouts Support

G.A.S.S. Committee

2020 Bonfire and Fireworks event

It's with a heavy heart that we have decided to cancel our biggest annual fundraising event which brings the community together for a night of fireworks and fun. As with many other events planned for 2020, public bonfires cannot operate under the current restrictions and will therefore be put on hold for next year. There will also be no need for the household garden refuse collection around the village for bonfire building, much to the disappointment of our young people and the organisers.

However, keep the date in your diary, Harbury Bonfire will be back and blazing on Saturday 6th November 2021!

What the GASS committee have been doing

Organising the Harbury Beer Festival and the Bonfire usually means that autumn is our busiest time, but this year we have changed our focus to updating and improving the Scout Hut, starting with a thorough deep clean.

So far this term, leaders have done a brilliant job keeping sessions going with small groups of young people doing outdoor only activities but this will be difficult to continue when the weather turns colder. There are several adaptations which need to be made to the Scout Hut such as updated hand washing and toilet facilities, canopies to make better use of the outdoor space and signage/marker spots to keep everyone distanced if sessions run inside.

Luckily, we have had help from a very capable volunteer to find and win us the funds we need.

Volunteer delivery network

Following a very successful letter drop back in April for the Harbury Covid response network, the Parish Council called upon us once again to help distribute their over 55s housing survey letters. Our team did a fantastic job of getting 1,000 letters out to all the Harbury homes within a matter of days and we'd like to thank everyone involved.

Cub leaders needed

Our Cubs section is currently closed due to lack of leaders. Other sections are currently running and we would love to see the 6 to 8 year olds joining in with outdoor scouting activities in the village. Please do get in touch if you can help in any way, no previous experience necessary and the roles can be shared. harburygs1@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer vacancy

If you can find your way around a spreadsheet and work well with finances then we'd love to hear from you. Our Treasurer is a very busy key worker and we would really like to see her focus her time and energy where it is currently most needed. We are happy to tell you more about the role and what's involved, you'll find we are all very friendly and approachable! g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com

Christmas Post

One fundraising event that cannot be stopped by Covid is the Christmas post, the famous GASS post box will once again be appearing inside the Library in December! Please look out for further information on Facebook and in the next Harbury & Ladbroke News edition for more details.



1st Harbury Rainbows

Candida Watson

Harbury Rainbows needs your help!

Can you spare one hour a week to come and have fun with 5 and 6 year old girls? We meet in the Scout Hut on a Tuesday evening. We're in **desperate** need of leaders and helpers and won't be able to continue unless someone steps forward. So, if this is you please give me a call on 07932 528079.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

1st Harbury Rainbows





Harbury Juniors Football Club

John O'Keeffe

Harbury Juniors Football Club seeking an individual with funding application experience or just funding application enthusiasm!

The primary mission of Harbury Juniors Football Club is to provide football for children of all ages from the village and its surrounding areas. The club is aware of various potential sources of funding that could really help us to serve our children and local community better. We are seeking an individual who has previous experience of making a funding application and/or just someone who is simply interested in undertaking a funding application. The funding aspirations would be focused on the medium and long term aims of the club to, in turn, better help the local children that we serve.

It would be envisaged that this would be simply a handful of hours per month. If you think you can help or wish to find out more please contact harburyjuniors.secretary@gmail.com



Harbury Tennis Club

Colin Mercer

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

The easing of restrictions allowed us to start social sessions again in July, and since then they've been very popular, particularly Tuesday evenings. We obviously need to ensure playing arrangements meet Government guidance regarding health, social distancing and hygiene, and with that in mind numbers for each session are limited and the clubhouse remains closed, but still great that we're able to play. We suspended the court booking fee for non-members for two months when restrictions were initially eased. We felt this was the right thing to do our bit to support the community's wellbeing in such difficult times and offer opportunities for outdoor physical activity as tennis was one of the few sports allowed. This was really popular, particularly with families, and a number of people who used the courts have since joined the club and are now "regulars" at our social sessions.

We started our coaching programme in September, delivered by "Coolspartz" coaches. Elizabeth Holding and Rob West who had run the sessions for the last four years moved on to pastures new, having done a fantastic job for Juniors and Adults, and we wish them well in the future. We welcomed new coaches Adam Darby and Scott Smith who are both very experienced LTA accredited Level 3 coaches and have up to date DBS, First Aid and Safeguarding and Child Protection training. They are joined by Lianne Candappa who is a Level 4 coach and set up the programme, now in its fifth year, so is well known to us. Scott is running a "Cardio Tennis" session on Wednesdays, 7.00 - 8.00pm. This is a fun, sociable group fitness class and open to people of all ages and abilities. This is the first time we've been able to offer it at Harbury, and it's proving to be very popular.

The programme is open to members and non-members (small surcharge applies) and individual coaching can be arranged. If you want to sign up for any of the sessions please contact Lianne at: lianne@coolsportz.co.uk or on 07919 104093.

It was great to get back to some competitive league matches with the winter leagues starting in October. We have two teams in the Banbury Winter Floodlit and one in the weekend format. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions post-match refreshments aren't allowed, so visiting teams won't be able to enjoy Harbury's well known hospitality for a while.



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Ourselves: For the first half of this half term, we have been focusing on '*ourselves and our families*'. The children shared some lovely photos of their families and themselves as babies. We have had lots of fun trying to guess who is who from their baby photos and have been looking at how much we have grown and changed.

The children looked in a mirror and studied their facial features, such as the shape of their face, the colour and length of their hair and the position of their eyes, nose, ears and eyebrows. They put pen to paper and have produced some truly wonderful self-portraits which are now proudly on display on the Pre-School wall.



It's Autumn! For the second half of this term, we have been looking at the seasons and talking about the changes that occur between Summer and Autumn. Our role play area has become an Autumn forest area, complete with woodland creatures, leaves, conkers, pine cones, artificial flowers and all things Autumn. Favourite Autumn-related stories we have enjoyed included '*Hodge the Hedgehog*' which we read using props and provided a good opening to discuss hibernation. We have also read '*Owl Babies*' and talked about nocturnal creatures.

We asked the children to take home a paper bag to fill with anything they can find relating to Autumn to make their very own Autumn collages. We have been amazed at the variety of items which the children have spotted while out and about, including different coloured and shaped leaves, conkers, twigs,



berries, feathers, dried grasses, acorns and even sheep wool. Their findings have kept us not short of discussion at circle time as the children have excitedly told us all about what they have collected.

What can we hear? We have been practicing our listening skills using 'listening spheres' (photo above right). The children held up glass pebbles to their ears which encouraged them to sit and listen to the sounds around them. They did some fantastic listening; identifying the sound of the wind, some cars, an aeroplane, people talking and a dog.



Creative work: The creative corner is often one of the busiest areas of the Pre-School. This half term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed painting, drawing and especially, cutting and sticking. They have made some wonderful collages using different materials.

They each have a tray of graphics equipment in their drawers to avoid cross contamination which they are encouraged to self-resource to build up their independence.

Music and Movement: Another firm favourite this half term has been music and movement. We have been playing our action CDs during circle time and every child has joined in with the actions! The children often have their own requests so many days consist of '*10 little monkeys jumping on the bed*' or '*head, shoulders, knees and toes*'.

We have also been loaned some yoga cards so have been enjoying a bit of yoga to wind ourselves down at the end of the day!

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 web site:

www.harburypre-school.org

You can also find us on Facebook.



Village Hall Update

Andy Rutherford

It is still a time for caution for all regular hirers of the Hall. The number of hours per week that the Hall is being used has been slowly increasing, and a lot of activities are again taking place in safety. We do miss some of our regular groups, who simply cannot meet safely at the moment; ball room dancing and children's dancing classes are difficult to manage with social distancing, and sports changing rooms with communal showers are not likely to be required for a while. It could be a "party free" Christmas at the Hall.



Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

Opening Hours - From Monday 2nd November our opening hours will be changing.

The library will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, and on Thursday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Biblio's Cafe will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 9.45am to 12.00 noon, and on Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00. Booking is advised for the 45 minute slots. Takeaway service from inside the building and from the kitchen door will be available.

Repairs - The recent heavy rain has proved too much for the roof and there has been a major leak causing the Pre-School to close. Emergency work was carried out immediately, with a proper repair being carried out over the half term break so that the Pre-School could reopen on 30th October.

Community Hubs - At the end of October a report was launched about "Community Managed Libraries as Community Hubs". The report includes a case study about Harbury Village Library written by Janice Montague, with

another case study about the library in Earlsdon in Coventry. You can find a link to the report on our website.

Calendar and Online Shop - The Harbury Heritage Centre 2021 calendar and British Legion poppies are both now available in the library. The calendar is also available in our online shop together with "Community Spirit: Harbury in Lockdown", other books about Harbury, and gift cards by local artists. That's your Christmas shopping sorted then!

Food Bank - The library is now acting as a collection point for the Food Bank. There will be a box in the foyer for donations whenever the library is open. There will also be a box for donations for the Hedgehog Food Bank.

Christmas Post Box - We're not sure how we're going to do it yet, but we will definitely be hosting the Christmas Post Box again this year. Please watch out for announcements on our Facebook page.



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall



Yet another month has flown by and so much has been happening at our Club. The darts, pool and snooker players are all making very good use of our facilities. We have hosted meetings too and all were very impressed with our high standard of hygiene. For the last two Thursdays a local rock band have been using the concert room to practice. They are excellent and mainly play

David Bowie songs. Once we can have live music performances we will invite them to play for us. Also, we are looking ahead and plan to have open mic type evenings. They were always very well supported so fingers crossed for the not too distant future.

The curry van has been four times now on a Friday and is a permanent feature every two Fridays. The next one being Friday 30th October. The concert room has been really busy with correct social distancing etc. Since we now have table service only for drinks we have numbered our tables and fitted buzzers which makes it easier for our bar staff. Plus, we have Tom to help out on curry van evenings and he has been an absolute star. Everyone who came on Friday 16th October was very impressed with the service they received and we got some very positive feedback on Facebook. We will also be welcoming another new teenager Joshua soon to help out at functions and Tom will take him under his wing.



Our next venture is on Sunday 25th October when we will be showing a Halloween film for children in the concert room called the Haunted Mansion, starring Eddie Murphy and we will have prizes for five lucky children. We have only a very few spaces left so in my next article I can let you know how it all went. Popcorn available too. Then we will be hosting on alternate Saturdays

or Sundays The Smiley Chef serving from the car park. As with the curry van please come inside to either wait for your food or to eat inside and enjoy a drink or two. We provide paper plates and disposable cutlery. The food is mainly Chinese and wraps and very reasonable prices. Something for all the family. Please see our Facebook page to confirm dates.



I hope that you have seen our large notice on the outside wall of the Club advertising Sky Sports. Thank you to Peck and Peter for volunteering to put this in place. They have also installed a new dartboard and surround in the lounge. The space in the TV room is too small so now in an ideal spot. The oche is so clever - a laser beam from the dart board. Come and have a look you will be impressed. It was put to good use when the band were practising and only three players used it so that it did not interfere with our customers at the bottom end of the lounge.

The ideas that our younger committee members are coming up with are just brilliant. We hope to meet up with the Crown and maybe the Shakespeare to see what system we can come up with to support each other. One thought has been a free drink or a token towards food. Gosh your head hurts just thinking about all this. Seriously though, isn't it good that we are considering things as they say "outside the box". I will keep you posted and of course our Facebook page will be the first to let you know of anything new.

The flat roof has been repaired and is no longer leaking, tiles made secure etc and all of the guttering and downpipes around the snooker room have been renewed and it makes such a difference to the appearance, modern and no longer drab. The fence should be started next week - can't wait to see the finished result. We had to take the gazebo down as it became very windy but it is safely stored away for use next year.

Talking of storage, our store room is full to bursting and some of us will be clearing it out as the shelves are bowing with the weight. It is a bit of a health hazard at present. There are some very good unused beer glasses and so much more. We intend to have a car boot sale outside on the car park very soon and anything of use will be hopefully sold and proceeds to the club. We can ensure that not too many people flock around the cars and monitor the flow.

Please come and support the twice weekly bingo; the next one is Friday 23rd October. Our numbers are dwindling so as two ladies from Bishops Itchington who joined us last time found out, a nice way to spend an hour and a half and a chance to win.

The pots have been very good this year as it was difficult due to lockdown to buy bedding and other plants. How we miss Greenleaf Nursery that was in Southam. I have been pleased with the plants I bought from the National Herb Centre and Farnborough Nurseries. I intend to replace the plants in the next two weeks and some of the ones along the drive have been really spectacular this year. The heucheras put on such a show - very good value for money plants.

Our next committee meeting is on Monday 26th October and rest assured anything you want to be discussed will be. Obviously, we now close at 10.00pm and a big thank you to our members and non-members for adhering to this and wearing a face mask on entry and exit. We are perfectly safe as I said before as tables are sanitised after use and a record of names kept for test and trace. It actually feels like the new norm! We have had eight new members recently and if you join now your membership payment will cover the rest of 2020 and the whole of 2021. We are now having smaller kegs of beer so less wastage, plus we now have Guinness on tap which I am reliably informed is excellent. We take on board what members prefer to drink and follow up your requests.

I have been enjoying being back at Upton House where I volunteer as a room guide. We have been very busy and all who have visited us are just grateful to go out somewhere. Even though the whole house is not yet open, our fabulous art collection and Sevres porcelain have been much admired. So nice too to get asked questions about the wonderful Bearstead family and to share all of their good and kind deeds. From November we will open for four days from Friday to Monday and from 12.00 noon to 3.30pm. The only drawback is that as we have to have a through flow of air it can get very cold so we will all be wearing extra layers! Do come and say hello. Waddesdon Manor will not be opening the house this Christmas but there will be a Christmas market and a huge light display. Well worth a visit but book online first.

Still busy at my allotments and still picking runner beans, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, beetroot, herbs, sweetcorn and so many butternut squashes. I have made a spicy butternut squash soup, very tasty. The winter digging has started too and the tame blackbirds and robins are always on the lookout for worms. I have been happy to oblige them. So rewarding to spend the time there and speaking to passers-by, even giving away the odd butternut squash.... you have been warned!



Looking forward to a hopefully busy month at the Club and hope to see everyone at some point. As ever thank you for your feedback and kind words. It makes all that we do very worthwhile. My very best wishes to you all.

	<p>Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery</p> <p>Christine Dakin</p>
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The prospect of cold, dark days ahead with the added uncertainty of having further restrictions due to the coronavirus will be causing some anxiety for many of us. Please remember that gardening is good for mind and body so here are a few things to do to keep you occupied for the next few weeks.

- Plant new plants.

- Move plants if they are in the 'wrong' place.
- Make plans for next year: a new border perhaps?
- Sow broad beans.
- Plant garlic.
- Sow sweet peas.
- Be ruthless with plants which don't grow well or which you don't really like, get rid of them and get something nicer.
- Rake up leaves.
- Put compost (homemade) on the borders.
- Get seed catalogues and order something new and different for next year.
- Be ready to protect tender plants if the temperatures fall.

Above all, make the most of the sunshine; it could help us all feel a bit more positive.

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Nature Notes

John Hancock

Whilst digging over our vegetable patch which I had let go a bit, Sharon was entertained by a robin. It returned to encourage her efforts over several days, emerging from the nearby hedge and sometimes advertising its arrival with its tic-tic call. Our national bird needs no description. Both sexes have the trademark red breast.

Robins have no doubt learned that human beings are generally friendly as we unearth tasty morsels and leave handy nesting sites including old kettles, saucepans and bigger items like abandoned cars. It's a member of the Thrush and Chat family which includes larger birds like Thrush and Blackbird as well as robin-sized birds such as Redstart, Stonechat and Nightingale. In Chaucer's writings, which predate the word Robin, the name Ruddock features.

Gilbert White's 'Natural History of Selborne', where he spent his working life as curate, is always a pleasure to re-read as he was the first great English field naturalist. At one time when friends were living there, we regularly visited this beautiful Hampshire village. Sharon was there in October 1987 when the 'Hurricane' brought down many trees including a superb avenue of oaks near our friends' cottage. Writing to the Honourable Daines Barrington in 1770, the Rev White says *'As to the Red-breast and Wren, it is well known to the most*

incurious observer that they whistle the year round, hard frost excepted.' Redbreast was the common name in the 18th century and Robin yet to come.

I've walked over the playing fields in Harbury uncountable times as it's such a good place to start a ramble. Coming towards Bishops Itchington via Pineham Farm and crossing Bush Heath Road, the ground begins to slope towards the lip of the quarry. Here, before heavy machinery took over in the early 20th century, some wondrous creatures were exposed or at least their fossilized skeletons. A Plesiosaurus some 18 feet long was excavated in 1927 and an Ichthyosaurus 30 foot in length was found in 1928. Both marine dinosaurs were sent to the Natural History Museum in London. Photographs can be seen in 'Hungry Harbury', the Harbury Society booklet published in 1980 and available at the Library.

Now, with the abandoned quarry full of water, it does not take much imagination to expect one of those denizens of the deep to surface or even jump across the intervening years - only 250 million of them.

Outside Harbury Village Hall, sweet chestnut trees are thriving. After the strong winds of late it is worth collecting some of the fallen nuts which are well protected in their prickly cases. This has given us a chance to get out our special pan equipped with holes to enable roasting of chestnuts on the hob. The taste takes me back to my time with the village Scout troop when we used to roast chestnuts to sell to people queuing for the Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall.

It has warmed up after a cold spell. Today, 20th October, the temperature rose to 16°C and fungi put on a burst of fruiting. I am happy, when looking for mushrooms, that I will not mistake the edible for the poisonous. It is not so with other fungi and I probably miss enjoying a range of palatable species. One of these is the Shaggy Ink Cap or Lawyer's Wig. Today, a lawn I passed was sprinkled with this striking species. The caps are covered with scales. The gills beneath the cap are white at first but then shade to pink and finally to black secreting a black liquid full of spores so definitely not edible after the initial stages.

The countryside south and east of Ladbroke, in a large swathe, is largely devoid of habitations certainly of village size. Farm sites such as Radbourne, Watergall, Hodnell and Chapel Ascote were villages in medieval times. I'm looking forward to purchasing a copy of Linda Doyle's book as advertised in last month's Harbury & Ladbroke News. We have such a cornucopia of local history on our doorstep.





General Section



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

Further to our article in last month's magazine. Just a reminder that poppy merchandise is still available from the following village outlets:



- Bull Ring Garage
- Harbury Village Club
- Harbury Supermarket
- The Fosse Garage
- The Salon
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Thank you for your support.

Gill Holden & Nicola Thompson

Harbury Senior Citizens Committee Update

You may have noticed that in recent editions of the Harbury News there have been no updates regarding plans for our usual events. This should not have been a surprise since everything has been in suspended animation awaiting some spark to get everything going again. Unfortunately, we do not think that spark will come for quite a while.



Having cancelled the summer outing (and where we would have gone will remain a mystery, as we may go there next year), we are sorry to say that we have had to cancel the Christmas party.

We are aware that this event is looked forward to by everyone who comes along and indeed by all of us who organise it and take part in the myriad of tasks involved in its success. It is our main event of the year which usually gets about 120 guests.

As usual, the party would have been on the second Saturday in December, so this year it would have been the 12th December. Hopefully, on that day you will remember all of the parties you have attended in the past and the fond memories (or otherwise), that you have.

Meanwhile, we hope that you all stay safe this winter and that next year will be different.

Mike McBride

On behalf of the Harbury Senior Citizens Benefit Association



Wednesday Walks

No doubt many of us saw the footage of the slaughter of the Cubbington pear tree. We had already planned a final pilgrimage to it at blossom time in April before our walks stopped. But our modified meetings are now in a pattern: from the car park in groups of six. So, we are sharing the pleasure of the lovely autumn colours with catching up with our friends. The talk is as beneficial as the walk, especially for those who live alone or without family near. And it feels as safe as possible with lots of very fresh air!

Gillian Hare



Banishing the Winter Blues

With the prospect of a long dark winter ahead of us, and with socialising and festive fun curtailed due to Covid, the Parish Council has decided to extend and improve the seasonal lights this winter. We hope this will brighten up the village (both literally and emotionally). While we have always had a good display of Christmas lights (shout out to Frances Road!), January can seem very depressing when all the lights get taken down. So, this year, we are following the lead of many Scandinavian countries, where long dark nights are common, and extending our lights until 1st March. The lights will generally be seasonal, not Christmas ones (and we will turn off explicitly Christmas ones), and we hope that the rest of the village will want to join in as well. In addition to the rope lights, we will be getting some globes, stars and wreaths. If you would like to join in and match the village scheme, then we can supply the lights at trade prices. Please contact Julie Young (julie@pagato.co.uk) by 12th November. The lights will be put up on the last weekend in November and we are always looking for new recruits to help with the process! If you are able to help please email Brian Young (brian@pagato.co.uk).

Tim Lockley
Harbury Parish Council



Harbury Golf Classic

This year's Harbury Golf Classic at Leamington Golf Classic saw a debut win for John Freeman with an impressive score of 45 points. David Thistlethwaite was the runner up with 36 points. A great day on a great course on a delightful autumn afternoon. Well played John.

Andy Shiell



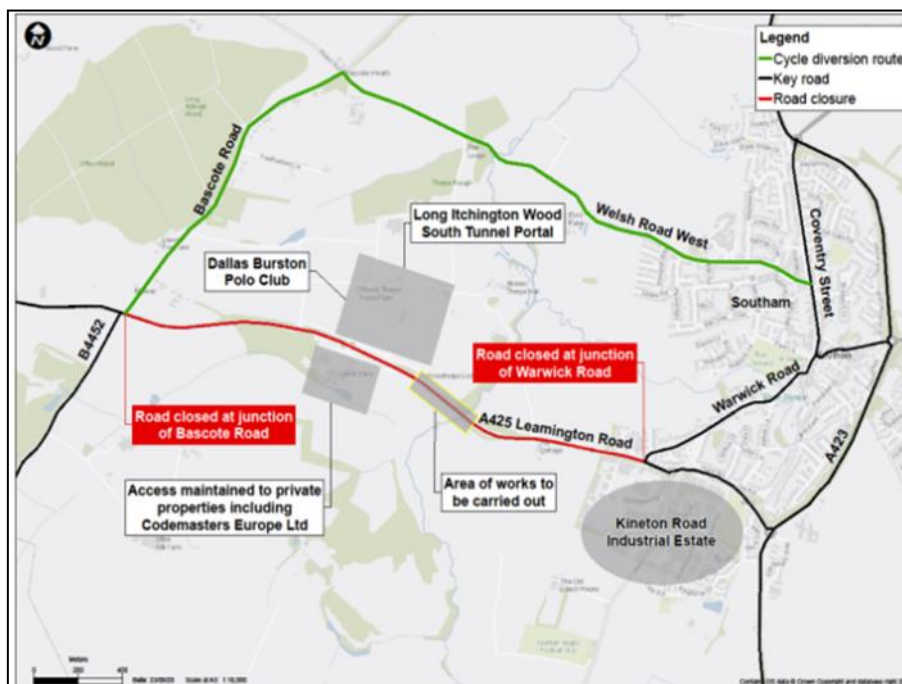
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HS2 Works Notification: A reminder that the A425 Leamington Road near to the Polo Grounds Southam is now closed for a period of up to nine months.

Our works require us to safely excavate a 15-metre-deep trench and construct the 'cut-and-cover' section of the Long Itchington Wood Tunnel.

A diversion is in place for cyclists and road users.



Access will be maintained for businesses and residents within the section of the road that is closed. We will be installing "Businesses open as usual" signs for businesses leading up to the road closure.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

HS2 Team

The Warwickshire County Council roadworks map website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmmap> is also saying that there are road works due at Deppers Bridge between the 2nd and 20th November. It does not specify what these are but it might be as well to be aware of them.

Editors



Southam Heritage Collection

We would like to congratulate Harbury Heritage Centre in creating such a fine workplace for Harbury's historical archives and encourage village inhabitants to support and make use of their superb facility at the school.

If anyone has a wider historical interest not covered by Harbury Heritage Centre, please feel free to ask us at the Southam Heritage Collection. We are now open on Thursday and Saturday mornings, 10am - 12 noon, in Tithe Place by the Library entrance. We can't open our indoor exhibitions, but instead we are open as a shop to sell local history publications, Christmas cards and our historical calendar, and our High Street and atrium windows hold mini-exhibitions that can be viewed from outside. Included in our selection of cards are ones of Ladbroke Church and Harbury Church, painted by local artists.

Linda Doyle
www.southamheritage.org



Join Our Drive to Change Lives

Before coronavirus struck, demand for community transport was rising dramatically in Warwickshire, driven by the needs of some of our most vulnerable residents. Those who needed help to get to hospitals and health services ... to stroke clubs, dance classes and many more social activities. To do things many of us then took for granted! And until March, when the pandemic hit, this was what VASA helped to provide every day. Our services help change people's lives, as you can see from Helen and Malcolm's story shared here. We're really looking forward to helping Helen and many passengers like her when it's safe for our full services to resume again.

In the meantime, we've managed to restart our transport service for medical appointments thanks to our fantastic team of volunteers. Community spirit is

at an all-time high and we need you to help us keep up the great work too! We're keen to recruit more drivers as soon as possible as demand is starting to rise again and more people need to get to medical appointments. Here's how you can help our vulnerable passengers as a volunteer ...

For some people, you may be the only person they can chat to that day. Knowing they can rely on someone who'll turn up on time, drive them to the right place and be ready to collect them after their appointment, makes them feel more confident and less stressed. And community transport is usually much cheaper than using taxis.

As a volunteer driver, you'll enjoy flexible hours to suit your lifestyle. The work may be challenging and also great fun! You can make a difference to other people's lives in a very short time - and it can change your life too, giving you new interests and confidence.

We've taken every precaution to make our service as safe and supportive as possible for drivers and passengers alike. This includes providing volunteers with a written agreement, detailed guidance and procedures to follow, PPE (including face masks for drivers and passengers) and practical advice.

Can you join our drive to change lives as a community transport driver?

If you're interested in volunteering, please get in touch immediately: call VASA on 01789 262889 or email emma@vasa.org.uk. We'd like to hear from you even if you can't start straight away.



Malcolm, volunteer driver, with Helen

Helen and Malcolm's story

Helen and Malcolm first met two years ago and haven't stopped chatting since! Helen wanted more independence as she reached her 20s, preferring not to rely on family members for lifts. Malcolm was recently widowed and was at a loss to know what to do - until his family suggested volunteer driving. *"I hadn't expected to find someone I got on as well with as Malcolm,"* explains Helen. *"We laugh and chat all the time and he's so reliable."* And it feels like he's part of her family, too!

Malcolm and Helen have driven thousands of miles to keep up with all her interests. Studying Counselling at Coventry University, Helen has

volunteered with Guy's Gift, and is passionate about Wheelchair Dance, competing at national level (and having appeared on Midlands Today). Until recently, she attended weekly classes in Birmingham and trained and



Helen, competing in a wheelchair dance event

competed regularly - and Malcolm would always be there, having added a newfound passion for Wheelchair Dance to his other favourite social activity, playing snooker! *"It was lovely to see all the dancers together - it was a great addition to my social life,"* he says.

**Emma McCappin
VASA**



Warwickshire Trading Standards

Green Homes Grant

The Government has launched its 'Green Homes Grant,' created to improve the energy efficiency of homes and boost the economy.

Only approved and checked traders can carry out the work agreed through the grant scheme. However, Trading Standards are concerned that rogue traders may attempt to exploit the scheme.

Warwickshire Trading Standards wants to ensure that Warwickshire residents wishing to take advantage of the scheme, access the home improvements voucher in the correct way.

1. Say no to cold callers.
2. Apply for a voucher first, not all improvements are in the scheme
3. Don't be rushed in to making a quick decision
4. For full scheme details, including help to find a trustworthy installer, visit:

<https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-grant>

Don't fund fraudsters, do your homework, and support good traders.

Amazon Phone Scam Resurfaces

Several Warwickshire residents have recently reported Amazon related phone scams. These include being asked for a £39 payment over the phone to 'renew' their Amazon account. Consumer magazine WHICH reported on this scam in March: <https://conversation.which.co.uk/money/amazon-prime-renewal-scam-phone-call/>

Cold Call Loan Offers

Warwickshire residents have reported receiving unexpected phone calls claiming they have been 'approved' for a loan. Bogus offers of loans usually involve people being asked for an upfront payment to receive the loan. When the payment is made the fraudster disappears. No loan is ever paid. Never accept offers of loans from cold callers.



Bogus Texts

Warwickshire residents are reporting bogus texts, some that appear amongst genuine threads of texts from banks, other service providers or retailers. One Warwickshire resident reported receiving a bogus text from the Halifax bank stating that his online account would be cancelled if he didn't log in to it via a link in the text. Another reported receiving a scam O2 text stating that 'we were unable to process your latest payment' and requesting the recipient 'login and update your information' to 'avoid late fees'. Again, a bogus link was provided. A third said she had received a bogus PayPal text stating that her 'billing address needs to be updated' and that therefore her account had been placed temporarily on hold. To 'resolve' the matter, again, she was directed to a scam web page via a link.

Most of these scam texts contain a link that directs the recipients to a fake login page from which usernames and passwords can be stolen. Never log into a web account via a link in an email. Always log in via the company official website or app.

Bitcoin Investment Fraudsters Target Warwickshire Residents

Investors are warned to beware of approaches from fraudsters via social media, offering huge profits from Bitcoin investing. Trading Standards has received reports of residents losing hundreds of pounds after transferring money to people who claimed they could invest the money in Bitcoin for large profits. When no profits are forthcoming, the victims of the fraud are usually asked to pay hundreds more to see their non-existent gains!

Financial advice on products can only be provided by FCA regulated firms. Financial guidance is a much broader term and includes more general information about financial products. Anyone can give financial guidance, but they will not recommend a specific course of action to you or give a personal recommendation about how you should invest. Guidance can include information about different types of investments or general principles for you to consider when investing.

Further information can be found here:

Financial Conduct Authority: <https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart>

WHICH: <https://www.which.co.uk/money/investing/financial-advice>

Bogus Tax Returns

Warwickshire residents have reported receiving cold calls from fraudsters offering to assist people to make a tax return claim. The fraudster requests a copy of the person's payslip or P45 before claiming they will be able to obtain several thousand pounds from HMRC. The catch is that they ask for a smaller upfront payment. At this point the fraudster stops taking calls from the scam victim and no tax refund is ever paid.



DVLA Phishing Email

Beware bogus DVLA phishing emails that state that there are 'irregularities with your current profile', (whatever that is), and direct you to an online form to 'update your details'. Many crude phishing emails direct you to online forms designed to steal personal and financial information. Delete phishing emails!

New hotline launched to report COVID fraudsters

A new hotline has been launched to stop fraudsters illegally targeting COVID stimulus schemes.



In an initiative between government and the independent charity Crimestoppers, the public can now call a new **COVID Fraud Hotline (0800 587 5030)** anonymously and free of charge to report suspected fraudulent activity.

Over 150 COVID support schemes have been introduced by the government to help those struggling financially, but a minority of individuals have been abusing these schemes by claiming support illegally.

Although fraud is a hidden crime and can take time to be discovered, the public can still look out for tell-tale signs. These can include unusual buying activity by companies and individuals, as well as cold calling by those falsely claiming to be from the government, offering money for schemes.

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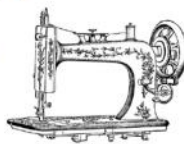


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