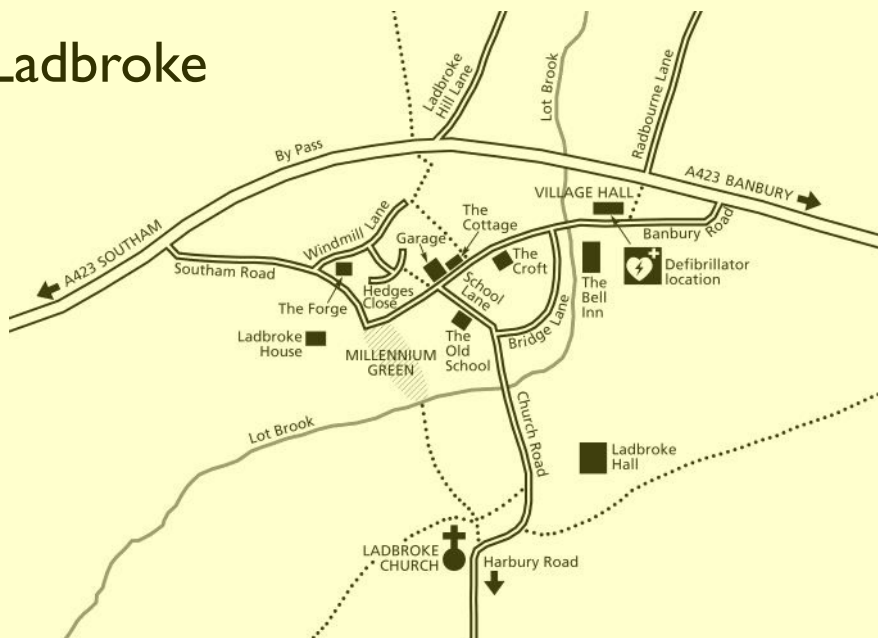




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## Editorial



In July, we saw the retirement of Dr Colin Snowdon who has worked as a GP Partner at Harbury and Bishops Itchington Surgeries since 1992. We are sure that his calm, pleasant and professional manner will be much missed. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Well done to the team who organised the Garden Walkabout in July. It was so nice to be able to wander around the beautiful gardens and for many, a chance to catch up with villagers they had not seen in a while. Not forgetting the chance to enjoy a cuppa and a lovely piece of cake!

As well as being open for visitors on designated days each month, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Harbury Heritage Centre will be holding their Village Treasure Hunt. This will be an informative and enjoyable afternoon for all the family and there will also be a chance to win a prize! Details about this are on page 24.

The Village Club is also holding a number of events in August. Family Bingo, a Quiz Night, a Car Boot Sale and a members' Family BBQ. Membership application forms are available from the Club and new members are always welcome.

Looking forward to September, don't forget that on the 11<sup>th</sup> we will see the return of the Village Show in its usual format in Harbury Village Hall. Schedules are available from the Library and Supermarket or can be downloaded from the website - [harburyvillageshow.uk](http://harburyvillageshow.uk). Do think about entering one of the classes, be it showing off your vegetables, fruit or flowers, baking an orange and sultana cake or exhibiting your arts and crafts. Entry forms should be sent in by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

With a wedding, Memorial Service and several baptisms planned next month, Ladbrooke's Church repairs have been forging ahead. A busy summer activity programme is underway - from family Geology sessions to guided village tours and a photography competition open to all. Then in September, for the Heritage Open Days, there will be recorded talks and an exhibition in the Church. An autumn drama is also on the cards about Alice and Robert Dudley.

Finally, our congratulations go to Ian Hunt and Louise Tromans on their July wedding at Harbury Church. Our condolences go to the family of Peter Sydney Lloyd.



# Harbury Diary

## AUGUST

- Sat 7 Family Bingo, 7.30 for 8.00pm start, Harbury Village Club
- Sun 8 **TRINITY 10**  
 Holy Communion, 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall  
 Harbury Wheelbarrow Race Day, race starting 12.30pm from the Crown Inn. Individual Wheelbarrow Displays from 10.00am  
 Bicycle Repair Clinic, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Wight School Car Park
- Mon 9 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 10 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 6.30pm, Primary School  
 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 11 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Loxley (4 miles flat)  
 Harbury WI, Games Afternoon, 2.30 - 4.30pm, Village Hall Grounds  
 Slimming World, from 5.30pm to 8.10pm, two sessions, Harbury Village Hall
- Thurs 12 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room
- Sat 14 Quiz Night in aid of the Guide Dogs, starts 8.00pm, Harbury Village Club
- Sun 15 **TRINITY 11**  
 All Age Holy Communion 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall  
 Car Boot Sale, 10.00am, Harbury Village Club
- Mon 16 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 17 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm,  
 All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 18 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Priors Marston (3 miles one hill)  
 Connections (Dementia) Café, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Slimming World, from 5.30pm to 8.10pm, two sessions, Harbury Village Hall
- Thurs 19 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
 Moths to Flame Activity Afternoon, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Harbury Village Library
- Fri 20 Ben and Soph's Jazz Night, doors open 6.30pm, show between 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall - 07515 275655 for tickets, email: steppelli@yahoo.co.uk

- Fri 20 ADVERTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE TO 36 MANOR ORCHARD, HARBURY OR EMAIL ADVERTISING@HLNEWS.CO.UK
- Sun 22 TRINITY 12**  
 Holy Communion 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall  
 Harbury Heritage Centre 'Village Treasure Hunt,' from 2pm, starts at the Heritage Centre, Primary School, Park Lane entrance  
 Members' Family BBQ, from 3.00pm, Harbury Village Club
- Mon 23 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall
- Tue 24 Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Parish Church 'Surgery' evening, 7.00pm, All Saints' Church, Harbury
- Wed 25 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park - Bubbenhall (4.5 miles)  
 Slimming World, from 5.30pm to 8.10pm, two sessions, Harbury Village Hall
- Thurs 26 Holy Communion Service, 10.00am, Tom Hauley Room  
 ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE TO: HARBURY PHARMACY, HIGH ST OR EMAIL TO ARTICLES@HLNEWS.CO.UK BY 5.30PM
- Sat 28 Harbury Local Market, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 29 TRINITY 13**  
 Holy Communion 10.30am  
 Zumba, 9.00am - 10.00am, Village Hall
- Mon 30 Badminton, 10.00am - 12 noon, Village Hall  
 Martial Arts, 5.30pm, Village Hall  
 Yoga, 8.00 - 9.00pm, Village Hall

## SEPTEMBER


- Wed 1 Wednesday Walk, meet 9.40am, Village Hall Car Park – TBA  
 Mothers Union Communion Service and Tea, 2.00pm, Church/Tom Hauley Room - Julie Bachelor: "A Vicar's Wife"
- Fri 3 Children's Recycling Poster Competition deadline, 4.00pm, the Library
- Tue 7 MeetingPoint lunch, 12.30pm, Crown Inn, Harbury  
 Harbury Heritage Centre open, 6.30pm, Primary School
- Wed 8 Pleasant Pastimes, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Tom Hauley Room  
 Deadline for entries for Village Show, no later than 6.00pm today

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	25	27	Grey Bin
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	8	10	Grey Bin
	15	17	Green & Blue Lid Bins

 <b>All Saints HARBURY</b>	<h2>From the Rector</h2>	<b>Rev Andy Batchelor</b>
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As I write this article we are one week into the new relaxed Covid restrictions and have seen the encouraging news that infection rates are now dropping after the recent peak caused by the Delta variant of the virus. There is now great concern about the national effects of the so-called 'pingdemic' and the possible introduction of vaccination 'passports' to certain venues. The wardens, PCC's and myself have been meeting to discuss how we move forward as worshipping communities, after a long period where our buildings were closed or our services restricted in so many ways from what we were used to. Harbury have decided to remain cautious for the time being, while Ladbroke have felt more able to relax the restrictions and have been able to sing together for the first time in many months - something we rejoiced in, even if our voices end up somewhat hoarse after being out of practice for so long! Like our two churches, people can have varying views on the relaxation of the rules, and each personal decision can be based on perfectly valid reasons. What has concerned me about the current national debate is how polarised it has become and how unwilling people are to accept other points of view.

The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians '*And now faith, hope and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love*'. How much we need those qualities today. Faith that God holds the future in his hands and will always be by our side whatever life brings. Hope that brighter days do indeed lie ahead. But also love - which should be at the heart of our dealings with one another, enabling us to recognise each other's worth before God, and when we do disagree, to do so with respect, and not condemnation. Jesus summarised

the ten commandments of the Old Testament into just two: Love God and Love your neighbour as yourself. Those remain wise words today, and our nation would be a better place if we were able to put them into practice.



## From the Churchwardens

**Liz & Michael**

In July, it was great to be able to welcome the children from Harbury Primary School Year 6, and their parents and teachers, to the Church for their special school leavers' service and celebrations. All 28 children had a part to play in the service, singing songs and telling us about their memories from their time in the school and their hopes for the future.

During July, with the government lifting some of the previous Covid restrictions, we were able to hold a wedding, a baptism and a funeral in the Church, with guest numbers larger than allowed for quite some time.

We have decided, in order to best protect everyone given the current high level of Covid infection, that we will continue with the recent restrictions and social distancing practices of Sunday services for the month of August, whilst we all get time to see how the general lifting of Covid restrictions pans out across the month. Whilst there is no longer any requirement for people to register before coming to church services, we are asking people to please continue to wear masks, sanitise hands and maintain social distancing and listen to hymns rather than sing at this stage. We will reassess the situation at the end of August, and hope to move back then to more normal services, and to resume coffee after the services for those who would like to stay for a coffee and chat in the Tom Hauley Room.

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

### *Baptism*

27<sup>th</sup> June     Lillie Rose Macvarish

18<sup>th</sup> July     Frederick Joseph Jephcott

### *Wedding*

17<sup>th</sup> July     Ian Hunt and Louise Tromans

### *Funeral*

1<sup>st</sup> July     Peter Sydney Lloyd (96 years)





## Heat, Light, Stone: Restoring All Saints Church, Harbury

### The View from Church Street

Passing by our village church, you may look up at the tower to see what the time is. The church clock has been there since 1744, when it was built and fitted by Charles Oldham, a Southam clockmaker, for the princely sum of £18 - £25 less a £7 trade-in for the old clock. When it was converted to electric drive in 1994, at a cost of three thousand pounds, a loyal team was saved the daily task of climbing the tower to wind it. But you can't easily check the time by the sundial, with its ominous warning: TYME FLYETH. WHAT DOEST THOU? This was recently restored courtesy of the Clarke family, but its shadow won't accord with the clock unless you do some elaborate arithmetic, and allow for British Summer Time.



And there is more to be seen from the pavement on this, the south side of the church. The decorative, roofed structure at the entrance to the church is the lychgate. The name comes from the Old English word for corpse - *lic*. It was here that the pallbearers would pause with the coffin before a funeral. The priest would emerge and check that there was a legal certificate for the funeral before they entered the church. Nowadays, the priest meets them and accompanies the coffin into church as a courtesy.

The original lychgate was erected in memory of Mary Pearman. Permission to build it was granted on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1910. It was rebuilt in January and February 1992, incorporating the original dedication, by Ashley and Sons of Bulkington, and more recently, completely renovated by a local man as his special contribution to the Heat, Light, Stone project. Previously, the main gate was in the wall, halfway along Church Street.

There is much more to see, but have you noticed the small door to your right, facing the churchyard? This was once the vicar's entrance. It enabled him to enter (and leave) the church without actually encountering any of the congregation...

That's only part of what can be seen without even going into the churchyard. Go inside. Can you find the old font, now standing in the open? The huge buttresses that hold up the tower? And, on the tower stone, the mark of the master mason who first built the church around the year 1270, signing his work?

We are fortunate to have this precious building in the centre of our village. It reminds us of our past, and as the Heat, Light, Stone project progresses, it will speak to future generations of our commitment to our heritage.

**John Stringer**



## Mothers' Union

Gillian Hare

Our July meeting was a really happy event, well attended by several non-members as well as a group from Southam M U. Chris had put together a joyful service, which Rev Andy led. We were pleased to welcome back Trisha, and glad to hear that she is settling happily into her new home; it was then a special treat to have our diocesan president, Jane Hill, present her with a long service award for 50 years in M U! And appropriately, another long serving member, Betty Winkfield, read the passage from the epistle to the Philippians which urges us "whatever is true .... noble ... pure ... lovely ... praiseworthy... think on these things". Not a bad antidote to all the sad and bad news we are assailed with.

Afterwards we shared an enjoyable tea, our "social distancing" helped by some well timed sunshine so we could spill outside.

Our next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September, when Julie Bachelor has kindly agreed to talk to us about life as a vicar's wife.

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### AUGUST

**Sun 8 TRINITY 10**

Holy Communion, 9.00am

**Sun 15 TRINITY 11**

Holy Communion (BCP), 9.00am

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**Sun 22 TRINITY 12**

Holy Communion, 9.00am

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**Sun 29 TRINITY 13**

Holy Communion (said service), 9.00am

Celebration Summer Picnic, from 6.00pm, Village Hall

**Mon 30 Closing date for Ladbroke Heritage Photo Competition**

### SEPTEMBER

**Thurs 2 W1, 7.30pm, Village Hall**

**Sun 5 TRINITY 15**

Family Communion, 10.30am, followed by refreshments

**Tues 7 Photography Club, 7.30pm, Village Hall**

**Wed 8 Ladbroke Parish Council, 7.45pm, Village Hall**

**Sat 10 Ladbroke Church Heritage Open Days start - displays in church, 10.00am - 4.00pm**



## Ladbroke Church News

**Peter Rigby**

[www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk)

The relaxation of Covid restrictions has meant that we are now able to sing again. As if to celebrate, our first hymn at our first service had seven verses! It has also been good to have the Chancel opened up as most of the interior works have been completed, so the Church has a more spacious feel about it again.

A small amount of scaffolding is currently still in place in front of the East window and this will remain in place for another few weeks until the window repairs are completed. The presence of this scaffolding means we are unable to leave the church open without supervision and it will therefore remain closed during this period except for when there is a service or other event.

Whilst we are enjoying the opportunity to sing and to mingle after the service again, we are conscious that there are a number of people who remain vulnerable or cautious and their wishes need to be respected. So, although we have begun to relax the way we operate, there are some procedures that we are continuing to ask visitors to follow:

- Mask wearing is no longer compulsory, but some will still wish to wear one throughout the service. If this is you, please feel free to do so and to sit wherever you feel most comfortable. We are reserving the rear pews for those who wish to wear masks and we ask all who choose to sit there to do so and to continue to observe social distancing etiquette.
- If you prefer not to wear a mask during the service, please sit in the front pews. Please still wear your mask when entering/leaving or walking around if others are within two metres of you.
- For the time being, Communion will continue to be brought to you in the pews, and we shall continue with individual cups for the wine. So, to help with the distribution, please continue to sit in alternate pews.
- Please remember that not everyone will want to be physically greeted, so if someone else is wearing a mask, please don't greet them physically and maintain social distance.
- We plan to restart refreshments after the monthly family service from next week (1<sup>st</sup> August) for those who wish to stay.
- Most of our services are being recorded for the benefit of those still unable to attend in person.

Our scheduled services for the coming month are:

1 <sup>st</sup> August	10.30am	Family Communion
8 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Holy Communion

15 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.00am	Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Holy Communion (said)
5 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Family Communion

In addition, activities associated with the All Saints for All Generations project are now underway, both in the Church and the Village. Please see the separate Ladbroke Heritage article.

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## From the Registers:

### *Baptism*

4<sup>th</sup> July

Henry Jenkins



## Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute

Carol Lane & Dianne Surgey

Many members met again in the Bell car park in the afternoon of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the most important item under discussion being the dates for future meetings. It has been necessary to change the day as, unbeknown to us, the Village Hall has been booked by another group every Thursday. A show of hands indicated that a small majority of members preferred to meet in the evenings and Tuesday was the chosen day. As it was already arranged, we will meet on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** starting at 7.30pm to hear the long-awaited talk by Maggie. Thereafter meetings will be held on the **second Tuesday evening** at 7.30pm each month.

The enormous contribution made by those who are stepping down from the committee was acknowledged, with presentations made to Joan, Lesley, Sally (in her absence) and Sue. We all know what an important job Joan, in





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particular, has done to keep us all together over this past very difficult year. Lesley has been a committee member for 16 years during which time she has served as president and speaker secretary. Sally took on the challenging job of treasurer and Sue has arranged hostesses and refreshments as well as many other jobs behind the scenes. Our thanks to every one of them for all that they have done.

Our Summer outing will be held at The Barn Garden and Antiques Centre in Upper Wardington, OX17 1SN on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August and will have happened by the time you read this.

Joan is still forwarding the Denman courses which are available and her message accompanying the latest set made me laugh: *'This weather is too hot for me. At least when it's cold you can put on more clothes but when it's too hot you aren't wearing enough to take off without frightening the neighbours. AH!!'*



## 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 are delighted to announce that there will be a **Celebration Summer Picnic** at the Village Hall on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 6pm. \*\*Please bring your own picnic\*\***

There will be seating outside if the weather allows, or under gazebos if not. A bar will be available, and you will be given a complimentary glass of fizz or fruit juice on arrival. So do join us for a relaxed evening of chat and celebration of our newly refurbished premises. Music provided by David Wright (Floor to Ceiling Radio DJ).

**Please email** Kip Warr ([kip.warr@gmail.com](mailto:kip.warr@gmail.com)) or Margie Bosworth ([margandboz@btinternet.com](mailto:margandboz@btinternet.com)) to let us know you are coming or if you need more information.



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 new kitchen, and room for up to 80 people. To book your special occasion contact Debs (tel 07779 225105 or email [debs.dptv@gmail.com](mailto: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 June 2021

£50	Graham Lewis	£50	Angela Coleman
£25	Marlene Schafer	£25	Sarah Taylor
£25	Geoff Timms	£10	Carol Lane
£10	Donna Griffith	£10	Dianne Surgey

**Margaret Bosworth**



## Ladbroke General Section



## Ladbroke Heritage Project

This project to repair our church and share our heritage has been made possible through the support of many generous and talented people and of Lottery players, through the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

### Repairs

July was a very busy month for our contractors.

First off, stone conservators skillfully repaired the heads of the last two chancel clerestory windows, the majority of the internal scaffolding was removed and there was a major clean up. That was no mean feat! To quote from an email that churchwarden Sue sent the volunteer cleaners, "I popped in to church this morning to see how things were looking with regard to dust and debris! On Wednesday they were taking down the scaffolding in the chancel and my heart sank when I saw the mess! However, today there was a dear little man on his knees polishing the altar, he has been hoovering and dusting and plans to be there all day again cleaning." It was lovely the following Sunday when we could see the chancel again, it having been screened off for almost a year.

The other transformation since last month is the new north buttress on the east end of the chancel. It has been completely rebuilt. Our conservation architect in charge of proceedings hoped to save some stones at the base but when the ones above were removed it became apparent that there was nothing worth keeping at all! A structural engineer advised how the new footing should be made and the masons have worked really hard both cutting and shaping at their workshop and building and trimming on site. The target was to complete this and other stonework on the east end of the chancel before the glaziers arrived late in the month to start on-site repairs and a major clean of the East window. They did it with hours to spare.

As I write, Holy Well Glass are working on the East window. Also, temporarily, we have no porch doors. These have been taken away as the historic hinges



and other ironwork etc are being transferred to the new doors, which should be installed by the time you read this.

We are expecting the current phase of the repairs to complete in late August, just in time for Keith and Sally's wedding, Jane Rutherford's memorial service and Heritage Open Days, not to mention several baptisms, all of which are happening in the first half of September. So, no pressure then!

**Jackie West**

## **What's on in Ladbroke this Summer?**

Our Activity Programme is now in full swing. A big thank you to Kip and Linda for putting on the Scything Demonstration. It was educational and fun, with several children and adults having a go and all toes intact at the end. Also, we heard that the Ladbroke School log book of 1876 records that, although the school holidays then started when the main harvest began, the older boys (i.e. 9 and 10 year olds) were absent before the end of term to help with haymaking.



Following on from the success of our morning Birdsong Event and the Fascinating Finds online talk (see separate article) our next collaboration with Fusion and Archaeological Research Services is taking place in a few days' time as I write; 31<sup>st</sup> July. This family Archaeology Day promises to be popular, fun and interesting. Look out for our full write-up in the September edition of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

## **Book a Guided Tour**

We now have trained Tour Guides aplenty! Seven in fact. They know all the village has to offer; church history, stained glass, village history, geology, nature.... And, of course, the story of Alice and Robert Dudley. Do come and spend some time walking round our village and hearing about Ladbroke's story, from the Domesday Book to today, and everything in between on our village trail.

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The Bell would welcome you for lunch or evening meal too.

Our new Village Trail leaflets are now available. Everyone in Ladbroke has received one through the door and we have had many compliments on it. Thank you. Copies are also available from key locations; the church in Ladbroke, Biblio's in Harbury and Southam Heritage Centre.

### Ladbroke Heritage Website

Our leaflet just gives the highlights, if you want to know more take a look at our new website at [www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk](http://www.ladbrokeheritage.org.uk) This has lots more information to read or download as well as everything going on so do take a look.

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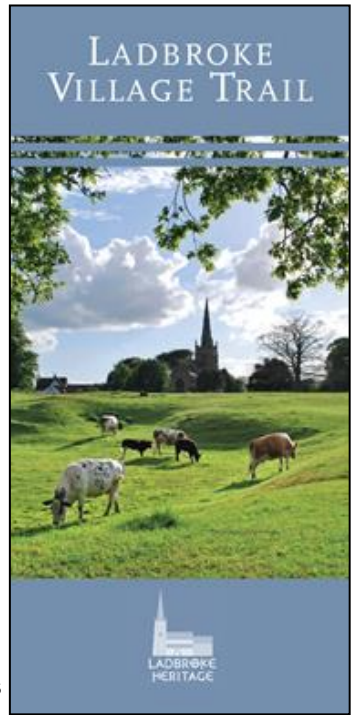
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To enter, submit up to three photos before the **closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. These photos can be of buildings, views, objects, people, nature and don't even have to be taken in Ladbroke, as long as they show an aspect of Ladbroke Heritage.

There are three categories based on the age and skill of the photographer

- under 16 years
- General
- skilled photographer/manipulation

So get out your camera or phone and send us **your** pictures of Ladbroke Heritage. Full details of how to submit are on our competition website [ourladbrokeheritage.org.uk](http://ourladbrokeheritage.org.uk)



### Rock Detectives

Our first family session on Geology is now fully booked. Watch out for the report next month on how it went and how messy it was making sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous chocolate.

It's not too late to book for another session later in August as we plan to run it several times. Just register interest on Eventbrite, talk to Jackie or email [ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch89@btinternet.com)



## Heritage Open Days

This year it will come as no surprise that our 2021 theme will be the church building and its repairs.

The festival runs from Friday 10th - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September and we will have two recorded talks available on-line throughout that time. One is about stonework repairs (this talk was first given in January) the other will be a new talk about stained glass repairs. There will be links on Eventbrite, the church website and our new Ladbroke Heritage website.

We will also have an exhibition in church which will be open 10am - 4pm daily and offering guided tours of the church and/or village.



## Blue Badge Guide Training

At the beginning of September, we are hosting a visit by a group of Blue Badge Guides. They hold qualifications in the highest level of tourist guiding, and offer in-depth walking, themed and sight-seeing tours. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Ladbroke and collaborating with them to offer a 'hidden gem' village to their clientele – away from the razzamataz of Stratford!

## Autumn Drama

Ladbroke Players, our team of thespians are beaver away on our autumn drama performance which will tell the story of Alice and Robert Dudley. With a specially written script and music, it will be a special evening in the Village Hall. Dates and details coming soon.

And to give you a flavour, this story will also be serialised in forthcoming editions of the Harbury & Ladbroke News.

If you would like further information about any of these activities, please contact Jackie on 01926 810331 or Nicky at nicolalewis1958@gmail.com

**Nicky Lewis**

## Fascinating Finds

Around 40 people came to the online talk by Nick, the lead archaeologist from Fusion about the **very** recent finds in our patch, as they check out the route of HS2. Their investigations of the linear slice of land from London to Birmingham shows there has been a lot of human occupation in the Midlands for millennia. A good example of this was a stone age flint hand axe found in a medieval ditch.

In his previous talk Nick told us about ground penetrating radar and other work done to define areas for greater study, digging to you and me. This time he shared what they have found in those digs - both the remains of structures and objects. We learnt that before the Romans arrived and erected their square timber buildings, people lived in round houses, with an extended family of 15-20 people in each. In this area there is evidence of such homes

every kilometre or so, which is probably the distance the people living there could walk to do their hunting or farming and then return home each day.

The archaeologists have found pits indicating boundaries between groups, trackways where people and animals would have walked and objects such as a large pottery drinking vessel, a reed whistle made of bone and several skeletons. One of these skeletons was at the Roman site near Southam, another at the lost medieval village of Lower Radbourne. During the Q&A we heard it's not only possible to date bones and conduct DNA analysis but they might even try to compare the results with DNA samples of local people, to see if any are descendants of this person who lived many centuries ago. Once items are found that triggers further investigation. For example, at the Roman well they will do environmental studies of pollen, seeds, snails and objects will be cleaned and examined to learn as much as possible. Nick said he would give us another talk in a few months' time to update on that next stage. It might even be possible to organise a visit to the Lower Radbourne site.

**Jackie West**



## **Report from District Councillor**

### **HS2 – A425 Reopening**

I, and other Councillors, visited the HS2 site at the polo ground on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in an attempt to assess the timing of the reopening of the A425. Just as I wrote this, I learned that the road will reopen on 31<sup>st</sup> July. This has been the subject of a long and intense debate with HS2 and I am pleased to see that pressure has brought about a positive response from HS2 contractors and a much earlier reopening date. This is largely the result of unified work of a group of local councillors.

There will be construction plant crossing points controlled by traffic lights. Once reopened there will be further road closure of the minor roads around, because much routine and other repair work has been put off. The Welsh Road from Bascote to the Fosseyway is a likely early target for this.

### **Warwick and Stratford District Councils**

Closer cooperation with Warwick District continues. Both Councils' works on a joint planning policy document is well underway, although it is a long drawn-out process. The first consultation phase of this joint local plan has resulted in 550 responses. The call for sites has generated 300 suggested development locations, but probably some will be duplicates of those already submitted in previous local plans.

Management teams are being joined up so that there are shared heads of service across Councils, even though the Councils remain entirely separate entities at the present time. The elected leadership of the Council means there are still two Cabinets for the two Councils so the paid staff have two sets of bosses. The timetable for a decision as to whether this closer working gets translated into a full merger is December. Before then, work has to be

done to investigate the implications and the wisdom of moving to a full merger. I have formally raised the importance of a full consultation with public at the right time when more is known.

## Covid

Covid case rates have risen very substantially across our District in recent weeks, but there are signs of a levelling off. The data shows the really big rise has been in the under 35 year old population, which seems to reflect the national picture. The key message is to be sensible - Covid has not gone away with 414 cases per 100,000 now compared with 29 at the beginning of June in this area.

**Cllr Nigel Rock**  
nigel.rock@stratford-dc.gov.uk



**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](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) or obtained from the Parish Clerk, Tel: 01926 614646*

## July 2021 Meeting Report

An audience of about ten sat through the meeting. Sometimes it was difficult to hear all that was said as Cllrs, seated facing each other rather than the public, directed their comments to the Deputy Chair, sitting at the "Top Table".

## Reports

**The Library** - It had received £8K from Stratford District Council to improve ventilation and storage. The Reading Scheme had only 50% of the books promised for the children back in March. The Library asked the Parish Council to complain to the County Council on their behalf.

**Harbury School** - Cllr Gibb reported that the term had ended and that the Reception Class for Autumn would be full. There was no-one to report on Southam College.

**Village Hall** - Cllr Rutherford said there were commercial bookings for the Hall for the next few months, but also some cancellations. The Cinema and Slimming World were coming back.

**Stratford District Council** - District Councillor Jacqui Harris was pleased that Stratford Cllrs now had "face to face" meetings. She had made representation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan, but was concerned that not all parishes and residents had been alerted to it. She had taken the officials to task and asked them to do more to make everyone aware of it. She suggested that Stratford DC could encourage Parish Councils to distribute the Consultation.

Responding to Cllr Gibb's concerns about the Fosse crossroads where improvements had long been promised, she said that there needed to be co-

ordination with HS2 works in the area and the “Upper Lighthorne” Housing Development, which was to pay for the work.

Residents of Percival Drive were still concerned about traffic, especially HGVs, speeding along Bush Heath Road and wanted a traffic survey and measures to reduce the speed limit.

## **Planning**

The Cllrs made “No Representation” on the following applications:

8 Sutcliffe Drive for a roof over the garage; 5 Frances Road for a change of windows and doors; Meadow View (Deppers Bridge) for an extension and car port; reduction of a yew tree at the Rectory; single storey flat roof extension at 11 Manor Road; a two storey side and rear extension and parking space at 22 Manor Road; and a solar farm at Bishops Itchington.

There was considerable discussion about plans to demolish a bungalow in Farley Avenue to allow the building of a much larger two storey house. The applicant and his advisor said that the relaxed permitted development rights would allow them to add another storey to the bungalow and that the overlooking from the “Juliet” balcony would be little different than from an ordinary window.

Cllr Rutherford reminded Cllrs that Harbury did not have enough bungalows. Cllr Sam Allen, who could not attend, had sent Cllrs a detailed critique of the plans, saying that it was an incongruous building which would increase the footprint on the site by 84% and dominate the existing buildings. The intended balcony would cause a loss of privacy for the neighbours.

The Cllrs all agreed that they should object to the application on the lines of Cllr Allen’s report. Cllr Gibb remarked that the developer had given no evidence that he had considered the Village’s Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllrs had met with the developers of a proposed solar farm at Middle Road Farm. They had indicated that the Parish would expect a “Community Benefit” from any development there. Cllr Gibb was concerned that the footpath on this site (which leads to Radford) should not be compromised.

## **Environment**

Cllrs had received their tree surgeon’s survey for village tree planting. It was hoped that the scouts could be involved as part of the Queen’s Jubilee Planting Project.

Cllrs agreed that in September (after the re-opening of the A425), they would consider a traffic survey of Bush Heath Road and Bush Heath Lane at a cost of approximately £250. Similarly, they had to wait for the A425 to be opened to evaluate the impact of traffic on Deppers Bridge.

They would collaborate with Harbury Energy Initiative on replacing the “No Idling Signs” for the High Street, Chapel Street and Mill Street and would fund the cost of the signs; pointing out that leaving a vehicle idling was an offence.

## Properties

Drainage on the playing fields had been examined by the Clerk, Cllr Ekins and Cllr Knowles and it was agreed to place an order for drainage works at the far end of the field at a cost of about £1,600 as a first phase in dealing with the drainage problems.

Provision of a defibrillator for Deppers Bridge was in hand.

New shelving for the Cemetery chapel was agreed. The memorials - some of which are unstable - are due for a full safety inspection. This will be carried out over the next few months following proper public notice.

Cllrs approved the Cemetery Tree Planting Scheme. The trees lining the path at the far end of the Cemetery were noted to be in need of attention.

## Finance and General Proposes

This included the budget report; bank reconciliation; accounts for payment; consideration of draft guidance on the public's attendance at Parish Council meetings and items for the next agenda.

The village Christmas lights would be switched on in the last week in November.

**Next Meeting:** This should be on 23<sup>rd</sup> September as there is usually no meeting in August and should take place in the Farley Room of the Village Hall where, I am told, the acoustics will be much better.

## Harbury Parish Council News

### Summer 2021

Despite all the lockdown restrictions over the last 18 months, the parish council has been just as busy as ever. Here is a round-up of what has been happening in the first quarter of this financial year:

### Cemetery

Renovations on the chapel have continued apace. It now has a new roof, and all the stonework has been re-pointed. The scaffolding should be removed by the end of July. We are now waiting for new shelving to be installed so we can store the village Christmas lights safely, and generally keep the chapel in a much more orderly state. We are very grateful to all the organisations who helped by promptly removing their 'stuff' from the chapel before the works began.

We have recently come across some unsafe memorials. These were discovered during a training session for testing memorials. All the memorials are tested every few years and another full inspection is now due. Please look out for more information about this in due course. In the meantime, we have posted a list of current unsafe memorials on the cemetery gates and village noticeboards. If you are the owner of one of these memorials, please contact us as soon as possible. If you are visiting the cemetery, please keep

clear of any memorials that are cordoned off, and please, never lean on any memorial.

As well as a couple more jobs to complete the work on the chapel, and the memorials inspection, we are now beginning to think about planting some new trees in the cemetery. Many of the older trees, especially the conifers, are approaching the end of their life span and some will soon have to be removed because of disease. We are therefore considering a new planting scheme to replace the trees that will be lost. This forms part of a wider scheme for the whole village – more information on this, and how you can help, coming soon!

### **Harbury Future Energy Project**

We have been working closely with members of the project team to agree suitable locations on the playing field and car park for a wind turbine and energy store along with electric vehicle charging points. The parish council fully supports this project and has agreed that the infrastructure can be installed at the playing fields subject to consent from Fields in Trust (the playing field was dedicated as a Queen Elizabeth II Field in 2012) and planning permission.

### **Councillors**

In April, we were sorry to hear that Tony Mancell had decided to step down after many years' service during which he had chaired the council's finance group. Tony was held in great esteem by his fellow councillors and his contribution to the work of the council will be missed. The vacancy created by Tony's resignation was filled by Stacey Boyd who was co-opted to the council in May. We are very pleased to welcome Stacey who has quickly got involved and has joined the play areas inspection team and the Christmas lights working party. Cllr Sam Allen has taken on the role of chairing the finance group. Finally, we were delighted to hear that our chairman, Cllr Tim Lockley, had been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to our community, especially during the pandemic. Amongst many other things, Tim was a driving force behind setting up Harbury Community Library when it was threatened with closure a few years ago, and he was instrumental in setting up the Covid support network in the village last year.

### **Playing Fields**

We are currently investigating ways to improve the drainage at the far end of the field. In wet winters, this area can be underwater for several weeks making the perimeter path unusable and the football pitch unplayable! We have budgeted for drainage work during this financial year so we hope to have some good news to report soon.

During the last few months, we have been very grateful to receive donations of two new benches. The first was donated by Peggie Middleton, in memory of her husband Bill, and the second was donated by Sue Crum, in memory of her husband Ted. Bill's bench is near the tennis courts while Ted's is between the entrance to Ridgley Way and the far end of the playing field. We hope they will be well used by villagers of all ages for many years to come.



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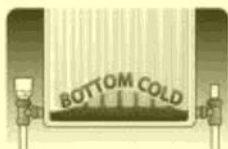
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At the June parish council meeting, members were asked to consider a proposal from a member of the public for renewing the BMX track and skatepark. These facilities are beginning to show their age and could do with a complete re-design. The council has spent several thousand pounds on repairs to the skatepark over the last couple of years while the last major refurbishment to the BMX track was in 2013/14 at a cost of £5,500. Councillors were supportive of the proposal but noted that young people had helped to design and raise funds for the existing skate park and their involvement will be key once again if this is to be successful. Members of the council's properties group will be discussing this further.

### **Deppers Bridge**

With the help of resident Tina Gilbert, the council has recently run a public consultation about the provision of a defibrillator (to be installed in the old phone box) and new seating for the playing field. Residents were very supportive, and their responses will be used to evidence an application to the HS2 Community Fund. Deppers Bridge residents have suffered from exceptionally heavy traffic while the A425 has been closed between Southam and Ufton. This was borne out by the results of the recent traffic survey which showed a seven day average of 7,656 vehicle movements with a peak of 9,167 on the Friday.

### **Planning Matters**

There are currently two proposed solar farms on the horizon. One is at Eastfields Farm in Deppers Bridge and the other is at Middle Road Farm. Members of the parish council have met with the developers to find out more about the proposals ahead of any formal planning application. We have learnt from experience that early engagement with developers can be helpful in terms of having an input to design and layout but also in ensuring appropriate planning gains for the community and a good working relationship in the future if planning permission is granted and the development goes ahead. This does not, however, prevent the parish council from raising objections to the planning application when it comes forward if there are concerns about the development.

### **Community Grants**

We have been pleased to support a number of local clubs and organisations over the last year including those who have struggled because of the impact Covid restrictions has had on their usual income streams. Recent grants have included funding for the Earthworms project to renovate the school pond, a contribution towards the roof repairs at Harbury Village Club, and support for Harbury Pre-school for new IT and specialist Covid cleaning.

### **Council Meetings**

In June, we saw a return to face to face meetings for the first time since February 2020. Although some people were never keen on Zoom, it was a lifeline and enabled us to operate almost normally, despite all the restrictions. There were definite advantages too, especially on cold, dark winter nights when we were all able to attend the meeting while sitting in our own homes.

We also found that more people than ever before joined us, and it was easy to hear and see everyone. We are hoping that the government can be persuaded to change the law so that councils will have the option to meet remotely again in the future if they decide that is best for their community and circumstances.

Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month except for August and December when we are in recess. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is a short public forum where you may raise any matter on the agenda. If you have an issue which is not on the current agenda, please contact the parish clerk who will advise you on the best way forward. It may be that the issue can be resolved without the need to refer it to the council but if this is not the case, the clerk will ensure that it is included on the next agenda.

### **Contacting the Parish Council**

The office is usually open between 10.00am and 12 noon Monday to Thursday. Tel 01926 614646 or [clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk) Casual callers are welcome, but if you are making a special trip, please phone first to make sure the parish clerk is available to see you just in case she has another appointment or has had to go out somewhere. All councillors can be contacted direct via their official email address as shown on the council's website.

**Alison Biddle**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**

#### **Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:**

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



### **Harbury Women's Institute**

**Mary Thompson**

Sadly we had to make changes to our July meeting; although we were very happy with the Village Hall Covid arrangements, we had a directive from National WI that no indoor meetings should be held until after 19<sup>th</sup> July. We are so sorry for those members who can't access meetings via Zoom. Our speaker felt she couldn't do justice to her presentation via Zoom so we will hear Peggie King talk about her life in Surabaya in May 2022.

We are really grateful that Chris Rutherford was able to step in and describe the boat trip that she took along the Irrawaddy River from Rangoon to Mandalay in November 2016. Chris had hotel stays in Rangoon and Mandalay with the rest of the tour based on the boat. Chris explained something of the country's history from being a British colony, being overrun by Japanese in WW2, gaining independence and now under the military dictatorship of Min Hung Hlaing.

Burma/ Myanmar is a beautiful country. The Irrawaddy is wide and shallow with a variety of houses on the edge of the river - often built of bamboo and/ or rushes - sometimes on stilts. She saw beautiful temples decorated with gold and teak carvings. A few houses are built in colonial style but these largely belong to the retired military.



**Boy monks**



**Women carrying water from the river**



**A family wash**

The people of Burma are very friendly and open hearted. Parents don't have to pay for their children to attend school but they do have to pay for uniform, pens, books etc. Teachers often have to supervise three or four classes; most children are eager to learn.

Burma used to be the "rice bowl of the world" but is now one of the poorest countries with

dreadful human rights records. Many people live in medieval conditions - there is no fresh water or electricity except in the larger towns. Chris showed us photographs of villagers washing clothes in the river and women carrying the same water to their homes which is used for washing, cooking and drinking. This was a fascinating talk.

We are now looking forward to being able to all meet together at our Garden Party on 5<sup>th</sup> August and a Games Afternoon in the grounds of the Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> August.





## Harbury Twinning Association

Tony Thomas

After 18 long months of inactivity we are now about to re-commence our social programme, that is providing the Covid virus does not again raise its ugly head and prevent things happening.

The committee has met and arranged the following:

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August we hope to hold a barbeque and boules afternoon. Venue yet to be determined.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September we will have a "bring a plate" buffet lunch kindly hosted by June and David Eaves at their new home.

In October we plan to hold another French film show in the Tom Hauley Rooms.

The Annual General Meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> November when we will welcome Ron Temple as our new Chairman and on 10<sup>th</sup> December we will have our Christmas party.

We welcome new members who would like to join us, on our visits to France, or would just like to participate in local social activities



## Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson

First of all, an apology; in last month's article I stated that Mary Thompson was the head teacher of St Mary's School in Southam. This was not the case. Mary was Head at Napton CE infant School for three years and then St James CE School Southam for sixteen years. Sorry for any confusion.

So August is here; traditionally a holiday month. Schools have broken up and children will need to be entertained!



Ahoy me hearties! Join in a village

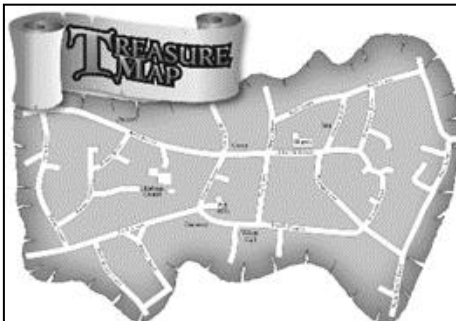


On **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 2pm we are running our annual '**Village Treasure Hunt**'. The purpose for this is first and foremost to have some family fun. Everyone is invited though; you can even come on your own and team up with someone else. Entry fee is £5 per family. The Treasure Hunt starts at the Heritage Centre, Harbury Primary School entrance via Park Lane.

Secondly you can win prizes; last year there was a luxury hamper plus a second and third prize.



Thirdly you can learn more about the village of Harbury. As a heritage group we are passionate about preserving the photographs and documents that make up the history of the village. So, most of the answers to the questions will give you some interesting facts; for instance do you know why Pirie Close is so called? It is named after Elizabeth Mary Pirie who was born in Harbury in 1918. Julia as she liked to be known had a fascinating life



including spending 20 years as an MI5 agent. If you want to know more about her, come and read the article by Chris Finch, which is kept at the Heritage Centre in the grounds of the primary school.

A reminder that we are only open once in August on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm**. Wear a mask if you feel more comfortable and safer during your visit. In September we will be open on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> (6.30 onwards) and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**. **We welcome visitors.**

**VICTORIAN HARBURY** - we now have all of the censuses from the Victorian era digitised and available to search on our computers. So if you want to trace relatives who lived in Harbury from 1841 through to 1901 you now can!

**Hope to see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> - look out for the posters around the village.**



## Harbury Energy Initiative

**Bob Sherman**

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### Mention in high places

There was quite a lot of activity a month or so ago as the people lobbying for a Local Electricity Bill worked hard and quite successfully to engage MPs across the parties. The idea behind this proposed Bill is to allow renewable energy to be sold to the communities closest to where the energy is generated. This would be a great boost to Community Energy groups, of which there are now many, but it does have its logistical problems. Problems are there to be solved and very frequently are, so this should not stifle debate nor prevent introduction of primary measures.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July there was a Parliamentary Debate on 'Enabling Community Energy', at which many MPs spoke. Our own MP Jeremy Wright had this, amongst other comments, to say:

*'There is so much growing local enthusiasm to assist the Government in delivering their climate goals. Everybody wants to help, and this is a practical way of doing so. I can think of examples in my constituency, such as the Napton Environmental Action Team, or the Harbury Energy Initiative, which*

*has been in receipt of Government financial assistance in environmental pursuits and is keen to do more. The Government need to help them to help the Government deliver our collective climate goals.'*

A mention for two small rural climate and energy action groups, including HEI, has made it into a national Parliamentary debate. Thank you, Jeremy.

### **Blowing hot and cold**

We may have a breakthrough. Then again we may not. A lengthy (and well tempered) debate in church in July involving a host (heavenly host?) of members of the DAC and a similar number of the Harbury team appeared to lead to a compromise suggestion. The Diocesan experts offered a solution involving changing the orientation and siting of the proposed radiant panels. If we did this they would not object - nor would the architect on aesthetic or structural grounds. We now have confirmation from the panel suppliers that this solution would work. The minutes of the meeting written by the DAC secretary, however, didn't quite seem to record this momentous agreement, hence we may not have a breakthrough. We won't know till September when the DAC next meet. At the point where we have a Faculty (planning consent) to go with our already secured planning permission for the change to the Tom Hauley Room, we can launch into fundraising in earnest. That takes time, so we may well have to survive another chill winter of worship.

### **Powering electric cars in Harbury**

Those interested in understanding and asking questions about our plans for electric car charging in Harbury can now go straight to the relevant page on the website using a unique domain name that we have set up. Direct access is via **[www.harburyfutureenergy.org.uk](http://www.harburyfutureenergy.org.uk)**. This will save you time trying to find it through all the clicks.

The issues surrounding the transition to electric cars are one of the hot topics of the day, including the recognition that rural areas must not be left behind. We started thinking about this early in 2019, which is how we manage to be on the crest of this current wave. At the moment we are waiting on a response from Fields in Trust, without whose permission we cannot continue. Immediately following that will come our application for planning permission. Projects progress in spurts of activity; waiting is an inevitable concomitant - and regular - interval.

### **Grants**

I would love to be able to tell you that our application for Green Shoots funding for our Low Carbon Warwickshire Network has been successful. But I can't. An announcement is due any day, any minute, but it is getting ominously late in the month for a success notification so I am a little edgy.

In the meantime, I have submitted another grant application to the Community Power Fund. In this case it will be to help Harbury Scouts to start an electric bike share project. There is already one resident first in the queue to hire one if we are successful. It should also help the Scouts raise a little income from hire fees.

We become eligible for these small grants through Harbury e-Wheels's affiliation to Your Co-op Energy, a collaboration between Octopus Energy and





Cooperative Energy specifically designed to support community energy projects. Your Co-op Energy buys energy from community renewable energy projects and distributes

some of its profits to community projects through the affiliation scheme. Any Harbury householder switching to Your Co-op Energy's Community Power tariff (<https://energy.yourcoop.coop/harbury/>) results in a £25 payment to Harbury e-Wheels. Several residents have already made this switch and we are grateful. I hope it has been a happy switch for them.



## Guides and Scouts Support

**Rosanna Hunt**  
**G.A.S.S. Committee**

We are delighted to announce that we have won a Green Shoots grant from Warwickshire County Council to fund the first phase of the Scout Hut development project which focuses on environmental aspects of the building such as solar panels and better insulation. Thanks to Sue Johnson for putting in the time to collate all of the various aspects of the project for the grant and to Paul Quinney for presenting the plans to the Parish Council for their support and to the users of the Scout Hut at a separate Zoom meeting in March 2021. We await further funding for subsequent phases of the project. Do contact [g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com](mailto:g.a.s.s.harbury@hotmail.com) if you are interested to learn more about the project, or have any funding sources we should be made aware of.

A defibrillator will soon be installed on the front of the Scout Hut building for use by the community, donated by Taylor Wimpey. We will make an announcement on the relevant Facebook pages and inform the relevant authorities of its location.

We are still seeking leaders for our Cubs and Beavers sections. If you think this could be for you, there are lots of people willing to support you, including Paul Quinney who has years of experience and will help build your confidence for the role. There is some training to undertake - child safety being of utmost importance, of course. Please get in touch with Paul for an informal chat about the positions on 07970 058 272.

Finally, we had our AGM last month. The leaders shared all the fantastic adventures they had facilitated for the children in the past year and we welcomed our new Treasurer Rob Robinson (taking over from Claire Panek) and Secretary Donna Hetherington (taking over from Theresa Potter). We also extend a big welcome to Vicky Woodhams who will be taking over the group admin role from Katy Spencer Hammon - managing our waiting lists and DBS checks for all our leaders and helpers.

P.S. After a tricky year for fundraising, GASS is happy to have been given the opportunity to host the coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please pop the date in your calendar and come along to support us, 10.00am - 12pm behind the church. Raffle, cakes and kids crafts in the corridor outside the coffee area.

**Rosanna Hunt - 07770 704056, GASS Chair**



## Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

Good news - from 19<sup>th</sup> July, scrums and mauls returned to full contact training. RFU advised coaches to follow an incremental approach in training, especially for the front five players given the period of time the game has been operating without scrum and maul. Full contact friendly matches are permitted in the adult game from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August and the new season is set to start in September as normal for the whole community game.

July has continued with a fitness session on Tuesday and Thursday nights followed by a couple of beers after. Ladies Touch also continues with training every Thursday night from 7.00 to 8.30pm and they are also invited to relax in the Clubhouse after the session.

The AGM was held at the Clubhouse after training on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and joined virtually via Zoom. Following the Chairman's report, the Treasurer reported that despite a season of few matches, the Club was in a sound financial position going forward due in no small part to a number of grants secured. Amongst AOB, the Chairman and Vice Chairman announced that they would be standing down at the end of this financial year.

Apart from one cricket match cancelled at the end of June due to the opposition unable to field a team as players had to isolate because of Covid, cricket was played every Saturday alongside several midweek matches.

Personal fitness trainer Cory Green continues to hold a fitness camp for three quarters of an hour from 6.00pm on Monday nights - so come along and shake off those Covid blues. Interested - call Cory on 07786 320813.

Taekwondo classes returned to their Warwick base at the end of June as the lifting of Covid restrictions allowed their home venue to be reopened. Cassie thanked Harbury for providing a safe venue thereby enabling classes to continue uninterrupted since last September.

Since coming out of lockdown, we have received a number of enquiries and bookings to hire the Clubhouse and or Grounds for various events and functions including children's parties and a camping weekend.

Partial refurbishment of the bar was completed with a new sink, granite worktop and tiled splash back fitted).

A 10' shipping container was delivered and sited next to the shed on the backfield. The unit will be insulated and boarded out and the electric supply connected during August.



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A touch rugby tournament is coming to Harbury RFC! On 22<sup>nd</sup> August we will be hosting a family fun day and inclusive mixed touch rugby tournament for girls/boys (12+) & men/women. There will be beer, food, lots of fun activities for the kids and a bit of rugby! For more information email us at touchrugby220821@gmail.com or search 'Harbury RFC touch tournament' on Facebook, registration is now open.

We are looking to arrange some pre-season friendly games. We have drawn Biggleswade at home in the first round of the Junior Vase on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The League kicks off the following week with a home game against King's Norton.

Keep Safe.



## Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



**Keeping our teeth healthy:** We have been learning about the importance of keeping our teeth healthy and how to look after them. During group time each child was given a small mirror to use to look inside their mouth at their tongue, gums and teeth. We talked about which foods can cause our teeth to become unhealthy and why, when and why we should clean our teeth and how to brush them.

The children were very interested to discover all the facts in our new book titled 'Why should I brush my teeth?' We even learnt how some different animals look after their teeth.



We then used our new oral health teaching tool, a model mouth with a full set of teeth. The children wanted to help count all the teeth, we looked at their different shapes and talked about how to clean our teeth. Each child had a turn at using the toothbrush to pretend to clean the model teeth. Some of the children shared their knowledge and experiences about keeping their own teeth healthy for example, *'if you don't brush your teeth they might get holes in. I went to the dentist and the dentist put a spoon inside my mouth. I sat in a big chair that moves up. There was a big mirror.'* and *'if you don't brush your teeth, they get little brown bits that turn into holes and they might fall out.'*

**Healthy Eating and Fruit Salad:** The children have also been learning all about healthy foods and treat foods. We have enjoyed reading a variety of



books and stories about healthy eating at circle time and have been sorting a variety of foods into 'healthy' or 'treat' foods. We have been finding out where our food comes from and whether it can be grown.

The children have been using child safety knives to cut up some soft fruits, including melon, banana, strawberries and pear and made them into a mini fruit salad for their snack. The children took great care with their cutting and we were very proud of the skill they showed.



**Medical Centre/Baby Clinic Role Play:** The medical centre with the babies is always a firm favourite with the children! They all enjoyed using the play medical equipment; such as thermometers, bandages, blood pressure readers, syringes, injections to *'test the babies and make the babies better'*. They also used the scales to check the babies' weight and looked the part in their Doctors' and nurses' uniforms. They used the clipboards and pencils to record medical 'notes'.



**Scientists:** Our new test tubes and pipettes were hugely popular! The children used the pipettes to fill their test tubes with different coloured water from the jugs and mixed the colours together. It proved to be a great outdoor activity under the parasol in the summer heat.

**Transition:** We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our 2021 leavers. We are extremely proud of how they have adapted to the challenges of the last 12 months

and wish them every happiness in their new schools.

We were fortunate to have Mrs James, Harbury School's Reception Teacher, visit the Pre-School to meet the children going to Harbury Primary in



September. The children were very excited to meet her and it will certainly make their transition easier.

**Picnic:** We are especially delighted to be holding our traditional end of term Teddy Bears' Picnic on the last day of term for all the Pre-Schoolers and their parents/carers. This will be followed by a Fun Run Fundraising Event for the children organised by our lovely Pre-School Committee! Photos in next month's magazine!

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



## Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler

At a meeting of our Steering Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> July it was agreed to continue with our Covid protocols. The situation will be reviewed again at a meeting in September. If you are visiting the Library or Biblio's Cafe please:

- Use the hand sanitiser provided
- Wear a face covering
- Respect social distances
- Scan the Test, Track and Trace QR Code

Thank you.

### Library



The Wild World Heroes **Summer Reading Challenge** is underway and plenty of children have already signed up, and don't forget, we also have a Summer Mini-challenge for under 4s. There's still plenty of time to take part as the challenge runs until 10<sup>th</sup> September. How does it work?

- Step 1 - Visit the library, sign up, receive a Wild World Heroes Chart, a pack of smelly stickers, a book mark, and borrow some books.
- Step 2 - Visit the library, talk about the books you've read, receive another pack of smelly stickers and some colouring sheets. Oh, and borrow some more books.
- Step 3 - Visit the library, talk about the latest books you've read, and receive the final set of stickers, a certificate, and a medal.

Because this year's Summer Reading Challenge has an environmental theme, Harbury Village Library has partnered with Harbury Environmental Group on two activities for children to take part in.

**Poster Competition** - Create a poster explaining why recycling is important for the planet. Take it to the library by 3<sup>rd</sup> September when it will be displayed in the library and the creators of the winning posters will receive a prize of a book about the environment. There are separate competitions for children aged 4 to 7, and those from 8 to 11. You'll receive more information about the competition when you sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

**Moths to a Flame Activity Afternoon** - On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August there will be a children's activity afternoon, from 2pm to 4pm, where we'll be creating glow in the dark moths! This is part of a national project aimed at creating an art installation consisting of 20,000 glow in the dark moths at the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow in November. Look out for more information on our website and social media pages.

**Reading Well** - Harbury Village Library has received a collection of around 100 "Reading Well" books aimed at helping people understand and manage their health and wellbeing. The books have been chosen and recommended by health experts, in consultation with people living with the conditions covered and with their relatives and carers.



The collection is in three parts, with books focussed on issues being faced by Children, Adults, and Young Adults. The list of books is available on the Harbury Village Library website, and you can either come to the library to browse the collection and borrow a book, or request a book online to be collected from the library or have us deliver it to you.

The books have been donated by the Reading Agency for distribution to all 3,600 branch libraries in England with funding from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).



### **Biblio's Cafe**

Biblio's opening times during the summer holidays will be from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Just a reminder that you don't have to make a booking for Biblio's, but if you don't, we can't guarantee there will be a seat available. You can make a booking by emailing [bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com](mailto:bookingsbiblioscafe@outlook.com).



### **HVL Opening Times**

Library - Monday to Friday - 10am to 4pm, Saturday - 10am to 12 noon.

Biblio's Cafe - Wednesday to Saturday - 10am to 12 noon.



## Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morraill

Where did the last few weeks go? We have been able to enjoy some lovely sunny days but a bit too hot at times - the downside of which was that there was a lot of watering to do! The pots along the path which I replanted a few weeks ago are looking stunning. Lovely shades of pink, mauve, purple, white and green trailing plants. The rockery is at its best now too. Again, some very striking and dramatic colours and the seeds planted in April are showing off as well. There are a few more weeds but hopefully I can remove them in the next few days. Again, thank you for all your very nice comments; it makes it all worthwhile. I didn't get around to replenishing my own pots and troughs until two weeks ago. Nothing gets wasted; the old plants and compost go into my compost bins at the allotments and once rotted down spread over the soil on the various plots there.

We have decided to keep the lovely black leather settee, chair and stool in the concert room as we have received some positive feedback back from our members and they do blend in well. The very kind gentleman who donated the furniture is going to let us have more when he moves house in a couple of weeks to be nearer to his daughter. We will be receiving a two seater settee and chair which will match the furniture we already have and an organ. It is such a very kind gesture and will be put to good use. The decorating and electrical work has been finished plus a new door from the bar in the lounge to the bar in the concert room. Again, a huge thank you to Bob and Malc for their hard work and dedication. The colour scheme blends in beautifully. If you have yet to see it please come along and see what a difference it has made.



We are now back to bar service but have left the screens in both bars in place for the safety of our bar staff. The Thatchers Gold has been enjoyed by many. We have an excellent range of beer, lager, cider, soft drinks, wine and spirits. I'm sure that we will get busier now that a lot of restrictions have been lifted. We are still using the one-way system and sanitisers in all of the rooms. Your safety is paramount to us and the standard of hygiene is excellent too. Plus, the loyalty cards are being used and appreciated. I suspect that during the recent heat wave a lot of our members decided to stay at home.

The six picnic benches have been assembled and we will be putting the parasols in the middle of the tables at the weekend. These are in the newly fenced area behind the snooker room and the fencing looks amazing. A lot of our new members have families so we are hoping that this area will be used as we have table games as well to keep the younger ones busy. On a Friday night if there is no food van, order your food from The Crown and eat it inside or outside the club. Plus of course there is our huge TV in the concert room where you can watch all the sport, which at the moment is, of course, the

Olympics, plus the Hundred cricket competition for men and women. The women are showing some of the men's teams how to play this new form of the game. I am loving it of course! We have a new member of staff, Gemma, who is settling in very well, come and say hello. We are interviewing another potential new member this week. Exciting times for us.



Some of our darts and pool teams have made a welcome return and the snooker tables are being used a lot especially on Sundays. Great to see you all and some league matches will be played over the next two months. A few local societies are beginning to use our concert room and lounge for their meetings - thank you to them. Plus, two parties have been booked. Don't forget that the use of our concert room is absolutely free. Just pop in and ask for a booking form for parties etc or let us know if you would like to hold your meetings and we can make a note in our diary.



Our local band who play David Bowie music will be rehearsing in the concert room on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. They are excellent - do come along and listen to them. Here are more events for August. On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> we will be holding another family bingo. These are always very well attended; there will be some super bingo prizes and a bumper raffle. The Concert Room is open at 7.30pm for the sale of tickets and eyes down at 8.00pm. The following Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, I will be hosting a charity quiz night for the Guide Dogs. Again, a

quiz with a twist and another bumper raffle. The quiz will start at 8.00pm with an interval. The cost will be £5 per person and teams of four to six or whatever suits you. As if that wasn't enough, the next day, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a car boot sale on our car park. Stalls will be £5, set up at 9.00am and open at 10.00am. The club will open a little earlier for drinks and nibbles. There has been a lot of local interest - a good chance for a clear out too.

At last we are able to confirm the date of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3.00pm for our members family BBQ. Our friends from The Crown will be providing the food which will be at very reasonable prices, plus we want to introduce you to our new family play area and there will be a bouncy castle. Also a chance for all to see the renovations inside and the newly refurbished TV room. We are hoping to open a hatch where we can serve drinks outside. This will be near to the play area. We look forward to welcoming our loyal members. These events will be advertised on village notice boards and on Facebook. I think you will agree that we have something for everyone.



I have lots of lovely home-grown vegetables from my allotments. The climbing French beans, broad beans and runner beans are so tasty and I can freeze

any we don't eat. The courgettes are getting a bit rampant so I will be taking some with me to Upton House for my fellow volunteers. We have been very busy there even during the hot weather and it is amazing how many of our visitors who have never been before react to the stunning art and porcelain. This is my 23<sup>rd</sup> year of volunteering and the two days I volunteer are so fulfilling. Hope to see you there.

A huge thank you to the team who put together this magazine. Hope everyone will continue to enjoy Summer and meeting friends again.

My very best wishes.



## Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

**Christine Dakin**

There are some gardening jobs which I know many people find a bit tricky and one of them is pruning. Now I love pruning. It helps keep the shrub looking good and helps to prevent it from becoming too woody and straggly. I hate seeing woody plants trimmed into lollipop shapes or treated like car-park plants when they are all hacked at as if they were hedges.



A general guide is to prune after flowering has finished so at this time of year this applies to Philadelphus, Physocarpus, Spirea arguta, Viburnum tinus and Pittosporum. Cut back some of the branches closer to the main stem to encourage fresh growth. Stand back and view your handiwork every so often to check the shape. Trim it so you can't see the cut stems.

I tend to prune little and often with some shrubs such as Eleagnus, Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn' and Escallonia. Lavender is rarely pruned properly which results in ever bigger and woodier plants which won't last many years. Prune after flowering with shears removing about a third of the growth and then give it a light trim in the spring. Be a bit tentative rather than being too brutal. Use sharp tools. Try taking cuttings from some of the bits you've cut off. Do ask me for advice if you're too confused.

**Bridge Nursery, Tomlow Road, Napton**  
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## Nature Notes

**John Hancock**

Whilst staying in the Lake District during mid-July, Sharon and I did some low level walks as I recovered from my dislocated hip. One of these included a circuit of Loughrigg Tarn. Tracking down from Neaum Crag where we were staying, my eye caught a flash of yellow in the undulating, acidic grassland fringing the path which was hemmed in by bracken. Unsure what it was, we took a photograph to aid identification later. It proved to be Bog Asphodel, a

member of the Lily family and described in one of my botany books as 'A native rhizome of bogs, wet heaths, moorland and acid places on mountains. It is common throughout Britain with the exception of the South-East and the Midlands. Height to 30cms. In the Shetlands, Bog Asphodel has been used instead of saffron for both dyeing and medication.



Getting more local, I looked at my copy of Steven Falk's 2009 publication, 'Warwickshire Wildflowers. From this I learned that Bog Asphodel, needing acidic terrain was not to be found in South Warwickshire but may occur in the north of the county. It was last recorded at Coleshill Bog in 1962, its death knell probably caused by drainage and development.



Middle Road has been lined in the damper parts towards the Fosse by the tall flowers of Meadowsweet which is a member of the rose family. Medicinally, it has the same properties as aspirin. The frothy white flowers are now giving way to seeds, a sign of the turning of the season. As Middle Road rises and bends into the village, the bank is adorned

by a fine display of Rosebay Willowherb. It is also known as Fireweed as it took over bomb sites after the Second World War. The fluffy seeds blown on the wind are a familiar sight in autumn. The pink colour of the flowers is perfect camouflage for the spectacular Elephant Hawk moth as it rests during the daytime. The plant provides food for its caterpillars.



Several readers including David and Sue Turner have reported seeing Adders. Unfortunately these have generally been dead having been run over by vehicles whilst basking on warm tarmac.



Walking through the playing fields I have had my first ripe blackberry of the year and look forward to foraging further afield. Near the Village Hall are a group of maturing Sweet Chestnuts. Recently the ground has been covered with the catkin-like flowers and examining the branches reveals small round prickly seed cases. Similarly, the Horse Chestnuts are moving on to develop the familiar conker-containing cases whilst the leaves, once a beautiful light green, are aged and blotchy as summer morphs into autumn.





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consumed in an area of the car park, or served at your  
table inside the cafe, depending on current  
Government regulations.

Please check in the Harbury Ladbroke News, on Social  
Media, [www.HarburyVillageLibrary.org.uk](http://www.HarburyVillageLibrary.org.uk) and village  
notice boards for information about current opening times



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Do leave some areas of grass to set seed and wave in the breeze if you can. They will provide our grassland butterfly species with the habitat they need. I am talking about insects such as Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper and Common Blue in particular. Nettles, thistles, Valerian and the ubiquitous Buddleia are all favoured by our resident Lepidoptera. Some of these plants do need control but 'wilding', even on a small scale, will benefit insects and therefore pollinators as well as fauna higher up the food chain.

On my local walks, I have several favourite stopping places. One is the bench on the Old New Inn Green. On one hot day I watched the Swifts screaming low over the grass catching insects. Their nests were in the eaves of the old pub so a parent bird would occasionally break off from the pursuit and hover at the entrance to a nest to feed its young. Hunting flights can be extensive, as the birds use weather systems to their advantage. Soon they will leave on their migration journey to Africa.



Another stop is on Brooks Drive overlooking the swale. The sides of this drainage feature are now a mass of tall grass together with flowers such as Chicory, Poppy and Knapweed. Hey presto! We have a nature reserve in our midst.



## General Section



### **Dr Colin Snowdon retires from Harbury & Bishops Itchington Surgeries**

It's just a few months short of thirty years since Drs Wilne and Hancock took me on for a trial period at Harbury Surgery. I will always be grateful to them showing the young doctor Snowdon their wise ways.

Things were a little different back then. We were a small team with a dozen staff, most of them living in our villages. The on call was covered by the three doctors - nights, weekends, Christmas, Bank Holidays - the lot. A winter weekend on call could be character building, not least when it came to trying to find remote farm houses on a dark foggy night. The ambulance service was mostly for transferring patients to hospital, so it has come a long way since then. Our paramedics are skilled clinicians themselves and have seen and assessed many of you at home.

Modern telecommunications had not arrived, not a bleep nor a computer in sight. Patient notes and prescriptions were hand written, legible to the trained eye only.

Our working day started with a surgery in Harbury, then off to the branch surgeries in Bishops Itchington and Southam. Some of you may remember the midwives and health visitors ran their clinics with us in the Surgery. GP's now have a lot less input to maternity care, so much so we may not see mum until the baby check at six weeks!

With the recent advent of Primary Care Networks, we now have more staff in house offering Pharmacist, physiotherapy, social care and mental health support. All these services are a welcome addition to general practice to help manage the demands of an increasingly elderly population. Also, the support networks provided by family, friends, Parish Councils and other voluntary organisations to people in need makes me realise what a wonderful community we have here.

As I get older it has become apparent that I should step aside and handover to the bright young things full of new ideas, clinical guidelines and bewildering acronyms!

I feel confident that the practice will continue to thrive with the current excellent team, who have faced unprecedented challenges with the Covid pandemic.

It has been a privilege to live and work in Harbury and Bishops Itchington for all these years and I have many fond memories to cherish in my retirement.

Many thanks to everyone who sent cards, gifts and messages for my last day working at the surgery. Paulene and I were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity.



**My last day at the surgery**



**Retirement cake**

The picture opposite is the circa 1992/93 Harbury and Bishops Itchington Surgery Team when I started minus practice manager Barbara Andrews (behind the camera) and the Bishops Nursing team of Nesta Commander and Janet Wilkinson. From top left Dr John Hancock, Dr Colin Snowdon, Dr Brian Wilne, Nurse June Luke then Ann Allen, Di Halford, Muriel Grey, Nurse Jill Gilarrantz and Margaret Lucas. Sadly Muriel, June and Nesta have since passed but I'm sure some of you will remember this team from yesteryear.



**Dr Colin Snowdon**



## **Thank Goodness for Lousy Weather Forecasting!**

The Harbury Garden Walkabout was blessed by both the Met and the BBC who were predicting dire thunderstorms and torrential rain for both Saturday and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July. Luckily they got it spectacularly wrong...

We had more people than expected and the consensus was that Harbury was 'buzzing' with old friends catching up, newcomers, visitors rediscovering Harbury and a sense of open-air freedom.

Harbury e-Wheels, the main charity organising the Walkabout, and several other good causes benefitted handsomely. So, a HUGE thank you to the enthusiastic and supportive garden owners (28 being the most the Walkabout has ever had).

We have a feeling that there will be demand to do it again next year. So if anyone has any suggestions or comments please feel free to contact [peterdouglaswalshe@gmail.com](mailto:peterdouglaswalshe@gmail.com) And of course we will be welcoming any additional garden owners who would like to have an excuse to get their gardens into even better shape.

And next year let us hope that rain is forecast. Then we will probably have another fine Walkabout!

**Peter Walshe (on behalf of e-Wheels)**



## Harbury Village Show

The Harbury Village Show is next month on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021. After seeing all the lovely gardens during the Garden Walkabout, we know there are some excellent gardeners out there producing great flowers and produce.

So why not make this the year that you enter the village show. The more produce and flowers we have the better the show and the hall will look fantastic. We would also love entries for the photography, art and crafts sections. People love looking at these and again, the more entries the better the show.

An added bonus this year is the increase in prize money! (up by 150% so well above the rate of inflation!)

First prize - £1.50

Second prize - £1.00

Third prize - 50p

There's something for everyone. Why not have a go at our "Boris" limerick.

Don't forget the children's section. Our show is always near the beginning of the school term so why not have a go at these sections during the school holidays. There's several that can be done in advance.

So please support your village show, a tradition that offers something for everyone. Don't worry about it not being "the best" - it's great fun and keeps our traditions alive. Schedules are available from the library, supermarket and the Milkshed or you can download it from our website [harburyvillageshow.uk](http://harburyvillageshow.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there on the day for homemade tea and cakes.

**Village Show Committee**

## Holiday at Home and Away Days

Dear friends,

Over the last couple of years, we have seen, for a variety of reasons, a decline in numbers at the above events so, after much thought and consideration, we feel it is time to bring both Holiday at Home and the Away Days to a close.

When we began Holiday at Home (staycation) in 2011 and the Away days in 2012, we never could have imagined what a privilege and joy it would be, not only to organise these events but also to be very much part of them as well. It has been wonderful to be able to offer a place to meet and enjoy each other's company and a time to relax and enjoy a few hours away from home. The community spirit has been there for all to see and it has been lovely to see many friendships grow and flourish.

Throughout this time, we have been extremely fortunate to have so many people involved bringing their gifts and talents to serve others in our community. There are too many to name, but our grateful thanks to all who have cooked and/or provided food, to the entertainers, to the crafting project teams, to the Clergy and lay readers for the “thought for the day” and to Harbury e-Wheels for the lifts. Without this help Holiday at Home and the Away Days would never have happened.

A big thank you to all our volunteers, who have given up their time so freely and willingly to organise and run the activities and to serve the lunches and teas since these events started.

Finally, a big thank you to all who have attended, your support, kindness and love has meant so much.



Pleasant Pastimes will continue in the Tom Hauley Room from 2-4pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from September (if Covid allows). Do come along for a natter, play board games or bring sewing or knitting or just yourselves. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Telephone Sue Field on 07530 949482 for information

**Gill Guilford & Sue Field**



## Wednesday Walks

We are now back into a routine each week, still wearing masks if car sharing and revisiting old favourites without a long drive. Ten of us enjoyed a fine day for a walk from Farnborough, followed by a picnic then a visit to the grounds of Farnborough Hall. We were particularly lucky to have Ali with us. She has trained as a garden guide for the property with its Grade I listed parkland, so we were able to realise the significance of what we were looking at.

Our programme for this month is listed in the diary. As ever everyone is welcome to come for a taster.

**Gillian Hare**



**LOCAL FOODBANK** - there is a facility in the village to donate non-perishable food to the local Foodbank, which supplies the surrounding 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 items. Alternatively, donations may be dropped off at the library foyer during its normal opening hours. Thank you.



## Repair Cafe Harbury



There will be no Repair Cafe in August as it would fall during the Bank Holiday weekend. The next Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. We'll

be particularly featuring Woodworking and Needleworking repair skills, so if you've got picture frames, chairs, or tool handles that need a bit of attention, or seams, darns, zips, buttons, or hooks and eyes you need help with, or a teddy bear's arm hanging by a thread, the Harbury Scout Hut between 2pm and 4pm is the place for you. We'll have mechanical and electrical repairers there as usual, plus our sharpening service. In what we hope will be a regular part of the event we'll also have a Kids Take-it-Apart table, where, under supervision, children can take household items apart to see what's inside and how they work. There will be no need to put the items back together again afterwards!



## Bicycle Repair Clinic

There will be Bicycle Repair Clinics on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September on the car park behind Harbury Village Library. If there's something wrong with your bike, bring it along and we'll have a look. We're also offering to carry out a basic bike service if you haven't used your bike for a while or are planning a long trip. If you're concerned about the security of your bike we'll have supplies of bike marking kits available along with instructions on how to register your bike on the National Bike Register.

**Richard Fowler**



## Harbury Milk Shed

Wow where has that year gone? We have been open for a year!!!

We would like to say thank you to you all for your continuing support. We really enjoy seeing people coming to visit the Milk Shed and the farm being part of village life.

If you haven't visited yet or would like some guidance on how to use the machines one of us will be at the Milk Shed on Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 12.00pm, we would be happy to have a chat.

**Heather, George & Lou**





### **It's been fun**

I've left the Salon  
With a little regret.  
I've been Cemented there for sixteen and half years.  
The Concrete had set.

Thank you one and all for your continued support,  
Perms, Colours sets and cuts have all run the course.

I've been blessed with sharing your laughter. Your stories and jokes.  
From amazing Children, ladies and you gentlemen blokes.

Paul Winchester.

Trisha and Helen the still working, hairdressing pair.  
For your Friendship and your support, which now I'm left, I know, will still be  
there.

To all the past hairdressers who with me have had a ball.  
The lock in at the Salon, from a gunman I recall.

Not to mention Trisha and Christine being interviewed by the press.  
Their famous five minutes on the telly I guess.

The whirlwind viewed from the main street had all the clients leaving to see.  
As well as Trisha, her clients and me.

But I'm not saying goodbye as  
I hope to see you soon.  
A thousand thanks from me, Catherine, to you I boom.

**Catherine Smith x**



### **Southam Heritage Collection Exhibition**

At long last we are able to open our new exhibition in Tithe Place on Southam High Street. "After the War" features 75 years of change in Southam since 1945, from brand new housing and schools to demolition and change of use of well known buildings!

What is left of the Southam Market is now held on Thursdays at the Bowling Green Inn, so we have decided to open 10 am - 12pm from Thursday to

Saturday each week, plus during August we will be open on Tuesday mornings to support the Tithe Place Table-Top sales.

With good pushchair and wheelchair access, there are no age limits so take a walk down memory lane and remember Southam Zoo which has long gone, as has the Tarsus Hotel which replaced it, or watch a video and find out what was there before the Wood Street car park, and can you remember what was demolished to make way for first Budgens and then the Factory Shop? Pick up our free public house leaflet with its map, photos and stories and see how many buildings are still in the town but under another guise.



Compare the two aerial photographs of pre and post-war Southam! Can you find 39 Beatles songs in the poster? Show the kids what's inside a 1946 radio and how big it is, and what a 1960 Westminster record player looks like. If you come on a Thursday morning, you can find out what 1950s Southam was like by talking to the handsome National Service soldier featured on our poster, and don't forget to look at our High Street window which features the amazing WW2 story of an RAF pilot who was shot down and taken prisoner.

For your Staycation this summer take a day out in Southam when we look forward to seeing you.

For further information look at our web site <https://www.southamheritage.org/>

**Linda Doyle & Bernard Cadogan**  
**Southam Heritage Collection**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

**Dear Editors**

*Peter Sheasby would like to say a special thank you for a special 90<sup>th</sup> birthday get together to Bill and Judy Timson and everyone who came to make his day memorable.*

*Regards*

**Peter**



## Dear Editors

*I would like to thank everyone who supported my fund-raising efforts for Myton Hospice and bought plants from me this year.*

*I am very pleased to say that I raised £205 and this has now been passed on to the Hospice.*

*I hope the plants all do well and that we get some good weather to help them on their way.*

Good luck!

**Wendy Hawkes**  
6 South Parade



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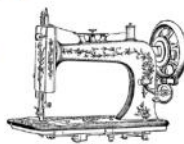
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