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Editorial

During the recent wintery weather, everywhere was looking very picturesque after the snow fall. This encouraged many children and adults to come out to play, taking part in family snowball fights, sledging and building snow characters, and providing a diversion from the lockdown for a short while. We are pleased to include some snowy photos in our middle pages which were taken in both Harbury and Ladbroke.

Following receipt of a grant from the HS2 Community Fund, Ladbroke has been able to make a number of improvements to their Village Hall and the Ladbroke Matters article explains what has been done and includes some pictures. Harbury Village Hall has also received grant funding from several different sources with some internal work already been done. The foyer has now been demolished and construction of the new extended entrance at the front of the hall has begun. Our photo shows work in progress.



There are opportunities to join the Warwickshire County Council 'Solar Together' and 'Switch and Save' initiatives this month. Stratford District Council is also promoting the 'Start and Build a Business Training Event' where participants can take part in an online five-day course, details in the magazine.

Hopefully many of our older residents in both villages have now received their first Covid job. In the meantime, whether you have or not, remember 'Hands, Face and Space' and keep safe. With luck we can all look forward to getting back to some normality later in the year.


Finally, we extend our condolences to the families of David Bowell and Bill Clarkson.

Harbury Diary

Most activities normally shown are suspended at present. Please check village websites & noticeboards for updates.



Refuse Collection Rota

	Deppers Bridge	Harbury, Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge outlying properties	Collection Week
February	Wed	Fri	
	10	12	Grey Bin
	17	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	24	26	Grey Bin
March	3	5	Green & Blue Lid Bins
	10	12	Grey Bin
	17	19	Green & Blue Lid Bins

From the Rector



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I wonder where you feel your roots are? Perhaps your family has lived in the same area for generations, or maybe you have relocated because of work or family reasons, and have settled into a new community. But to really feel at home can take time. When my family and I were in Cumbria we were told that it takes many decades to lose the status of 'offcomer'.

We lived there for only 11 years so were only part way on that journey!

As you may know I am a Midlander at heart, and so moving back to Warwickshire was a bit like returning home.

Sadly, of course, sometimes our home may not be a good place to be. Some people may feel trapped in an abusive situation, longing for something better but unable to see a way out. As foster carers we are all too aware that some children cannot safely stay in their family home, but have to build a new life in a new home, though of course their links remain to family and the place they grew up. There are also those who have no place to call home, whose circumstances leave them without security and feeling abandoned. Others long for the days to return when they don't have to be isolated within four walls while the vaccines are rolled out.

But whatever our situation may be, wherever we find ourselves, and however long we have been there, our permanent home is still waiting for us. In John's gospel Jesus says 'In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.'

God tells us that there is a place reserved for us in his Kingdom. A place that will be our eternal home. People have some odd ideas about heaven. All that ethereal stuff about stars and clouds and angels. But, in fact it's going to be more **real** than anything we have experienced on this earth. It's like we are currently living in black and white - the world to come will be in full technicolour. All the darkness and despair of our world will be stripped away, and life will be as it was always meant to be. The book of revelation promises 'The old order of things will have passed away'.

God is calling all of us to come back to our real home. Ash Wednesday is on the 17th February, a day that marks the beginning of Lent, a time when we can reflect on our lives and our relationship with God. This year, during Lent, our diocese are presenting some reflections on prayer to be held on Wednesday evenings, details below:

<https://coventry.anglican.org/leaning-into-lent-2021/be-nourished/journey-into-lent.php>

Do tune in if you can and discover just what a difference prayer can make in our lives and in our world, and how we can begin to experience our true home in God's Kingdom.



From the Churchwardens

Liz & Michael

First and foremost, we hope and pray that you are all remaining as safe and well as possible during this latest coronavirus lockdown. At the time of writing, we have just heard that the lockdown has been extended until early March.

So, during February, Harbury **Church services** will continue to be held **live online** via Zoom at 10.30am every Sunday morning, followed by an opportunity for online coffee and social conversation. Please contact either of

us on the phone numbers below if you do not know how to connect, but would like to join in.

Separately, with the growing daylight hours, the church building will be open from **11am - 4pm every Sunday and Wednesday for private prayer** and provides a peaceful place to just sit and reflect. Anyone is welcome to come at these times but must read and follow the signs to keep all visitors safe.

Also, every Wednesday during February the church is holding an **online morning coffee and chat** session, which is open to anyone in the village who would like to join in for a bit of social conversation and friendship. Joining details are published in the weekly Pew News which can be found on the church website - allsaintsharbury.org - or alternatively contact either of us for the information.

Lastly, the following article provides an update on the progress being made on the Heat Light and Stone appeal and the associated building improvements - which in summary are being slowed down by the extra difficulties experienced due to Covid.

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



Heat, Light, Stone, and Audio Visual – and especially Heat!

There has been some progress with the repairs and improvements to our Grade II listed thirteenth century Church, despite the lockdowns. Thanks to the sterling work of Philip Mayer, with the help of our churchwardens and a newly formed project team, we are waiting for Diocesan approval of our plans to replace the heating in both the main church and the Tom Hauley Room. The new systems will be modern, efficient and environmentally friendly. But the Diocesan approval system is frustratingly slow.

The present, defunct church boiler was taking between four and six hours to heat the church adequately. It pumped the water through pipes, some of which dated back 160 years. The build-up of sludge and scale in these ancient pipes led to the boiler overheating and melting some of them.

The gas heaters in the Tom Hauley Room have become increasingly noisy and inefficient. Parts to repair them may be unobtainable. They have always relied on manual setting; William Jones sets the timers each week for the heaters to come on for booked activities. Our total gas bill for both buildings for a year is over three-and-a-half thousand pounds, and the systems were outdated.

We are asked by the National Church Buildings Council, an advisory body, to *'focus not on boilers or heaters, but instead on people, and their activities. It is people who feel comfort or discomfort and people who are the focus of the mission of the church.'*

The Harbury Parochial Church Council plan is to ensure:

- the church being welcoming and useable with the congregation feeling comfortable
- that the historic fabric and materials are not damaged due to condensation
- affordability to install, maintain and run the heating system
- reducing the carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.

The ideal heating system will

- give the congregation a feeling of 20°C when the outside temperature is -5°C.
- reduce energy consumption by up to 45%
- warm the church in five minutes to 70% heat and in ten minutes to full heat.
- reduce the risk of cross infections from Covid 19 and its mutations as there is limited air movement .
- allow control from a home computer for unplanned services as well as a pre-programmed schedule for regular services.

All this is progressing thanks to the generosity of the church congregation and the village at large. Your response has been amazing. We have an image of the planned church heating, and in normal circumstances, we would have had a drop-in at the church to show you what will happen. And, of course, it is never too late to contribute; we have raised £114,000 so far, but not yet reached our target of £250,000 needed for the total work to be done.

This computer-generated image shows the proposed radiant heaters. All the ceiling timbers will be retained.

The Parochial Church Council - the governing body of our church - has approved the works. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions have caused considerable delays to the project, but this has been unavoidable. Now we are seeking Diocesan and Stratford District Council planning approval, either of which could take as long as three months. Only then can we approach funding bodies to match your gifts and that can take them as long as a year. They will want to see our bank account, and our plans.



We can't start work and claim the grants retrospectively. So, we are in this for the long haul.

Future articles will bring you up-to-date with plans for the lighting, audio-visual developments, and work on the roof and stonework. In the meantime, here is reminder of what our church means to the children of Harbury:

'Our six year-old grandson looks forward to the 'Open the Book' team from All Saints Church visiting Harbury School. These dedicated adults enact familiar Bible stories for the children.

In February, at the playing field, he got very excited at the sight of a tall man approaching us. 'It's the Open the Book man' shouted our grandson. It was Peter Ball, who he recognised as the actor sometimes playing Jesus or God in Open the Book. They had a lovely conversation.

A few days later, outside our house, he again spotted the Open the Book man - Peter was walking along the road. Our daughter told us he was always pleased when Open the Book had been at school. Then he saw Rosemary Harley near to his nanny's house in Warwick - telling the family that she too was from Open the Book. What he likes about Open the Book is Jesus and the Bible stories. His favourite stories are 'the animals going into the boat, and Christmas'.

John Stringer

All Saints Harbury Parochial Church Council

	<h2>Mothers' Union</h2>	<p>Gillian Hare</p>
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It is good news that many of us have now received the first vaccine, but don't forget you are not protected until a couple of weeks after the second one. Meanwhile, many of us are able to join our services on line; aren't we blessed to have Rev Bob's wizardry to support Rev Andy? And Chris has passed on this month's prayer diary. Do feel able to ring any of the committee for a chat if this is all getting you down.

Jesus said: let not your hearts be troubled.

Keep safe.



LOCAL FOODBANK - there is a facility in the village to donate any non-perishable food to your local Foodbank, which supplies the local area, including Harbury. Donations can be brought to the Wight School (library) car park on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm, or dropped off at Harbury Village Library on Mondays, 10am -12 noon or Thursdays, 2pm - 4pm. Thank you.

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

Due to lockdown there are no live events in the village. For up to date details of on-line church services and when the church building is open for private prayer, please refer to ladbrokechurch.org.uk



Ladbroke Church News

Peter Rigby

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

It was disappointing to have to close the Church for worship immediately after Christmas. Although it is legally permissible for us to remain open, we are conscious that the infection rates generally remain very high, and we do not want our Church to be a place where the virus is transmitted.

Although our Church building is closed, Church in the sense of Christians meeting together has been carrying on. We are meeting, together with those from Harbury and Ufton, on Zoom each Sunday at 10.30am, and have then been carrying on with Ladbroke's "after church chat" afterwards. Anyone is welcome to join us; please email ladbrokechurch@gmail.com if you would like the Zoom links.

We are keeping the situation under review and hope to be able to meet together in Church soon.



What a difference a week makes....snow and snowdrops in the churchyard



Ladbroke Parish Council

Jackie West

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

The meeting on 13th January was held by Zoom, and the next one will be too. If members of the public wish to attend just email our parish clerk, Jackie Chapman, on ladbrokeparishcouncil@gmail.com and she will send you the joining details.

SDC and WCC - Our area, Feldon and Southam, had higher numbers of **Covid cases** per 100,000 than the rest of SDC, perhaps as more residents travelled to Rugby and Banbury where the number of cases was higher than Stratford. **Vaccinations** for a wide area, including Kineton and Tysoe would be starting mid January; if people declined an invitation to go to Birmingham this would not affect receiving a local offer.

Country Parks and Council Tips remain open as are various help and advice lines relating to shielding, welfare and domestic violence. SDC are passing on Government money and have economic advisors who may be able to help businesses affected by Covid.

People who wish to continue with a **green bin service** can now order this on <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-service.cfm> with an early bird discount if you order by 28th February.

Our area is well represented in discussions between SDC and Warwick District Council about planning policy with both Nigel Rock and Andy Crump on the team. SDC are holding a public consultation until mid-February about proposed areas where gypsies and travellers camps can and can't be located. There were some changes in local police as people moved to and from the Rural Crime team. Parking charges that could have affected Southam had been "hit on the head".

Notice board - The open part of the board near the pub may be converted from a section for public notices to a new Village Trail map.

Emergency Plan - This is being updated.

Flooding - The Fire and Rescue service helped a resident protect their property against flooding and they are now liaising about maintenance of a culvert.

Planning - Councillors noted but had made no representation to applications to change a conservatory into a brick extension at 7 Hedges Close, a manege for horses off Radbourne Lane nor a lawful development certificate for cottages being independent residences at Deppers Bridge Farm.

Speed signs - Investigations continue. One type sounds promising - it does not need a permanent electrical supply and can be moved between locations.

It was suggested we have one sign initially near the church but it would have to be positioned where tractors with large loads would not knock it and fixed so it could not be stolen, also presumably not under trees if it is solar powered.

Budget - The precept will be the same as last year - £5200.

Website - Like many similar councils, with various regulations and requirements Ladbroke Parish Council will convert the old website to a new one solely for Parish Council use. The clerk will take the relevant existing information and load into a "Hugo Fox" website and, provided it is as easy as anticipated, maintain the content on that site. Other community information will need to go on other websites or it will disappear.

Next meeting: 10th March by Zoom.

	<p>Ladbroke & Deppers Bridge Women's Institute</p>	<p>Carol Lane</p>
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Thanks, as always, to Joan for her diligence in sending the information to us all on such a regular basis. Not only does she send the list of the very varied courses we can tap into but she gives helpful advice regarding some of them, like the following:



'I always thought chair aerobics consisted of putting your feet up and down on the foot stool, lifting your hands and arms by picking up cups of tea or coffee, stretching arms reaching for the chocolates or by picking your book up and putting it down again whilst exercising your eyelids every so often! Then what do I know (don't answer that)'.

Seriously there is something for everyone from subjects like 'Gentle Mindful Yoga' and 'Make a Three Grain Risotto with Fennel and Orange Salad' to 'an eight part series on World War 1' and 'Discover the Elizabethans'.

Dianne has recently taken part in a Zoom interview with Julie Summers who wrote Jambusters, the story of the WI in WW2. Some of you may remember a literary lunch she did at Mallory Court a few years ago. This talk was hosted by Charles Dickens' great grand-daughter, Lucinda Hawksley.

When Dianne was in New Zealand at the beginning of last year, she made contact with a WI group there (Ladbrookes!) and now regularly receives their Home and Country magazine It is lovely to be in contact with a WI on the other side of the world with similar interests and good to read about their slow progress out of restrictions despite the fact that New Zealand is virtually free of Covid-19.



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

Those of us who have ventured outside for our daily exercise will have noticed the work being carried out in neighbouring fields by the HS2 contractors. Like it or not, we are unfortunately going to have to tolerate these preparations for the time being. However, we have been awarded a grant of £65,000 for improvements to our village hall from the HS2 Community Fund which was established to offer some consolation for this disruption.

We have put these funds towards implementing the following improvements:

- Extension with new toilet for the disabled and new wheelchair friendly access.
- Resurfacing the car park and adding dedicated disabled hardstanding parking.
- Areas of roof replacement and painting of external cladding.



Kitchen inside



Kitchen outside



Hall outside



New entrance

- New kitchen rebuild and fit out.
- Floor refurbishment.
- Additional stage lighting and control desk.

The total cost of this work slightly exceeded the £65,000 grant. Many of the team have been involved with these projects at various stages and we would like to thank them all for their hard work.

We are planning to use further existing funding to improve the stage area and replace the existing hall lighting.

We hope it will soon be possible for you to see and enjoy these improvements once life gets back to some semblance of normality. In the meantime, the photos on the previous page show improvements (courtesy of Russell Griffith, Prestige Photography):

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 December 2020

£50	Simon and Jackie West	£50	John Liverton
£25	Tracy Lochhead	£25	Donna Griffith
£25	Tim Malby	£10	Helen Morten
£10	Sophie Kendall	£10	Linda Spence

Margaret Bosworth



Ladbroke General Section



Ladbroke Heritage

There were a lot of people curious to find out what had been happening "Behind the Scaffolding" which included some fascinating videos of the stonemasons at work. If you missed the live session, it is recorded and available until the end of February with a link on both the church website ladbrokechurch.org.uk and the Ladbroke Heritage Facebook page.

Repairs to the church continue despite the weather except when Ladbroke was under a carpet of snow. We now have a new porch floor. It has the same diamond pattern as before but is lovely smooth York Stone rather than the heavily eroded slabs there before. One of the things The National Lottery Heritage Fund, (whose grant is funding the project in a big way), include in

their regular progress checks is what we are doing to reduce waste, reusing, and recycling materials. Next time I will be able to report the best of old slabs have become stepping stones in our garden. It seemed a real shame to just recycle with all the removed stone and offcuts as hardcore.



The masons are making good progress too at ground level on the tower. At the time of writing there are quite a lot of gaps where rotten stones and previous patches have been taken out; the new stone has been cut and will be mortared in when the weather warms up a bit - if it is too cold the mortar does not set properly and no-one wants to do a job twice. This picture shows a couple of holes awaiting new stone and the never ending task of clearing up. For every new stone and trowel of mortar used nearly the same amount of rubble has been removed, tons and tons and tons of it, all swept up and bagged by hand.

Jackie West



Report from the District Councillor for Ladbroke

Covid

Covid rates in Stratford District have fallen slightly from their peak. Rates here - in the wider Southam area, having generally been the lowest in the district through 2020, have had a period over the last month of being about 25-33% above the average for the district. The trend is downward though and rates are just below 300 per 100,000 population.

Vaccination is by invitation and started on Friday 15th January at Southam Clinic for over 80s. Our programme is not being done directly through GPs

but organised by the Clinical Commissioning Group for South Warwickshire. People should not contact the NHS or GPs to ask for a jab, they will be contacted as prioritised. In addition there are mass vaccination hubs that might send invitations out to people here, with callers working down the age to those in their 70s. In addition to the one in Birmingham, Stoneleigh started operating on 25th January. If you are invited, using the mass vaccination centre is an option. If residents choose not to go there, I am assured that this does not affect priority to go to the 'local' centre in Southam.



Regrettably, criminals are using the Covid-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy. I have had no reports of this happening locally but please be on your guard.

There is huge amount of goodwill among residents for the vaccination programme. I have had feedback that the NHS is rather overwhelmed with applicants who volunteer assistance, so much so, that processing applications may not be as timely

as everyone would wish. I hope this will not be a deterrent to volunteers.

Eight grant schemes are in place in order to support businesses through the lockdown. Since the November lockdown Stratford District Council has paid out around £4.5m to businesses and this includes payments of £2.4m that the Council is making to 1,145 businesses across the district in the last two weeks of January.

In relation to the work of enforcement, the Council has written to and will be visiting all of the supermarkets across the district. This is part of a countywide campaign to ensure that businesses are continuing to comply with the government guidance.

Not Covid!

Stratford continues to advance closer working with Warwick District Council and work is starting on a joint 'core strategy' with Warwick District. This is the main planning policy document for Councils against which planning applications would be judged in future years. However, this takes place against a background of the government wanting to review the whole way local planning decisions are taken in the long term.

A proposal was tabled during January by the Stratford Council Cabinet to consider charges for parking in market towns, which would have included Southam. This was withdrawn after pressure from local councillors, including me. I have concern that this proposal may return in the future.

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Harbury Parish Council

Linda Ridgley
Harbury News Correspondent

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

January 2021 Meeting Report

Yet another Zoom meeting for the Parish Council. It's not the same as being in the room with them and it was a very long meeting. First there was the Energy Project to install electric car charging points on an extension to the Recreation Ground car park and to erect a wind turbine below the Tennis and Netball Courts and a "Weather Station" for anyone to view, placed on one of the car park lamps. The project had to make a record of the sun and wind regime.

Phillip Mayer was there to answer questions from the Parish Council who had concerns about the siting proposed, the effects of the installations, the size of the container to house the batteries, the impact on nearby households, the height of the turbine and whether the project would be allowed at all on the Playing Fields which were "Fields in Trust".

Cllr Knowles asked if "Fields in Trust" had yet been consulted, but the Chairman explained that Mr Mayer was giving the Council the information for them to judge the scheme's merits. Philip was able to field most of the Council's objections and explained in detail what was proposed, but Cllr Mancell still had concerns about the size of the battery container, and the logic of extending the existing car park.

The Chairman agreed that there would be a loss of land at the car park, but only on an area of scrub. The Clerk asked if the car park would have to be dug up to install the power cables, but was assured the cables would go alongside it. Paul Quinney said there would be very detailed plans of the whole playing fields so that people could understand the project, but still the Councillors' questions kept coming.

Could the turbine be put on the allotments? Would the PC challenge Fields In Trust over ownership of the land? But eventually the Chairman called a halt and said they should talk to "Fields in Trust" before making a decision.

It was a relief to have a break as Cllr Gibb complained about his difficulties just getting an electric car charging point at his home. SDC had given consent but as he was not able to purchase the charger he had specified; he was having to make another application!

Then long discussion on the School's "Earthworms" bid for PC grant-aid to renovate the site, providing a pond-dipping platform and structural works. The Chair asked about the possibility of arranging wider community access. The PC had given out several grants and the Earthworms project would take all the remaining budget. A compromise was reached so Earthworms could have some grant now and more later when the coffers were re-filled.

Reports from Other Bodies

The Library continued to provide a book and jigsaw click-and-collect service and the Chairman thanked all the volunteers. The School was very busy with vulnerable and key workers' children and 150 home schooling. Southam had lots of home schooling and online lessons. Work progressed on the Village Hall upgrades. Asbestos had been removed from the porch and the Farley Room had new floors and doors. The main hall was sealed off from the work and still useable.

District Cllr Jacqui Harris gave an update on her attempts to find funding for the Pre-School; she was disappointed about the level of fly-tipping in the area; the NHS was still coping and had capacity but had been busy. Most Covid cases came in and went home safely. Vaccination had been initially slow but was getting better.

She asked for information about anti-social behaviour in the locality and there had been claims of drug dealing and neighbour disputes. She and Cllr Crump would talk to SDC about the lack of progress on dealing with omissions to planning permission on the Henry's development and asked for information. The Chair agreed that there had been enforcement issues and nothing had been done.

Planning

Plans for a housing extension at 22 Hillside took up some time, but the householder was able to explain it was intended for an elderly relative and that there had been no neighbour objections, indeed they had been very supportive and the Housing Association also had no concerns.

There were "No Representations" on Cllr Gibb's second bid for a car charging point; or the reduction of conifers at the Manor House. There were some concerns about the Co-op's plans to rejig the exterior of their shop. The main problem was with the new siting of the cashpoint. Cllrs were concerned that the pavement was too narrow and that users could be endangered. However, they all agreed that the upgrade would be beneficial and made "No Representation".

There was some concern that the "Over 55's Housing Needs Report" only elicited a 3% response, but Sarah Brook Taylor explained that this was 3% of the over 50's not the whole parish, and that this was slightly better than usual for these surveys!

The District's latest consultation on sites suitable for Gypsy and Travellers caused further concern. The Chair made the point that Harbury is adjacent to Warwick District which had plans for a site just beyond the Fosse. He asked Cllr Harris to make sure SDC realised this and did not put their site close to Warwick's.

Environment

Everyone was concerned about the damage done by parking at Five Ways. There was photographic evidence of this and complaints from residents.

Cllr Crump would be asked to take up these concerns with the County Council. The Clerk had emailed him and the Police about the problems.

Properties

Cllr Gibb extolled the value of CCTV at the School where a teacher's car was damaged by a builder's vehicle. A sign to highlight the CCTV at the Playing Fields car park would be installed. Cameras are on the entrance post and Village Hall. The car park was to be pressure washed and relined.

There was long discussion about work on the Cemetery Chapel and the need to remove all the "gear" stored there, including boxes for the new Christmas lights, Beer Festival equipment, lots of Carnival material, pews and "rubbish" which would have to be taken away. The Clerk suggested that the PC could rent a unit to store their equipment temporarily whilst the repairs to the Chapel were done. She recommended a quote of £9,370 for the repairs to the roof. The quotes for stone work would be decided at the next meeting.

Finance and General Purposes

The Parish Council tax increase would be 4.4% and required to fund items such as - PC's refuse collection; £1K - Covid Community Support; £7,500 Grants; £378.50 per month Office Rent; other monies for projects including the Cemetery Chapel, drainage of the Playing Fields, more Christmas lights and a defibrillator for Deppers Bridge. So they voted for a Budget Precept of £116,683.

The PC's next meeting is scheduled for 25th February and will be on Zoom!

Current Parish Council members contactable via the Parish Office are:

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

	<h2>Harbury Society</h2>	<p>Linda Ridgley</p>
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A talk on Bell Ringing given in May 1981 by Harry Windsor.

Introducing Harry Windsor's talk on bells, Tim Millington said that bell ringing was one of the most public of pursuits and yet, to most people, what went on in the Belfry was a mystery. Ringing could be done by machine, and yet it remained an English sport!

Bell ringing, Harry Windsor postulated, evolved as a way of celebrating victories and losses, and as a means of broadcasting news. At first bronze pots had probably been struck, but these

were later refined into the bell shape we recognise today.

Although bells were hung in church towers, they were the property of the people, "the Community's Broadcasting arrangement". There were frequent disputes between ringers and the Church and this was only ended about 100 years ago when the two were brought together and the bells became the property of the Church. The ringers have also changed; from being a sport for the gentry, bell ringing has become a hobby and a service to the Church.

Bell manufacture is still by the traditional methods. A template is mounted on a metal base-plate and rotated to describe the shape of the bell. The internal dimensions are then bulked out in fire brick, loam and horse hair, and the external mould is made in the same way. The two are then put together and bell metal, a mixture of copper and 23% tin is poured in. This used to be done in the churchyard, for the transport of the very heavy bells was difficult and bell metal is very brittle, but nowadays the casting takes place in a factory.

After the mould has been removed, the bell has to be tuned by removing metal from the interior until the correct note is achieved. The bell produces several notes when it is sounded yet the note heard does not exist; it is an amalgamation of all the sounds the bell produces.

The bells are mounted on a beam attached to a wheel so that the bell can be rotated and brought up to the position where it will balance, up-ended. It is this facility to control the swing and the striking of the bell that enables British bell ringers to ring in a sequence and to make and change that sequence. "Ringing Changes" is almost exclusively British and is an intricate and intellectual art. Every bell must change its place in a sequence if it can, but only by one place at a time. Although when written out these changes appear complicated they do resolve themselves into fairly simple patterns, for each ringer. The skill is to remember the pattern and ring it! Whilst it may take 4-6 weeks to teach someone to control the bell, without hanging himself, 2-3 years is needed for competence in bell ringing.

Harbury's Bells were recast in 1959 and mounted in a steel frame. They date from 1812 and numbered five. They had been rung from downstairs but were becoming difficult to ring and so were moved up into the Tower, which did help.

When inspected in 1959 two were found to be cracked and it was decided to re-cast them all. Now the Church has been given two bells from the redundant Church at Winderton and these will be recast and tuned to the existing bells. The bell ringers are doing much of the work themselves, but are still anxious to raise several thousand pounds for it costs £700 to cast one bell.

Harry Windsor then organised the assembled company to ring simple changes on hand bells, much to the amusement of the remainder of the audience. The evening finished with a virtuoso performance on the hand bells by the Family Windsor.

Below is a picture taken from the Harbury & Ladbroke News archives of the bellringers in December 1995. Both Harry Windsor and Tim Millington are in the photo.



Harbury Women's Institute

Mary Thompson

Our first meeting of 2021 was held on 14th January when president Ann welcomed 28 members and three guests from the Heritage Centre. It was good to know that a few members' husbands/partners were listening in to our speaker which of course is possible when we use Zoom.

Ann reminded members that talks were available via WFWI and Denman at home.

We welcomed Dr Sharon Hancock whose talk was called "The Soldiers Remembered". Sharon said she started working on family history when she retired and eventually moved on to researching the names on the village war memorial, inspired by listening to the names being read out at the village Remembrance service. She completed work on WW1 soldiers as part of the Harbury Centenary project and these are linked to the blue plaques which can be seen around the village.

She was telling us about the research she has done on the ten men who served in WW2. These were men who had largely worked at the cement works and on local farms before joining the services. Seven men have graves abroad, two at sea and one has no known grave. The internet is very useful for carrying out this sort of research; in 1939 the government produced a

register of people who would be useful to the war effort. Sharon used photographs to tell us about each man, their life before the war and what she knew about their war service and death. She had been able to speak to some family members. We recognised names of families who still have connections to the village such as Gurden, Ceney and Tanner. Sadly, two brothers were killed in June 1944 - Sapper Charles Geoffrey Boynton and Trooper Henry Gornall Boynton. Their father John was killed in 1918. Some men had children they never saw. It was interesting to hear the story of Richard Morris who served in WW1 and then volunteered for WW2; he died a prisoner of war. Pat Smith gave a vote of thanks and remarked how moving Sharon's talk had been.



Sharon has produced two books about her research into the WW1 and WW2 servicemen and they can be found in the Heritage Centre when it is open again. Our thanks to Sharon for an interesting and moving talk and to Philip who produced a PowerPoint presentation to accompany Sharon's talk. At the beginning of the meeting, Ann reminded members of the financial difficulties being experienced by Myton Hospice. Sharon has donated the cheque that we gave her to the Hospice.

The Warwickshire Federation recently launched a competition for members entitled "Lockdown Highs and Lows" Congratulations to Heather Rogers whose entry called "Kindness and Caring" won 2nd prize. She described the "Going on a Bear Hunt" idea which she introduced to children during the first Lockdown when they were encouraged to look for teddies in village windows and the orange teddy in her Farm Street garden.

The meeting on 11th February is our "Members' Night" and the committee have arranged a light-hearted quiz - so members should be at their computers/tablets with pen and pencil. Members who can't access Zoom will receive a copy of the quiz after the meeting.



Harbury Heritage Centre

Bill Timson

As the pandemic continues to affect our everyday lives with so many events cancelled or postponed one 'giant' continues to progress through the Warwickshire countryside unabated - HS2, the new high speed train link between London and Birmingham.

Indeed, the subject of railways has been a hot topic of conversation in and around Harbury for several months now. The whole HS2 debate continues to roll on, causing local disruption to traffic, permanent changes in our rural landscape and it still remains a political 'hot potato' in these challenging and unprecedented times. Even closer to home, the Murphy's engineering group have been here over a year now stepping back and stabilising the deep cutting on the Chiltern Line, at the north end of the village behind Churchland's Business Park to provide long term stability for the original excavation dug by hand in 1850. This is the second phase of the stabilising operation, the first being carried out in 2015 after a landslip occurred near to the 'Three Arch Bridge'.



The railway has a potted history in Harbury. How many of you know that we once had a station in Harbury? It was officially called 'Southam Road and Harbury' railway station and it was situated just outside Deppers Bridge on the B4522 near to the Bishop's Itchington turning, Station Road.

As early as 1840 a petition was sent to GWR (Great Western Railway) regarding the establishment of a station

at Harbury - we have a copy of this document in the Heritage Collection (catalogue reference HM- 0125) - It is difficult to read but it appears that the residents of Harbury and the nearby villages were putting a case for and therefore recommending to the Great Western Board the provision for a station on the Birmingham to Oxford line.

Heritage Group and long term Harbury resident Alf Butler nicknamed 'gaffer' once worked on the railway and he has contributed many 'railway' documents and photographs to the Heritage Collection. Ironically, the under-use of rural railways and the growth in car ownership eventually lead to drastic cuts in this public service. In the 1960's chairman of the British Transport Commission, Dr Richard Beeching recommended closing many of the rural railway lines and stations in a campaign 'to make the railways pay'. The early 1960's saw the pace of closures accelerated, and the full force of 'Beeching's Axe' was

felt as 2,128 stations closed and 67,700 jobs were lost. Unfortunately, Harbury was one of the casualties. A Leamington Courier article (HM-0143) dated 1963 reports the closure. On a positive note, Kenilworth Station, another from Beeching's List, closed in the 1960's and, after 50 years and much campaigning,



reopened in 2019 forming a link between Leamington and Coventry.

It doesn't appear that any amount of campaigning is going to stop the HS2 giant. Perhaps we should turn our attention to campaigning for the rebuilding of Harbury Station, at least then we could travel to Birmingham by train and, if so desired, travel on HS2 to London!

	<h2>Harbury Energy Initiative</h2>	<p>Bob Sherman</p>
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Don't forget: Solar Together Warwickshire launches on 15th February.

If you are even vaguely thinking of installing solar panels why not register on: www.solartogether.co.uk/warwickshire - further details follow this article on page 25.

This is a scheme run for the County Council to help residents get the best possible deal. Registering commits you to nothing.

20:20 Vision: A summary of HEI in 2020

It was not the year we planned, not that we do that much planning. Ideas and opportunities have seemed at times in our history as a group to appear quite randomly. The year 2020, despite all its barriers to contact, its threats and its misery, was not totally without productive activity from HEI. We met rarely and decisions were made by email. The focus was on continuity rather than new projects. The most disappointing obstruction was to our Low Carbon Warwickshire Network, which had begun with such flourish the year before. Meanwhile, on the other hand, the Harbury Future Energy project achieved its first stage successfully and now moves forward.

Not so hot Gospel

As winter arrived the church boiler failed dramatically and failed with no possibility of a bodged repair, so often the solution in the past. Philip Mayer, exercising his role as All Saints Fabric Committee Chair and as an active HEI member, with some support from Alan Guy and me, began planning the

refurbishment to include low carbon radiant panel heating with hydrogen ready boilers, rewiring, new LED lighting, audiovisual equipment and other works. The plans include similar improvements to the Tom Hauley Room. People often compare prolonged and tedious waiting to watching paint dry. Paint, I can advise you, dries a great deal faster than the Diocesan administration is able to make decisions. A year on and a lot of detail has been prepared but no decisions have yet been approved. In 2019 we worked with the churchwardens to achieve an Eco Church Bronze Award. These improvements should deliver us Silver level pushing at the boundaries of Gold. But it will be 2022 before work is completed, even though more than half the funds needed have already been donated. It will be worth the wait.

Harbury Future Energy

Our concept of a village electric vehicle (EV) charging station part-powered by wind and sun was approved for Stage 1 funding by the Rural Community Energy Fund in the autumn of 2019. Although strictly a Harbury e-Wheels project - we could only apply as a charity - the project has HEI written all over it. The small development group appointed Greenwatt Technology as our consultants and through 2020 Mike Woollacott and his team worked up a comprehensive feasibility study. During the year we carried out a potential user survey of Harbury residents, which yielded interesting and positive results. We backed this up with a public display of our plans at a freezing and windy Local Market at the school in late September, which was attended by several Parish and District Council members and our local MP Jeremy Wright. Late in August we were able to present a 153 page study to the Midlands Energy Hub, which administers RCEF funds for the region, and gained their approval to bid for the next stage of funding. We were then in a race to apply for Stage 2 funding of up to £100,000 to complete the business development and planning. We had less than a month but completed the complex document with a multitude of attachments in time. The project was approved for the Stage 2 Fund and highly complimented for its professional presentation. We have now appointed Allen Construction Consultants to take the work forward. That means that HEI's Paul Quinney will be leading on that work for the company. In the meantime, we have circulated the study widely to other communities inspired by our idea.

County connections

The Low Carbon Warwickshire Network that we launched in March 2019 was all set to romp away in 2020 with three events already in planning and several new requests to join. At the beginning of the year HEI brought together a Consortium of partners, Act on Energy, the RSA, Community Energy Warwickshire and HEI, to prepare bids to support the development of the Network. But you know what happened next. Everything stopped but we carried on developing the Network through building relationships and sending out funding applications. The three applications we made one after the other were all unsuccessful but we know that it is a good scheme and we continue to work on our next bid. The Network is a perfect vehicle for local authorities to engage with their communities in delivering their climate emergency plans.

Website upgrade

Early in the year we were told by our web host and website creator that we needed to switch to a new system and this proved an opportunity to greatly upgrade the site. The HEI website, which incorporates pages for Harbury e-Wheels and Low Carbon Warwickshire Network, was originally developed at no cost by Pixelboy (now Dan McGovern) and was basic. The offer from Dan McGovern was to build a completely new website at half the normal price. We hesitated until Let's Talk Ageing, run by Harbury's Graeme McKenzie, offered Harbury e-Wheels a donation that completely covered the cost. The resulting website has been a great success and we owe a debt to Doug Freeman for learning how to use Elementor and managing the site for us. Three others of us attended the lengthy tutorial but weren't terribly good students.

2021

The new year has not started well for humans. There are signs, however, that the green agenda, whilst it can't compete for attention at the moment with the pandemic, has risen much higher up the table of priorities at local and national government level. Businesses also are beginning to respond to the climate and environmental crisis. HEI can contribute to this both very locally through the Harbury Future Energy project and other ideas and more widely through the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network.

	<h3>Harbury e-Wheels</h3>	<p>Bob Sherman</p>
<p>✉ harburyewheels@gmail.com 🌐 www.harburyenergy.co.uk</p>		

Although Harbury e-Wheels is still not able to offer passenger lifts as we used to, we are happy to help with vaccination appointments. If you haven't heard already, we are taking requests for people wanting to get to a vaccination appointment in Southam but having no transport. **You can ask for our help via Janny on 612002 or by emailing harburyewheels@gmail.com.**



We continue to supply the Food Bank every Monday and you can expect to find one of us waiting for your donations in the library car park from 11.30am to 12.30pm. You can also drop off your donations at the library in the marked box on a Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm or from 10am – 12 noon on a Monday. As you will have seen from the news the need for this source of basic support is very great now. The longer the pandemic continues the worse it will become.

Please note that during the current pandemic regulations we are not collecting provisions for the food bank at the church.

On behalf of the recipients, thank you for all your donations.



Solar Together Warwickshire - Launching 15th February 2021

Group Buying of Solar Panels and Battery Storage



Buying Solar Panels & Storage made easy

Do you want to save on your energy bill and generate your own clean electricity? Having your own solar panels can be an intelligent investment: not only can you save on your energy bill, but you will be powering your home with clean electricity.

Solar panels can seem complicated but buying a solar system doesn't need to be daunting. Solar Together is a group-buying scheme that helps you through the process, keeping you informed at every stage.

How can solar panels benefit you?

Earn money from your unused solar power

If you don't use all the energy your panels generate, you can export it to the grid and earn money from it. New regulation means medium and large energy suppliers have to offer tariffs that pay you for exported energy. This is called the Smart Export Guarantee (SEG).

Save money on your electricity bills

Solar panels are a good investment. With your own solar panels you can save on your energy bills and be less reliant on energy suppliers.

Renewable energy source

The sun is a clean and unlimited source of energy, unlike finite fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal.

Reduce CO2 emissions

With solar panels you contribute to the reduction of CO2 emissions and a sustainable future.

Are you considering battery storage with your Solar Together installation?

Battery storage saves the unused energy that is generated by your solar panels, meaning you can use it whenever you want, instead of only during the day. Battery storage can also reduce the electricity you use from the grid, and further cut your energy bills. With Solar Together you will have the option to add battery storage to your installation when you receive your personal recommendation.

Do you already have solar panels installed?

Storage allows you to take control of your energy usage and become less dependent on electricity suppliers. By maximising how much of your self-generated energy you can use at home, you can further reduce your carbon footprint.

Why join Solar Together

Registering with Solar Together means our experts will assist you at every stage of the process.

Its easier as apart of a group

As a group you can get a more competitive offer.

Clear information you can trust

We will give you clear and objective information, so you can make a well informed decision.

Complete, high quality installation

The offer is a complete solar panel system, including survey, installation, monitoring and warranties.

Extended guarantees

We set conditions for qualified installers to ensure you receive a high-quality offer with extended guarantees.

How does it work?

*Registration website opens 15 Feb '21

- 1. Registration:** you can register before 23 March for free and without obligation at www.solartogether.co.uk/ Warwickshire. * To register you simply provide details about your roof, such as its size and orientation.
- 2. Auction:** a supplier 'auction' will be held on 23 March, when our approved solar suppliers will bid for the work. The more people that register, the better the deal should be for each household.
- 3. Personal recommendation:** from 12 April you will be contacted with a personal recommendation, based on the specifications of your roof. This includes your costs and specification of your solar panel installation.
- 4. You decide:** the decision is then yours as to whether you want to accept your recommendation. There is no obligation to continue. You will have until 21 May to decide and will be invited to an online information session where you can hear more from the winning installer.
- 5. Installation:** if you accept, the winning supplier will contact you to survey your roof and set an installation date. All installations are planned to be completed by the end of October 2021.



Harbury Rugby Football Club

Steve Kittendorf

Here we are at the start of 2021, well into the nation's third lockdown and not certain when restrictions might start to be lifted. Needless to say the Rugby Club has been inactive since well before Christmas and therefore there is very little to report here.



The RFU's "#Show Your Shirt" campaign is continuing on into the Guinness Six Nations 2021. See if you can spot Harbury's shirt when England host Italy on Saturday 13th February followed by France on Saturday 13th March - see photo.

Past Chairman of the Club Graham Shurvinton has entrusted me with his note book recording Club events during the late seventies. Graham's writings are, shall we say, interesting, informative, amusing, enchanting and to some might even be seen today as embarrassing! Here are some extracts.

"The Harburian" – Newsletter of Harbury RFC - October 1977

September Results: 1st team P4. Won 1. 2nd Team P4. Won 1. 3rd Team P4. Won 1. Drew 1.

After a fine first win against Coventrians, the 1st team have met and lost to four of the seven teams to beat them last season so things should start looking up from now on. The shoulder injury to Steve Byford hasn't helped and with a few minor injuries the 1st and 2nd have yet to field settled sides. – *No change there then.* The 3rd gained an honourable draw against Old Scouts and seem to be getting a strong side together – *oh to have a 2nd team let alone a 3rd team!*

The other fixtures were against Northampton Heathens, Rugby St. Andrews, and Coventry Saracens.

Entertainments

The above Committee kicked off the new season with a barbeque and swimming party held at The Manor, Bishop's Itchington, thanks to the generosity of Mike Edwards. It was a great success with 140 members and guests attending. The pool was heated to about 84°F and quite a crowd enjoyed a plunge. The only disappointment was the sight of Micky Barnfield swimming in the nude.

There was a sudden shout for Reg when the plug came out but this was overcome. A vote of thanks must go to Ian Holroyd and his crew for a most enjoyable evening.

“Twickers Ahoy” – 25th November 1978

Another good time was had when a coach load of enthusiasts braved the weather, a broken down coach and a driver who didn't know where Twickenham was, and travelled down to Mecca for a game against the All Blacks. Expertly organised by Winch who went on at half time to tell Billy Beaumont how to win, unfortunately the advice was ignored. The Rev David Capron was praying in the stands and Millar was posing in the bar. Micky Barnfield took over from Sweetie on the coach and Ted Maza was voted “Man from C&A” - taking over from Reg. Good booze, great food added up to a great day. – *no mention of the game then.*

With nothing much likely to happen in February, I'll dig out some more anecdotes from Graham's book.

In the meantime - Keep Safe.

	<h2>Harbury Toddler Group</h2>	<p>Lynne Barton</p>
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Hello from everyone at Toddlers

We are trying our very hardest to keep connected with parents and children in Harbury and the surrounding areas, so please, if you know of anyone with an under five do mention us to them. They can email me @lynnebartonentrustcarepartnership.org.uk to find out about our online sessions.

We look forward to the day we can re-open our Group at Harbury Scout Hut. Sadly we have taken advice and the guidance is very clear that toddler groups must remain closed for the foreseeable future.

We do hope with the vaccination rollout, restrictions will ease as soon as it is safe to do so and Toddlers will promptly respond. Well done Warwickshire for offering the vaccine to the key groups so quickly and efficiently.



Princess Elsa

As I say our online sessions continue and recently we were visited by a real princess!

Princess Elsa came to Harbury via a virtual link from the Enchanted Forest and was loved by everyone. If you look carefully, you can see the beautiful trees which surround her.

She read us her own Frozen Story and we sang the now famous ‘Let it Go’ complete with the actions and boy did that feel great.



The children who came to say 'Hi' asked lots of questions, they wanted to visit her in the Ice Palace, they asked what she had received for Christmas, they wanted to know if she had a boyfriend and they wanted to know if it was cold in the forest.

Some toddlers got dressed up as her, they wrote her notes, shared their Frozen books, even had matching make-up.

It was wonderful to listen to and watch; happy children are such a delight. Thank you, Olivia from DBA Theatre and just as you promised you sent us the SNOW.

We love you Elsa ♥ How on earth can we 'top' this!

Online Sessions

We have more online delights arranged; Rachel from Rhythm Time and Miss Lorraine from Love Ballet.com are firm favourites with Toddlers and we have sessions booked with both of them so please join in the fun, **no fee, no forms** just lots of **fun** for half an hour on Mondays until we can meet again, just email me @lynnebartonentrustcarepartnership.org.uk

With much affection, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon, Lynne, Selina, Reg, Suzi and Judy x x

Virtual Rhythm Time with Rachel

rhythm time
Early Learning Through Music

10 am - 1st February - Journey to Space
10 am - 15th February - Animal Friends

To Book Email
lynnebarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk

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Harbury Toddlers

Online Dance & Movement Sessions

Monday 11th and 25th January & 8th February

10 - 10.30 am

To book, email lynnebarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk



Harbury Pre-School

Staff & Committee



Hearts in Harbury: The children have been spreading the love this week by making beautiful hearts to display around our Pre-School. Their hearts have been created using colouring pens, collage materials or both! We now have a Pre-School abundant with hearts with some on display in the windows so do take a look if you are passing by.



Some ways that Maths is supported at Harbury Pre-School: One of the specific areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage is Mathematics and this is split into two separate areas: 'numbers' and 'shape, space and measure'. These areas encompass far more than the traditional counting, number and shape recognition. Harbury Pre-School has a number and shape-rich environment both inside and in our outdoor learning environment. We provide lots of exciting activities, both planned and spontaneous, linked to maths every day. Indeed, maths-related learning opportunities can be integrated into almost every activity that the children engage in. Here is a small sample of some of the ways Mathematics is incorporated into our children's learning.

At circle time, we count with the children. How many children are here today? How many adults? Do we have more girls today or boys? At snack time, the children may be asked to think about how many cups we need. Do we have enough? How many more do we need? This builds on early counting skills and encompasses problem-solving.



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Harbury Snow Characters

by Rosemary Harley, Gill Holden and Elaine Nomura



Ladbroke in the Snow

by Jackie West



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Circle time also provides an opportunity to sing number songs and rhymes which are always a firm favourite with the children.

Every child has a birthday candle which they have decorated. The children are always excited the day they are able to move their birthday candle up to the next digit to show they are a year older, encouraging number recognition.



Construction is always hugely popular and we have a wide range of different resources that the children can use to construct.

The children enjoy building towers, often trying to build a tower taller than their height and comparing the sizes of the towers to those of their peers. Which one is taller? Which one is smaller? How many bricks does my tower have?



Construction enables the children to think about the shape and size of what they are building, whether it is a stable construction as well as whether they can make a pattern or specific structure with their bricks or construction shapes.

Our numbered pots are used for small group time or independent learning. The children are encouraged to look at the numeral on the pot

and add the required number of objects to each pot. Scales also encourage the children to weigh objects and find out which are the 'heaviest' and which are the 'lightest'.



The children love a board game! This particular one is the 'Leaf Game'. Either using our 1-3 dot dice or 1-6 dot dice, depending on ability, the children take it in turns to roll the dice, count the dots and add the required number of leaves to their tree. They can then make some comparisons of quantity of items such as whether they have more, less or the same.

If you would like further information, or to register a child

for Harbury Pre-School, please e-mail enquiries@harburypre-school.org.uk text 07907 598461 or look at the web site www.harburypre-school.org You can also find us on Facebook.



Harbury School PTA

PTA Committee

Harbury School PTA would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! We really hope that 2021 brings a Covid vaccination for all, and with it, the return of happy chatter and little feet returning to school.

We have used the 'peace and quiet' at home to relaunch our school lottery! We hope to make it really big, and a fun flutter for the whole village - we've already got to 120 members but we'd love your support. You do not need a direct connection to the school to join in - just send us an e-mail to harburypta@gmail.com and it's a quick five minute form to join up. The more members we have, the bigger the prizes get!

Congratulations to our December lottery winners:

- 1st** - 74 Aseia Rafique, one of our lovely parent governors
2nd - 11 Louise Wilkinson
3rd - 80 Katie Morrill

Alternatively, if you'd simply like to donate, then our account details are: CAF Bank, Harbury School Parent Teacher Association, Account Number 00023239 Sort Code 40-52-40. Please see full details on how to join the lottery on the next page.

March Edition - Harbury & Ladbroke News

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

Articles to: Harbury Pharmacy, High Street or e-mail to articles@hlnews.co.uk by 5.30pm, Thursday 25th February



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JOIN HARBURY SCHOOL LOTTERY CLUB!!

How Does It Work?

It's simple - pay £2/month to be allocated a number and entered into a monthly draw at the school. 50% of the takings each month go directly to the school and the remaining 50% goes out as winnings - that's it!

Anyone, anywhere over the age of 16 can join in - up to **2 numbers per household**

Numbers get drawn by the school on the last

Friday of every month.

Winners will be announced in the Harbury News, by email and on Facebook. Winnings get transferred directly into your bank account and you will be notified by email or phone.

120 members
already - that's
£120 prize fund
EVERY MONTH!!

What Does the PTA Do?

Harbury School Children really benefit from the money raised by the PTA. We buy the fun stuff!

Before lockdown, we upgraded some very old infant playground equipment and paid for the fabulous outdoor classroom you may have seen at the Harbury Market

Get me signed up!

Please e-mail harburypta@gmail.com Thank you!





Harbury Village Library & Biblio's Café

Rich Fowler



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Libraries are permitted to provide this service under current lockdown regulations, and are encouraged to do so in an effort to help reduce the "digital deficit" which has worsened during the pandemic.

Opening Hours remain the same as announced in the January edition. We continue to offer a Click and Collect and Home Delivery service for books, audiobooks, board games, and jigsaws. We are open on Mondays from 10am to 12 noon, and on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm. At those times you will be able to collect the books you've requested, to return and donate books, and to leave Food Bank donations. Biblio's remains closed.



Children's Books. Did you know we have a collection of around 100 board books for smaller children, 800 picture books, 2000 books of children's fiction, including Early Readers, and 1000 children's non-fiction books covering most school curriculum subjects? No excuse for slowing down on reading or research! To access our children's books just request them in the usual way and arrange to collect them from the library or have them delivered to your home. We have also agreed with Harbury School to deliver your requests there for children or parents to collect.

Library of Things. The library is collaborating with Repair Cafe Harbury and Harbury Seed Share to start building a small collection of tools for people to borrow. We will begin with the basic tools required to repair and maintain bicycles and a set of garden implements. Lists of the tools we hope to have available can be found on the Repair Cafe and Seed Share websites, so if you have a tool you no longer need and are willing to donate, please let us know.

Reminders

While our opening times are severely curtailed at the moment, we still have an active online presence. In addition to our website you can find us on

Facebook (@HVLBC), Instagram (@harburyvillagelibrary), and Twitter (@HarburyLibrary).

Just because our building isn't open to the public it doesn't mean that there isn't work going on behind the scenes, so if you're interested in volunteering in the library or café send us an email at volunteers@harburyvillagelibrary.org.uk.



Harbury Village Club & Institute

Judy Morrall



A big welcome to everyone - where did the last month go? After I had written my last article the lockdown began so I am really sorry that we were unable to open on the Sundays specified to collect membership subscriptions. We did put something on our Facebook page regarding the different methods of payment, also a notice at the club by the entrance door. What a wonderful response we have had. You are all amazing and so far, as at today, 26th January, 165 subscriptions have been paid and this includes seven new members - fantastic. We can't thank you enough for your continued support. The amounts are either £12.50 or £5 for over sixties.

You can pay by cash or cheque and pop your card and payment through the club letterbox and one of us will go regularly to collect any envelopes. Or through my letter box at 55 Mill Street. For payment by BACS our account is:

Harbury Village Club & Institute Ltd

Sort code 40-42-15

Account number 21135228

I have been putting paid cards through members letterboxes as and when I process payments, a good form of exercise and nice to meet people. I am suitably masked and keeping the required distance.

When we do reopen your loyalty will be rewarded and we will be hoping to put on a buffet and some form of entertainment. This of course depends on what will happen after this lockdown finishes and any other restrictions that may be in force. As before, your safety is of paramount importance to us. We are planning to have more family bingos and film matinees for all the family as we have received requests for these events. Happy to oblige. There are lots more things we plan to do so there are exciting times ahead. We are very lucky to have the space and facilities and of course free use of our concert room plus a huge TV screen and Sky Sports.



We are sorry that the curry and pizza vans were unable to visit the club as planned recently. There were staffing issues. Hopefully the first visit by the pizza van will be Friday 5th February. Then, a week

after that, the curry van will be on the car park. After that they will alternate, so please look on our Facebook page for updates.

My work on the rockery area beneath our super new fence along Crown Street is proceeding well. I had a lovely offer of more rocks from Julie who also transported them to the club. I have now placed these along the empty spaces and up to the corner. It now looks so much better. All of the evergreen plants and small shrubs I have planted are very happy and settling in. There will be tulip bulbs in the Spring and daffodils are already appearing at the corner. I didn't know that there were any there!



I have bought some more plants to fill the empty spaces. Can't wait to plant these up; they are green and green and yellow euonymus, thymes which will eventually trail over the rocks, miniature conifers, ferns, miniature rhododendrons and a lovely pieris. I did manage last Saturday to plant out six orangey yellow primroses which fortunately can withstand the cold and snow. As I have loads of grasses and herbs in my garden I will be able to divide some of these too. I intend to plant some wildflower seeds along the top as well. It doesn't

take long for nature to welcome all of these and I have received some lovely compliments from people walking past as I have been weeding and planting etc. Thank you for these and it is better than a gym workout going up and down the slope!

Not much happening at my allotments. I am still harvesting sprouts, turnips, celeriac and herbs. I will be sending my annual seed order next week. So exciting when they arrive and then planning starts as to where to plant them this year as crop rotation has to be considered. At least all of my water butts are full and lots of compost from my bins to spread over empty plots. This will please my tame robin as there are worms to tempt him. We have been keeping the birds well fed in our garden during the cold spell and have seen lots of blue tits, wrens, finches, blackbirds, sparrows and of course the very greedy starlings and pigeons. Still making lots of vegetable soup, very welcome on a cold day.

Still missing not being able to volunteer at Upton House but we all keep in touch. I compile quizzes monthly and send these to Upton and they are attached to our weekly newsletter and update. I see that the Black Country Living Museum which would have been the venue for our first volunteers outing last year is now being used as a vaccination centre. I have lots of ideas for our trips and our Summer volunteers' party. Hopefully we can have our Summer party this year. I have invited a super group called Cool n, Blue to play for us in the past and they were going to do the same last year. Fingers crossed for this year. Plus, I organise a tombola which is always a lot of fun. One of our volunteers, Charlie, moved to the Royal Chelsea Hospital last year and has sent an email describing the move and how he is enjoying it. So we get a nice catch up every week which wets our appetite for the

reopening of the wonderful House and fabulous art and porcelain collection. As you can see I enjoy the whole experience as do our visitors.

There is so much now though that we can enjoy, the lighter nights and mornings, the emergence of snowdrops and catkins all around the village. Have you seen the daffodils at the bottom of Temple End? These always bloom from mid-January and seen last week nodding their splendid heads as if to acknowledge hopefully warmer days. Once Candlemas Day (2nd February) has gone, which according to the saying "if fair and bright winter will have lost its bite", Spring is just around the corner. To repeat again the words of my friend Eric Idle "always look on the bright side of life".

Let's hope that, with all of the wonderful work being done by the NHS, the Army and so many volunteers to ensure that the vaccination programme continues apace, Warwickshire is in the forefront. This will mean that we can look forward to a safer and better time ahead for us all.

My very best wishes to you all. Keep safe and positive.



How I wish I could write an uplifting, positive piece but there are too many uncertain things for us all to cope with. The virus is making life so challenging for almost all of us, the weather has made it impossible to do the winter jobs and Brexit will bring changes we can't quite predict.



You may not realise that many of the plants you bought in the past came from Europe. There are now more

restrictions, more forms to comply with, more expense and delays when importing plants. I know of a few nursery people who will no longer buy in plug plants to grow on because the bureaucracy is a nightmare. If plants are imported they will be more expensive for you to buy. There are good nurseries in the UK who propagate and grow all their own stock (we are one of them) but the range available will be reduced.



Another result of leaving the EU is that the use of neonicotinoid insecticides (which had been banned) will be able to be used again which in turn puts wildlife at risk.

In the meantime I will keep looking for signs of spring; snowdrops beginning to show, hellebores, primroses and maybe a few daffodils will all soon be flowering which should help make us feel a bit more cheerful.

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



Nature Notes

John Hancock

There were snow showers during the afternoon of Saturday 23rd January as Sharon and I took a walk through Thwaites Estate. There were some impressive towering cloud formations as we turned for home. Heavy snow the following morning brought the youngsters out with their sledges and there was a plethora of giant snowballs on the playing fields.

It took me back to the winter of 1962/3 and 'The Big Freeze'. As meteorological records go back to 1659 we see that 62/3 was the coldest winter in our locality since 1895. The freeze continued for the best part of three months.

An eye witness account from Warwickshire County Record Office gives a flavour of the time. A farmer's wife near Alveston reported that *'everything was frozen and silent from December to March on the farm. We had to carry water from the cottage to the farm for all that time which was extremely hard work. Our cottage was directly opposite the Youth Hostel. On Christmas Eve of 1962 there was a knock on the door. It was three men asking if the hostel would be opening. We invited them in for a hot drink and told them the hostel was closed for the holiday. Suffice to say room was found for the weary travellers to rest for the night. A few months later, the winter still cold, a package was left on the doorstep. It was a box of books for our family. A note told us that it was a small token of gratitude from those we had sheltered.'*



Sharon and I were both students in Leeds at the time and remember trudging through the snow to lectures in very inadequate footwear. Space in the university library was at a premium as students living in freezing digs tried to access some free heat.

We had nothing resembling those conditions recently, merely a chance for some of us to remember and reminisce. A snowflake is a single ice crystal that has reached a sufficient size to fall from the sky. Each flake nucleates around a dust particle or pollen grain. Each snowflake crystal has its own unique pattern.

Today, 26th January, the temperature is set to rise and rain set in. No doubt by morning the snow will be gone. I walked down to the three-arched bridge via Mill Lane before the ice had gone. Fresh shoots of Wild Arum and the larger leaves of Comfrey lined the path. There is no echo near the bridge these days since the vegetation has baffled the sound. We and, I'm sure, many older villagers remember the competition between our children as we walked that way and reached the point at which the echo worked. Gone is the unofficial footpath alongside the cutting heading east and emerging in the spinney beside Hall Lane. We could do with paths like that at the moment when villagers are looking for new routes for their daily exercise.



Winter Aconites are giving a splash of colour in many sheltered spots. I first saw them round the Stobo Memorial close to the south door of the church. Now there is a dense strip of the same flower between Hessele Cottage in South Parade and the fence enclosing the Cemetery. Insects are lying low or hidden away as eggs or pupae waiting for spring to arrive when their life cycle steps up a gear. We can all do our best to encourage insects which are vital for pollination. Their decline can be reversed by some simple steps. Don't be too tidy - keep some grass long and try to include a boggy bit of ground or a pond. It does not have to be large. You can construct an insect 'hotel' out of logs, bricks and sticks. Loss and fragmentation of habitat coupled with the use of pesticides are some of the drivers of insect decline. Please respond to the appeal of the Wildlife Trusts to ban the insecticide Neo-nicotinamide which is having a disastrous effect on bee populations

Many have been thoroughly enjoying the wildlife series 'Perfect Planet' hosted by David Attenborough. What electrifying photography, stunning scenery and words of wisdom. It is inspiring stuff alerting viewers to the twin concerns of climate change and world population growth. Whilst it is for governments to move on these issues, we can all do our bit to help.



General Section

Memories of Bill Clarkson



Bill Clarkson, who lived in Harbury at Drinkwater Close, sadly died in late January 2021 after a long battle with illness, borne throughout with typical stoicism and good humour.

A Yorkshireman through and through, Bill grew up in Leeds and, until lockdown, regularly visited his sister Joan near Sheffield, as well as driving each month to Swindon, to visit the grave of his late wife, Celia, who lived with him in Leycester Close in Binswood End.

Lockdown was not easy on Bill, who suffered from diabetes; he had no children or relatives living close by, but he spoke to his sister every day by phone. His long isolation was made easier thanks to village volunteers who dropped off library books, shopping and a daily newspaper, and friends who helped him in the home and garden.

I didn't know Bill well, but a couple of years ago I did some weeding and pruning for him and stayed in touch. His love of bearded irises and roses was evident, his garden was always a riot of colour. His favourite roses were the tangerine "Super Trouper" and pink and cream "Hanky Panky", the name of the latter always eliciting a chuckle.

Last summer I dropped off a couple of books I thought he'd enjoy: "Historic Leeds in Photos" and "50 Great Yorkshiremen". He told me that he recognised all the places in the Leeds book, but was disappointed that in "50 Great Yorkshiremen" he couldn't find his name!

Bill met the challenges of ill health with great courage. If there are friends who'd like to offer their condolences to his family, please contact me on the number below and I will put them in touch.

Thanks all those who provided assistance in the last weeks and months, including the local police, emergency services and staff at Warwick Hospital.

Thoughts are with his sister Joan, her family and all Bill's friends.

Charlotte Shalgosky



Wednesday Walks

OK I was wrong! No, we are not meeting at the moment, though I know several are out as twosomes. Today I went with a friend to the spoil bank in Station Road, in the rain! The road was not pleasant, though there is a pavement, and the lorries mostly were considerate and pulled out as they passed. But the nature reserve was a pleasant surprise, not much mud and signs of a lot of clearing work. So we can look



forward to orchids and lime loving flowers with their particular butterflies when the sun comes back.

As for meeting again, we wait and see what the guidelines will be next. If in doubt, do ring me on 614809.

Keep safe.

Gillian Hare



Harbury Village Show

Welcome to a new growing year. This year's produce show is booked for Saturday, 11th September 2021. Now I say booked but as we all know this is aspirational rather than confirmation that it will definitely take place! We have contacted our judges to see what the current situation is and understandably they are unable to provide much information at the moment. They are hoping to be able to comment by about Easter but it maybe later. However, we will keep you updated through the Harbury News and our Facebook page/website as time goes on.

Whatever this year's outcome, we hope lots of you will enjoy your gardening this year. February is the month when many people are starting off seeds indoors and planning their growing season. I'm sure many people have been crafting and honing their baking skills during the past year and hopefully we'll be able to showcase them in September.

Happy growing!

Village Show Committee



Southam & District Lions



Lions President Simon Turner presented a cheque, during our virtual meeting this evening, to Alison Hooker of Helen and Douglas House. Helen and Douglas House care for local terminally ill children at the hospice and at home.

The cheque was for £2500 and the money was raised by Father Christmas touring the district on his sleigh.

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful support over the lead up to Christmas which raised this fantastic amount of money during difficult times.

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Anne Solomon
Business Enterprise & Tourism Co-ordinator



Update From the Switch & Save Team

Thanks to the power of collective switching, we have secured a low-cost energy tariff for residents. Warwickshire County Council is running its 12th collective energy switch for residents. Over 1.2 million households across the country have already taken part in this easy and hassle-free way to switch supplier. To date, switchers in Warwickshire have saved an average of £232.

Do you want to know who has won the auction, and see how much you could save?

1. Visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchandsave and sign up for free, before 23rd March.
2. It only takes a few minutes and is completely obligation free.
3. You will see a personal offer based on the energy details you provide.
4. You decide if you want to accept and switch, or not.
5. We then take care of the entire switch for you, meaning the whole thing is as smooth and hassle-free for you as possible.

Don't have internet access?

If you are unable to register online for any reason, please contact our customer service desk at Act on Energy on 0800 988 2881, who can do this for you. This helpline is open weekdays, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Interested in renewable electricity?

All electricity tariffs that suppliers submit in our auctions must be 100% renewable.

How does the collective switch work?

Residents in Warwickshire have been registering over the last few weeks, as the more households that participate, the greater our negotiating power.

Energy suppliers have been invited to take part in an auction to bid against each other to offer the best deal. This will take place on 9th February. The winning supplier will be the one making the lowest offer. You are not obliged to take up an offer: it is your choice. If you decide to accept the offer you need to let us know before 23rd March.

Join with Warwickshire residents and see how much you could save today!

The Warwickshire Switch & Save Team
Warwickshire County Council



HS2 Home Learning Activities for the High-Speed Railway Builders of the Future

With many parents supporting children who are learning at home during the current time, we have developed a range of interesting curriculum-linked projects to work on at home. These include shorter activities ideal for families supporting younger children with learning at home and pre-planned lessons that secondary school teachers could set students as part of their curriculum learning.

The online resources at <https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/education/> were created as a result of us being unable to visit schools to deliver our regular programme of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshops because of Covid-19 restrictions and also schools being less able to take students 'off-curriculum' for career-themed activities due to the disruption caused by the pandemic.

Our Skills, Employment and Education team has created plans for STEM lessons which teachers can use to introduce a careers context to regular curriculum lessons. The activities are expected to take 1-2 hours to complete and are aimed primarily at 11-14 year-olds. Lessons include using maths



skills to decide on how to construct a bridge across a motorway, researching the ecology of great crested newts to create new habitats and using archaeological information to interpret the history of a site. There are also longer STEM projects and workshops available online, where students can develop their skills through hands-on and team build challenges to inspire them to become EPIC engineers.

Younger students aged between 7-11 can also get involved in shorter activities ranging from making rail tracks from everyday materials, solving puzzles and planning a railway route.

For more information and to download guides and worksheets, visit our learning from home educational content web page see above.

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

HS2 Team



Vaccination Scam Email, Phishing 'Renewal' Warning, Bogus Online Sellers and Blue Badge Copycat Websites

Beware of a scam email entitled '**This is a public health message from NHS**'. This scam email claims that the recipient has been selected for a coronavirus vaccination based upon their family genetics



and medical history. The emails contain a link that will take you to a website that asks for financial details to pay for the vaccine.



Phishing Email 'Renewal' Warning

Warwickshire Trading Standards has seen a number of scam 'renewal' emails circulating recently. The bogus emails carry the names of genuine businesses or Government organisations. They usually claim that a payment has failed because there is not enough money in your bank account or your payment card has expired. The scam emails contain links that direct you to bogus websites where you are

asked to login in/enter personal and financial information. This is then stolen and used to commit fraud and identity theft. These bogus websites may also contain malware that could pose a threat to your computer.

Recent scam 'renewal' emails have used the names of these genuine businesses/organisations:

- DVLA (Car tax renewal)
- Netflix
- EE
- TV Licensing
- O2



Never visit a website or log in to an account by following a link in an email. Always type the genuine website address in to your browser. Delete all suspicious emails. Don't download any attachments they contain – this might be malware.

You can find out more about protecting yourself online by visiting Get Safe Online: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Bogus Seller Warning

The pandemic has seen an increase in consumers buying goods and services online. Warwickshire Trading Standards has received a number of complaints from Warwickshire consumers who purchased goods via social media platforms or little known websites, only to find that the seller was bogus. Money was taken but either no goods were delivered, or the products were fake. This has included people losing hundreds of pounds attempting to buy expensive or hard to find goods such as the new PS5, Nintendo consoles and Dr Martens boots. Bogus online puppy sales have also been an issue.

In most cases the seller simply stops communicating with the buyer and the website or social media profile disappears.

Protect Yourself

- Do your own online research. How long has this business/website/ social media profile been in existence? What are other people saying about the seller? Can you verify where the seller is located? Is there any other way of contacting them, other than via an email address or social media?
- If you are buying via a website, make sure it is secure before you place your order. Check their returns policy.
- Pay using a credit card. For products costing more than £100 and below £30,000 you have added protection if things go wrong and your goods are not delivered. Alternatively, online services like PayPal mean scammers will not be able to get hold of your bank details.
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Don't rush in to making a quick buying decision. Buy from reputable online retailers and auction websites. Always use secure payment methods that offer some form of payment protection.

For more advice visit: <https://www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/shop-safely-online>



Blue Badge Copycat Websites

Warwickshire Trading Standards have been made aware of Blue Badge copycat websites. Copycat scams often involve unscrupulous people setting up websites which closely mimic Government or other official sites and charge people a fee to use them, even though the service they are offering is often free of charge. These websites may appear above the genuine website in a web search. Official Blue Badge application/renewal website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge>



The <https://www.gov.uk/> website is the best place to begin your search for any Government document, for example a driving licence or passport.

Simon Cripwell
Senior Trading Standards Officer - WCC



KNOW YOUR REDUNDANCY RIGHTS AS CORONAVIRUS JOBLESS TOLL RISES

A record 370,000 redundancies were recorded from August to October 2020 and figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed the unemployment rate rose to 4.9%, its highest level since November 2016.

Settlement Agreements, previously quite low-profile arrangements between employers and employees, have become increasingly common parts of people's lives as growing numbers face losing their jobs.

Kerry Hudson, Solicitor in Employment at Brindley, Twist, Tafft & James (BTTJ) which has offices in Southam said that in the current climate it is vital employers and employees are reminded of the need for clarity on their responsibilities and rights when it comes to entering into Settlement Agreements and redundancies.

She said: "On the employer side this has often been advising them on process, and with employees it is ensuring they are fully aware of the terms and effect of any agreement being offered to them."

There is no requirement to enter into Settlement Agreements when an employment contract terminates, but often employers like the assurance that there is a 'clean break' with the employee, in effect agreeing not to bring any claims against them – regardless of whether the parties consider there may or may not be a claim. For employees this may include an enhanced settlement package.

However, despite the apparently straightforward process, Kerry said she had spotted some tell-tale signs employees should be aware of.

"95% of the Settlement Agreements we have reviewed during this period have needed amendments, to clarify and fully ensure the agreement encompass the entire agreement between the parties such as garden leave, agreed references, holiday and notice pay," she added. "Any on-going restrictive covenants also need careful consideration.

"We have also seen that some employers not appreciate the ACAS guidelines that an employee should have 14 days to consider the offer and often employees call up in a bit of panic trying to get it signed off within 48 hours."

"Larger employers usually favour Settlement Agreements and may provide 'enhancements' to encourage settlement.

"The employer will usually propose a settlement and this is then negotiated and agreed upon, with employees required to take legal advice to ensure they understand the terms and effect of the agreement before signing. Usually, the employer contributes towards the cost of getting that advice, which most often covers the full cost of the advice."

Rules around redundancy have remained set for many years but Kerry says it is vital both parties understand the requirements and entitlements.

"Making mistakes, even if they are genuine oversights, can leave an employer open to an Employment Tribunal claim. These claims are expensive, and regardless of who may 'win' the normal order is that each party remains responsible for their own legal costs"

"Employers must ensure they go through a fair process, selection criteria and consultation, offering alternative employment where they can," she said.

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Most activities normally shown are suspended at present. Please check village websites & noticeboards for updates.

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HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL: 4th Thursday of the month (next meeting 25th Feb), via Zoom. Please contact the Parish Clerk to join, Tel: 614646, clerk@harbury-pc.gov.uk

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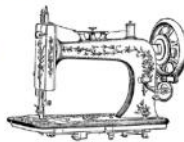
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